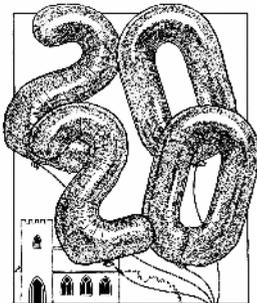
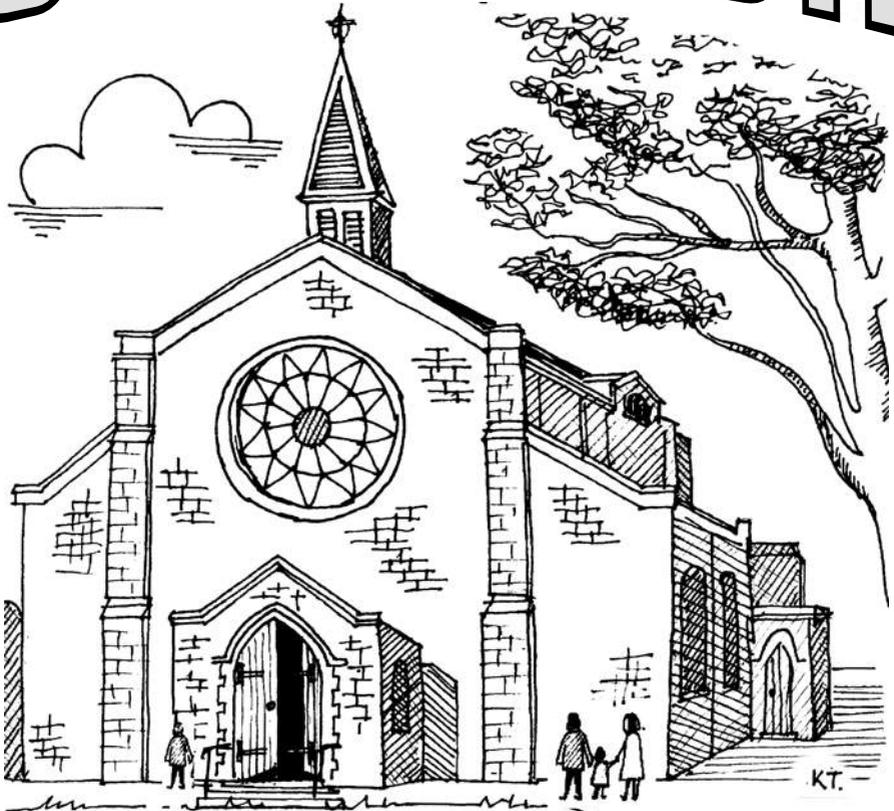


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VICAR'S LETTER. Dear Friends



I'll bet there are not many of us who, at one time or another have not either taken a part in, or watched family members performing in some kind of Nativity Play. Each year lively new musical versions appear for children to sing along to, not to mention the popular films 'Nativity', 1, 2 and 3! But, even though you will be reading this in the season of Epiphany, writing as I am nearly two weeks before Christmas, it might be worth pausing a moment to consider that nativity scene in a bit more detail, and then our relation to it as individual.

For one thing, although the nativity scene is very familiar to us today, for centuries it wasn't really given much prominence, vastly overshadowed by Easter as the big Christian Festival. It was actually St Francis of Assisi whom in a small town in Italy in 1223 recreated the first nativity scene in a play. Not to deny the centrality of the death and resurrection of Jesus, St Francis wanted to draw people's attention to the birth of Jesus too, the point in history when God became incarnate, took on human flesh and became one of us. To help understand why this shows how precious all people are to our heavenly father, St Francis looked at some of the characters in the story and fleshed out their role a bit, something given much more detail in the ensuing medieval Passion Plays, which are still performed today.

Take, for example, the shepherds. Like many characters in the nativity story, the figure of a shepherd was very different to the clean tea towel head dressed innocent smiles, which we might imagine, or indeed not long since seen. Shepherds in Jesus' day were considered dirty, rough and untrustworthy. Their work was tough and poorly paid, they spent most of their time away from other people and, on their rare visits to a town were shunned and treated as second class citizens, rather how my children regard me when they're with their friends! But although they were initially terrified, their faith in God's goodness and that they had been chosen and not disregarded by God overturned their negative expectation, maybe even of themselves. Their commission to share the great news brought courage and confidence that the judgements made by others about them didn't mean that they had to share these themselves. God believed in them and their true worth was recognised. >>>

>>> So, at times when we feel a bit like those shepherds, disregarded, looked down upon, overlooked, we can remember that lesson that God knows our true worth and has plans to use it. We can give ourselves courage and confidence even at times when we feel that others lack it in us. We can find courage to confront our fears – “yes, well who pays your student maintenance allowance? I can tell myself after some withering remark comes my way, followed by barely suppressed sniggers from the assembled company!

What about the wise men? They were very different to the shepherds – in fact they would have been very different to almost everyone else at all in the society the nativity took place in, which was hardly a diverse, cosmopolitan Roman metropolis. Although they were wealthy and learned, used no doubt to exalted company, they were not influenced by status and worldly power, they listened, disregarded Herod for the petty puppet he was and bowed instead to a poor peasant baby. So, we might ask ourselves when there may be times when we would do well not to be overawed by worldly wealth and power, when we might need humility to recognise true goodness, truth and honour, which might be unexpectedly before our very eyes.

And the angels? Well, in contrast to the first words spoken to the shepherds, “Do not be afraid”, most words spoken by angels in the scriptures until then had been quite the opposite, usually a message of death and destruction, wrath, judgement and reckoning. So not only was the message of the angels quite different to what was expected of them, so the mighty God, who often was regarded as something to fear, had entered our world as a vulnerable baby, ready to bring welcome and to help us find peace. Are we then also sometimes challenged to be an angel, ready despite expectations of either others, to be messengers in our world of the infectious joy and love of God or ourselves?

So, nearly 800 years since the first nativity play took place, we can still use it to reflect on the many lessons about ourselves that we can see in it, not least the new life that we ourselves can bring into the world by following Jesus’ own example first seen in the manger: recognising that all people are made in God’s image and are there to be welcomed, cared for and loved.

Your friend and vicar, *David*

Smiles

Quick

A young husband was in big trouble when he forgot his wedding anniversary. His wife told him, "Tomorrow there better be something in the driveway for me that goes from zero to 200 in two seconds flat".

The next morning the wife found a small package in the driveway. She opened it and found brand-new bathroom scales.

Where babies come from

For weeks a six-year old lad kept telling his teacher about the baby brother or sister that was expected at his house. Then one day the mother allowed the boy to feel the movements of the unborn child. The six-year old was obviously impressed but made no comment. Furthermore, he stopped telling his teacher about the impending event.

The teacher finally took the little boy aside one day, and asked: "James, whatever has become of that baby brother or sister you were expecting at home?" James burst into tears and confessed, "I think Mummy ate it!"

Noah

When Noah sailed the waters blue,
he had his troubles same as you.

For 40 days he drove the Ark
before he found a place to park...



"The vicar's hoping providing a really strong mobile signal will attract more young folk to the church."



The Christingle Service.

64 children each received a Christingle at the Christingle service. The congregation gave a generous £339.50 to the fund for the Children's Society to help vulnerable children living in this country.

After the service, many families enjoyed the coffee and mince pies served in the church hall by the Rainbows.



Feniscliffe, St. Francis



Our Christmas party held in December was attended by 15 members who enjoyed an evening of food, fun and laughter.

The first meeting in 2020 will be on Tuesday 14th January when we will be having a meal out at The Royal Oak, Riley Green, to celebrate the New Year . Please make sure your name is on the list and if you require a lift.

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 4th February when £22.00 subs will be due. *B. Taylor.*

Will you get a 'thanks' for your Christmas presents?

After Christmas, what? Just blank silence? Or a 'thank-you' note for that gift?

A survey by the insurers Ecclesiastical has found that 60 per cent of 25-to-34-year-olds said they would NOT write a thank-you note because they found writing uncomfortable, or were embarrassed by their handwriting, spelling or grammar, or just did not know what to say. It seems that saying 'thank you' can be the hardest word for many in this age-group.

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125 years ago, on 12th Jan 1895 that the National Trust was founded (as the National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty).

80 years ago, on 8th Jan 1940 that food rationing began in Britain (bacon, butter and sugar).

70 years ago, on 23rd Jan 1950 that the Israeli Knesset declared Jerusalem the capital of Israel.

65 years ago, on 25th Jan 1955 that the world's first atomic clock was unveiled by scientists at the National Physical Laboratory in the UK. It measured time by counting the vibrations of cesium-133 atoms. It was accurate to one second every 300 years.

50 years ago, on 22nd Jan 1970 that the Boeing 747 'Jumbo Jet' went into service on its first regularly scheduled commercial flight, from New York to London.

30 years ago, on 31st Jan 1990 that Russia's first McDonald's fast-food restaurant opened in Moscow. It is said that 30,000 hamburgers were sold the first morning.

20 years ago, on 1st Jan 2000, the calendar switched over to the year 2000, with no major computer problems from the so-called Y2K 'Millennium Bug'.

Also 10 years ago, on 4th Jan 2010 the Burj Khalifa in Dubai opened. It is the world's tallest structure, at 2,722 feet (829.8 metres).

10 years ago, on 12th Jan 2010 that the Haiti earthquake killed at least 100,000 people, and devastated the capital, Port-au-Prince.



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Wordsearch for JANUARY 2020.

Answers on page 22.

Epiphany 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.' So Matthew tells of the coming of the Magi, or Wise Men, to Bethlehem. Did they come from Arabia Felix – nowadays southern Arabia? How many came? No one knows, but by the 6th century they were named Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Why gold, frankincense and myrrh? Gold stands for kingship: Jesus was King of the Jews. Frankincense stands for divinity; Jesus was to be worshipped. Myrrh stands for death and burial; Jesus would become a sacrifice and die for his people. The Wise Men were the very first Gentiles ever to worship Jesus. Isaiah foresaw this response to Jesus: 'Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.' The Magi wanted to worship Jesus; Herod wanted to kill him.

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Yoga and church halls

An Anglican church leader has explained the Church's official stance on yoga in churches after a church in Devon rejected a request from a yoga instructor to hold a class in its church hall.



Archdeacon Mark Butchers of Barnstaple, who oversees churches in North Devon, told the news site *Devon Live* that Church of England parishes aim to be as welcoming as possible to a wide variety of community groups. However, each parish is allowed to create its own policies for renting a church hall.

"Many parishes are entirely open to hosting yoga exercise classes, emphasising the health benefits for both individuals and communities which yoga offers," he said.

"But some parishes feel that because yoga has its spiritual roots in Hinduism and Buddhism, it does not fit with Christian spirituality which is rooted in the love of God revealed in Jesus; and so they do not allow traditional yoga classes, but would welcome other health and fitness groups such as Pilates."

Archdeacon Butchers also said that there are a range of views on the topic with the Church, but they all desire to serve communities "with joy according to the values and beliefs of our Christian faith".

David's response to the Archdeacon of Barnstaple's view on yoga

While I welcome the Archdeacon's acknowledgement of a range of views on this subject, I feel that his view on the incompatibility of Christian, Hindu and Buddhist spirituality falls short.

It falls short firstly because it is now widely acknowledged that western science, mathematics and culture did not develop separately from that in the east, but instead, through a mutually beneficial communication through various means such as the Silk Road and other trading routes. The west received innovations like the printing press, gunpowder and the compass from eastern traditions, and a lot of its cultural thinking too.

It falls short because Christian spirituality did not appear out of nowhere but evolved out of a long tradition, as seen in the Old Testament >>>

>>> which itself has roots in beliefs and cultures shared around the middle east, seen also Zoroastrianism, which continue to this day. Religions are much more interconnected than the Archdeacon would appear to suggest.

It falls short finally because of the implications of this last point. That just because we have truths in our belief and values, that doesn't mean that there are not truths in the beliefs and values of others, and that we may not benefit from learning from them. I am heartened by the many interfaith projects and communications I see today, in Lancashire no less than anywhere. Long may they continue and please support any yoga class, which may be run in St Francis, Hall or Church!

Your tolerant vicar. *David.*



We continue to provide the opportunity for donations of food to be left in the box at the back of church. The need is as great as ever.

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On 6th January we celebrate Epiphany - the visit of the wise men to the baby Jesus. But who were these wise men? No one knows for sure. Matthew calls them 'Magi', and that was the name of an ancient caste of a priestly kind from Persia. It wasn't until the third century that they were called kings - by a church father, Tertullian.

Another church father, Origen, assumed there were three - to correspond with the gifts given. Later Christian interpretation came to understand gold as a symbol of wisdom and wealth, incense as a symbol of worship and sacrifice, and myrrh as a symbol of healing

Certainly Jesus challenged and set aright the way in which the world handled all three of these things. Since the 8th century, the magi have had the names Balthasar, Caspar and Melchior.

Where did the Wise Men come from?

Magi from the East – it isn't a lot to go on. The Magi had originally been a religious caste among the Persians. Their devotion to astrology, divination and the interpretation of dreams led to an extension in the meaning of the word, and by the first century the Magi in Matthew's gospel could have been astrologers from outside of Persia. Some scholars believe they might have come from what was then Arabia Felix, or as we would say today, southern Arabia.

Certainly, in the first century astrology was practised there, and it was the region where the Queen of Sheba had lived. She of course had visited Solomon and would have heard the prophecies about how one day a Messiah would be born to the Israelites and become their king.

Matthew's gospel (chapter 2) is clear that the Magi asked Herod: 'Where is the One who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.' So it is possible that in southern Arabia the Queen of Sheba's story of how a Messiah would one day be sent to the Israelites had survived. Certainly, there are a number of other early legends that connect southern Arabia with Solomon's Israel.

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>>> To many people this makes sense: that the ancient stories of a Messiah, linked to later astrological study, prompted these alert and god-fearing men to the realisation that something very stupendous was happening in Israel. They realised that after all these centuries, the King of the Jews, the Messiah, was about to be born.

One more interesting thing that gives weight to the theory that the magi came from southern Arabia is this: if you study any map of Palestine as it was during biblical times, you will find that the old Arabian caravan routes all entered Palestine 'from the East'. *From the Parish Pump.*

The Conversion of St Paul 25th January

January is a month of the beginning of great things! As well as the naming of the Son of God, we celebrate the conversion of the greatest ever apostle of the Christian faith. Many books have been written on Paul, and here is the briefest of introductions.

He was a Jew, born as 'Saul' at Tarsus, and brought up by the rabbi Gamaliel as a Pharisee. A devout, fanatical Jew, Saul persecuted the Christians, and watched with satisfaction the first Christian martyrdom, the stoning of Stephen. Then on his way to Damascus Saul had a vision of Christ that stopped him, literally, in his tracks. He realised that this Jesus whom he was persecuting was in fact the Messiah for whom he had longed.

Saul changed overnight. He took a new name, Paul, and became an evangelist for the cause of Christ. He became a leader in the early Church and his special calling was as an apostle to the Gentiles. He wrote many epistles to the young churches he founded - and thus, inadvertently, wrote a great part of the New Testament.

Life as the greatest apostle was hardly full of perks: he was stoned, beaten, mobbed, homeless, hated, imprisoned, and finally martyred. Tradition has it that he was beheaded in Rome during the persecution of Nero in AD 64, and buried where the basilica of St Paul 'outside the walls' now stands. His mighty faith in Christ has kindled similar belief in many hundreds of millions of people down the centuries.

From the Parish Pump.



By David Pickup, a solicitor.

How to have a healthy and legal New Year

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established.... The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Romans 13:1

Do you get into a muddle at times? Then here is an important New Year's Resolution for you: this year, have a calendar and record important dates such as when to renew your TV licence, insurances, road tax (car excise duty) and MOT test. Yes, I know you get a reminder, but sometimes things can get missed.

Check if you have legal insurance and what it covers. If you have home contents insurance, it may cover any legal expenses. This might save you a lot of money if you need advice.

What would happen to you if you cannot make decisions for yourself or you die? You should also consider making or changing your will.

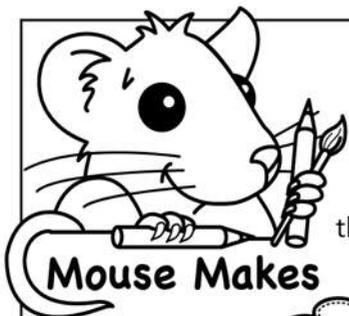
If you are thinking about having some work done, choose the contractor carefully. Ask neighbours or friends who they would recommend. Read the advertisements in the parish magazine. Ask contractors for references. Check trade or other qualifications. Get estimates in writing with an agreed date for the work to start and when it will be completed.

Confirm important things in writing or email.

Think about security, not just locks on doors and windows but online security. What information about you is 'out there'? If you publish photos of your family, birthdays and when you go away on holiday, think again. Speak to someone who knows about being safe. Do not give out your personal information to anyone, if in doubt. If something sounds too good to be true... well, you know the rest!

Have a safe place to store stuff such as guarantees and receipts for important purchases. If you lost your wallet, house keys or phone what would you do?

If things are not right about where you live, ask questions and complain if necessary. Do something positive for the community. Consider doing a litter pick once a month, or even organise a mass litter pick. Attend local meetings of your parish or town council. Find out what needs doing. And help to do it! Happy 2020!



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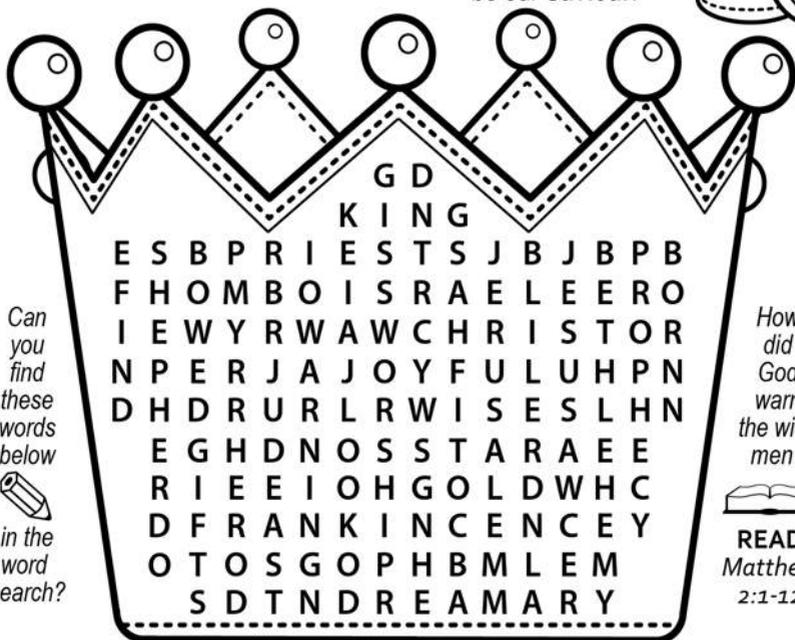


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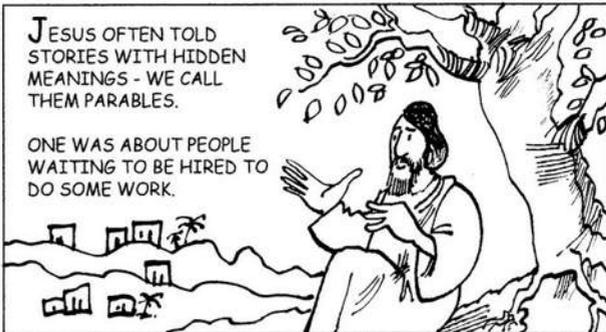
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The Hired Workers



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS - WE CALL THEM PARABLES.

ONE WAS ABOUT PEOPLE WAITING TO BE HIRED TO DO SOME WORK.



A HOUSEHOLDER HIRED A GROUP OF WORKERS FROM THE MARKET PLACE, FIRST THING IN THE MORNING. HE AGREED UPON A FAIR WAGE.



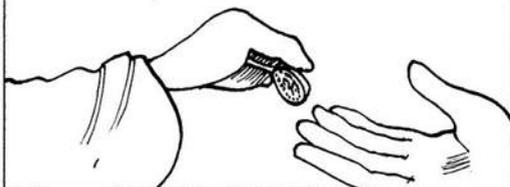
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BUT THEY WERE BEING PAID WHAT THEY HAD AGREED AT THE START OF THE DAY.

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see Matthew 20:1-16



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So, when the season's over;
The crib has been put by,
The drapes to green changed over
They breathe a heartfelt sigh!
They laugh and smile with pleasure
And sing a merry rhyme,
But short-lived is their leisure –
For soon comes Easter time!

By Nigel Beeton

A prayer for humility

O God, since you created everything we can see, hear and touch, may we constantly acknowledge your bounty. And since you sustain everything we can see, hear and touch, may we always be mindful of your strength. Thus, may we walk the path of life with a spirit of humility, knowing that in all things we depend on you.

From the Mozarabic Sacramentary 3rd century

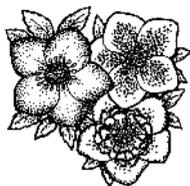
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NEWS *Here is a good news story from the Church of Scotland...*
Former asylum seeker ordained as Kirk minister

A former asylum seeker who escaped the clutches of Islamic extremists has recently been ordained as a Church of Scotland minister.

Raheel Arif was inducted into Denny Old Parish Church linked with Hagsgs Parish Church and will become its first full-time spiritual leader for five and a half years.

The 47-year-old said he was very excited about taking up the “wonderful and priceless ministry” in the Falkirk Council district.

Mr Arif and his wife Humaira and their children, Rhea and Roshaan, fled to Scotland from Pakistan in September, 2011 after extremists threatened their lives because of their faith.

At the time he was the vice-principal of a secondary school in Peshawar, partly run by the state, and the only Christian out of a staff of 52. Jealousy and suspicion was rife, and then a plot was mounted against him, to have him arrested for blasphemy. Fortunately, it failed.

Mr Arif took his wife and children to Grangemouth to visit his cousin Rev Aftab Gohar, minister of Abbotsgrange Parish Church, in the summer of 2011 to lie low until things got back to normal.

But when they returned to Peshawar two months later it quickly became clear that his persecutors would never leave them in peace, and so they decided to return to Scotland and seek asylum.

Mr Arif, who grew up in a Christian family and was very active in his local church in Pakistan and involved in mission work, said: “We were living a good life in Peshawar, but extremists kept threatening us. It was a terrifying, horrible situation and I was very scared. At first the threats were only directed at me and I thought things would calm down in time.

“But when people came to my house and threatened my family, I knew that we had to leave. I had heard the stories of how non-Muslims were killed by extremists – butchered with their bodies put in sacks and thrown in fields.”

Mr Arif said the family applied for asylum the day they arrived in Glasgow and 18 months later they were granted refugee status and leave to remain for five years which has been extended to indefinite leave to remain.

He enrolled in Highland Theological College in Dingwall in 2015 to study theology as a distance learning student and graduated last year. Mr Arif, who has a Masters degree in botany and a Bachelor's degree in education, carried out his 15 month probation at Zetland Parish Church in Grangemouth under the tutelage of Rev Alison Meikle.

“I have been on an amazing journey and my ordination is affirmation for that call and God’s plan for my life,” he said. “When we came to Scotland the circumstances were very difficult, but God’s hand and grace was upon us which further increased my faith and trust in Him.

FROM THE FAMILY REGISTER



We welcome into the family of the Church;



WEDDINGS: we wish every happiness to:

FUNERALS

We offer our sympathy to the families of those who have recently died

IN REMEMBRANCE OF LOVED ONES

(Taken from the book of Remembrance for past years)

JANUARY

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| 1 | Abraham Mitchell
Bessie Burnell | | |
| 3 | John Norval Hodgson 1970 | 17 | Christine Mary Hall 2004 |
| 5 | Tom Aspinnall
Kath Crookall 2018 | 18 | Marjorie Joseph 2015 |
| 6 | Elizabeth Mitchell
Ernest Baxendale 1987
Brian Duckworth 2003 | 19 | James Hall
Alan Walsh 2012 |
| 7 | Joan Brown 2012 | 20 | George Albert Nicholson 2008 |
| 8 | Harry Hodgkinson 1984 | 23 | Emrys Jones |
| 9 | Ernest Audley Baker
Sandra Lucas 2006 | 24 | William Greenwood 1951
Edith Dixon
Marjorie Wilkinson |
| 10 | Edith Mary Woodacre
Rebecca Nicholson 2012 | 25 | Albert Hadfield
Miriam Wilson 1996 |
| 11 | Frank Counsell 2005 | 27 | Sarah (Sally) Walmsley 2000
Margaret (Meg) Joan Dexter 2019 |
| 13 | Marie Berry
Agnes Lobb 1993
Annis Gibbons 2010 | 29 | Agnes Fogerty 1962
Herbert Eddleston
Derek Eccles 1991 |
| 14 | Maggie Greaves 1986
Harry Kershaw 1989 | | John (Jack) Parry Mackereth 2003 |
| 15 | Peggy Perkins 1996
Rachel Sarah Ambler 2014 | 31 | James Brewster Markham
Thomas Strangeways
Barbara Hollinrake 2009 |



Sidespersons Rota

If you cannot do your turn please arrange for someone else to do your duty

JAN	8.30am	10.00am		
5	B. Blundell	S. Kelsall	J. Walsh	J. Hughes
12		A. Hunt O. Hunt	B. Taylor	S. Stevenson
19	M. Hanson	R. Maginn	D. Bethell	J. Lobb
26	P. Mercer	Mothers' Union		
FEB	8.30am	10.00am		
2	B. Blundell	S. Kelsall	J. Walsh	J. Hughes
9		A. Hunt O. Hunt	B. Taylor	S. Stevenson
16	M. Hanson	R. Maginn	D. Bethell	J. Lobb
23	P. Mercer	Mothers' Union		

Readers Rota

JAN	5	A. Peers	M. Stevenson
	12	Young Leaders	
	19	A. Hunt	G. Slater
	26	D. Ratcliffe	B. Taylor
FEB	2	A. Peers	M. Stevenson
	9	Young Leader	
	16	L. Ashworth	J. George
	23	D. Ratcliffe	B. Taylor



SERVICES IN JANUARY

5	Sunday	8.30am	HOLY COMMUNION (Said)
	<i>Epiphany</i>	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
8	Wednesday	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (Said) BCP
		5.45pm	Family Praise Service
12	Sunday	8.30am	HOLY COMMUNION (Said)
	<i>Baptism of Christ</i>	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (Church Parade)
15	Wednesday	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (Said) BCP
		5.45pm	Family Praise Service
19	Sunday	8.30am	HOLY COMMUNION (Said)
	<i>Epiphany 2</i>	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
22	Wednesday	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (Said) BCP
		5.45pm	Family Praise Service
26	Sunday	8.30am	HOLY COMMUNION (Said)
	<i>Epiphany 3</i>	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
29	Wednesday	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (Said) BCP
		5.45pm	Family Praise Service

You are invited to join us for a cup of coffee in the vestry after the service.



Messy Church is for children with an adult. We meet every fourth Tuesday in the month at 3.30pm in St. Francis Primary School hall, term time only.

We start with a snack and learn about Bible stories through craft and games. Messy Church finishes with Prayers and songs at 5pm.

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8.30am Holy Communion
10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST
Second Sunday - Church Parade

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9.50am IN THE CHURCH HALL
CRECHE FOR MOTHERS AND
BABIES EVERY SUNDAY

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

10.00am HOLY COMMUNION
6.45pm FAMILY PRAISE

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*Please contact the Vicar regarding arrangements for
Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.*

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Contact Roy Parker 01254 202930 or 07729 630 391

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