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What we believe as Christians, part 2 By Rev'd Hannah Reynolds

2025 sees the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed. We use it at Communion services, but how much notice do we take of the words? Canon Paul Hardingham, of Lostock, has summarised what it is we say we believe about God when we recite the Creed. The first part of this was in the September Magazine.

We ended the previous article on the Creed looking at 'The Present and Future Ministry of Jesus' which looked at Jesus' role in the final judgement. The next passage of the Nicene Creed looks at the third person of the Holy Trinity: the Holy Spirit.

'We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life': The original version of the Nicene Creed ended simply 'We believe in the Holy Spirit.' However, the phrase *'the Lord, the giver of life'* was added to counter the teachings of Macedonius (Bishop of Constantinople), who viewed the Holy Spirit as a creation of the Son. The Holy Spirit is part of the Trinity who shapes us, according to Christ's image, through the fruits we are able to show such as gentleness, peace, kindness, moderation and the gifts that we can share with each other and the church. Paul writes extensively about both the fruits of the Spirit, and the gifts that the Holy Spirit gives for the benefit of the church. Having spent a lot of time in 1 Corinthians explaining what the church in Corinth was getting wrong about how it used the gifts of the Spirit, in his next letter to them he wrote: *'the Spirit gives life...we are being transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory, which*



comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.' (2 Corinthians 3:6,18). Paul is clear that by inviting the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, we are able to become more Christ-like in our character and behaviour.

'Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified': In the late 6th century the Latin churches added the phrase *'and the Son'* (the Filioque Clause), which was rejected by the Orthodox Churches which was the main cause of the split between the western, Roman Catholic, Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church. Augustine described the Spirit as *'love proceeding'* from the Father and the Son, so we can know God. John the Evangelist quotes Jesus saying, during the events of Maundy Thursday:

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'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, He will testify about me.' (John 15:26).

The Creed is clear that the Holy Spirit is due equal status and worship with the Father and the Son, as a distinct divine person, but this takes its position from much earlier sources than the Creed including John's Gospel (as above) and Paul's letters. For example: *'May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.'* (2 Corinthians 13:14) – a blessing and doxology that Paul popularised and which is still used today.

'He has spoken through the Prophets': Why does the Creed include this activity of the Spirit? It is not just referring to the OT prophets, but the whole of Scripture. The Spirit has inspired Scripture, so that we have God's word communicated by human writers as Paul writes to his friend and sometime companion: *'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness'* (2 Timothy 3:16). When we read the Bible, the Spirit enables us to hear what God is saying to us.

The final part of the Creed deals with what we believe about the Church herself and what will happen at the end of time.

'We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church': The Creed affirms the four marks of the church, defining a truly orthodox Christian community:

one: despite the many different churches and traditions, there is only one Church to which we all belong. As Paul writes to the Church in Galatia, *'There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.'* (Galatians 3:28).

holy: the church is a holy community set apart for God (*ekklesia*, lit *'called out'*), whose mission is to reflect God's holiness in worship and live out His love in the world.

catholic: this doesn't refer to the Roman Catholic church; the word simply means *'universal'*, reminding us of the unity of the church across the whole world and all denominations.

The church aims to apply the same gospel in whatever situation, context or culture it finds itself.

Apostolic: The apostolic ministry of the church (*'apostolos'*) is one of being sent out to communicate the good news of the gospel. Jesus

Your Regular donations to St Peters

It is becoming increasingly difficult to manage the HSBC Bank account without being able to use online access now the local branch has closed. Online access doesn't work as they do not offer dual authorisation.

It would help a lot if those Church Members who pay their regular giving through the HSBC account could either change to our Barclays Account, or to the Parish Giving Scheme.

The Parish Giving Scheme is the simplest, and can be accessed via the QR Code below, or through their website www.parishgiving.org.uk and search Parishes for St Peters Didcot or call them on 0333 002 1271

For Barclays, you can set up a new standing order from your account, payable to:
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Obviously don't then forget to cancel your existing standing order to the HSBC account.

If when you make the change, you could consider your level of giving we would appreciate it. Many gifts have not changed for a number of years although inflation has increased our costs, and we are in danger of not being able to maintain a full time priest if we can't pay our way.

We appreciate that this may not be possible for everyone, but your prayers for our financial position are appreciated.



St Peter's Church Quiz & Chips Dates for 2025-26

2026
17th January
21st February
18th April
16th May
20th June

Contact quiz@stpeters-didcot.org.uk, or Hugh on
01235 811465.



The November Quiz supported the Cornermen, and Steve, one of the founders returned to tell us how our previous support had helped them to develop and grow, and how much they appreciated our support. It was inspiring to hear of the work they are doing, saving lives, giving men who often don't find it easy to open up a safe space to talk and get support.

We have sadly seen a drop off in recent months in the number of teams attending, although the introduction of Love Beer Ales, a local brewery, has been very popular and we hope will encourage more players.

We are hoping to attract some new (and returning) teams back in the new year, as the Quiz is more than just a social event. It showcases local charities, and raises vital funds for them. In 2025 the participants raised £3,250 for our local charities. The charities have told us that in addition to the money raised, they have been thrilled by gaining new volunteers too.

If you know anyone who likes a good quiz and might be interested in joining or creating a new team they can contact us on quiz@stpeters-didcot-org.uk

Mince Pies & Your Community

A warm invitation from Didcot First, for those of you aged 60+ who know Didcot and the surrounding villages well.

Come and join us for a relaxed get-together to chat about life in our community.

We'd love to hear what feels good, what helps you feel connected, and what you think could be improved.

There will be **mince pies and warm drinks** to enjoy while we talk.

Date: Weds 17th December

Time: 10.30am until 12.30 noon

Venue: Didcot Civic Hall

Your experiences and insights can help shape what happens next in our local area.

Please let us know if you can attend, so we can plan refreshments.

Email lucinda@didcotfirst.org or call 07818 004756

[Didcot First – Connecting Business and Community in Didcot](#)

We hope to see you there.

Prayer Intentions: December 2025

<p>1st: Andrew the Apostle Rdgs: Pss 47, 147: 1-12; Ezekiel 47: 1-12; John 12: 20-32.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Loyd Road. Elder Close. The Church in Scotland</p>	<p>2nd: Readings: Psalms 80, 82; Isaiah 43: 1-13; Revelation 20.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Cockcroft Road, Mowbray Road Those who keep the church and grounds clean and tidy.</p>	<p>3rd: Francis Xavier Readings: Psalms 5,7; Isaiah 43: 14-end; Revelation 21: 1-8. 16th Century missionary and co-founder of the Jesuits. He evangelised Japan and Borneo but died before reaching China.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Barnes Road, Barnes Close. Wednesday Church's Carol service and party.</p>	<p>4th: John of Damascus Readings: Psalm 42, 43; Isaiah 44: 1-8 Revelation 21: 9-21.</p> <p>An 8th Century Syrian Monk. He wrote extensively.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Edwin Road, Bradbery Gardens. Our Associate Minister and Licensed Lay Minister.</p>
<p>5th: Readings: Psalm 25, 26; Isaiah 44: 9-23; Revelation 21: 22 - 22: 5.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Green Road; Green Close. Our Director of Music and choir.</p>	<p>6th: Nicholas Readings: Psalm 9; Isaiah 44: 24 - 45: 13; Revelation 22: 6 - end.</p> <p>The real Santa Claus, 3rd Century Bishop of Myra in modern-day Turkey and patron saint of sailors.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Royal Berkshire Close Beech Lane. Those who work in the fishing industry and all sailors.</p>	<p>7th: Advent II Readings: Psalm 11; Amos 7; Luke 1: 5-20.</p> <p>4th Century Governor of Milan made Bishop by popular acclaim of the citizens when the see fell vacant.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Queensway, Hardings Strings Our Sunday School leader and Junior Church.</p>	<p>8th: BVM Readings: Psalm 44; Isaiah 45: 14 -end; 1 Thessalonians 1.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Tavistock Avenue; Bowness Avenue. Pebbles Baby Church</p>
<p>9th: Readings: Psalm 56, 57; Isaiah 46; 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-12.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Warner Crescent; Morse Road. The work of the Mothers' Union worldwide.</p>	<p>10th: Readings: Psalm 62, 63; Isaiah 47; 1 Thessalonians 2: 13-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: South Park Avenue; Downs Road. Those who read scriptures in church.</p>	<p>11th: Readings: Psalms 53, 54, 60; Isaiah 48: 1-11; 1 Thessalonians 3.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Newlands Avenue. Larch Drive. Our Church Wardens.</p>	<p>12th: Readings: Psalms 85, 86; Isaiah 48: 12-end; 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-12.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Glebe Rd; Lynmouth Rd. Those who raise funds for the ministry of St Peter's.</p>
<p>13th: Lucy Readings: Psalm 145; Isaiah 49: 1-13; 1 Thess 4: 13-end.</p> <p>Lucy, whose name means 'light', was a third century Christian convert. She is the patron saint of the blind.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Craven Way; Hillary Dr; Lockinge Close. Those with impaired vision, the Church in Sweden.</p>	<p>14th: Advent III Readings: Psalm 68: 1-19; Zephaniah 3: 14-end; Philippians 4: 4-7.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Cullen Place; Hanover Court. Bishop Steven, Bishop Gavin and the Area Team.</p>	<p>15th: Readings: Psalms 40; Isaiah 49: 14 - 25; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Clarence Place; Frideswide's Court. Christians in the Middle East</p>	<p>16th: Readings: Psalms 70, 74; Isaiah 50; 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Wantage Road; Colbourne Road The PCC.</p>

Prayer Intentions: December 2025

<p>17th: O Sapientia Readings: Psalm 75, 96; Isaiah 51: 1-8; 2 Thessalonians 1.</p> <p>O Sapientia - O Wisdom - is the first of the seven antiphons for use with the Magnificat at Evening Prayer which use titles for the Messiah.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Barleyfields; Elbourne. Northbourne School's Christmas service.</p>	<p>18th: O Adonai Readings: Psalm 76, 97; Isaiah 51: 9-16; 2 Thessalonians 2.</p> <p>O Adonai - O Lord The seven antiphon initials, taken backwards, spell the words Ero Cras.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Drake Avenue; Collingwood Avenue. Persecuted Christians throughout the world.</p>	<p>19th: O Radix Jesse Readings: Psalm 144, 146; Isaiah 51: 17 - end; 2 Thessalonians 3.</p> <p>O Radix Jesse - O root of Jesse. Jesse is the father of King David.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Park Road; Park Close. The Didcot Food Bank and its volunteers and clients.</p>	<p>20th: O Clavis David Readings: Psalm 46, 95; Isaiah 52: 1 - 12; Jude.</p> <p>O Clavis David - O Key of David</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Garden Close; Rutherford Place. The work of St Mungo's, Shelter and the Salvation Army with homeless people.</p>
<p>21st: Advent IV Readings: Psalm 71:3-8; Micah 5: 2-5a; Luke 1: 26-38.</p> <p>O Oriens - O Dayspring (another title for the Morning Star).</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Norreys Road; Norreys Close. The work of The Children's Society.</p>	<p>22nd: O Rex Gentium Readings: Psalm 124-127; Isaiah 52: 13-end of 53; 2 Peter 1: 1-15.</p> <p>O Rex Gentium - O King of the nations.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Meadow Way; Brunel Road Those who are travelling to join family for Christmas.</p>	<p>23rd: O Emmanuel Readings: Psalm 128-131; Isaiah 54; 2 Peter 1: 16 - 2: 3.</p> <p>O Emmanuel - O God with us. Ero Cras means 'tomorrow I will come.'</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Portway; Wheatfields. Those who are not able to spend time with their families and friends at Christmas.</p>	<p>24th: Christmas Eve Readings: Psalm 45; Zechariah 2; Revelation 1: 1-8.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Cromwell Drive; St Ann's Court. Our families and our Church family.</p>
<p>25th: Christmas Day. Readings: Psalm 110; Isaiah 62:1-5; Matthew 1:18-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: St Hilda's Close; St Hugh's Rise. All who work over Christmas, those who will be on their own over this time.</p>	<p>26th: Stephen Readings: Psalm 13; Jeremiah 26:12-15; Acts 6.</p> <p>The first Christian martyr, whose death by stoning was witnessed by St Paul</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Campion Hall Drive; Pebble Drive. Those suffering from depression and other mental health issues.</p>	<p>27th: John the Apostle Readings: Psalm 21; Exodus 33:12-end; 1 John 2:1-11.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Stonesfield; Mansfield Gardens. Theological colleges and those training for the priesthood.</p>	<p>28th: The Holy Innocents Readings: Psalm 36; Genesis 37:13-20; Matthew 18:1-10.</p> <p>The infant boys slaughtered by King Herod in his attempt to kill the Messiah, Jesus.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Linacre Close; Balliol Drive. All those who mourn for a child or who have lost a parent.</p>
<p>29th: Thomas Becket Readings: Psalms 19, 20; Isaiah 57: 15-end; John 1: 1-18.</p> <p>Archbishop of Canterbury, killed in Canterbury Cathedral in 1170.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Sycamore Way, Willow End. Those who cannot attend St Peter's or access online worship.</p>	<p>30th: Readings: Psalm 111-113; Isaiah 59: 1-15a; John 1: 19 - 28.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Buckingham Close; Balmoral Road. Those struggling with their finances at this time of year</p>	<p>31st: Readings: Psalm 102; Isaiah 59: 15b - end; John 1: 29 - 34.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Those who put together the Church magazine and weekly news-sheets.</p>	

Prayer Intentions: January 2026

<p>1st: Naming and Circumcision of Jesus Readings: Psalm 103; Genesis 17:1-13; Romans 2:17-end.</p> <p>At 8 days old, Jesus was presented in the Temple for his dedication to God and naming.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Church Street, East Street. The work of the Mothers' Union worldwide.</p>	<p>2nd: Basil and Gregory Readings: Psalm 18:1-30; Ruth 1; John 1: 35 - 42.</p> <p>Two of the great Church Fathers, bishops and teachers of the faith who were partly responsible for the Nicene Creed.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: High Street, Bourne Street. Didcot Community Food Bank, the Baby Bank and Community Larder.</p>	<p>3rd: Readings: Psalm 127; Ruth 2; John 1: 43 - end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Northbourne Court, Pease Place. Those moving into new housing in the Parish, or new to Didcot.</p>	<p>4th: Epiphany Readings: Psalm 132; Jeremiah 31: 7-14; John 1: 29-34.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Ridgeway Road, Beech Lane. Those being Confirmed at St Peter's today.</p>
<p>5th: Readings: Psalm 8, 48; Ruth 3; John 2:1 - 12.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Sinodun Road, Bridge Close. The Schools in our parish: St Birinus; Northbourne; Willowcroft and Aureus as they return.</p>	<p>6th: Readings: Psalms 89: 1-37 Ruth 4: 1-17; John 2: 13 - end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Kynaston Road, Ransoms Crescent, Those returning to work this week.</p>	<p>7th: Readings: Psalm 99; Jeremiah 23: 1-8; 1 John 3.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Broadway, Vicarage Road. Those who normally attend the Wednesday Church and their carers.</p>	<p>8th: Rdgs: Psalms 46, 147; Jeremiah 30: 1-17; 1 John 4: 7 - end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: St Andrew's Road, St Peter's Road. Didcot Police Station and our PCSOs.</p>
<p>9th: Readings: Psalm 2, 148; Jeremiah 30: 18 - 31: 9; 1 John 5: 1 - 12.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Wessex Road, Samor Way. Our Director of Music and the choir.</p>	<p>10th: William Laud Readings: Psalm 97, 149; Jeremiah 31: 10 - 17; 1 John 5: 13 - end.</p> <p>Archbishop of Canterbury during the reign of Charles I. Executed by the Puritans, who found his High Church doctrine unpalatable.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Lower Broadway. Archbishop Designate Sarah Mullally.</p>	<p>11th: Baptism of Christ Readings: Ps 89: 19-29; Joshua 3: 1-8, 14-end; Hebrews 1: 1-12.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Hagbourne Road, Roebuck Court Edmund's Court. Eucharistic Ministers and those who are unable to receive Communion.</p>	<p>12th: Aelred Readings: Psalm 2, 110; Amos 1; 1 Corinthians 1: 1 - 17.</p> <p>12th Century Scottish monk, writer and Abbot of Rievaulx in Yorkshire</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Ernest Road, Fairacres Road, Marlborough Court. An increase in Vocations.</p>
<p>13th: Hilary of Poitiers Readings: Psalm 8, 9; Amos 2; I Corinthians 1: 18 - end.</p> <p>4th Century Bishop, Hilary defended the doctrine of the Holy Trinity</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Clover Fields, Reed Street, Aster Close. Those who maintain the Church grounds and gardens.</p>	<p>14th: Readings: Psalm 19, 20; Amos 3; 1 Corinthians 2.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Oatland Road, Bradbery Gardens. The work of Citizens Advice and Christians Against Poverty.</p>	<p>15th: Readings: 21, 24; Amos 4; 1 Corinthians 3.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Mereland Road, Laburnum Grove Our Finance team.</p>	<p>16th: Readings: 21, 24; Amos 4; 1 Corinthians 3.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Abbott Road, Abbott Close Our ministry team.</p>

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<p>17th: Antony of Egypt Readings: Psalm 29, 33; Amos 5: 18 - end; 1 Corinthians 5.</p> <p>The first Christian Religious to gather others into a community for mutual support (the first real monastery).</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Richmere Road, The Croft, Diamond Drive. Our Quiz and Chips team.</p>	<p>18th: WPCU/Epiphany II Readings: Psalm 145; Ezekiel 2: 1-3: 4; Galatians 1: 11-end.</p> <p>18th-25th January is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Please keep Christians around the world in your prayers</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Marsh Cottages, Jubilee Way, Regent Gardens Our Sunday School Leader and Junior Church.</p>	<p>19th: Wulfstan Readings: Psalm 146; Amos 6; 1 Corinthians 6: 1-11.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Saxon's Way, Viking Drive. Churches Together in Didcot and District.</p>	<p>20th: Readings: Psalm 132; Amos 7; 1 Corinthians 6: 12-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Oriol Court, Lincoln Gardens. Our PCC.</p>
<p>21st: Agnes Readings: Psalm 81; Amos 8; 1 Corinthians 7: 1-24.</p> <p>A child Christian martyred by the Roman Emperor Diocletian in 304 AD</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Beaufort Close, Worcester Drive Our servers.</p>	<p>22nd: Vincent of Saragossa Readings: Psalm 76; Amos 9; 1 Corinthians 7: 25-end.</p> <p>Patron saint of Lisbon. Martyred under Diocletian in 304 AD.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Exeter Court, Magdalene Court Those who read in Church.</p>	<p>23rd: Readings: Psalm 27; Hosea 1: 1-2:1; 1 Corinthians 8.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Merton Close, Somerville. The communities at Wantage Convent and Cuddesdon and former community of Alton Abbey.</p>	<p>24th: Francis de Sales Readings: Psalm 122; Hosea 2: 2-17; 1 Corinthians 9: 1-14.</p> <p>His book <i>Introduction to the Devout Life</i> is a spiritual classic.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Nuffield Close, Dirac Place Didcot Community Hospital.</p>
<p>25th: Conversion of Paul Readings: Psalm 66; Ezekiel 3:22-end; Philippians 3:1-14.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Fleet Way, Kibble Close; The Welcome Churches Network</p>	<p>26th: Timothy & Titus Readings: Psalm 108; Hosea 2:18-end of 3; 1 Corinthians 9:15-end.</p> <p>Companions of Paul, Timothy and Titus both receive pastoral letters from Paul, included in the Bible.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: St John's Close, Ruskin Close. St Peter's outreach to the community.</p>	<p>27th: Readings: Psalm 36; Hosea 4: 1-16; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Shannon Road, Severn Road Our online communications team.</p>	<p>28th: Thomas Aquinas Readings: Psalm 46; Hosea 5: 1-7; 1 Corinthians 10: 14-11:1.</p> <p>Born in 1225 in Italy, Thomas is probably the greatest Theologian of the Mediaeval period.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Kennet Place, Thames Court. Our families.</p>
<p>29th: Readings: Psalms 47; Hosea 5: 8-6:6; 1 Corinthians 11: 2-16.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Medway Grove, Tyne Square. Those who cannot attend St Peter's or access online worship.</p>	<p>30th: Charles I Readings: Psalm 65; Hosea 6: 7-7: 2; 1 Corinthians 11: 17-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Western Avenue Residents and staff at all Care and Nursing homes in Didcot.</p>	<p>31st: Readings: Psalm 68; Hosea 8; 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Those who work with people suffering from dementia and people with dementia.</p>	



One in four of the population is in the **Third Age!** Third Age? The **first age** refers to childhood and dependence, the **second age** to full time employment and parental responsibilities, and the **Third Age** is that which follows where one is retired or partially retired! The U3A believes that this can be one of creativity, fulfilment and friendships!

Therefore, if you have recently **retired or are semi retired** and living in Didcot or the surrounding area and looking for new interests whilst making new friendships, then look no further and consider joining the **Didcot & District U3A** to 'Learn, Laugh, Live'!

With over **30 Interest Groups**, you could learn a new language, delve into your family history, enjoy walking with friends, learn to play an instrument, and many more (full details can be found on **Didcot.u3a site.uk**)!

New members are always warmly welcomed to join (first visit is 'free to see') and chat over tea and biscuits at the monthly meetings are held on the **third Tuesday of every month** for this nationwide self-help teaching and learning organisation in the **Didcot Civic Hall**, **meetings start 2:30 pm**.

Meetings for the coming month will include;

December 16th - Christmas Party at the Barn (a ticket event) - Jon Woodhouse - former Military Bandsman with selection of Christmas Music!

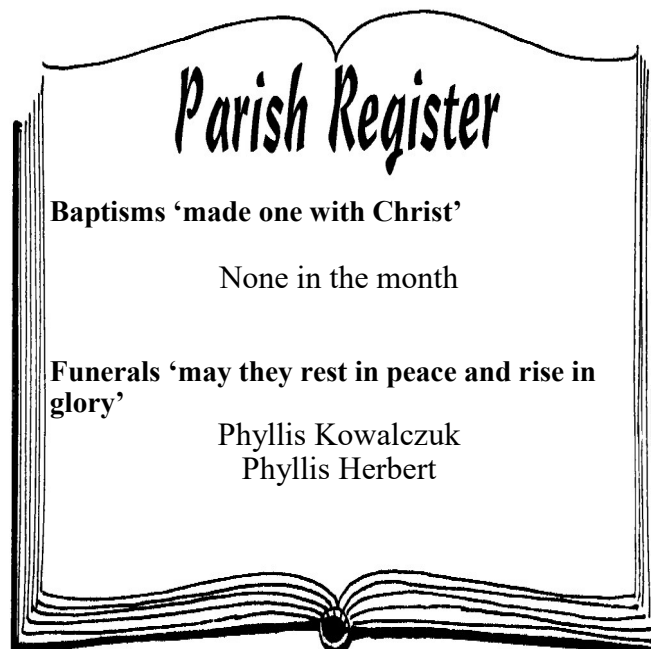
🎊 2026 - Happy New Year ! 🎊

January 20th - Politics in 20th Century Oxford - the life of Olive Gibbs - Liz Woolley

More Speaker dates in January!

For further information concerning all matters u3a and wishing to 'Learn, Laugh, Live' . . . then go to the **NEW WEBSITE:** didcot.u3asite.uk

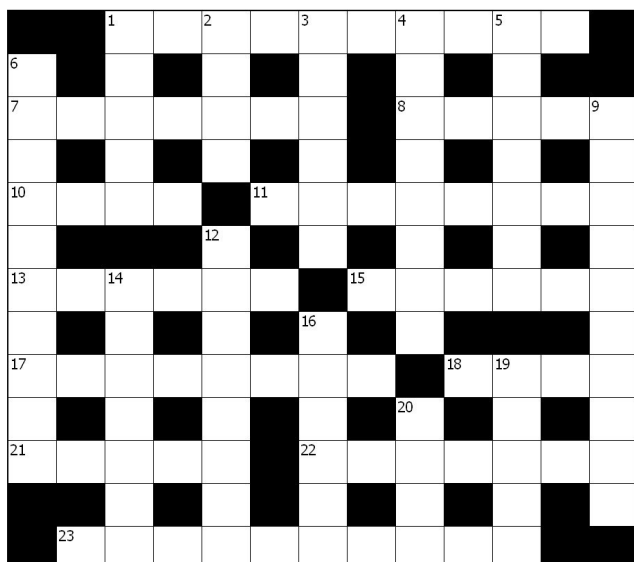
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Year's Mind for December

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| 1 | Beatrice Allen | Mary Burton |
| | Emmeline Bennett | Florence Clarke |
| | Henry Smith | 18 Beatrice Terry |
| 2 | Eric Newman | Jack Knight |
| | Diana Rosser | Leonard Talbot |
| 3 | Walter Evans | 19 Alfred McNeil |
| 4 | Arthur Peall | Cecil Carter |
| | Margaret Blanche Gill | Ernest Good |
| 5 | Bessie Waterfield | 20 Edgar Sills |
| | Alice Thatcher | Phyllis Whittam |
| | Evelyn King | 21 Phyllis Creed |
| | William Langley | Edith Dance |
| | Bertha Lambert | 22 Gordon Burrridge |
| | Phoebe Macken | Lily Burton |
| | Nellie Maggs | Richard Rees |
| | Douglas Hitchman | 23 William Marchant |
| | Lawson Major | Doris McCormick |
| | Roland Blackford | 24 Anita Robinson |
| 6 | | Cecil Chandler |
| 7 | Edith Mortlock | James Langley |
| | Leonard Hutchings | Harold Jones |
| | Joan Parrott | 25 Marjorie Webb |
| 8 | Errol Peterson | Leonard (Pop) |
| 9 | Lily Frazer | Hitchcock |
| 10 | Joyce Gandy | 26 Edward Hewetson |
| 11 | Elsie Vines | Dennis Hillsdon |
| | Karen Glenfield | 27 William Gill |
| 12 | Violet Wren | Olga Joan Shugar |
| | Harold (Jo) Woodley | 28 William Ireson |
| | Ethel Cook | Stephen Mummery |
| 13 | Florence Acreman | Les Williams |
| | Josephine Tyler | 29 Kate Skinner |
| | Elsie Howarth | Lillian Tappin |
| | Sidney Furnell | Ivy Freeguard |
| 14 | Mary Winkworth | 30 Cyril McGibbon |
| | Percy Davies | 31 Mary Barnes |
| | Jean Harper | Jean Thomas |
| | Paddy Avann | Alice Freeman |
| 15 | William | Queenie Macken |
| | Hannaford-Hill | Dorothy Sharp |
| | Pauline Evans | Muriel Hall |
| | Daphne Lashbrook | Mary Boyle |
| 16 | Eric Henbest | |
| | Dorothy Knight | |
| 17 | Charlotte Webb | |
| | Desmond James | |

Have stayed with a crossword this month, but please let me know if you like the puzzles, and which you prefer



Crossword Clues & Answers - dec25

Across

- 1 Provisional meeting place of God and the Jews (Exodus 25:9) (10)
 7 David's third son, killed when his head got caught in a tree during a battle with his father (2 Samuel 18:14,15) (7)
 8 They ruled much of the west coast of South America in the 15th and early 16th centuries (5)
 10 Small deer of European and Asian extraction (4)
 11 Seized control of (Numbers 21:25) (8)
 13 Terror (Luke 24:5) (6)
 15 First World War heroine shot by the Germans in Brussels, Nurse Edith (6)
 17 Stormy (8)
 18 A bitter variety of this, together with lamb and unleavened bread, was the Passover menu for anyone unclean (Numbers 9:11) (4)
 21 Arson (anag.) (5)
 22 How John Newton described God's grace in his well-known hymn (7)
 23 Habitation (Isaiah 27:10) (10)

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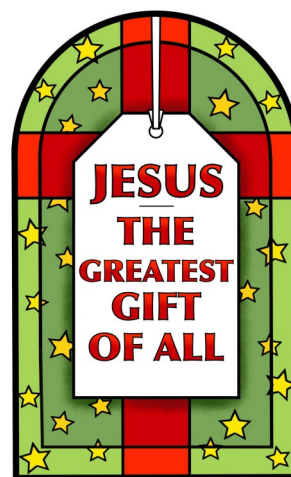
- 1 and see that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8) (5)
 2 The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as ... as a lion (Proverbs 28:1) (4)
 3 One of the exiles, a descendant of Parosh, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:25) (6)
 4 He escaped from Nob when Saul killed the rest of his family and joined David (1 Samuel 22:19,20) (8)
 5 City and lake in Central Switzerland (7)
 6 Offer your bodies as living, holy and pleasing

Answers to November Crossword



to God

- (Romans 12:1) (10)
 9 Pouches carried by horses (Genesis 49:14) (10)
 12 One who accepts government by God (8)
 14 Aromatic substance commonly used in Jewish ritual (Exodus 30:1) (7)
 16 He asked Jesus, 'What is truth?' (John 18:38) (6)
 19 Are (Romans 13:1) (5)
 20 You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will ... his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21) (4)



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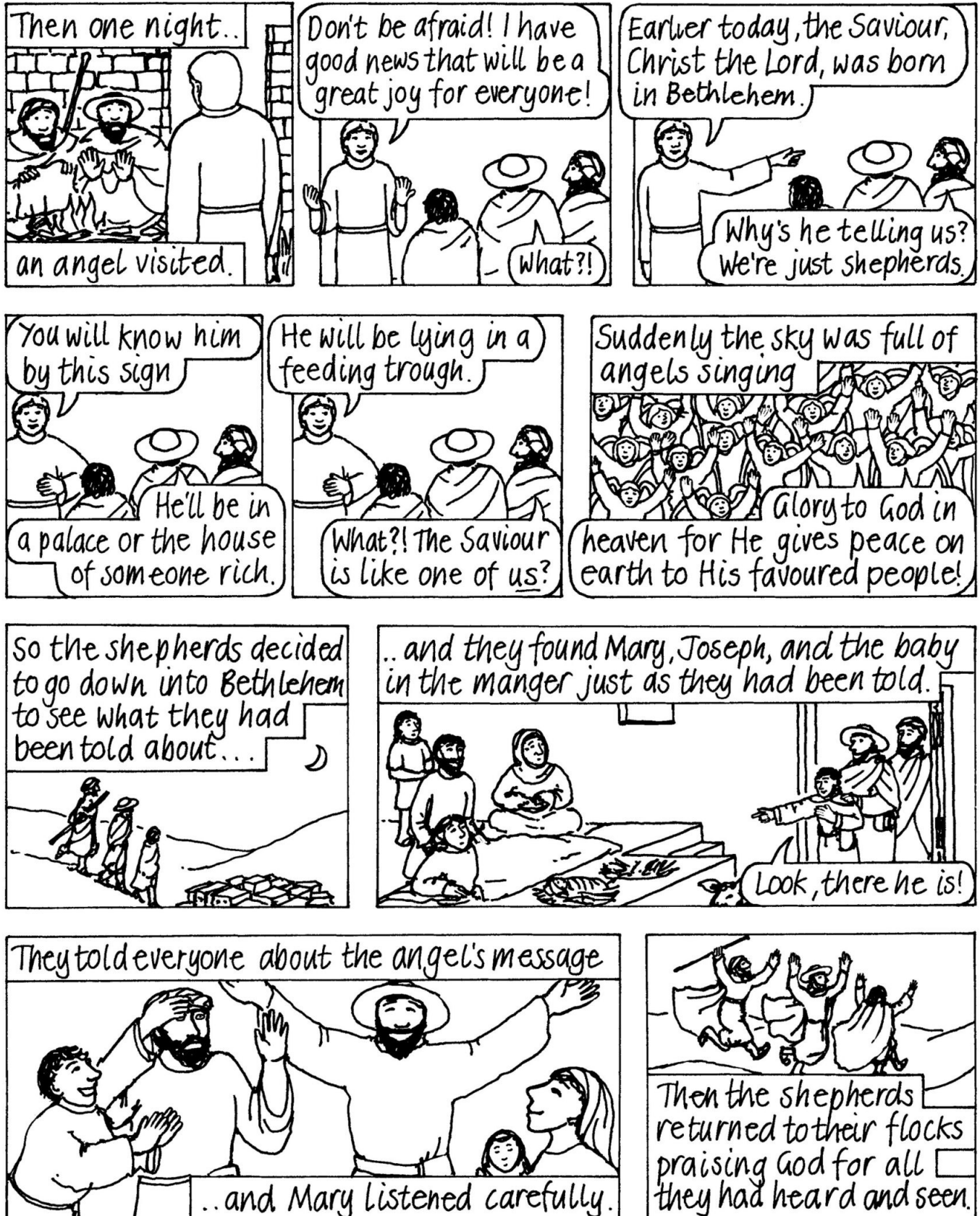
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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Luke chapter 2 verses 8 to 20

Shepherds were paid to look after the flocks
out on the hillside. Uneducated and rough,
they were usually avoided, or overlooked.



Church Calendar for January 2026

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS MONTH

Sunday 4 Epiphany
10.00AM Parish Mass

Thursday 8
9.30AM—Said Mass

Sunday 11 Epiphany II
10.00AM—Parish Mass

Monday 12
9:15AM—Pebbles Baby Church

Thursday 15
9.30AM—Said Mass

Sunday 18 Epiphany III
10.00AM—Parish Mass

Thursday 22—Vincent of Saragossa
10:00am—Parish Mass

Sunday 25 Epiphany IV
10.00AM—Parish Mass

Thursday 29
9.30AM—Said Mass

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instructs his followers: *'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations.'* (Matt 28.19).

'We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins': As baptism is as sign of belonging to the church, it can only happen once. The issue addressed in the Creed is that of Christians who left during persecution, but wanted to be accepted back by rebaptism. It affirms the principle *'one Lord, one faith, one baptism'* (Ephesians 4:5). Today, those baptised as children, theologically can't be re-baptised to demonstrate an adult commitment. However, they are Confirmed, which is when they have the opportunity to make their baptism vows for themselves.

'We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come': The Creed ends with a statement of hope, that we will share in Jesus' resurrection life after death. It is not simply about the immortality of our soul, but the resurrection of our bodies. They will be

Year's Mind for January

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| 1 Edith Faulkner | Gertrude Fisher |
| Ethel Milne | 16 Judith Berry |
| Henry Smith | Reginald Burnage |
| George Page | 17 William Johnson |
| Dawn Evans | Denise Howell |
| Sheila Fisher | 18 Rose Hewitt |
| 2 Christopher Scrivener | Albert Yates |
| George Fowler | Clara Cowling |
| Alexander | 19 Cecil Wells |
| McRae Barr | Agnes Bennett |
| Stanley Stockwell | Richard Mathews |
| 3 Charles Mitchell | Patrick Carey |
| Thomas Studart | Cecil Collins |
| Freda Rogerson | George Roper |
| Buddy Ramsawak | 20 Jan Palach |
| Desmond Oswald | Phyllis |
| 4 Maud Fowler | Hannaford-Hill |
| 5 Vivien Cagill | 21 Allen Clare |
| Clarice Naylor | Violet Bennett |
| 6 Frederick Archer | Victor Reed |
| 7 Reginald Butler | Ida Youngs |
| David Yates | 22 Vivien Yates |
| Ronald Day | 23 Elizabeth Gasson |
| 8 Thomas Smith | 24 Albert Coles |
| Jack Goddard | 25 William Churchman |
| 9 Elsie Jeremenko | 26 Lillian Potter |
| Alfred Brookes | 27 Emily Hall |
| William Cavell | Olive Kerry |
| Eileen Bosley | Barry Clancy |
| Louie Hitchcock | 28 Johanna Beeman |
| Barbara Mellor | Sidney Cox |
| 10 John McDonald | Claud Gayfer |
| James Teague | 29 |
| Peter Tayler | 30 Mabel Adams |
| 11 Albert James Taylor | Daisy Henbest |
| 12 Leonard Harris | 31 Marion Matheson |
| Jean Tompkins | Marcus McConnell |
| Cameron Cheshire | Kenneth Mole |
| Ivy Reed | Lorna Alner |
| 13 Doris Morgan | |
| James Turner | |
| 14 Albert Waller | |
| 15 Margaret Leach | |
| Bertie Shelley | |
| Edward Burrows | |

transformed to fit us for life of heaven for eternity. Paul instructed the church in Corinth: *'The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable...it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.'* (1 Corinthians 15:42-44).

Church Calendar for December 2025

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS MONTH

Wednesday 3

10.00AM-Wednesday Church

Sunday 7

10.00AM Advent II

Monday 8

9:15AM- Pebbles Baby Church

Thursday 11

9.30AM—Said Mass

Sunday 14 *Advent III*

10.00AM—Parish Mass

12:00—Wedding Blessing and Baptism

Wednesday 17 *O Sapientia*

10:00 Northbourne Christmas Service

Thursday 18 *O Adonai*

9.30AM—Said Mass

Sunday 21 *Advent IV*

10.00AM—Parish Mass

5:00PM—Nine Lessons and Carols

Wednesday 24 Christmas Eve

4pm—Crib Service

11:30pm—Midnight Mass

Thursday 25—Christmas Day

10:00am—Parish Mass

Sunday 28

10.00AM—Parish Mass



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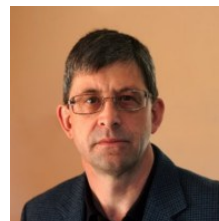


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ONLINE SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS MONTH

Monday - Thursday & Saturday
9.00AM Morning Prayer

Sunday

10.00AM - Parish Mass—live streamed
from church