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*Adoration of the Shepherds by the Dutch painter Gerard van Honthorst, 1622*



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## Who's Who at Christ Church

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# Ifield Ladies' Club

Regretfully the committee and members have decided to close the club and our last meeting was held on 21<sup>st</sup> November. We made this decision because with fewer members, most of us ageing, and increasing costs we could see that in another year we would be struggling financially. We have had a nucleus of some fifteen to twenty loyal members and our meetings have been friendly, interesting and good fun. We chose to close now whilst we were enjoying the companionship of our members rather than see numbers drop and worry how to keep the club solvent. We plan to donate any remaining money in our bank account to a local charity.

In conclusion thank you to all our members who have supported us and

become our friends over the past **35 years**.

Thank you Christ Church for allowing us to use the hall for the past ten years.

## **COPY FOR JANUARY MAGAZINE**

This is your magazine, and every effort is made to include items supplied by you, our readers.

The one thing that would be most helpful, when submitting copy, is that you e-mail this rather than put a typed sheet on the hook in church.

As I am not a touch typist, it takes considerable time to re-type any copy and is open to me making errors.

Send copy to the address on page 2 by **THURSDAY 27 DECEMBER** at the very latest, or speak to **Mike Cubitt - 07840343831**

## **WORKING PARTY**

'In order to save on expensive cleaning and maintenance, we hold a monthly working party on a Saturday morning starting at 09.30.

Together we clean and tidy the church, do a bit of necessary DIY or gardening, have a coffee and often some home-made goodies – and finish by about 11.30.

We are enormously grateful to the few loyal helpers who turn up month after month – but we desperately need a few more.

Please consider putting the dates into your diary and coming along. All are welcome – if you can do basic DIY please let us know in advance so that the churchwardens can plan jobs in advance.

**Working party is almost always on the second Saturday of each month...  
NOTE the next ones will be on 8 DECEMBER at 9.30.**

**See you there, JAN**

# News from the pre-school

Christ Church Pr-School has had a busy first term, it's flown by.

We welcomed lots of new children who have settled into nursery life really well, taking home lots of paintings and enjoying the garden. Digging in the sand pit and making mud cakes in the mud kitchen. Making new friends and playing with our great variety of toys.

Learning new skills such as cutting with scissors, rolling out playdough and using cutters to create new shapes.

We found out about harvest and autumn colours which created new displays on the wall. We especially like

our red tractor.

This term we talked about owls, hedgehogs and fireworks, and were hoping to visit the temple as we talk about Divali.

Then it will be talking about Christmas, making decorations, posting a letter to Father Christmas and learning Christmas songs ready for our nativity to sing in front of friends and family.

We will also have a little panto company coming to visit our nursery for us to watch.

Ending our term with a Christmas Party.

*Happy Christmas everyone from all the staff and children at Christ Church Pre-School!*



## COFFEE ROTA 2018

2 Dec	Annie - Jill - Angelas
9 Dec	Sarah - Kay - Susan
16 Dec	Annie - Jill - Sheila
23 Dec	Annie - Jill - Lucy
30 Dec	Annie - Jill - Lucy



**Come in and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee after the 10.00 o'clock Sunday service**



**FIRST STEPS**  
14TH NOVEMBER 2018  
**JESUS HEALS**

We are up to a lovely blue skied morning. Our naughty little sheep is very pleased because it is our First Steps service this afternoon and he does love a sunny day. When he, his friends and I walk up to church later, the sun is shining and the trees look so lovely in their autumn colours. Lots of the leaves are on the ground now and soon the trees will be bare.

When we get into church, they all scuttle off to find somewhere comfortable to sit and our naughty little sheep, Audrey Hedgehog and the glittery dragon wait patiently until our altar is ready. Then they climb up and get themselves into position, not too close to the candles. We have a little statue of Jesus, with his arms around two children on our altar, too. It is to remind everybody that Jesus is God's own Son and we are in God's Holy house and He is with us. It is a very special and precious blessing.

Jan and Linda soon join us and help to get everything ready, followed by Anne who is going to play the piano for us. When it is time to open the big church doors, our naughty little sheep and all his friends wait expectantly to see who will come in first. Today it is Katarina and her little girl Annabelle. How lovely to see them. Annabelle goes to find some jingle bells and she is soon joined by Jack and his mum Kirsty. Others arrive and find themselves jingle bells, too, and when everyone is sitting comfortably it is time for our little service to begin.

Today we are thinking about how Jesus heals so many poorly people. All kinds of people come to him when they need help and he never turns anyone away. A man who is deaf and dumb came to see Jesus and Jesus takes pity on him. Our naughty little sheep and his friends are really interested to find out how Jesus is going to help

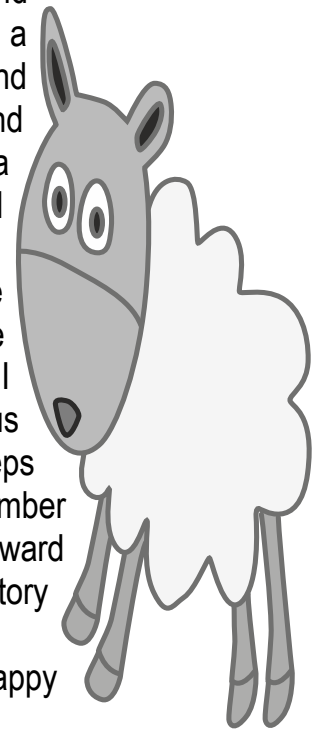
this poor man. Do you know what he does? He puts his fingers into the mans ears, and then spits on his own finger and puts it gently onto the man's tongue. And the man can hear everything and speak, too. With his new found voice he wants to tell everyone about what Jesus has done for him. When we read the bible we hear lots of stories about Jesus healing all kinds of people, making broken people whole again. He does it all because he loves them.

We've been singing some of our favourite songs including the Body Song, to remind us how marvellously we are made. We sing about Jesus' love, that surrounds us and about the beauty of our world. Mums, Grandma and children are singing beautifully, doing the actions to our songs and jingling their bells. We sing "Have a rest" thinking about Audrey Hedgehog who will soon be finding somewhere warm and cosy to sleep for the winter. When it is time for our prayers everyone is really quiet and then it is time to blow out our candles because our service is over. Out into the hall we all go. As usual those sneaky animals rush out ahead of us to be first in the queue for biscuits and drinks. Then they find a comfortable spot to sit and watch the children play and the Mums and Grandma chat over a hot drink and a biscuit (or two).

We have had a lovely time together. Our naughty little sheep, his friends and I hope everyone will join us again for our next First Steps service on the 12th December when we will be looking forward to hearing the Christmas story once again.

Wishing you all a very happy and holy Christmas.

God Bless Rosemary Austin





" Happiness is shoe box shaped" that is what over forty people will feel when they receive the generous boxes Peter and I were able to deliver from Christ Church to the Blythwood Care depot

who carefully covered them in paper( which I know some find the hardest job of all),who filled them with such wonderful things, made generous donations, knitted items to be added to group boxes and encouraged people to join in. Our boxes could go anywhere there is a need and is accessible but the one thing we do know for sure is that your efforts will make a difference to someone's life this Christmas. THANK YOU. Blythwood Care's work carries on throughout the year and if you would like to know more there is a magazine in the rack by the door. But please remember when you buy new shoes we need your shoe boxes for next year! Best wishes for very Happy Christmas to all Shoeboxers-see you in 2019 Veronica"

recently. A huge warehouse space rapidly filling with cartons filled with shoeboxes greeted us when we arrived. Careful checking and the addition of a colouring book, storybook or a calendar was being carried out but everyone had time to talk to us and were delighted to receive our contribution. So THANK YOU to everyone who supplied boxes ,

Just a few of the deserving recipients of shoe-boxes donated by the congregation

of Christ Church and thoughtful people from all over the UK who support the worthwhile appeal each



# Give the gift of memories this Christmas

Christmas is a time to spend with our loved ones and to remember fondly those who are no longer with us. This Christmas, the charity Heart Research UK has produced Remember Packs which we have included with your magazine. The pack includes a cup of tea (kindly donated by Tetley) and a paper bauble which you can fill in with your memories.

Send your baubles back to Heart Research UK along with an optional donation and they will use them to decorate their Tree of Memories over the festive season. A wonderful tribute to the memory of your loved one.

Heart Research UK is the charity dedicated to your heart. They invest in pioneering medical research, ground-breaking training and education and inspire communities to improve their heart health for themselves.

If you choose to donate in memory of your loved one you will be giving people with heart disease, like Imogen Tankard (pictured), the gift of new memories.

Imogen was just six months old when she had to undergo emergency heart surgery. Her Mum, Vicky remembers how distressing it was and how tense she felt as she waited for the seven hour operation to end.

"I didn't know whether she would survive. I sat praying the entire time that she would pull through."

Today, Imogen is seven years old and she has so much energy. She is looking forward to spending Christmas making new memories with her family. "Everyone says they would never have known what she's been through", says Vicky. "Research saved Imogen's life".

Open up your pack, sit down, relax and remember those you are missing and give the gift of new memories to those like Imogen this Christmas.

**Contact Heart Research UK by calling 0113 234 7474 or emailing [info@heartresearch.org.uk](mailto:info@heartresearch.org.uk)**

Registered charity number: 1044821



**IMOGEN TANKARD**

## BIBLE NOTES

As well as the "New Daylight" booklet of Bible notes prepared by the Bible Reading Fellowship, there is also a booklet entitled "Bible reflections for older people". This also comes out every four months and is priced at £4.99.

This booklet is written by older people for older people, the reflections are designed to bring hope, assurance and sustenance, reminding the reader of the presence and love of God. Each issue contains 40 Bible reflections and prayer suggestions to use and revisit as often as needed.

If you would be interested in seeing a copy of this booklet please have a word with Julie Hill.



The annual service to commemorate

# **St Andrew**

will be held on

**Friday, 30 November at 11.00 a.m.**

in **St Andrew's Mission Church/ArtsCentre,**  
Bawley Bay, Royal Pier Road Gravesend

# **Christingle**

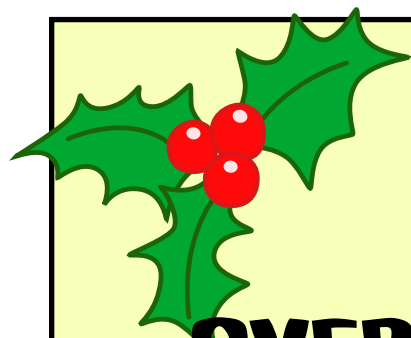
**at Christ Church**

**Sunday 2 December at 16.00**

**Arrive at 15.30 for craft work in the hall a  
magical start to Advent for all the family,  
with oranges, sweets and candles**

The meaning of Christingle: the orange represents the world God created, and the sweets all the good things in God's creation. The candle represents Jesus, the light of the world, and the red ribbon the love of Christ for his world





# **SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON**

Sunday 2 December from 3.30 p.m.

## **CHRISTINGLE**

a magical start to Advent for all the family, with craft activities, oranges, sweets and candles

Sunday 16 December 6.30 p.m.

## **A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**

Followed by mince pies and mulled wine

Friday 21 December Meet 7 p.m. in Church

## **COME AND SING!**

Carol singing around residential homes in the parish

## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Holy Communion (said) at 10 a.m.



## **CRIB SERVICE**

Two services to choose from 3 p.m. and at 5 p.m.

– A Service especially for children, which will be repeated—come to whichever time suits you best



CHRISTMAS EVE 11.30 p.m.

## **MIDNIGHT MASS**

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

HOLY COMMUNION at 8 a.m.

and

FAMILY COMMUNION WITH CAROLS 10 a.m.



Another successful fund-raising coffee morning supported by members of Christ Church congregation and friends with a grand total of £384 raised for the Macmillan campaign





Every year the attendance at Gravesend's Windmill Gardens seems to grow and this year was no different when at the 11 a.m. Remembrance Service around the War Memorial about 1200 people attended





Pictured left  
**Remembrance Service**  
 held at the merchant  
 navy memorial at 12  
 30 p.m. at Bawley Bay  
 where about 100  
 attended.

Pictured below:  
 Christ Church dressed  
 in readiness for  
 Remembrance Sunday





**T**his Christmas we shall be part of a national initiative to help deepen the celebration of Jesus birth. For many people Christmas ends after Boxing Day after a frenetic couple of months of the commercial exploitation of the season. I am sure that every year many of us ask what this all has to do with Jesus. One doesn't have to be a complete killjoy to feel like that.

Historically, the celebrations spanned the famous 12 days of Christmas described in the folk song, and this year we can recapture a little of that ongoing celebration by approaching things with a little more substance and structure. The National Church has developed a campaign called "Follow the Star" which will roll out in December to link Churches, social media, and printed material, and offering a proper engagement of modern people to the ancient story of the Incarnation, it's importance then and today.

As part of this project, we shall be offering the gift of a small booklet to those attending our principle services ( but feel free to ask for one if you aren't with us then). It is written by the Chaplain to Archbishop Justin, The Rev Dr Isabelle

Hamley, and is intended as a gently structured way to encourage each of us walk the path between the time of Jesus birth to the traditional arrival of the Kings at Epiphany (6th January).

They brought gifts to Jesus; Christ Church is offering the gift of a mini-pilgrimage to those moved to explore the true meaning of the babe in the manger. It is easy accessible and, we hope meaningful. Each day has a theme, a picture, a few bible words, a reflection, a challenge and a prayer. All that in two small booklet pages per day!

In our mission plan, we set out to reach out to the community, and develop discipleship. This is one small way we can do so during our interregnum. We still have a mission!

It is a small gift, a light commitment, but an important reminder, one which we can share with our families, friends, and neighbours. We hope you will use and enjoy " Follow the Star " , finding it thoughtful and rewarding, and that a few minutes each day will enrich your understanding of the greatest gift you will receive during those 12 days of Christmas.

## **Fitness League**

Movement for Life

In Christ Church Hall

**Every Tuesday From 2-3.15 pm**

Light remedial exercises

Fully qualified teacher

**Ladies why not join us!**

For more information please

**Phone 01634 255759**

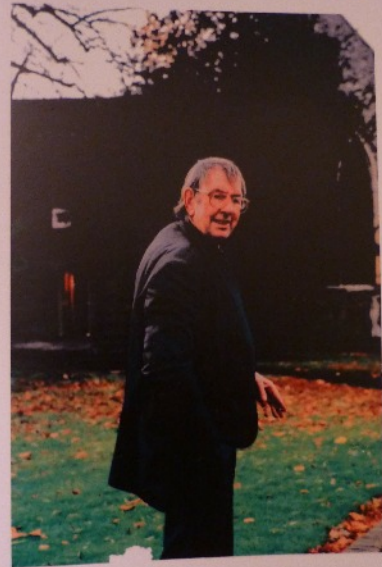
# A Tribute to Tony Larkin

Andrew Marshall has written **Man of Milton**.

Cost £5 which includes a donation towards a plaque which will eventually be placed on the house at Constitution Hill where Tony lived.

Priest Jacqueline has copies of the book if you wish to purchase.

## Man of Milton



**Tony Larkin**  
Historian

## No prizes in this occasional feature, but give it a try

C Y U J O L P E N U J Z B S D  
 U T Q A W C A N P A J B D L Y  
 W X T N I G F H D Y I J K X L  
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 F C L R M S T B A Q T R C P U  
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*Find the twelve months of the year*

JANUARY  
 FEBRUARY  
 MARCH  
 APRIL  
 MAY  
 JUNE  
 JULY  
 AUGUST  
 SEPTEMBER  
 NOVEMBER  
 DECEMBER

# World Osteoporosis Day

October is the month when the National Osteoporosis Society ask Support Groups to go to local hospitals for World Osteoporosis Day to display all our leaflets and help people who have osteoporosis with advice. This year the Society also had a fund raising idea called Bake for Bones. 4 nurses from the Evergreen Unit of Darent Valley Hospital wanted to get involved with our group. So we decided to combine the two occasions. The pictures show some of our committee members as well as the nurses from the hospital with

all the cakes we made - the nurses contributed the 'Bone' cake which was very popular. The day was a great success and we raised £265 for the National Society.



## Alzheimer's & Dementia SUPPORT SERVICES

Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Services, based in Northfleet is a local charity for local people and here to offer help, advice and support to those living with Dementia. We can offer help in a numbers of ways:-

- v Day care,
- v Befriending
- v Support at Home/Support at Home plus/One to One Support
- v Carers Support Groups
- v 24 Helpline (0800 500 3014)
- v Singing for Brain
- v Dementia Cafes..... and so much more.

If you or someone you knows need help please contact us via our website, [www.alz-dem.org](http://www.alz-dem.org) or by telephoning us on 01474 533990 or by writing to **Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Services, The Basement, Dene Holm House, Dene Holm Road, Northfleet, Kent DA11 8JY. Email: [alz-dem.org.uk](mailto:alz-dem.org.uk)**

As with most charities nowadays we also need volunteers to help us. We have volunteer vacancies in all the above areas and of course in our fundraising efforts. If you would like to support us by becoming a member or raising funds for us, in sponsorship, holding an event, coffee morning or whatever you feel is appropriate, please do let us know and contact us.



Higham Choral Group

# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The choir will perform *FOLLOW THAT STAR*,  
Christmas songs in close harmony arranged by Peter Gritton  
and invite you to sing along with some favourite carols

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**7.30pm**

**St John's Church,  
Hermitage Road, Higham**

admission £8.00 includes light refreshments  
pay at the door

for further information phone 01634 718285  
or email [kateiw@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:kateiw@tiscali.co.uk)

[www.highamchoral.org.uk](http://www.highamchoral.org.uk)

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**First Steps**

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## FIRST STEPS

Is a service especially designed for families with pre-school children, although all children in the family are welcome to come.

We meet in the church at 1.45pm on the second Wednesday in each month for a short service and then to enjoy a chat over a cup of tea.

We are finished in plenty of time for parents to meet their other children from school.

Why not come along with your children, you will be very welcome.

**Next date is Wednesday 12 DECEMBER 2018.**

# The Birth of Jesus

When Mary told Jesus that she was expecting a baby, he was very worried. But very soon after, Joseph had a dream. An angel said, "Joseph do not be afraid, the baby growing within her is the Son of God. He is the Saviour whom the prophets said would one day come to save everyone from their sins."

As the time drew near for the baby to be born, another problem arose. The Emperor Augustus Caesar ordered a census. This meant that everyone had to go to where they were born, together with their family to be put on a register.



Joseph and Mary had to travel to Bethlehem, a long way from Nazareth where they lived. Mary was heavily pregnant, it was not a good time for her to be travelling. By the time they arrived, the city was so full of people they could find nowhere to stay.



They knocked on so many doors, but still they found nowhere to stay. Until at last an innkeeper told them he could offer them a stable, if they didn't mind the animals keeping them company.

Joseph accepted the offer gratefully, so it was in the stable together with the oxen, sheep and chickens looking on, that the Saviour of the world was born.

Mary had no crib to lay the baby in, so she nestled Him in a manger filled with straw. There the baby Jesus stayed. He was safe and warm and sheltered, and He had His loving mother and father at His side.

While Bethlehem was full to bursting with people, the fields around the city were quiet and empty, except for a few shepherds looking after their sheep. It was a cold and lonely job, with only camp fires to keep them warm.

Suddenly the night sky looked as if it was on fire. The shepherds fell back, trying to shield their eyes as high above them a figure appeared. "Do not be afraid," came its voice, speaking clearly into the mind of each of the shepherds. "I have news that will bring great joy to everyone on earth. Today in Bethlehem, a saviour has been born who is Christ the Lord. You will find him in a stable wrapped up in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."



The shepherds hurried off to Bethlehem. They were so excited. They searched from place to place in the packed city until they heard a baby crying which was coming from a stable behind an inn. The shepherds found Mary and Joseph huddled over the manger, attending to a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes.

"It is indeed the Saviour! Christ, the Lord!" the shepherds gasped. They fell to their knees. They told the parents about the visit from the angels. When the shepherds had paid their tributes and gone, singing praises to God as they went. Mary and Joseph began to wonder and marvel at everything that had happened.

## Javelin Special Trains

For the last five years, covering the whole of World War One, Southeastern Trains have run a special in aid of the British Legion which have raised over £150000 for their work. The routes have become more ambitious over time and this year went from St.Pancras International to Southampton via Ashford, Bognor Regis and Portsmouth



## MUSTARD SEED

**Third Thursday of the month  
In  
Christ Church hall 2.30 – 4.00**

We invite you to come and join us for tea, biscuits, cake and conversation with occasional speakers and quizzes.

Come and find out who we are and meet new people. All ages welcome

**Contact: Colin Parsonson: 01474 359713**

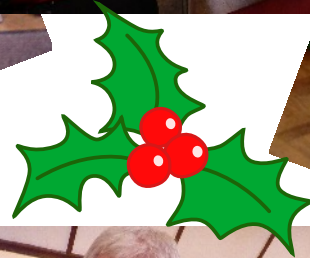
**Pam Kilby: 01474 332693**



## Volunteers needed.....

'We always need volunteers... the church runs because of the generous service of volunteers.

If you have time and enthusiasm to spare but you are not sure where your talents can be used, we would be glad to meet you for a cup of coffee and to talk through possibilities.



# FROST FAIR



Two pages of pictures taken at the highly successful "Frost Fair" held at Christ Church on Saturday 10 November where a grand total of more than £2500 was raised



# What happens at Christ Church?

## Sunday Services

08.00 am Holy Communion (said)  
10.00 am Communion with crèche & God's Gang  
On the 2nd Sunday All-Age service  
Evening Service - see inside magazine for details.

## Weekday Services

Monday morning prayer 8 am  
Holy Communion (said)  
Saturday 8 am.  
Wednesday 10 am  
and evening prayer 17.15 pm

**For further information  
Contact  
The Church Wardens**

Registered Charity no. 1130741

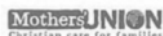
## Office hours

Friday 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm

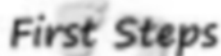
## Regular activities and youth organisations

There are a wide variety of clubs for you:-

Daily	Christ Church Pre-school (2½ upwards)
Monday	Music Group; Brownies
Tuesday	Mothers Union (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday In church hall) Cubs and Semiquavers
Wednesday	Guides
Wednesday	First Steps (under 5's and carers) 2nd Wednesday 1.45pm
Wednesday	Ifield Ladies (every third Wednesday)
Thursday	Beavers/Brownies; Choir Practice: 2.30 p.m. Mustard Seed (every third)
Friday	Rainbow Unit; Scouts; Parent and Toddler
Saturday	Working Party (9.30 a.m. every second)

 Mothers UNION  
Christian care for families



 First Steps



# CALENDAR DECEMBER 2018

<b>Sunday</b> 	<b>30</b> 08.00 Holy Communion	<b>2</b> 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion <b>16.00 Christingle Service</b>	<b>9</b> 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion All age service	<b>16</b> 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion <b>18.30 Lessons and Carols</b>	<b>23</b> 08.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion
<b>Monday</b> 	<b>31</b>	<b>3</b> 08.00 Morning Prayer <b>BROWNIES</b>	<b>10</b> 08.00 Morning Prayer <b>BROWNIES</b>	<b>17</b> 08.00 Morning Prayer	<b>24</b> 08.00 Morning Prayer <b>23.30 Mid-night Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 		<b>4</b> <b>CUBS</b> 18.15 Semiquavers	<b>11</b> <b>CUBS</b> 18.15 Semiquavers	<b>18</b> 18.15 Semiquavers	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> 08.00 Holy Communion <b>10.00 Family Holy Communion with Carols</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> 		<b>5</b> 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer	<b>12</b> 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer <b>13.45 First Steps</b>	<b>19</b> 10.00 Holy Communion 17.15 Evening Prayer	<b>26</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 		<b>6</b> <b>BROWNIES</b> Choir Practice	<b>13</b> 14.30 Mustard Seed <b>BROWNIES</b> Choir Practice	<b>20</b> Choir Practice	<b>27</b>
<b>Friday</b> 		<b>7</b> 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours <b>SCOUTS</b>	<b>14</b> 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours <b>SCOUTS</b>	<b>21</b> 13.15 Parent and Toddlers 18.30 Office hours	<b>28</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 	<b>1</b> 08.00 Holy Communion	<b>8</b> 08.00 Holy Communion <b>09.30 Work party</b>	<b>15</b> 08.00 Holy Communion	<b>22</b> 08.00 Holy Communion	<b>29</b>

Advent calendars are a fantastic interactive way to begin the countdown to Christmas. There are several advent calendar designs to choose from within the Traidcraft range, including the fair trade Divine Chocolate advent calendar; each of our calendars has been printed within the United Kingdom. As an alternative way to count down to the festive season Traidcraft also offer an Advent Candle. Sending a Christmas card to family and friends can really show you care. The personal touch of a hand written, hand delivered, Christmas card surpasses many other seasonal gestures. Traidcraft's extensive and diverse range of festive cards offer customers everything they need to share a thoughtful seasonal gesture with family members, neighbours and friends.

Nativity sets were first hand crafted in 1223 by St. Francis of Assisi, since then Nativity sets have been a key focal point of Christmas celebrations and perfect for Christmas gifts. Traidcraft have a fantastic array of Nativity sets, each with unique characteristics surrounding its crafting process. A large amount of care and passion is put into each Nativity piece, from the olive wood Nativity set which was master crafted by Holyland Handicrafts in Bethlehem to the wooden Holy Family made by the hand of master craftsmen in Jakarta. Traidcraft offer a great selection of indulgent hampers, including the choice of mixed gift sets to large food hampers - each containing organic fair trade produce.



**Please speak with David Williams if there is anything you would like to purchase or for more information about what is available**

