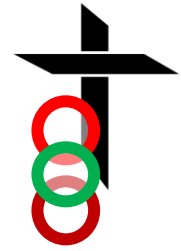


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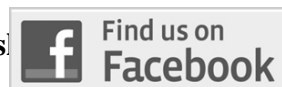
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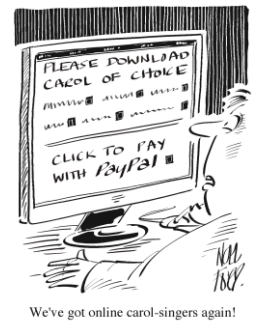
### **REGULAR SERVICES AT S<sup>t</sup> NICHOLAS AND S<sup>t</sup> BARNABAS**

	<b>St Nicholas, Worth</b>	<b>St Barnabas, Pound Hill</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	08.00 Holy Communion ( <i>Book of Common Prayer, 1662</i> ) 09.45 Sung Eucharist ( <i>Common Worship</i> ) 11.30 Nic's (All Age Prayer & Praise) (30 mins -1 <sup>st</sup> Sun of each month)	10.00 The Eucharist ( <i>Common Worship</i> ) 10.00 Family Service (Informal, <i>Common Worship</i> ) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month
<b>Monday</b>	07.30 Morning Prayer	17.00 Evening Prayer
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<b>Thursday</b>	07.30 Morning Prayer 10.30 Eucharist	17.00 Evening Prayer
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(or by hand)  
by Sunday 12 January 2014

## Christmas Greetings to one and all

How often do you hear the mumblings of “Christmas already?” and “why don’t they wait until at least December?” said by many about the early preparations for the coming celebration of our Lord’s birth? But, then again, you hear “Why didn’t someone organize this?” or “Why didn’t so and so do that?” and of course that could be down to a lack of planning. To misquote Lincoln.. you cannot please all of the people all of the time.



### **Lincoln on prayer**

"I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me, seemed insufficient for the day."

Written by Lincoln to a friend after the Second Battle of Manassas.

Please may I encourage everyone to fill out the subscription form (handily – *or could this have been planned?* -on the middle removeable pages) and hand / post it to Colin Smith or one of the churchwardens. In this way we can see how many copies are going to individual families and how many are going out to surgeries, waiting areas etc ‘free of charge’. I would also like to thank our advertisers for their support as the money from advertising goes into supplying these ‘free’ copies as well as supporting other areas of outreach.

Our mag this time contains an article on the recent vote by the Synod to pave the way to the ordination of women bishops as well as many updates on the goings on within our own parish. We also look forward to 2014 and give you some very early warning of some of our major forthcoming events. As I was looking for a suitable picture

for the front cover I found a very informative piece on the background behind it. I found it very interesting – I hope you do too. We have been looking at prayer this week on the Advent course, so a few thoughts on this have been included in odd spaces.

And so may I be the first to wish all our readers a blessed, healthy and contented 2014

*Sue x*

## Placement Reflections Chris Sutton

I’ve been on placement with you at St Nicholas and St Barnabas since September as part of my final year of studies towards Ordained Ministry. May I begin by saying a big thank-you for how welcome everyone has made me feel and for all the helpful bits of feedback. The course (run by the South East Institute for Theological Education or ‘SEITE’, at Southwark and Canterbury) gives a mixture of classroom learning and experience in different ministry situations. In earlier years I was placed in a mission project in Crawley town centre and then at the Gatwick Airport chaplaincy. This final year placement is in a parish away from my home church.

Having worshipped in the same place with my family for 18 years (home is All Saints Lindfield), it has been valuable to learn and reflect on both the new things of a different setting and the things that stay the same. Adapting to different styles of worship is part of what I need to learn. But where many people look to accentuate the differences, I have been most struck by the foundations that we all share. A few weeks ago at the Nic’s service, the children were helping me to unpack some of Jesus’ teaching in the Beatitudes. As we looked at a cartoon of Jesus on the mountainside with the disciples and then the crowds gathered around, it struck me that we are all in that crowd, needing to learn from the Teacher; and we all rely on the witness of the first disciples handed down through the ages.

From July next year, I’ll be a curate in the parishes of Slaugham and Staplefield – so only just down the road, either side of the A23. Steve will be joining you as curate at the same time. I am sure you will be just as welcoming to him and his family. My prayer is that all of us, in Pound Hill and Staplefield, in Worth and Slaugham and Lindfield, will be united in that crowd sitting at Jesus’ feet, eager to learn and to grow. It has been my privilege to learn with and from you these last few months.



## *Reflections from the Rectory ...*

Dear Reader,

I heard on the radio that tomorrow (if you're reading this on the day the magazine comes out – Advent Sunday, 1 December) a new series starts that explores “the meaning and nature of community in Britain today”. It promises to be quite interesting and will be presented on Radio 4 by Canon Giles Fraser (the former Chancellor of St Paul's who resigned over the Cathedral's approach to the 2011 anti-capitalism protestors). I was struck by the coincidence (or providence!) of this just as I've been doing some reflecting of my own on “community” as it relates to life in the parish – and I'm using parish here in the geographical sense of Worth, Pound Hill and Maidenbower, as well as the larger and more rural geographical area the other side of the M23 that is a part of the parish which seems to have been missed out of our identity when we changed our name a few years ago. There have been two particular prompts for this reflection.



The first prompt is “Forge Wood CofE Primary Academy” as we have dubbed the new school in the North East Sector that we (as the Diocese of Chichester Education Trust) are bidding to run. We are one of the final 3 who have been called to interview on 5 December to determine who will be recommended to the Secretary of State. The other finalists are Hazelwick School and Surrey-based GLF multi-academy Trust. In putting together the bid document we had a vision of how the new school would be at the heart of the new community in that sector of the parish and could be instrumental in helping it forge an identity as a neighbourhood where all are valued and encouraged to flourish. Whether or not our bid is successful, the church should play a key role in promoting a positive sense of community as residents move into the area and begin to establish themselves. This will be both a great privilege and a real challenge to fulfil. It is something that a great many of us will need to share in and, almost inevitably, it will affect our own way of being a community and family. The time of year draws us to reflect on the support and nurture that vulnerable baby born in Bethlehem received from those around him, how the lives of Mary and Joseph were changed by his arrival and how, in turn, his life transformed the world and humankind.

Those thoughts connect me to the second prompt, which has to do with our collective vision of how we see our common life developing over the coming few years. A year ago Angela wrote on this page that we should be “thinking about which direction we feel that God is calling us to go as we look to the future ... we will have met (1<sup>st</sup> December) at St Barnabas to talk, pray and spend time together at our Parish Renewal Day to do this”. So began a process of gentle percolation and distilling of ideas and inputs from a range of people and groups across the parish that resulted earlier this week in our PCC commending the document *Growing in faith, hope & love: 2014-16* for discussion in the parish during Advent. More on that elsewhere, but how we go about articulating and implementing our vision will, naturally, have a profound impact on how we see ourselves as a community and how we are seen in the wider community we serve.

One of the metaphors we use of the Christian faith is of “community”, ultimately drawn from the life that flows within the Trinity. Which in itself informs how we view another metaphor that we often apply to ourselves as a church – that of “family”. In Advent it seems right to think about the “expectation” that exists within the family unit of Mary & Joseph as they wait for the birth of their child. What does the future hold? After Jesus' birth Mary and Joseph are still the same people, but they are also changed by the new arrival. And so with the family, much is still the same but there are also differences. What does that say about how we approach our church family – the excitement and hope for the future, but also a challenge to old certainties? A defining feature of a “community”, it seems to me, is that mixture of continuity and gradual change or evolution. Please join me this Advent and Christmastide in reflecting on how the Holy Family and the Christ-child can illuminate the path before us as a parish.

With every blessing for a blessed Advent, a holy Christmas and a joyful New Year  
from Celia, David and me.

*Anthony*



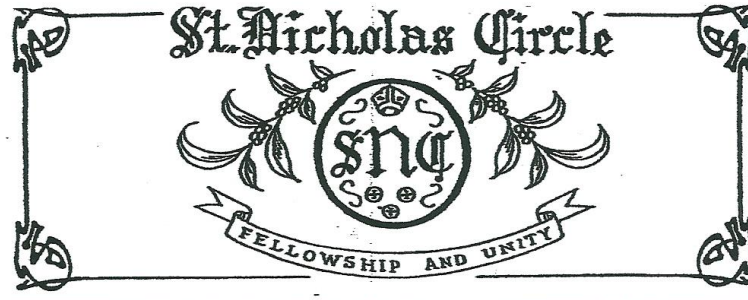


## *Flower Festival*

On Saturday and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> October the Parish of Worth, Pound Hill and Maidenbower celebrated Harvest with a Flower Festival at St. Nicholas Church, Worth. The Church was beautifully decorated with arrangements crafted by the Cuckfield Flower Club, the Pound Hill and Worth branches of the Women's Institute and Worth Horticultural Society as well as church groups such as Messy Church, Mothers' Union, Parent and Toddler Group, St. Barnabas and St. Nicholas flower arrangers, St. Barnabas and St. Nicholas Sunday Schools and St. Nicholas Circle.

St. Nicholas church bells rang on both days and there was an organ recital on the Saturday afternoon. The Festival ended with Songs of Praise on the Sunday afternoon. Thanks go to the sponsors of the event – numerous parishioners, the Boulevard Florist, Freeman Brothers, Funeral Directors and Tesco.

The Flower Festival raised £500+ for Parish Church Funds



PROGRAMME FOR YEAR - 2014

January 9th	-	Out and about in Austria - suitably illustrated. (Saved from last year).	Mr Bill Puttick - our own S.N.C. member and his wife, Helen.
February 6th	-	Its time to talk about Dementia!	Mr Tim Wilkins, from the Crawley Carers Support Group of The Alzheimers Society, based at Horsham.
March 6th	-	A trip to the Andes, including a visit to Machu Picchu - illustrated.	Mr Gerald Sandwell - the former Churchwarden at Worth Church, and Pam.
April 3rd	-	Places of Worship around the world - illustrated.	Mr Stewart Sole (from the Choir at Worth Church) and his wife, Ann.
May 1st	-	Wildlife A & E - we care!	Mrs Debbie Johnson - all the way from Rotherfield.
June 5th	-	Our annual Summer Supper Night!	
<u>July and August</u>	)	THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS FOR THESE TWO MONTHS.	
September 4th	-	Called - or Collared?!	Our own Assistant Rector - The Rev'd Angela Martin.
October 2nd	-	'Oberammergau' the story of The Passion Play - a welcome repeat of an illustrated programme from several years ago!	Mr Peter Gusterson - our own S.N.C. member and his wife, Gill.
November 6th	-	The mountains, waterfalls and fjords of Norway - illustrated.	An 'encore' this year by Mr Bill Puttick and his wife, Helen.
December 4th	-	Our annual 'Yuletide Night' with Cheese and Wine!	
OUR MEETINGS USUALLY TAKE PLACE ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, COMMENCING AT 8.00PM IN THE PASTORAL CENTRE, ADJACENT TO ST BARNABAS CHURCH.			

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"Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but laying hold of His willingness."  
Martin Luther.



"Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts."  
— Mother Teresa







## St. Nicholas Circle

Canon Roger Brown brought some of his collection of butterflies to our October meeting. These were mainly collected between 1948 and 1953. There are 57 different British butterflies, but around 13000 around the World. Their life consists of 4 stages : 1. Egg 2. Larva 3. Pupa 4. Butterfly. The first to appear in Spring is the Brimstone. A lot of Peacocks were around in 2013, these choose stinging nettles as their plant food



*(plenty of sustenance in our garden then – Ed).*

The Large Blue was thought to be extinct in 1979 but has since been reintroduced. Blue seems to be a predominant colour,

and there are 8 different species. We could all see what an interesting hobby it can be.

In November Mr. Richard Bywaters gave us an interesting illustrated talk on the work of the RNLI. There are 230 lifeboat stations around Britain. In the Thames, there are stations at Gravesend, Tower, Chiswick and 2 at Teddington, one each side of the weir. Over the years an estimated 13700 lives have been saved. We heard of one occasion when the Humber lifeboat was called to a yacht distress in the North Sea, off Spurn Head. In 20ft waves, one of the crew managed to jump aboard the yacht and help the crew bring it safely to shore. 4 in 10 calls come at night, the dark, of course, making rescue even more dangerous. One might wonder why it is necessary to have life boats on the Thames, but few will forget the famous difficulties suffered by the Marchioness and this led to additional support by the RNLI on the Thames in 2002. The Porthcawl boat rescued a man swept off a jetty by a freak wave whilst fishing. If anyone sees a boat or people in difficulty on the seas you should call '999' and ask for Coastguard. This is a dangerous job and one that many people have to be thankful for.



Our final evening this year is on Thursday Dec 5<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm in the Pastoral Centre, when we have a Cheese and Wine evening. There will be a raffle, prize donations will be very welcome.

The New Year sees the return of Mr. Bill Puttick and his wife Helen giving an illustrated talk 'Out and about in Austria' on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Note that this is a week later than our normal Thursday. On February 6<sup>th</sup> we welcome Mr. Tim Wilkins from the Crawley Carers Support Group of the Alzheimer's Society, with a presentation 'It's time to talk about dementia'.

Meetings start at 8 pm in the Pastoral Centre, all are welcome.

RW

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

## Mothers Union

A 'Thank You' must be given to Mary Fry & Sue Wood for the lovely



flower arrangement she created for the Flower Festival, which depicted 'Moses in the Bulrushes'.

Myrtle gave us a thought provoking talk on Prayer at our September meeting. Prayer is talking to God (not twisting his arm!). The answer to our prayers is not always what we are expecting, but prayer strengthens the one who prays and also the one prayed for.

We celebrated the 26<sup>th</sup> birthday of our branch in October with birthday cake after the Eucharist.

The first meeting in the New Year is on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm. There will not be a Eucharist that evening, but we look forward to a fish and chip supper.

RW

# Father Christmas joins Neighbourhood Watch at the Christmas Fair

20 November 2013



Neighbourhood Watch Area Co-ordinators Pam Kelly and Trudie Peel, Father Christmas and local PCSO Bettina Long

When Crawley Neighbourhood Watch in West Sussex was invited to go along to the St Barnabas Christmas Fair in Pound Hill on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November they were not expecting to sign up such a well-known and much travelled international celebrity to boost their membership numbers. But when Father Christmas dropped by to see all the well-behaved children in the Parish, he took time off to speak to meet Neighbourhood Watch.

He said: “At this time of the year I get out and about quite a bit, but of course in my job, looking around to see which children have been good or bad throughout the year, not to mention the adults, I get in the habit of being observant, so it occurred to me that who better to keep an eye open for things that should not be happening, or those needy people who might appreciate a helping hand? I carry my mobile phone with me all the time, so if I see anything suspicious I can call 999 in an emergency or 101 if it is less urgent.”

He added: “Of course it would be much better if even more people also joined Neighbourhood Watch. Later on I will be speaking to Rudolph and his mates to sign them up as well, because sometimes they need to chill out around the streets while I run a few errands, especially late at night when it is generally quiet around town. They tend to keep out of sight, but they can keep their eyes, ears and noses open whilst they are patiently waiting.”



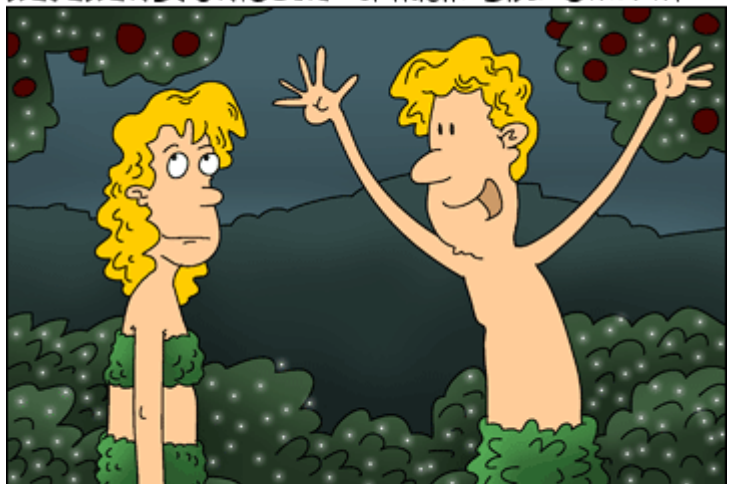
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# *From Faure in November to DCC in February*



The  
Festival  
Choir  
In  
November



## **At St Nic's Saturday February 1st at 7:30pm**

**Dunottar Chamber Choir** was formed in September 1992, and celebrated its 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary with a concert in the Harlequin Theatre, Redhill, on 15 September this year. Their pattern of singing an eclectic repertoire, with cathedral services, concerts, and tours, was established from their outset. They were the first-ever girls' choir to sing a Choral Eucharist in Chichester Cathedral, and they have sung Choral Evensong regularly in Chichester and St Edmundsbury Cathedrals and in St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol. The Choir recorded music for the sound-tracks of the films "The Saint" and "Titanic" (which was unfortunately later lost on the cutting-room floor!) It has been highly successful in competitions, and has frequently had the mantelpiece of its rehearsal room lined with silver cups. Languages used have included Latin, Hungarian, French, and Swedish. It has a high reputation in the area and regularly receives invitations to give concerts, or to participate in those of other choirs. Notable recent collaborations have been with Michael Christie (formerly of G4), and with Redhill and Reigate Choral Society in a performance of Dido and Aeneas in St Paul's, Covent Garden. The Chamber Choir sings as part of the Chorus in the triennial performances of Bach's St Matthew Passion by the Leith Hill Festival, and together with Dunottar Girls' Choir, provides the ripieno chorus for those performances.



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### **Subject: The Vicar's Teeth.....**



A Vicar went to the dentist for a set of false teeth. The first Sunday after he gets his new teeth, his sermon lasts for only eight minutes.

The second Sunday, it lasts for only ten minutes.

The following Sunday, it lasts for one hour and twenty-five minutes. His Churchwarden asked him after the third sermon to explain the reason for the different times.

The Vicar explained that on the first Sunday his gums hurt so much he couldn't preach for more than eight minutes. The second Sunday his gums hurt too much to preach for more than ten minutes. However, on the third Sunday, he put his wife's teeth in by mistake and he couldn't shut up.

# Synod endorses new women-bishops package

by **Madeleine Davies** and **Tim Wyatt** *Posted: 20 Nov 2013 @ 15:02 – by kind permission of The Church Times*

<http://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2013/22-november/news/uk/synod-endorses-new-women-bishops-package>

Synod members applaud during the debate

ALMOST exactly a year after the fall of the draft Measure to enable women to become bishops, described at the time as a "train crash", the General Synod has voted overwhelmingly in favour of a new package to put the legislation "back on track". It includes a brief Measure, and a House of Bishops declaration.

After a debate on Wednesday morning, only eight members voted against a motion to welcome the proposals, and 25 recorded abstentions; 378 voted in favour.

Speaking at a press conference after the vote, the Bishop of Rochester, the Rt Revd James Langstaff, who chaired the steering committee that produced the new package, said: "The train is on the track and moving forward, and we know there are some stations to pass through along the way, but we can see the end of this particular journey."

It was significant, he said, that the person chairing the debate had not been able to call on a balance of speakers for and against the motion, because so few had stood to speak against it.

During the debate, Prebendary David Houlding, Vicar of All Hallows', Gospel Oak, London, and a member of the Catholic Group on the General Synod, said: "What we have in front of us works, and works for all of us, no matter where we are coming from. . . The moment I have been waiting for has arrived." It was a "pleasure", he said, to follow Christina Rees, a member of WATCH, in the debate: "The battle is surely over. Let's get on with the mission."

Mrs Rees said that the legislative package before the Synod now was better than the one that had been debated in November.

"If Christina Rees and David Houlding are happy, then I am happy," said the Bishop of Southwark, the Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, who described the progress since last November as "nothing short of miraculous".

Canon Rosie Harper, diocese of Oxford, warned the General Synod during the debate that it was regarded as "weird" by the outside world. "I'm struck by the sheer weirdness of a community arguing about discrimination in the 21st century. People don't care enough to be angry, but they do see us as weird. If we are serious about our mission, we have to stop being weird."

Bishop Langstaff said at the press conference that the Church should not be "too hung up" on how it was perceived by society. "It's not the be-all and end-all. But we have a particularly calling to seek to be the Church that relates to the life of the nation. So how society is perceiving us is not the most important thing, but it's not unimportant."

He denied that pressure from the Government was responsible for the shift since November, although he admitted that it might have "sharpened minds".

While he was "hugely encouraged" by the vote, he warned against "complacency". There was "a lot of work still to be done". People who had voted to send the Measure for revision, "may or may not" vote for it at the Final Approval stage.

Some conservative Evangelicals spoke against the proposals during the debate. The Revd David Banting of the diocese of Chelmsford described them as "inappropriate".

Susie Leafe (Truro), who is the director of Reform, said that she wished she could say "All is well," but she could not. "We claim this is designed to enable all to flourish; yet my church can only flourish when we abandon our theological convictions and accept a woman as a chief pastor," she said. Even if her parish asked for another bishop, this decision would lie in the hands of a woman, she said. For the sake of appearing in step with the times, "We are risking churches who are sending large numbers of men for ordination and whose congregations are generally younger."

Several speakers commented that they could not have imagined, a year ago, that the Synod would be in the position it was in today. Bishop Langstaff, speaking after the vote, said that it was due to "the grace of God".

He also suggested that the approach used by the steering committee, entailing mediation and facilitated discussion, could be a model for other organisations dealing with conflict. Asked why it had taken so long for the General Synod to reach this point, he said that the leadership of the Archbishop of Canterbury, well-versed in conflict resolution, had been pivotal.

He acknowledged that ecumenical dialogue with Roman Catholics and members of the Orthodox Church might become "more sharp" as a result of the move. Prebendary Houlding had said during the debate that the proposals left open "the ecumenical avenues of conversation and relationship" with the "wider part of Christendom". He explained: "There remains something within our polity that the greater part of the Universal Church can recognise as consistent with their practice and discipline."

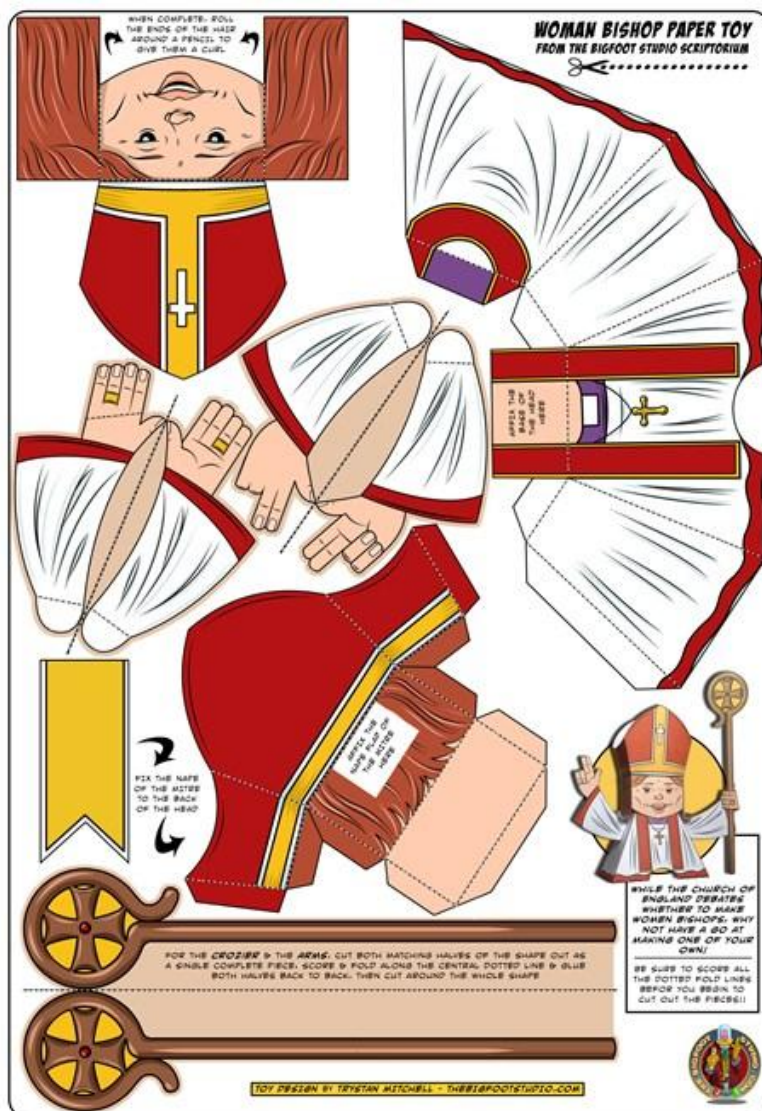
Several members cautioned during the debate against meddling with the package. Anne Martin (Guildford) was glad that there were no amendments, and expressed her hope that the package would go to the House of Bishops for clarification and not for alteration. "We have a consensus, but if we start finding that what we have agreed on is . . . changed, then that consensus is fragile." The package was "the best solution we could have found".

On Wednesday afternoon, the Synod went on to take the first consideration stage of the Draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure and the Draft Amending Canon No.33

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"The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays."

— Søren Kierkegaard



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Fundraising February  
**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February**  
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**Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup>** is the day  
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 Rev'd Dr. Andrew Mayes our Leader.

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 Morning session at 10.30  
 A sandwich Lunch at 12.30.  
 Afternoon session 1.30 until 3.30.  
 Followed by a Eucharist service.  
 Carriages at 4.00.

Please put the date in your diary and await further  
 information soon.

Thank you.

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*Joan Tick, Stuart Sharpe,  
 Rosemary Cordan, Myrtle Taylor.*

## Parish Jumble Sale



**St BARNABAS CHURCH HALL**  
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**SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Refreshments available

Entrance 30p

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# *Notes from the PCC Committees*

## **OUTREACH**



### **Charity and Community Committee**

*Rev'd Angela Martin (Chair); Malcolm Booker; Don Hewerdine; Ann Phillipson;*

We continue to seek to ensure that we, as a parish, are practising what we're preaching. As a parish we are struggling financially and most of us are also struggling financially on a personal level. This inevitably means when it comes to money matters there isn't much left in the pot to give away, or at least that's how it feels. As a church part of our mission, 'missio dei', God's work, is to care for each other. Charity is to give help to those in need and community is to be part of something bigger, as well as to share a common unity.

Our monthly charities were UNICEF (October) and The Children's Society (November) who we helped financially as well as, we hope, raising awareness about the great work being done. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to these causes and others over the year and thank you too if you have discovered one close to your heart and have continued to support it. Next year our financial charitable giving will be calculated at the end of the year to allow an even donation to various charities, with the PWB remaining able to respond to a DEC or other emergency appeal.

Our community work has not been so obvious in the period. We have recently committed to a project through Open House with CURC, The Friary and Crawley Baptists to provide night shelters when the weather becomes too cold for people to survive on the street. We have offered, and if needed we will be called upon, to open our doors and our hearts on a Sunday and Tuesday night. If you would like to volunteer please contact either Ann Phillipson or myself. We have also begun looking into the possibility of offering our time as volunteers to help with the local community charity shop in Pound Hill.

### **Families, Children & Youth Committee**

*Rev'd Angela Martin (Chair); Jenny Dobson; Elizabeth Robinson; Greta Saywer;*

We've not met as a committee in this period – which is not to say that our ministry with children, families and the youth has not been progressing. The Sunday school at St Barnabas has seen a steady growth, now having regularly 8 to 11 children attending. The numbers of children in St Nicholas Sunday school has remained steady but low over this last year. The Crib Services for both churches have been advertised in all the local primary schools' newsletters inviting children to come along and take part. Services for families, 'Nic's' at St Nicholas after the main Sunday service on the first Sunday of the month and Messy Church at St Barnabas which runs on the last Wednesday of the month, both introduced a year ago, are doing well. All families that come to us seeking baptism and those with children, who enquire about marriage are given information about these services and invited to come along and give it a go.

From Advent we will be trialling for six months a (shorter) non-Eucharistic Family Service on the third Sunday of the month as the main act of worship at St Barnabas. This is something that has been discussed at length within the Worship & Sacraments Group as well as the St Barnabas committee and among the Sunday Leaders at St Barnabas (another example of how our committees can link and work together).

7-2-9 Club now has 10 regular members from 11 to 17 years old - more are always welcome! The group has recently lost the space to run around in the Hall due to a new regular hirer, but we still have plenty of space in the Pastoral Centre for fun and games, which is a real blessing. The Club meet during term time on the first and third Friday of the month. Activities are posted on FaceBook (so check us out) and a programme of forthcoming events is published in this magazine.



## **Communications Group**

*Colin Smith (Chair), Alexander Brooks, Alex Keulemans, Sue Perry (& Phyl Pennell)*

Apart from the usual emails sent out to encourage attendance at our fundraising events and the updating of the website and FaceBook (thank you Alexander) I guess bundles of time has been spent on sorting out our Christmas advertising campaign. Last year we printed small Christmas cards with details of the services and then a few of us spent hours and hours in the rain posting them around the parish. This was not fun and, I suspect, not very cost effective. This year we have a quite different approach. Those of you who take the Crawley Observer will have seen a quarter page advert in the glossy magazine 'Christmas 2013' inserted in the paper a couple of weeks ago and a half page advert in the Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November issue. Three further ¼ page ads will be published in the paper each Wednesday leading up to Christmas. And there's more – 5000 full page glossy 'flyers' have been distributed with the Weekly Herald last Friday. They were printed free of charge by Freeman Brothers, who also advertise in this magazine. Thank you for your kind and generous support. Copies of the 'flyers' are in both Churches, so please take one home. We hope that this year we have a more effective Christmas campaign to encourage full attendances at our services, particularly at our Carol and Nativity Services in St Barnabas and St Nicholas for all the family.

## **NURTURE**

### **Discipleship and Fellowship Committee**

*Joan Tick (Chair), Rosemary Cordan, Stuart Sharpe, Myrtle Taylor*

Currently we are running a pre-Advent Course entitled “Expecting Jesus” this will end on 4December and has attracted 14 participants including 3 from CURC. On November 30<sup>th</sup> we held a DVD Day showing “The Life of Christ” a professional film; filmed at the open air play in June 2012 at Wintershall and ploughman’s lunch was available for those attending. We have issued during Advent, free Bible Reading books as a starting point for Bible Study, to encourage people to read and understand more about the Bible.

Our other plans so far for 2014 include:-

January - Bible Study; March 8<sup>th</sup> - Parish Away Day at Rowfant House; March - Lent Course; May 17<sup>th</sup> - Men’s Breakfast; June 14<sup>th</sup> - Ladies’ Breakfast; September 13<sup>th</sup> - Quiet Day.

### **Parish Events & Fundraising Committee**

*Phyl Pennell (Chair), Jan Brooks, Karen Fly, Ann Lane, Jane Stanford,*

As usual the last few months have been busy ones. The first weekend in October we had our ‘Celebrations of Harvest in Flowers’, such a wonderful team effort, resulting in St Nicholas Church looking so beautiful and attracting many favourable comments. £500+ was raised for church funds. Also in October we held a Jumble Sale raising £200+, a Quiz Night raising £187+ and a group enjoyed an evening at the Hawth seeing the Crawley Operatics Society’s superb performance of ‘Annie’. Since September we have tried to give the monthly Saturday Markets a slightly different focus – concentrating on the sale of new/as new items, crafts and home produce. Our most recent activity was the Christmas Fair on 16 November. The event opened with the arrival of Father Christmas followed by a performance by the Upahaar Indian Dancers. There were a range of stalls including Books, Bric a brac, Home Produce, Knit n Natter, Plants, Refreshments, Tombolas, Woodcraft, etc. This event raised £1038+.

Our activities are successful thanks to the continued support of volunteers and a good attendance at the events. Thanks to all who assist us. We welcome ideas of activities and more volunteers!

Do watch out for our future activities – a Christmas Tea at 3.00 pm on 14 December, Saturday Markets, 10.00 am – 11.45am on 11Jan, 1 Feb, 1Mar and 12Apr, Fundraising February and a Jumble Sale at 9.30am on 15Mar.

### **Worship & Sacraments Group**

*Canon Anthony Ball (Chair), Mary Fry, Alex Hiam, Rev’d Angela Martin*

We’ve not met as a group in this period, but have continued to work in conjunction with the other committees to promote a rich range of worship in the parish. The Healing Service held on St Luke’s Day was much appreciated by those that attended and we shall be exploring having more such services. An (adult) Baptism & Confirmation preparation course will begin in the New Year.



## **Pastoral Care & Safeguarding Group**

*Canon Anthony Ball (Chair), Janet Hewerdine, Pam Marson, Pam Newley*

We met in October and an outline of what we discussed was posted in the “news” section of our new website. We’ve reviewed our safeguarding practices and are confident that the PCC’s policies are appropriate and being implemented. The annual review of those holding DBS certificates is completed. On the pastoral side we continue to fine tune how our Pastoral Assistants work and have been pleased with the response to the initiative of inviting people to monthly “PA Teas”. We are now turning our attention to how best to develop our support for the bereaved. Another Pastoral Assistant has been approved and will undergo the necessary training before being commissioned.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

**St Barnabas Committee** *David Anderson (Chair) & all St Barnabas members of the PCC*

Our meeting in November discussed changes to the "Family Service" to make it more inclusive for the congregation - some exciting new ideas are to be trialed over the coming six months - watch out for details! Although the PBFC have lead responsibility, we also discussed the need to refurbish the downstairs meeting room following the leak in the roof and the status of the double glazing project. Both need some additional fund raising to cover the costs. Whilst we near the total for the Pastoral Centre double glazing it should not be forgotten that this is part of an overall plan to install double glazing throughout the complex and significant fund raising and grant seeking will be required to complete the project.

**St Nicholas Committee** *Richard Turpie (Chair) & all St Nicholas members of the PCC*

The Committee hasn’t met in October and November, but that doesn’t mean things haven’t been happening. The Flower Festival really enhanced our Harvest Festival decorations and it was fun to have a Songs of Praise and Animal Service to conclude the weekend. The Festival Choir put on a fantastic concert for All Souls and Canon Meurig led a powerful service combining All Saints & All Souls. Welcoming the Cubs & Scouts again for our Remembrance Sunday Service made it really special. The British Legion service on Armistice Day was too. We’ve also moved forward on two fabric-related projects: installing an upgraded sound system (with new loop) and (thanks to a generous anonymous donation) cushions for all the pews have also been ordered and should be with us for Christmas.

**Finance & Stewardship Committee** *Canon Anthony Ball (Chair), Matthew Knight (Treasurer), David Fry, Don Hewerdine, Matthew Staight, Alastair Wells.*

The Committee has continued to do “what it says on the tin”, monitoring the parish’s finances and encouraging stewardship. Income is holding up well although voluntary income (including congregational giving) is down on expectations. Two-thirds of the Fabric Reserve was allocated to the external works at St Barnabas, leaving the Fund with only £10,000. This will need replenishing. Some cuts were needed in the 2014 budget, with the admin being the most notable (although those involved have worked hard to minimize the impact “the public” will notice from reduced funding of the Parish Office).

## **Parish Buildings & Facilities Committee**

*Revd Angela Martin (Chair), David Fry, Gerald Sandwell, Peter Skinner, Richard Turpie.*

In addition to all the routine maintenance that goes on at this time of year, the gutter clearing, hedge cutting and leaf sweeping we have also been making progress with our other projects. The path at St Nicholas is finally going to have the necessary repairs at the bottom of the avenue to make the surface more even and to allow a wheelchair to easily pass through the trees. This is only the beginning of a long and exciting project to improve access for all, not just those of us who regularly worship at St Nicholas but also for the many visitors that come to spend a moment absorbing the tranquility of this ancient sacred space. The project to reorder the upstairs office space at St Barnabas is done and we await the arrival of new cupboards (paid for by a generous donation) which will give more storage space.

## Magazine Subscriptions for 2014

The cover price of the magazine is £1.00 per issue, but if you subscribe for the full year the price will be £4.50 for the year (i.e. £0.90 per copy)

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## 'Fund Raising February'

Are you able to put on an event and raise much needed funds for our churches?

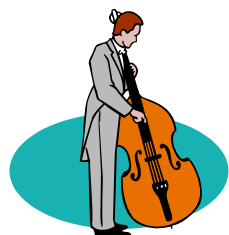


**So far planned 1<sup>st</sup> February Saturday Market + Concert**

**8<sup>th</sup> February – a Quiz evening**

**15<sup>th</sup> February – a Valentine's Tea**

**Can you add to the list?**



Suggestions include –

A coffee morning amongst friends – small charge for refreshments, a raffle or cake stall  
Charity Dinner – invite 4/6 friends (not from our church) and ask them to pay £10 each for a 2/3 course meal

Talents? – use them or lose them!

**The idea is to have as many activities as possible during February**



A list of all February events will be listed in the next magazine

If you feel able to put on an event please contact the Parish Office or Phyl Pennell  
(01293) 883362

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)

Down

1 '— and see that the Lord is good' (Psalm 34:8) (5)

2 'The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous

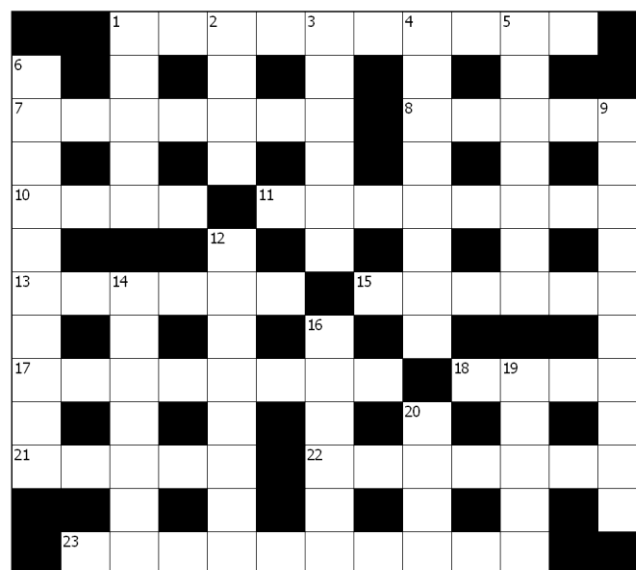
are as — as a lion' (Proverbs 28:1) (4)

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 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)



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**  
including PARISH EVENTS AND FUND RAISING 2013/4

|                        |                                        |                 |             |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| <b><u>December</u></b> |                                        |                 |             |
|                        |                                        |                 |             |
| Wednesday 4            | Advent Course 4                        | Pastoral Centre | 19.30       |
| Thursday 5             | St. Nicholas Circle Cheese & Wine      | Pastoral Centre | 20.00       |
| Friday 6               | Christmas Lunch                        | Pastoral Centre | 12.30       |
| Saturday 7             | Coffee morning/Saturday Market         | Pastoral Centre | 10.00       |
| Friday 13              | Christmas Lunch                        | Pastoral Centre | 12.30       |
| Saturday 14            | Christmas Tea                          | Pastoral Centre | 15.00       |
|                        |                                        |                 |             |
| <b><u>January</u></b>  |                                        |                 |             |
|                        |                                        |                 |             |
| Friday 3               | Lunch                                  | Pastoral Centre | 12.30       |
| Thursday 9             | St. Nicholas Circle – Out in Austria   | Pastoral Centre | 20.00       |
| Friday 10              | Lunch                                  | Pastoral Centre | 12.30       |
| Saturday 11            | Coffee morning/Saturday Market         | Pastoral Centre | 10.00       |
| Friday 17              | Lunch                                  | Pastoral Centre | 12.30       |
| Friday 24              | Lunch                                  | Pastoral Centre | 12.30       |
| Friday 31              | Lunch                                  | Pastoral Centre | 12.30       |
|                        |                                        |                 |             |
| <b><u>February</u></b> |                                        |                 |             |
|                        |                                        |                 |             |
| Saturday 1             | Coffee morning/Saturday Market         | Pastoral Centre | 10.00       |
| Saturday 1             | Dunnotar Chamber Choir                 | St Nicholas     | 19.30       |
| Thursday 6             | St. Nicholas Circle - Dementia         | Pastoral Centre | 20.00       |
| Friday 7               | Lunch                                  | Pastoral Centre | 12.30       |
| Saturday 8             | Quiz Night                             | Hall            | 19.30       |
| Friday 14              | Lunch                                  | Pastoral Centre | 12.30       |
| Saturday 15            | Valentine's Afternoon Tea              | Pastoral Centre | 3.00 – 5.00 |
| Friday 21              | Lunch                                  | Pastoral Centre | 12.30       |
| Friday 28              | Lunch                                  | Pastoral Centre | 12.30       |
| <b><u>March</u></b>    |                                        |                 |             |
|                        |                                        |                 |             |
| Saturday 1             | Coffee morning/Saturday Market         | Pastoral Centre | 10.00 am    |
| Thursday 6             | St. Nicholas Circle – Out in the Andes | Pastoral Centre | 20.00       |
| Friday 7               | Lunch                                  | Pastoral Centre | 12.30       |
| Saturday 8             | Parish Away Day                        | Rowfant House   | 10.00       |
| Friday 14              | Lunch                                  | Pastoral Centre | 12.30       |
| Saturday 15            | Jumble Sale                            | Hall            | 9.30 am     |
| Friday 21              | Lunch                                  | Pastoral Centre | 12.30       |
| Friday 28              | Lunch                                  | Pastoral Centre | 12.30       |
|                        |                                        |                 |             |
| <b><u>April</u></b>    |                                        |                 |             |
|                        |                                        |                 |             |
| Friday 4               | Lunch                                  | Pastoral Centre | 12.30       |
| Saturday 12            | Coffee morning/Saturday Market         | Pastoral Centre | 10.00 am    |

Some thoughts on Prayer –

"Seven days without prayer makes one weak." Allen E. Vartlett

"If the church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has." Anon

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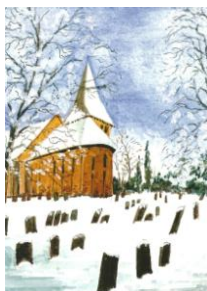
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## New Parish Christmas Cards



From an original painting  
by our very own  
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Available now at St Barnabas, St Nicholas and the  
Pastoral Centre from Ian or Joan Pallett or by  
order from the Parish Office.

## Lunches in the Pastoral Centre

# New for 2014



**Every Friday**  
**12.30**

**Main course, dessert,  
tea or coffee**

**Tickets £5.50 from the Pastoral Centre**  
*(please try to buy tickets in advance)*

If you are interested in.....



.....please speak to  
Joan Tick, Stuart Sharpe, Rosemary Cordan or  
Myrtle Taylor.

We hope to set up a small  
House Group of 8 – 10 people early in 2014.

If you would like to read the Bible and then  
discuss the passages with like-minded friends  
please let us know, thank you.



**01293 884695 or 01293 873073**



In the Pastoral Centre  
6 & 13 December  
12.30 pm

Traditional Christmas Dinner  
Turkey, accompaniments,  
Christmas pudding,  
mince pies  
Glass of wine, tea/coffee, etc

Tickets £10 (must be bought in  
advance)



Will you join us for some tea...  
We would be pleased as could be!

## Christmas Tea

Saturday 14 December  
3.00 pm – 5.00 pm  
In the Pastoral Centre  
Festive Fayre, Entertainment & Raffle  
Tickets to be bought in advance  
Adults £5.50 under 16's £3.50

## An Evening Concert of Choral music

Dunottar Chamber Choir



Saturday 1st February at 7:30

St Nicholas' Church, Worth

Ticket price: £5.00  
Please contact the Parish Office 0300 111 8150



## The Cuddly Christmas Bear, once more.



Hello all! Gosh can it really be Christmas time already?

Whatever happened to this year? It does not seem that long since I popped up to tell you about some Christmassy facts and fiction for last Christmas. Mmm... I shall have to rack my little fluffy brain for a bit more... let me see.....

Did you notice that the garden birds have been missing for a few weeks? They are beginning to come back now. There are many Christmas legends referring to birds, a cockerel or rooster in the stable yard at Bethlehem was said to be the first creature to proclaim Christ's birth, it crowed just that one time at midnight, instead of at dawn. In Barcelona at the monastery of Montserrat, high in the mountain on Christmas Eve the gaiety is interrupted at midnight by the ringing of bells calling the families to "La Misa Del Gallo" (The Mass of the Rooster). This beautiful candlelight service is highlighted by a boys' choir performing the Mass in "one pure voice."



Mentioning birds reminds me to tell you that if you decide to have duck this year instead of the traditional turkey, remember that a duck's bones weigh heavier than a turkey. Therefore you will need a bigger bird to get the same amount of meat, **"gulp"**.



Did you know that department stores pay their Santa Clauses more if the big, white, bushy beards are their own, rather than imitation ones?

Sorry, chaps it too late for this year!

Christmas decorations do not have to be expensive (don't tell Liberty I said that). When I was young we had paper chains of various colours, all homemade, some white painted cones, cotton wool snow on the tree and some cardboard shapes with glitter hanging on the tree and we were happy. This reminds me to say that if you want to collect some holly or mistletoe for your decorations this year, 'pick early for Christmas' because if you leave it too late the birds will get there first and this is not to decorate their nests!

Back to the birds, this is where I came in --- don't forget to feed them in this cold weather, they need all the help they can get to survive the winter.

Remember to say "thank you" for all the lovely things I am sure you will have at Christmas but most especially remember to thank God for the best present ever, sending us the baby Jesus to be our Saviour and for lighting our path to heaven.



Happy Christmas one and all, with love from the Cuddly Christmas Bear



.....  
A handy hint for praying.....

Here is a great tip I heard recently. When praying think of a teaspoon – in recipes it is written tsp –



t – reminds you to say 'thank you' for what you have

s – reminds you to say 'sorry' for what you have done wrong

p – reminds you to say 'please' for anything you ask for, even if it is on behalf of someone else.

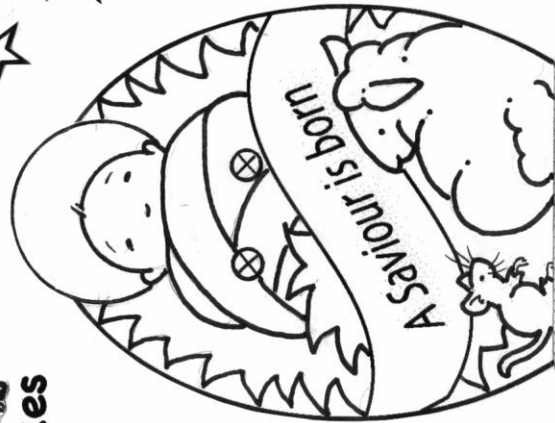


A SAVIOUR HAS BEEN BORN!

"Good news! - **wonderful**, *joyous* news for **all** people.  
A Saviour has been born.  
He is **Christ** the Lord."

## Mouse Makes

- Make this crib box to hang from the Christmas tree.
- Glue onto thin card then carefully cut around the outside. Fold back the sides along the dotted lines.



"Glory to God in the heavenly heights,  
**Peace** to all men and women on earth who please him."

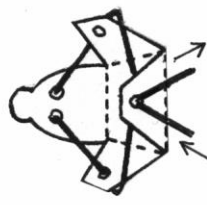
Read about the birth of Jesus in Luke chapters 1 and 2

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!



• Photocopy this page onto card to make lots of crib boxes.

- Punch out the holes then cut 30cm of thin ribbon and thread through the holes.



- Pull together and knot to form a box. Hide small sweets inside.

## STOCKING DECORATIONS

You will need some Christmas-coloured felt, a needle and thread, fabric glue, ribbon and sequins or buttons for decoration.

Fold the felt in half and cut out two simple stocking shapes. Sew these together with a simple running stitch, leaving the top edge open. Sew a loop of ribbon to the top of the stocking.

Now you can decorate the stocking with scraps of felt, lace, buttons or sequins. Glue them on carefully and leave to dry. You could even try writing a name in glue and sprinkling on glitter to cover it.

This would be nice to give as a

present with a little present or sweet inside or to hang on the Christmas tree as a

decoration. You can make them any size you like.



**How many presents can Santa fit into an empty stocking?**

Only one, after that it is not empty any more.

**Why is a foot a good Christmas present?**

Because it's a stocking filler.



Over time the name of St Nicholas changed to Sinterklass and thus to Santa Claus in the Christmas celebrations.

# Nic's - First Sunday of Every Month

5 Jan / 2 Feb / 2 Mar

St Nicholas

11.30



A 30 minute non-eucharist service for the whole family



Wednesday Jan 22nd 2014

Joshua & the battle of Jericho  
- we'll be knocking down the wall all over again!

Wednesday Feb 26th 2014

Zacchaeus - a story about a small man in a BIG tree

We start @ 3

with a cup of tea!

Then we listen to the story, sing a song and have some fun creating our Make-n-Take to remind us of what we've been thinking about.

FOR YOUTH

# 7<sup>2</sup>9 Club

| Date             | Theme                                        | Venue                     |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 6th Dec 13       | Chocoholics night                            | Pastoral Centre           |
| 20th Dec 13      | Christmas Party & film                       | Pastoral Centre           |
| <b>Christmas</b> | <b>Holidays</b>                              |                           |
| 10th Jan 14      | Quiz night                                   | Pastoral Centre           |
| 24th Jan 14      | Play Your Cards Right!                       | Pastoral Centre           |
| 14th Feb 14      | St Valentine .....                           | Pastoral Centre           |
| 28th Feb 14      | Early Pancakes!                              | Pastoral Centre           |
| <b>Spring</b>    | <b>Half Term</b>                             | <b>Holiday</b>            |
| 14th Mar 14      | Mystery Hike - TBC                           | The Hawth Car Park        |
| 28th Mar 14      | Junk Modeling                                | Pastoral Centre           |
| 11th Apr 14      | Pic-Pire (a fun mix of Empire & Pictionary!) | Pastoral Centre           |
| 18th Apr 14      | Good Friday - Walk of witness                |                           |
|                  | <b>Easter</b>                                |                           |
| 25th Apr 14      | Egg Hunt!                                    | <b>TBC</b>                |
| 9th May 14       | (EXAMS) Film night                           | Pastoral Centre           |
| 23rd May 14      | (EXAMS) Games night                          | Pastoral Centre           |
| <b>Summer</b>    | <b>Half</b>                                  | <b>Term</b>               |
| 13th Jun 14      | (EXAMS) Make a Kite to fly in the park       | Knepp Close Playing Field |
| 27th Jun 14      | (EXAMS) Games night                          | Pastoral Centre           |
| 11th Jul 14      | <b>GROUP OUTING - Lazar Quest? tbc</b>       |                           |
| 25th Jul 14      | Summer holidays                              |                           |



## St WULFSTAN

### 19<sup>th</sup> January

St Wulfstan was Bishop of Worcester from 1062-95. He lived during the Norman Conquest of England and was the only Saxon bishop to remain under William the Conqueror.

Wulfstan was a caring and hard-working monk. He rebuilt the cathedral at Worcester, cared for the poor, and struggled to ease the harsh conditions imposed by the Normans on the Saxons. Unlike some priests, he baptised children of the poor without charge. It is said that he never turned away people asking for help.

Wulfstan fought the slave trade in Bristol (slave trading didn't just start with slaves from Africa but had been going on for centuries with slaves from England being sold to Ireland and North Africa).

Wulfstan died whilst washing the feet of 12 poor men during a service in the cathedral. He died as he had lived, serving God and caring for others.

## CATHEDRAL SAINTS

Some cathedrals are associated with or dedicated to particular saints. Can you link the saint with the cathedral?

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| St Giles      | Lichfield  |
| St Mungo      | Ely        |
| St Chad       | Durham     |
| St Etheldreda | Edinburgh  |
| St Cuthbert   | Winchester |
| St Swithin    | Glasgow    |

**Did you hear about the man who took his car in for a service?**

It got stuck in the church doors.

**What's green, curly & religious?**

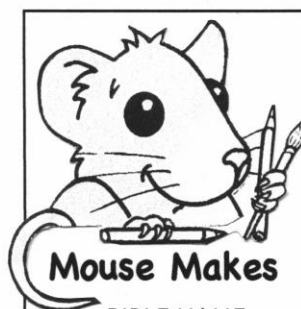
Lettuce pray.



**What lives in a paper bag and hangs around in French cathedrals?**

The lunch-pack of Notre Dame.

Answers: St Giles at Edinburgh, St Mungo at Glasgow, St Chad at Lichfield, St Etheldreda at Ely, St Cuthbert at Durham, St Swithin at Winchester.



### BIBLE NAME WORDSEARCH

ABRAHAM =father of many  
ADAM =man  
ANDREW =strong man  
AMOS =burden bearer  
ANNA =gracious  
BENJAMIN =son of the right hand  
EVE =to breathe  
ELIZABETH =fullness of God  
ESAU =hairy  
DEBORAH =bee  
DANIEL =God my judge  
DAVID =beloved  
GABRIEL =man of God  
GAD =fortune  
HANNAH =gracious  
ISAAC =laughter  
JESUS = God is saviour  
JOSEPH = increase  
JOSHUA = saviour  
MATTHEW =gift of God  
MOSES =deliverer  
NAOMI =beautiful  
NATHANIEL =gift of God  
PAUL =small, humble  
PETER =a rock  
PHOEBE =bright, pure  
JOHN =God is gracious  
PRICILLA =ancient  
RUTH =friend  
SARAH =princess  
SHEM =name  
STEPHEN =crowned  
TAMAR =palm tree  
THOMAS =twin  
TIMOTHY =valued of God

Eight days after he was born, Mary and Joseph named their baby with the name the angel Gabriel had given them. It was a special name for a very special baby.. the name **JESUS** which means **GOD IS SAVIOUR**

Read: Matthew 1:21 and Luke 2:25-38



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Can you find all these bible names in the grid?

Does your name have a meaning?

# *The Mystical Nativity* From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



*The Mystical Nativity* is a painting of circa 1500–1501 by the Italian Renaissance master Sandro Botticelli, in the National Gallery in London. Botticelli built up the image using oil paint on canvas. It is his only signed work, and has a very unusual iconography for a Nativity.

The Greek inscription at the top translates as: "This picture, at the end of the year 1500, in the troubles of Italy, I Alessandro, in the half-time after the time, painted, according to the eleventh [chapter] of Saint John, in the second woe of the Apocalypse, during the release of the devil for three-and-a-half years; then he shall be bound in the twelfth [chapter] and we shall see [him buried] as in this picture". Botticelli believed himself to be living during the Tribulation, possibly due to the upheavals in Europe at the time, and was predicting Christ's Millennium as stated in Biblical text.

It has been suggested that the painting may be connected with the influence of Savonarola, whose influence appears in a number of late paintings by Botticelli, though the contents of the image may have been specified by the person commissioning it. The painting uses the medieval convention of showing the Virgin Mary and infant Jesus larger both than other figures, and their surroundings; this was certainly done deliberately for effect, as earlier Botticellis use correct graphical perspective.

## Historical context and puzzling aspects

*The Mystical Nativity* depicts a scene of joy and celebration, of earthly and heavenly delight, with angels dancing at the top of the painting. At the top of the painting Sandro Botticelli's name – but also the apocalyptic and troubling words. And there are dark premonitions – the helpless child rests on a sheet that evokes the shroud in which his body will one day be wrapped, while the cave in which the scene is set calls to mind his tomb. The Kings on the left bear no gifts, but their own devotion. At the top of the painting twelve angels dressed in the colours of faith, hope and charity dance in a circle holding olive branches, and above them heaven opens in a great golden dome, while at the bottom of the painting three angels embrace three men, seeming to raise them up from the ground. They hold scrolls which proclaim in Latin, "peace on earth to men of goodwill". Behind them seven devils flee to the underworld, some impaled on their own weapons. In Renaissance times Last Judgment paintings showed viewers the reckoning of the damned and the saved at the time of Christ's Second Coming. In echoing this kind of painting the *Mystical Nativity* is asking us to think not only of Christ's birth but of his return.. (Jonathan Nelson, Syracuse University in Florence).

The painting emerged from the city of Florence in a time when the fanatical preacher Savonarola held the city in its grip. He had arrived in Florence in 1490 but had been repelled by the artistic glory and enormous wealth that so impressed the world. He preached that this was a corrupt and vice-ridden place. A great scourge was approaching – and then his words had assumed a terrifying reality: the Italian War of 1494–1498. In 1494 a huge French army invaded Italy and 10,000 troops entered Florence so that the Florentines feared the King of France meant to sack the city. Savonarola stepped into the political vacuum, he met with the French king and persuaded him to leave Florence peacefully. In their gratitude and relief the Florentines increasingly saw the friar as a prophet and his preaching attracted huge crowds to Florence Cathedral. Savonarola claimed that Florence could become the new Jerusalem if the citizens would repent and abandon their sinful luxuries – and that included much of their art. His beliefs were made real as groups of evangelical youths went on to the streets to encourage people to part with their luxuries, their lewd pictures, and books, their vanities, combs, mirrors. Botticelli may well have seen his own paintings fed to the flames. Yet the artist might not have objected because, like much of the city, he too had come under the sway of Savonarola. It seems that a sermon preached by Savonarola bears directly upon the *Mystical Nativity*.



Savonarola's preaching attracted huge crowds to Florence Cathedral – like much of the city, Botticelli had come under his sway.

In one sermon Savonarola preached he set forth a vision that had come to him in which he saw an extraordinary heavenly crown. At its base were twelve hearts with twelve ribbons wrapped around them and written on these in Latin were the unique mystical qualities or privileges of the Virgin Mary – she is 'mother of her father', 'daughter of her son', 'bride of God' etc. Though much of the writing on the ribbons held by the dancing angels is now invisible to the naked eye, infra-red reflectography has shown that the original words on the angels ribbons correspond exactly to Savonarola's 12 privileges of the Virgin. In his sermon, preached on Assumption Day, Savonarola went on to explore the 11th and 12th chapters of the Book of Revelation – the precise chapters mentioned in the painting's inscription. He connected the glory of Mary with the imminent coming of the power of Christ on earth.

For years Savonarola held Florence in his hand but his hard line charismatic rule made him powerful political enemies. He was challenged to prove his holiness by walking through fire and when he refused the tide of opinion turned against him. He was arrested, and under torture confessed to being a false prophet. On 23 May 1498 he was hanged with two of his leading lieutenants, their bodies burnt and their ashes scattered in the river Arno. Some see the figures of the three men at the bottom of the painting as representatives of the three executed holy men, raised up and restored to grace – but persecution not peace awaited Savonarola's followers and it was in an atmosphere of oppression that Botticelli set out to create the *Mystical Nativity*.

The painting is on canvas – normally he would have used wood panel – perhaps for a painting with a dangerous message, canvas had the advantage that it could be rolled up and hidden. With his canvas prepared he would sketch a detailed design on paper, then he transferred this to canvas. He drew on many sources – the dancing angels echo his own three graces of *Primavera*, the scurrying devil was inspired by a German woodcut. X-rays show that very little of the original design changed – only an angel's wing was adjusted and trees added



"That's two t's in Matthew", said Osric

over the roof of the stable. Botticelli was now ready to build up the image using oil paint – like canvas an experimental medium. To create the heavenly dome Botticelli called on the goldsmith's craft he had learned as a boy. "The symbolism of the gold is to do with the unchanging, untarnished nature of heaven – gold

doesn't decay, it doesn't darken like silver. Botticelli would have used an adhesive layer made of oil mixed with resin – not burnished, the gold just patted down on to the surface, following the surface irregularities of the canvas – a glitter, intricate, it would have helped the jewel like quality of the painting – it would have drawn the eye upwards from the Nativity into Heaven. Faith, hope and charity, [the angels clothed in] white, green and red – but the copper based green pigment has discoloured with time, to bronze. Originally it would have been vibrant."

### *Celebration for Christ the King!*

*Make for yourself some moments of wonder  
Count every star in the sky;  
Hark, and consider their powerful music  
And watch as each cloud goes by.*

*Ponder the beauty of God's great arena  
Lit with the wonder of each bright star,  
Warming night's darkness for each single mortal,  
No matter how small we are.*

*Over the bustle of each busy city,  
gaudy with patterns of neon lights,  
the radiance of God shines out in the shadows  
guarding creation throughout the night.*

*Turn, turn away from the brash city baubles.  
Hark to the tune of your heart as it sings.  
Secure in the darkness forget all your troubles.  
Rejoice in the music of Jesus the King*

*Shirley Hillsley 2001*

Written in Porto Pollensa after the Eucharist at the Anglican Church of St Andrew on the day of Christ the King



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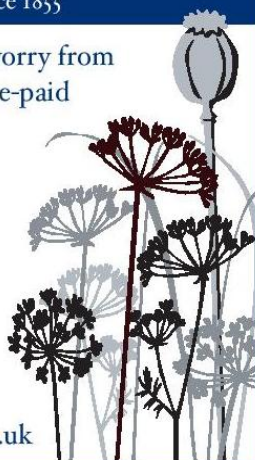


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