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Dear friends,

As part of the Church of England's low carbon initiative both Horningsea and Teversham churches have had their remaining older light fittings and bulbs replaced by modern LED equivalents (at zero cost to us). This will have the happy double effect of reducing both our carbon footprint and our electricity bills. We hope to do the same at Fen Ditton during 2026.

Horningsea, in particular, was pretty late in the day in the 20th century in embracing the new world of electricity. The oil lamps are still visible, reminding us all of what life used to be like. Perhaps that's why Horningsea Church has always been doggedly traditional in the lighting for its carol service, with hundreds of candles providing the light for us to sing 'O come all ye faithful' and 'Away in the manger'. And we all love it, of course. It is part of the Christmas tradition – and young and old alike would not forgive us for abandoning it and flicking the light switches on.

Last year Fen Ditton too travelled back to the future and forsook the light switches in favour of a more candlelit carol service – and this year Teversham will be doing the same.

We have rediscovered that hearing the wondrous story of our salvation in the ancient words of the sacred Scriptures, and responding in beautiful carols, is made even more lovely when the light is gentle and flickering. For me it is almost a sacrament, a physical expression and experiencing of the truth being proclaimed – of a vulnerable babe lying in a manger, the Light of the World shining amongst us not as a dazzling floodlight but as a warm, flickering glow, exposed to the draughts and the danger of being swallowed by darkness.

The preface to the festival of lessons and carols says 'Be it this Christmastide our care and delight... in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass...' I marvel at how that annual journey works just as powerfully whether our hearts are heavy or light. The year we have experienced may have been an *annus mirabilis* (a year of wonders) or, as the late Queen once put it, an *annus hor-*

ribilis. I have certainly experienced ‘Comfort and Joy’ when coming to the season from very different starting emotions and experiences. I pray that you may find that, whatever joys and sorrows have accompanied your journey to the Christmas season this year.

But I have one further thought that takes us beyond our own individual stories. I am writing this as leaders and representatives of nations from around the world are gathering for the latest COP United Nations Climate Conference. They have journeyed to Brazil, to a place called Belém, which is the Portuguese name for Bethlehem. How I hope that their journey – and the fruits of it – will not just be an annual ritual of diminishing significance but, like Christmas, will work some magic in our tired (and polluted) old world, and help us to a more responsible and hopeful future. The good news proclaimed by the angels in Bethlehem was both for each and every individual, but also for the whole planet.

Replacing our light bulbs was perhaps, therefore, as fitting a response to the Christmas message as singing our carols.

May you – and our planet – have a very blessed and hopeful Christmas.

Nick



Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Lindsay Davies** who has been installed as a Lay Canon of Ely Cathedral

and to **Ben Quash** who has been appointed to be the Regius Professor of Divinity at Cambridge University.

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Thank you to everyone in the parishes who cheered and encouraged me through this last year of recovering from 2 hip operations, especially the Horningsea dog-walkers, parents and babies/toddlers – it's been a joy to meet you all on regular walks. *Jennie Pratt*

St Mary's Church, Fen Ditton Christmas Concert

Saturday 6 December, 6.30pm

Vocal and multi-instrumental group MNATOBI present a programme of Christmas songs from around the world and across the centuries.

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Carols at the Crib

Wednesday 24 December (Christmas Eve), 4pm

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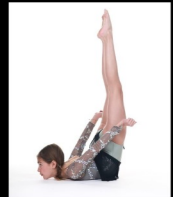
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Wed, 3rd Dec, 7.30pm, 'Chocolat' by Joanne Harris

Wed, 7th Jan, 7.30pm, 'The Power of Geography' by Tim Marshall

Wed, 4th Feb, 7.30pm, 'Pretty Girl in Crimson Rose' by Sandy Balfour

Cambridge Vocal Consort in Concert

St Peter's Horningsea, Friday 19 December at 7pm

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£10 Amelia Santer (66)

£10 Kim Butler (171)

£10 William Quash (29)

Candlelit Carol Service

St Peter's Horningsea, Sunday 14 December at 6pm

Liz Harrison has organised a working party to start putting out candles and candelabras at the beginning of December, if you can offer to help decorate the church at any time up to the 14th, then please let her know as there is always more to be done!

If you have never been, the Carol Service is very special. The church is lit by hundreds of candles and the oil lamps are also lit. It is a real village event with children singing the first verse of Once in Royal David's City, the Horningsea Young Persons Orchestra playing a piece, children processing to the crib with lanterns, Fen Edge singers, traditional readings and well known carols being sung by the congregation. The church is never warm, so dress appropriately! Come early to help light the candles and get a seat. Help is needed to serve refreshments afterwards and contributions of mince pies are always welcome.



Monthly midweek Communion

We have begun to have a service of Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) on the first Wednesday of each month at St Mary's – at 12 noon (following the coffee morning, 10.30am). The dates for the next two months are 3 December and 7 January. There will also be a coffee morning on the third Wednesday of the month (10.30am) followed by a short time of prayer at 12 noon – that is, on 17 December and 21 January.



Advent Windows in Horningsea

From 1st December until Christmas Eve you will find the Advent Windows of Horningsea. Go first on a walk around the village and see if you can spot the new window each day... they will each be unique, illustrating a different aspect of Christmas. Spoiler alert ... you will find the window for Christmas Eve in the Church porch!

New Year's Resolution: take up a new challenge!

Why not set yourself a challenge for the new year and learn to ring the bells! You will have heard them ring, you may have watched the ringers – so this is a good time to learn how to ring. Ringing practice is on Wednesdays in Landbeach and Horningsea, 7pm to 8.30pm, and on Mondays in Fen Ditton. The first practice of the new year in Horningsea will be on Wednesday 14 January 2026. Let Barbara know if you are interested in coming along: blegallez@yahoo.co.uk



Fen Ditton Carol Service

If you are interested in joining the choir at Fen Ditton for the Christmas Carol Service on 21st December, please be in touch with Peter Wadl (peter.wadl@3parishes.org). The service is at 6pm on the 21st, and there will be a rehearsal on the day from 4–5pm, and another the previous Friday (Dec 19th) from 6.30–7.30pm in church which will be compulsory for all singers to attend. There will also be rehearsals on Friday 5th and 12th December, 6.30–7.30pm; ideally everyone needs to have done a minimum two out of the three Friday rehearsals before the run-through on the day.



A very short Nativity

St Peter's Church, Sunday 21 December at 10.30am

This is a chance for young and very young children and their families to come and hear the Christmas story. Children are invited to come dressed up as someone from the Nativity – no limit on the number of shepherds, angels, wise people, sheep or camels! We usually have one grumpy innkeeper, one Joseph and one Mary! No one has any lines to learn. The whole Nativity lasts no more than 15 minutes. Stay on for refreshments afterwards. We look forward to seeing you all!

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In early November, a small number of members lead by Jenny Conroy tidied up the flower bed around the War Memorial, in time for Remembrance Sunday. As well as tending to the War Memorial (throughout the year), the Gardening Club have agreed to support East Barnwell Health Centre to tidy up their internal quad garden. We would welcome volunteers to help clear up the space and/or replant the garden. If you would be interested in joining us, please email c@fdgc.uk and we will send you further details.

On Tuesday 25th November, we will welcome Peter Jackson, who will be giving a talk on 'Attracting Bees and Butterflies to Your Garden'. As New Life is published before our meeting we are unable to give you a summary of the talk in this edition. However, Peter has spoken to the club in previous years, so we are sure it will be an interesting and informative night.

As we head into December, our thoughts turn to the festive season, where the Gardening Club will hold its annual Christmas Party. It's always a fun evening with food, drink, a popular quiz, plus other surprises.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

From the Fen Ditton Gardening Club Committee xx

We always welcome new members.

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We meet monthly (from October–April), on the fourth Tuesday of the month and listen to some varied and interesting speakers. All talks take place at Fen Ditton Village Hall. Doors open 7.15pm. Talks start at 7.30pm.

The programme changes during the summer months and includes weekend garden visits, a picnic and a plant sale.

Membership is **£10** for the year. This can be paid on the night of a talk in cash or via BACS in advance. Guest price on the night £3.

Dates for your diary:

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Saturday 6th December Christmas Party; **£8** per ticket (members only)

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Tuesday 27th January Charlotte Waters: Kings College Gardens

Tuesday 24th February TBC

Tuesday 24th March Diana Cook: Caring for God's Acres

Tuesday 28th April Tim Scott: Nature Friendly Farming

Sunday 10th May Bring & Buy Plant Sale

For all enquiries about Fen Ditton Gardening Club including membership, please visit <http://fdgc.uk> or email c@fdgc.uk.

We can also be found on Facebook at **FenDittonGardeningClub**



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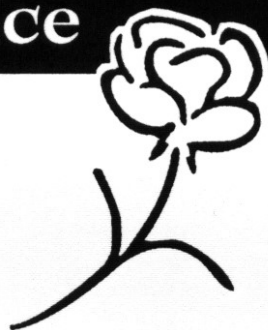
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Father Christmas in Turkey

In the autumn I had a delightful holiday on the Lycian coast in southern Turkey and as I swam in the turquoise sea and lazed on the deck of a yacht my mind was drawn to Father Christmas! One of my fellow holiday makers was a retired airline pilot who entertained us with stories about the time he flew Concorde filled with over excited children and families to Lapland to spend the day visiting Father Christmas. It sounded like a nightmare but no doubt the “hyper” children thought it was wonderful!

Our conversation had turned to Father Christmas because that afternoon we had landed on a tiny rocky island called St Nicholas’ island. St Nicholas was born in southern Turkey in 4th Century. Little is known of his life, he might have been imprisoned as a Christian, he might have attended the Council of Nicaea. What is certain is that he was Bishop of Myra, further along the Lycian coast.

We explored the rocky outcrop and found that there were five ruined churches on the rock dating from 4th to 6th century, with a covered tunnel or processional way leading from the peak down to the sea which would have been used to bring food up to the monasteries. Fresh water must have been a real challenge and so Byzantine cisterns could be seen where water was stored. There are ruins of many other buildings of the same period and about fifty tombs. It was difficult to find information as to the reason why each church was abandoned and a new church was built – except they were higher up the island and significantly larger than the earlier one. St Nicholas’ island was a refuge for pilgrims travelling from Italy to the Holy Land until about 650 when his body was removed after the island was threatened by an Arab fleet and the island was abandoned.

It is thought that in 325 St Nicholas’ body had been brought here for burial from Myra where he had been Bishop. It was while he was Bishop of Myra that he did his good deeds, which were many and varied. Legend has him saving three girls from prostitution by providing three bags of gold for their dowries, saving three unjustly condemned men from death, rescuing three sailors from drowning and bringing back to life three boys who had been murdered by a butcher and hidden in a tub of bran. Whether or not any of these were true it is extraordinary that this Bishop of a minor area of southern Turkey has become Santa Claus, the symbol of generosity at Christmas, as well as

being the patron saint of Greece and Russia, patron saint of sailors, pawnbrokers and unmarried girls.

So, as you see Father Christmas in all sorts of places this month, with reindeer and snow all around, think back to the hot, sunny, rocky coast of Turkey which was his real home!

Lindsay Davies



The Royal Mail's 2025 Christmas Stamps

Readers of *New Life* may remember that a year ago I was commissioned to comment (and write an essay on) the designs of the Christmas stamps that we're presently all sticking on our envelopes! It seems a long time ago now. But the essay is now being sent out as part of the Royal Mail's 'Presentation Pack'. I thought that *New Life* subscribers deserved a chance to read it too, so here it is:

Paula Doherty's designs help us to delight in surfaces. Perhaps they evoke inlaid marble, enamelling, or marquetry. Or perhaps pieces of cut fabric or patterned paper made into collage. Each of these artistic techniques involves assemblage. Scattered fragments are brought together in a newly harmonious arrangement.

In these stamps, we see rhythms of form and complementarities of colour. The generous sleeves of the wise men, the head-coverings of the shepherds, and the cloaks of Mary and Joseph visually 'rhyme', while their contrasting colours mutually intensify each other. Shared colours suggest an affinity between Mary and the angel, in whose encounter this epic story had its beginnings. ('you will conceive in your womb and bear a son' (Luke 1:28–31)).

Christians believe that God's work in Jesus Christ is a work of reassembly—gathering the pieces of a fragmented world in a way that points to its deeper unity. Similarly, when Christians gather in worship they understand themselves as engaged, with God's help, in participating in this work of reassembly. It is not just a gathering of people but of material objects put to new purposes (stone, fabric, metals, glass, and wood used for sacred vessels and furnishings; bread and wine transformed into signs and mediators of Christ's living presence).

This surprising ordering of things is also a profound expression of hope. It points to hope in the present for what to expect in the future, when the ordinary stuff of our world is brought to perfection, each part

finding its place. In worship, Christians believe, God reassembles the dispersed elements of creation in a way that shows their true relations in the light of their ultimate end. The human participants bring gifts (as the shepherds and the wise men did): fruit of the earth—of wheat and vine; donations of money; and above all the offering of themselves. In many traditions, these are offered at the altar, or communion table, in an act of thanksgiving and praise, which is also an act of anticipation. These are the first fruits of a harvest of praise that will gather into itself the whole cosmic ‘ecology’ of creation.

Such all-encompassing gathering is also what *Christmas* looks forward to. At Christmas God assembles men and women, rulers and working people, stars and animals, heaven and earth in a way that makes the festival a glimpse of what is to come. In their togetherness, they tell us what the world is intended to be. None can truly approach the holy ‘altar’ of Mary’s lap without the others.

The members of the familiar cast of characters shown in these stamps appear here in motion, all advancing towards their still centre in the tiny form of a holy infant. Only when each is included, alongside the others, is the pattern complete.

What God plans for the creation, in the manifold crises in which it is continually embroiled, is not wholly predictable by any of us. But, even though we must live with uncertainty, Christmas encourages us not to live with despair. We can be realistic about the seriousness of present circumstances and the limits of our ability to change them (we are humans not deities), yet deeply hopeful that God can make all things new, and utterly committed to doing what they can to make that hope visible in the present.

In doing so, we may take encouragement from the fact that we live in a world rich in rhymes and complementarities. As artists often show us better than anyone, all around us there are affinities between things that perhaps initially seem very different from one another: sounds, shapes, textures, and hues. We encounter one thing under the form of another: the echo of a plant’s tendril in a window latch; the cascade of a bird’s song in a composer’s notation. There are mutually resonant rhythms, figures, cadences everywhere—tokens of the fact that we live in a world that is at a profound level made to be ‘in concert’. And at Christmas, in the holy child of Bethlehem, we see the greatest ‘rhyme’ of all: that between God and humanity.

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The Great O Antiphons

Advent is the season in which we Christians remember that, while Christ has won the decisive victory over sin and death, God's loving purposes for humanity have not yet reached their completion. It is a season in which we watch and wait for the unfolding of God's plan, attentive to the signs of grace in our midst; praying for the coming of God's Kingdom and for the peace and justice which reflect his intentions of humanity. Advent runs from the fourth Sunday before Christmas, with Christmastide properly running for forty days until Candlemas on the 2nd of February with Christmas Carols celebrating the birth of the Lord still sung until then (hence no need to take Christmas decorations down until the next edition of New Life). But before Christmas there are a whole suite of Advent Carols sung in anticipation of the nativity. For international Advent inspiration I recommend the Dominicans of Kraków album 'Fundacja Dominikanski Osrodek - Maranatha', but arguably the greatest English Advent Carol is 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel' as it comprises the Great O Antiphons. Antiphons are refrains in prayer or song focusing on a specific theme with the O Antiphons accompanying the Magnificat from the 17th–23rd of December, highlighting that our Saviour will come to us by Mary. Each O Antiphon addresses Jesus with an Old Testament title and is full of poetic and scriptural images of Christ taken from the prophecies of Isaiah. Possibly as old as the 500s AD they are also an acrostic – the first letter of each antiphon (in reverse) spelling 'ERO CRAS', Latin for 'Tomorrow I will be' marking the Nativity of the Lord on the 24th of December and celebrating that the beauty of the Incarnation and Christmas is that Christ fulfils everything that was prophesied of him.

O Wisdom – Christ, to whom Isaiah calls 'wonderful in counsel, and excellent in wisdom' (Is.28), John 'the Word' (Jn.1), and St. Paul 'Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God' (1Cor.1). Wisdom is personified as having a role in creation and protecting and saving the righteous (Wis.10), and as one cannot love what one does not know Wisdom invites us to follow Him who is 'the way, the truth and the light' (Jn.14) to teach us His way as we walk towards the great Mystery of His birth on earth.

O Adonai – the particular Hebrew word for 'Lord' first used when God reveals His name as 'the Lord' to Moses in the burning bush. The spiritual prefigurement of Christ in the Old Testament is seen as the

One who will free us from slavery, draw us into a proper relationship with God and one another, who will save us by his blood on the cross, the One Whose coming we await. ‘The Lord is our judge, the Lord is our ruler, the Lord is our king; he will save us’ (Is.33). Like the prophets and saints before us we too cry out for our Lord to come in faith and hope, awaiting our salvation.

O Root of Jesse – ‘There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots’ (Is.11). David, son of Jesse, tends to his father’s sheep in Bethlehem before being anointed as King by the prophet Samuel. Joseph is a descendent of King David hence Christ is of David’s House – also from Bethlehem and also to care for his Father’s flock as King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev.19). But the Song of the Suffering Servant ‘Kings fall silent before you’ describes how the Servant will suffer and be disfigured; referencing the Easter mystery of the Passion, but also the exultation of the Servant following His Resurrection.

O Clavis David – in Is.22 Eliakim is given the keys, authority and privileges of the House of David as Master of the King’s Palace; just as Christ holds the keys both of the Kingdom of Heaven and of Hell and can shut the wicked out of heaven. Christ is not only the true key to salvation but the door through which we enter the Kingdom (Jn.10), when he opens, none can shut, and when he shuts, none can open (Rev.3). The antiphon returns to the Suffering Servant and Psalm 106 – bringing prisoners into light and thanking the Lord for His saving help. There is a spiritual battle between captivity to, and freedom from, our slavery to sin and so we pray for a saviour who will destroy death and sin, unlocking the kingdom of heaven.

O Oriens – comes at the winter solstice on the 21st of December after which the darkness slowly but surely begins to recede. But in this antiphon we find hope of a new and eternal light that will never set, the Morning Star that is Christ. True darkness is not simply the darkness of the night but the darkness of sin. Proverbs 2 warns against those who forsake the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness, but Is.9 speaks of a people who walking in darkness will see a great light. The Christ-child, the light of the world, born into this darkness of the night and sin – but darkness cannot contain him and the light allows us to see our Savior, calling us once again into that right relationship with our Creator.

O Rex gentium – Is.9 prophesises: for unto us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called ‘Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace’. Christ – the King of the nations, of each person; every person desires God and his grace is on offer for all. St. Paul writes in Ep.2 Christ is the ‘cornerstone which makes all one’ rebuilding what sin destroyed and giving us the grace to love our neighbours as ourselves (Mt. 22). Also referenced is our creation from dust (Gen. 2) and the splendour and power that human form veils in the Christmas mystery.

O Emmanuel – ‘The Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel’ (Is. 7). This is the moment we have longed for not only throughout Advent but all of history. Emmanuel means ‘God is with us’. No matter how alone we may feel, how fragile, sinful, or desolate, we shall never be forsaken. The nativity is full of contrasts: our Lord comes to us in the silence of the night yet angel choirs rejoice in heaven; a King yet born in a stable; He sleeps peacefully in the arms of his mother yet his mission will lead him to certain death. Though we cannot lose sight of these realities, we are invited to come, behold and worship our king, our lawgiver, our hope and our Saviour.

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Peterhouse – 2024 Advent Evensong Order of Service.

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175 years ago, on 4th Dec 1850 that William Sturgeon, physicist, electrical engineer and inventor died.

150 years ago, on 6th Dec 1875 that Evelyn Underhill, writer and pacifist was born.

80 years ago, on 27th Dec 1945 that The World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development were founded.

75 years ago, on 25th Dec 1950 that the Stone of Scone, the coronation stone of British monarchs, was taken from Westminster Abbey in London by four Scottish students.

70 years ago, on 1st Dec 1955 that African American civil rights activist Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat to a white man.

Also 70 years ago, on 20th Dec 1955 that Cardiff was proclaimed the capital city of Wales.

65 years ago, on 9th Dec 1960 that the first episode of the TV soap Coronation Street was broadcast on ITV.

60 years ago, on 22nd Dec 1965 that Richard Dimbleby, journalist and radio-television broadcaster died.

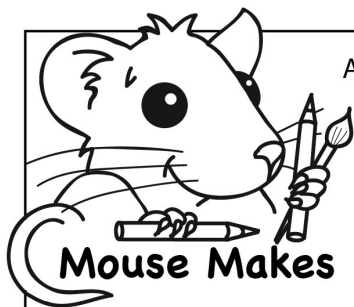
40 years ago, on 2nd Dec 1985 that Philip Larkin, poet, librarian and jazz critic died.

Also 40 years ago, on 7th Dec 1985 that Robert Graves, poet novelist, critic, translator and classical scholar died.

30 years ago, on 15th Dec that the European Council announced that the new European currency would be called the Euro.

Also 30 years ago, on 21st Dec 1995 that the city of Bethlehem passed from Israeli to Palestinian control.

10 years ago, on 19th Dec 2015 that Jimmy Hill, football player, manager and host of the BBC football TV series Match of the Day died.



At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus,
God's Son and our Saviour
coming into the world as a baby,
and we look forward to the time
when Jesus will come again,
not as a baby but as the
King of kings and Lord of lords!

read

John 14:3

A baby needs clothes
to keep warm like
a snugly sleep suit
or a vest and nappy.

What were you dressed in?

Jesus was wrapped in

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read Luke 2:7

A baby needs somewhere
to be born like at home
or in a hospital.

Where were you born?

Jesus was born
in a stable in

.....

read Luke 2:1-6

A baby needs
somewhere
to sleep like
a crib or a cot.

*What did you
sleep in?*

Jesus slept in a

.....

read Luke 2:7

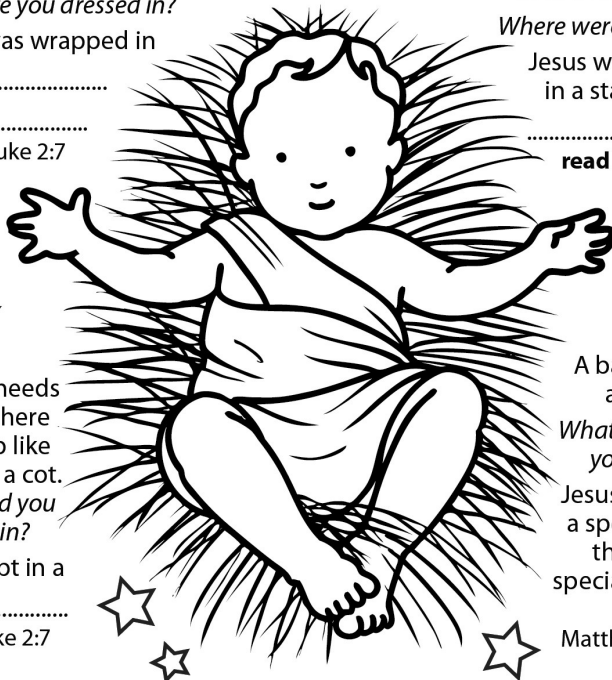
A baby needs
a name.

*What name were
you called?*

Jesus was given
a special name
that had a
special meaning.

read

Matthew 1:21-23



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SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2025

	 ST MARY'S FEN DITTON	 ST PETER'S HORNINGSEA	 ALL SAINTS TEVERSHAM
Wed. 3 December	12 noon Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)		
7 December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	10.30am Café Church & Holy Communion	10.30am Holy Communion	3.00pm A Service for Advent
14 December <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	10.30am Holy Communion	6.00pm Carols by Candlelight	10.30am Holy Communion
Wed. 17 December		8.30pm Compline (Night Prayer)	
21 December <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	6.00pm Carols by Candlelight	10.30am Short Nativity followed by Holy Communion	3.00pm Carols by Candlelight
Wed. 24 December <i>Christmas Eve</i>	4.00pm Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Eucharist		
25 December <i>Christmas Day</i>	10.30am All-age Communion	10.30am All-age Communion	10.30am Holy Communion
28 December <i>1st Sunday of Christmas</i>	10.30am United Holy Communion		

THE THREE PARISHES SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2026

	 ST MARY'S FEN DITTON	 ST PETER'S HORNINGSEA	 ALL SAINTS TEVERSHAM
4 January <i>Epiphany Sunday</i>	10.30am United Holy Communion for Epiphany		
Wed. 7 January	12 noon Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)		
11 January <i>Baptism of Christ</i>	10.30am Holy Communion	4.00pm Village Service	10.30am Holy Communion
18 January <i>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</i>	8.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) 10.30am All-age Café Church	10.30am Holy Communion	
Wed. 21 January		8.30pm Compline	
25 January <i>Conversion of Paul</i> <i>3rd Sunday of Epiphany</i>			10.30am United Holy Communion



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