

St John-in-Bedwardine Parish Magazine



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“For your tomorrows we gave our todays”

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St John-in-Bedwardine War Memorial

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PASTORAL LETTER FOR NOVEMBER

from the Bishop

I have been doing a series of deanery visits this year and I have been very inspired by all the good things that I have seen in the parishes of our Diocese. At the conclusion of each of them there has been an open meeting during which people have had an opportunity to ‘grill the bishop’. Some fascinating questions have arisen but the one that sticks in my mind the most came from a hospital chaplaincy volunteer who spoke of the fact that many people in hospital were getting excellent medical care but were not receiving the human care they needed. Indeed, the media were full recently of reports about a new project in the NHS to teach nurses the basics of care.

In one sense this is a terrible indictment of our society. On the other hand, it makes clear a very important truth: that all of us, whatever our training or lack of it, have a great deal to offer to our fellow human beings by virtue of our common humanity. Medical expertise is very important to promoting health and wellbeing but so is human company – and the latter is as crucial out of hospitals as well as in them. The good news in this is that we can all respond to what is becoming a real problem in our society: that people seems to have less and less time to be with one another.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas again we would do well to remember that the coming of God to be with us lies at the heart of it. ‘Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and he shall be called Emmanuel’ which means ‘God with us’ (Matthew 1.23). It is God being with us that counts and it is our calling to be with one another.

Our society tends to be heavily task orientated. This came home to me a number of years ago when I used to take groups of young people to Malawi and arranged for them, as part of a link we had with a mission school there, a visit to the homes of students at that school for a weekend. When they returned and I asked them how they had fared, they would be reasonably positive but at the same time puzzled about the fact that they had not actually done anything. That’s because the most natural thing for an African to do with visitors is just to ‘be’ with them – sometimes to sit and talk and sometimes just to sit. People in our own society, on the other hand, would generally want to arrange all sorts of activities and outings for visitors coming for the weekend.

Being with us is the best thing that God could do for us and being with one another is the best thing that we can do for each other.

+John

A WORD FROM THE NEW EDITORS

Well, here we are! It seemed safely distant in the future when we said that we would become the editors of the magazine. But time has passed, our watch has begun, and here in your hands, dear reader, is our first magazine.

We will welcome your feedback on the magazine and ideas that you have. We are not setting out to make wholesale changes, but no doubt things will evolve.

We would like to say a big “Thank You” to Edward Reeves for his 17 years as editor. He has given great service to us all in this way and many others.

Sue and Graham Evans

DATES FOR NOVEMBER

Thursday 1st November: All Saints’ Day

Friday 2nd November: All Souls’ Day

10.30 a.m. Toddler Group (Blakefield Room)

7.30 p.m. All Souls’ Service

Sunday 4th November: 22nd Sunday after Trinity; 4th Sunday before Advent

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion with Children’s Church

5.00 p.m. Evensong

Monday 5th November

4.15 p.m. Prayer Meeting (Burroughs’ Room)

Wednesday 7th November

10.30 a.m. Bible Study Group (Burroughs’ Room)

Friday 9th November

10.30 a.m. Toddler Group (Blakefield Room)

Sunday 11th November: Remembrance Sunday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 a.m. Remembrance Service

10.50 a.m. Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

5.00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Monday 12th November

4.15 p.m. Prayer Meeting (Burroughs’ Room)

Wednesday 14th November

7.30 p.m. Public Debate (in church) – see page 11.

Friday 16th November

10.30 a.m. Toddler Group (Blakefield Room)

Sunday 18th November: 24th Sunday after Trinity; 2nd Sunday before Advent

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion with Baptism and Children's Church
5.00 p.m. Evensong

Monday 19th November: Mechthild, Béguine of Magdeburg, Mystic, 1280

4.15 p.m. Prayer Meeting (Burroughs' Room)

Wednesday 21st November

10.30 a.m. Bible Study Group (Burroughs' Room)

Thursday 22nd November: Cecilia, Martyr Rome c230, Patron Saint of Music

Friday 23rd November

10.30 a.m. Toddler Group (Blakefield Room)

Saturday 24th November

11.00 a.m. Christmas Fair (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

Sunday 25th November: Christ the King: Sunday next before Advent

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion with Children's Church

5.00 p.m. Healing Service

Monday 26th November

4.15 p.m. Prayer Meeting (Burroughs' Room)

Wednesday 28th November

10.30 a.m. Bible Study Group (Burroughs' Room)

7.30 p.m. Friendship Evening (Blakefield Room)

Talk by Jill Bowen.

Friday 30th November: Andrew the Apostle

10.30 a.m. Toddler Group (Blakefield Room)

MECHTHILD OF MAGDEBURG

Based upon information from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Mechthild (or **Mechtild**) of **Magdeburg** (c. 1207 – c. 1282/1294), a Beguine, was a medieval mystic, whose book *Das fließende Licht der Gottheit* (The Flowing Light of Divinity) described her visions of God. Mechthild's writing is exuberant and emotional: her descriptions of her visions are filled with passion.

Definite information about Mechthild is scarce; what is known comes largely from scattered hints in her work. She was probably born to a noble Saxon family, and claimed to have had her first vision of the Holy Spirit at the age of twelve.

In 1230 she left her home to become a Beguine, and live a life of prayer and mortification under the guidance of Dominican friars. Her criticism of church dignitaries and claims to theological insight seem to have aroused some opposition, and around 1270, she joined the Cistercian nunnery at Helfta, who offered her protection and support in the final years of her life, and where she finished writing down the contents of the many divine revelations she claimed to have experienced.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Telfer Dedicott	2 November 1984
Rowland Taylor	4 November 1996
Andrew FI Jenkinson	4 November 2007
Rose Hodgetts	5 November 1985
Reginald James Rogers	6 November 1995
Derek James Keating	7 November 1981
Marion Edna Thomas	7 November 1982
William Henry Thomas	12 November 1953
Margaret Dance	14 November 1996
Herbert William (Bill) Bosley	17 November 1998
Harold Ricketts	19 November 1996

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS: *We welcome you into the Lord's family*

7th October: Esme Lucy Lyda Milner
Joshua Houghton-Blake

14th October Rory Jude Knott

FUNERALS: *Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord*

d. 1st September Margaret Butler
d. 3rd September Katherine Ena Knight
d. 20th September Vera Payne

COMMUNICANTS FOR OCTOBER (5 Sundays): 462

2013 CALENDARS FOR SALE

Colin Nash has very kindly produced some calendars for 2013 showing photos in and around the church. They cost £6 and are available at church, from the parish office or telephone 424811.

They will be on sale at the Christmas Fair on 24th November.

Parish magazine bloopers.....

Ladies, don't forget the jumble sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

The Youth Club will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church on Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

A NOTE FROM THE ORGAN CONSOLE

It is incredible to think that a whole year has passed since I took up the appointment as Organist and Choirmaster here at St John's. My wife, Luise, joined the choir at the same time and, together, we were made to feel welcome and involved from the very beginning. Interestingly, though, my relationship with St John's actually began a good few years ago when I was asked to deputise for Funeral and Wedding services. It was a real joy to be invited to join the church on a more regular basis.

I inherited a very committed and keen choir which was, though, rather small in number. My first aim was to increase this number and I can report that we currently have over three times the membership that we had. This means we can learn a truly diverse range of music and we now sing anthems at many of the regular 10.00 a.m. Communion Services. Soon after I started Chris suggested a second Choral Evensong each month. Encouragingly numbers attending these Evensongs are growing as is the obvious enthusiasm from the choir in learning new settings.

Amongst the many highlights for me during my first year have been Remembrance Sunday, the Christmas Carol Service and the Good Friday Liturgy. It is also a delight to hear the congregation giving voice Sunday by Sunday.

I have really enjoyed getting to know the St John's organ better. I think that it is an inspiring instrument and a real pleasure to play. From the sounds of the quietest strings to the magnificent trumpet it has been a joyous journey of discovery.

So what does the next year hold? More exciting musical activities I hope with new organ pieces being learnt, new choral music tackled and new friendships being forged. With all this activity going on, I am still looking to grow the choir and, if there is anybody out there who would like to give it a go, please do come along to a Thursday practice at 7.00 p.m. in the Blakefield Room. Reading music is not a pre-requisite and choir practices are friendly, fun and full of wonderful music.

John Brierley

More parish magazine bloopers.....

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a toddler group.

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals....

The Vicar unveiled the church's new fund-raising campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours."

There but for the grace of God....

PCC MEETING 11th September 2012

Sue Bale (Chairman) opened the meeting with a prayer. 15 members were present. The PCC structures its work around four strategic questions. The first is **“Children/youth: How can we increase the involvement of children and young people in our church life?”** The Vicar reported the progress on the project for a Deanery Children’s and Family Worker. He will bring forward a full proposal at a future date. The Vicar reported on forthcoming activities with CWLC and the University. The next question is **“Outreach/communication: How can we strengthen and publicise our welcoming environment?”** John Prangnell gave a charity sub-committee update: The Vicar will arrange for Maggs to take part in a service; John has provided a box to collect items for Maggs. Harvest donations: Perishables will be auctioned; non-perishable items will go to Maggs.

Gordon Templeton reported that the next Communications Committee meeting will discuss the church website and the Christmas letter (probably to be done in co-operation with other churches).

Sylvia Render reported that the Pastoral Committee was going on well with a growing number of people involved. Pastoral care information will be added to the welcome pack.

There was a brief report on the forthcoming events: Songmen Concert, Harvest Supper (6th October), Harvest Festival (7th October, non-Eucharistic Service at 10 a.m.), Autumn Fayre (24th November).

The third question is **“The future: how can we improve our financial position so that we are better able to resource our growth?”** Jane Askew outlined some operational matters related to the tenancy of the flat. We must ensure that the tenant only deals with our agents, Severn Lettings.

Jane issued a financial update and John Prangnell gave an update on VAT refunds; for once a beneficial change! The F&AC has set up a sub-committee to review storage around the church.

John gave an update on buildings work. Recently completed has been decoration of the office and installation of the porch doors. Forthcoming works include decoration of the porch and installation of new signage now that the faculty has been granted. A replacement sound system is urgently needed, but this will cost about £10,000. How shall we raise this?

The final question is **“What do we need to do to plan for the reorganisation of clergy in West Worcester?”** The Vicar gave an update on the Deanery re-organisation. The actual re-organisation cannot start at present, but the Vicar is concerned to support St Clements pastorally and practically. He has met with their Churchwardens, and their PCC will meet on 24th September. The members of the

PCC reiterated their concerns about the effect of this workload on Chris, and felt that resource should be bought in to cover the gaps. This PCC has no concerns about working together on administration. There was an open discussion about the implications for services.

Final list of ALM candidates: Philip Evans, Emma Pound, Sylvia Render (all Worship Leader), Catherine Templeton (Pastoral Care). The ALM candidates will be 'commissioned' at the 10 a.m. service on 16th September.

Under Any Other Business, Arthur Burgess mentioned the Festival of Healing on 6th October. He will be there representing Parkinson's. The PCC enthusiastically supported the idea of a West Side Bible Study Group.

The proposal for a Garden of Remembrance with provision for the interment of cremated remains was discussed briefly: Sue Bale explained that this had to go back to the Standing Committee until issues had been resolved with the Council over responsibility for the grounds

Sue Bale gave details of the Autumn Course.

The meeting closed with all saying 'The Grace'.

Graham Evans

RUTH & EDWARD REEVES

We feel that the recent retirement of Ruth and Edward should be acknowledged publicly. They have both served the church for many years and they must know that the parish is very appreciative of all their work. We have known them personally since they came to Worcester in 1978. We have always admired their energy and enthusiasm for the church during this time.

We wish them a relaxed retirement from their duties and deep gratitude from the church for all their efforts.

Glenis and John Cole

FROM THE PARISH MAGAZINE ARCHIVES

DAY SCHOOL FESTIVAL, 25TH NOV., 1951.

THE 27th Annual Day School Festival was held on Sunday, 25th November, 1951. Once again fine weather favoured the occasion. At Mattins a large congregation supported the Festival and the preacher was the Head Master of the Royal Grammar School. At Evensong some thirteen hundred people crowded the Church. The Address was given by the Head Master of Malvern College.

Girls and Boys in their separate and collective singing maintained the high standards of the past. Both preachers commented on the excellent reading of the Lessons and the reverent tone of the Services. Canon C. T. Powell, who created this Festival, will be pleased to know that his music was creditably rendered in the two part Anthem "Thou wilt keep Him in perfect peace", and in the hymns "St. Patrick's Breastplate" and "Take my Life."

FUTURE EVENTS

St John's Church

Grand Christmas Fair

Saturday 24th November

11.00 – 3.00

*Tombola * Gifts

*Handicrafts *Cakes

*Refreshments

A photograph of a young girl with blonde hair, wearing an orange patterned top and patterned trousers, sitting on the lap of Santa Claus. Santa is wearing his traditional red suit with white trim and a white beard. They are both smiling at the camera.

* Books *Toys

*Bric a Brac

& lots more fun

Have your photo taken with Santa

On Saturday 24th November we will be holding our Christmas Fair. Do come along - there will be lots for everyone to do. There will be live music and Father Christmas will be popping in to have a chat with the children.

We will be having a handmade Christmas tree decoration competition, open to all ages and there will be both a children's and an adults' category. There will be a fee of 50p for each decoration which will be donated to Acorns Hospice. Please make sure that your entries are delivered to the Church or Parish Office by Wednesday 21st November with your name, address, fee and category firmly attached. Judging will be carried out beforehand and all entries will be on display at the Fair.

Do come along we would love you to share in this enjoyable day with us.

Sue Bale and Jane Askew

FUTURE EVENTS

Public Debate

Is there a place for faith schools in education?

Wednesday 14th November - 7.30 p.m.

St John-in-Bedwardine Church, Worcester

Free Admittance

Speakers:

David Morphy

Former Director of Education – Diocese of Worcester

Dr. Stephen Parker

Head of Postgraduate Studies, Institute of Education, University of Worcester

Dan Wickstead

Former Chair of Worcestershire Educational Services

Saturday 1st December

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. **Gerard Hughes Quiet Day.** Churches Together in Worcester invite you to “Deepening our Spirituality: A Day for Listening, for Speaking, for Praying Silently”, led by Gerard W Hughes SJ. To be held at Droitwich Methodist Church, Worcester Road, WR9 8AN.

ALL WELCOME. This event is free, but donations of £5 invited to cover expenses. Please bring a packed lunch. To book your place, please contact Max Jourdier on mandcjourdier@gmail.com or 01886 812259.

Friday 14th December

6-8 p.m. **Candlelit Sing-along-a-Santa.** This is an informal “drop-in drop-out” evening when we’ll be singing lots of Christmas carols. We’ll be serving traditional seasonal refreshments and Father Christmas will visit too to hear people’s wishes and hand-out free presents!

HARVEST SUPPER



Photo: Graham Evans

On the evening of 6th October, 49 people gathered in church to enjoy a harvest supper. And enjoy we did, as an excellent meal, with four or more choices for each course, was served up by the wonderful crew who had put on this meal.

In between the courses, there was a quiz to keep the little grey cells turning, and keep the conversation flowing.

This was a lovely evening and huge thanks must go to leading lights Jane Askew, Sue Bale, and Margaret Morris and their supporting cast.

Sue and Graham Evans

SINGERS' SHOWCASE



Photo: Arthur Burgess

Singers (left to right) Hilda Webb, Ann Ramsey, Julia Winkworth, Lyn Snook, Tim Cox, Bruce Herriot, Penny Tucker, Steve Grice, Pat Pennington, Clair Constanduros.

An enjoyable time was had by all at the concert on Saturday 13th October organised by Luise Horrocks. The concert showcased the wonderful talents of her students and raised money for Worcester Wheels and St. John's Music Fund. In a first for a concert at the church, sponsorship was received from Trinity College, London. A licensed bar was provided during the interval, which proved popular to audience and performers alike.

The large audience was treated to performances from a range of musical styles with accompaniment from John Brierley, Church Organist. The concert ended with performers receiving rapturous applause and in return gave a repeat of the catchy final number.

Philip Evans

THE ELGAR BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM – A volunteer's view

Every Monday morning I go to volunteer at the Elgar Birthplace Museum in Lower Broadheath. I have been volunteering here for two years now and it is a privilege to be part of the team at the Birthplace of England's great composer Sir Edward Elgar. Volunteering is fun, varied and enjoyable with friendly staff and volunteers.

My three hour 'shift' begins at 11:00 a.m., welcoming visitors in the Elgar Centre. I take admissions, hand out audio guides and explain the layout of the buildings. I help serve visitors in the Museum shop where we sell everything from postcards to chocolate pianos! Volunteering has given me an opportunity to learn new skills and introductory training is always given. Being an 'Elgar expert' is not essential as a deeper knowledge is soon gained in the Birthplace environment and there are experts to ask if ever someone poses a particularly tricky question!

I have a change of scenery and go to the nineteenth century Birthplace Cottage where Elgar was born in 1857. I greet visitors and answer any questions they might have. Enthusiastic visitors come from across the globe and all over the country and so it often makes for an interesting morning. The Cottage is my favourite part of the Museum – I love looking at the lovely garden with its roses and thatched summerhouse.

The Museum has a full events programme and I get to take part in special events throughout the year. Helping with refreshments, entertainment and the organisation has given me the chance to offer my own skills and experience to the Museum.

The Elgar Birthplace Museum relies on the kind support of volunteers to remain open to the public. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Rachael Whyte on 01905 333224 for more information about volunteering at the Elgar Birthplace Museum.

The Museum welcomes volunteers of all ages, whether you are a gap year student, working or retired. If you would like to give a few hours – just half a day a fortnight would be a great help in supporting the life and work of our county's great composer.

Rachael Whyte

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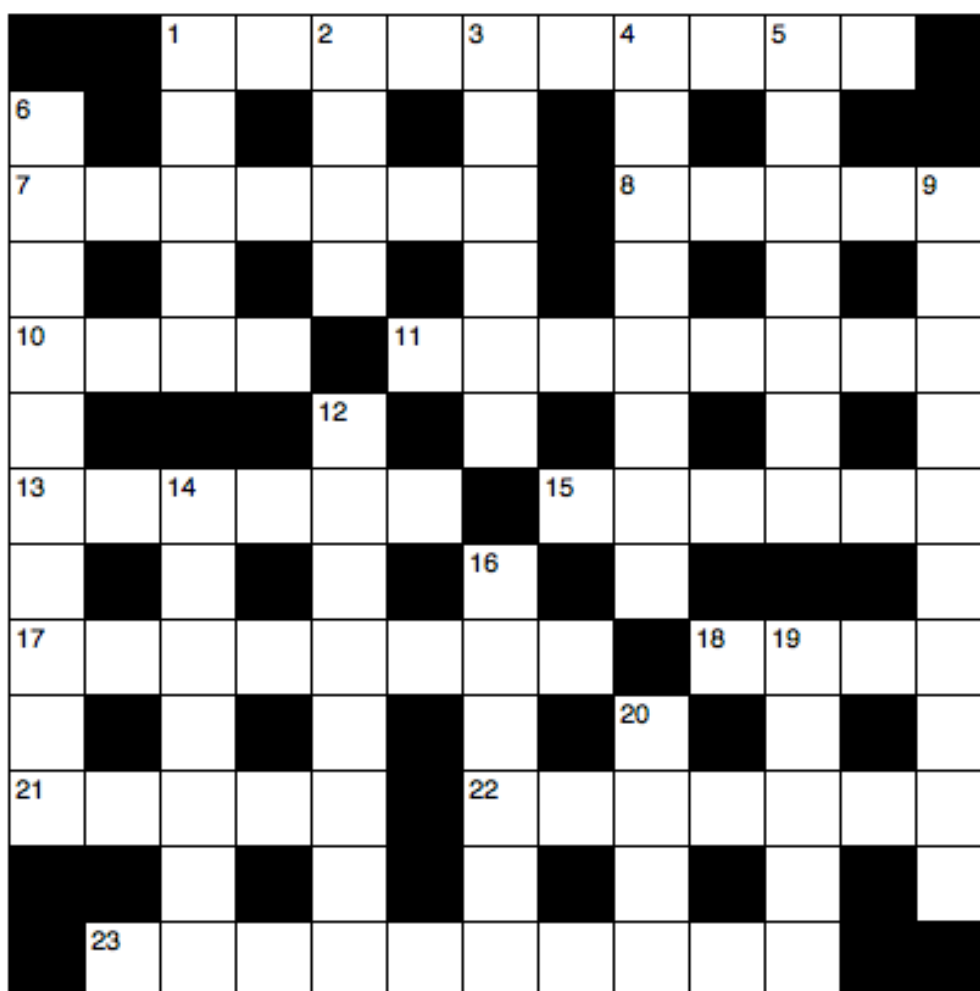


Around 70 people from Evesham, Dudley, Stourport and Worcester received a special certificate from Bishop John marking the completion of a course designed to help them relate their Christian faith to their own life and locality. The St John's group was led by Chris Stuart and, in appreciation of this, the group presented him with a stole, hand painted with a flock of sheep.

Photos from the diocesan web site.



NOVEMBER CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 He was replaced as king of Judah by his uncle Mattaniah (2 Kings 24:17) (10)
 7 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him — the cross' (Hebrews 12:2) (7)
 8 Relieved (5)
 10 Impetuous (Acts 19:36) (4)
 11 Surprised and alarmed (Luke 24:37) (8)
 13 'It is — for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God' (Mark 10:25) (6)
 15 Directions for the conduct of a church service (6)
 17 One of the acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19) (8)
 18 and 20 Down 'She began to wet his — with her tears. Then she wiped them with her — ' (Luke 7:38) (4,4)
 21 'We will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an — , — the last trumpet' (1 Corinthians 15:51–52) (3,2)
 22 'But he replied, "Lord, I am — — go with you to prison and to death"' (Luke 22:33) (5,2)
 23 Third person of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:14) (4,6)

Down

- 1 He betrayed Jesus (Matthew 27:3) (5)
- 2 Paul's assurance to the Philippian jailer: 'Don't — yourself! We are all here!' (Acts 16:28) (4)
- 3 'Fear God and keep his commandments, for this — the whole — of man' (Ecclesiastes 12:13) (2,4)
- 4 The sort of giver God loves (2 Corinthians 9:7) (8)
- 5 Sun rail (anag.) (7)
- 6 Naboth, the ill-fated vineyard owner, was one (1 Kings 21:1) (10)
- 9 Paul said of young widows, 'When their sensual desires overcome their — to Christ, they want to marry' (1 Timothy 5:11) (10)
- 12 This was how Joseph of Arimathea practised his discipleship 'because he feared the Jews' (John 19:38) (8)
- 14 Mop ruse (anag.) (7)
- 16 Foment (Philippians 1:17) (4,2)
- 19 Where Joseph and Mary escaped to with the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:14) (5)
- 20 See 18 Across

The solutions to the October and November crosswords are on page 29.

THE MAGAZINE

Articles on all aspects of Christian and parish life, letters, jokes, cartoons, puzzles and anecdotes from anyone are welcome for inclusion in the Magazine. Do contribute if you can. If you have a story to tell, please make contact; the more we learn about one another the better our understanding will be. What you think is important, but please add your name as anonymous contributions will not be considered.

Copy should reach us by Monday, 12th November for the December edition. If you can, please use e-mail: magazine@stjohninbedwardine.co.uk

Additions to In Memoriam are not automatic following a funeral but must be specifically requested via the clergy.

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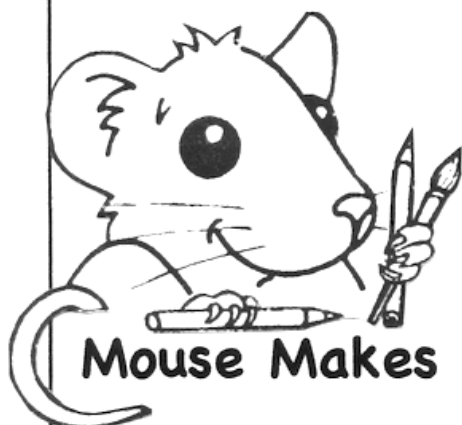
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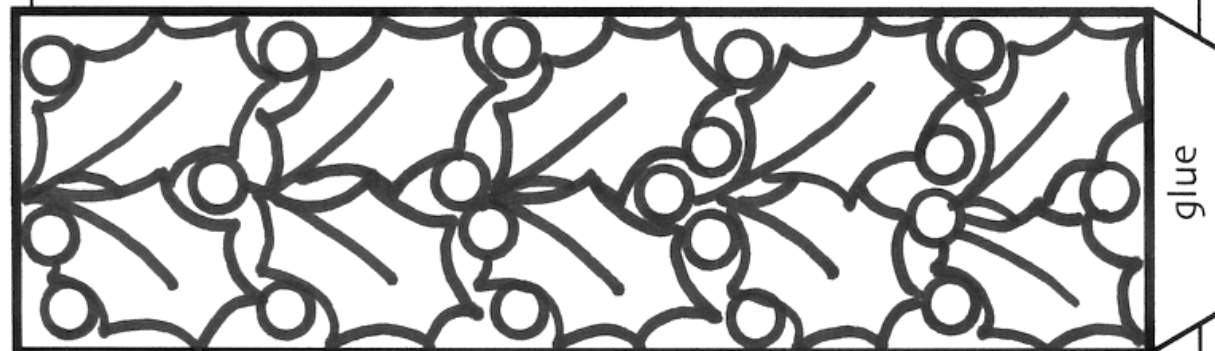
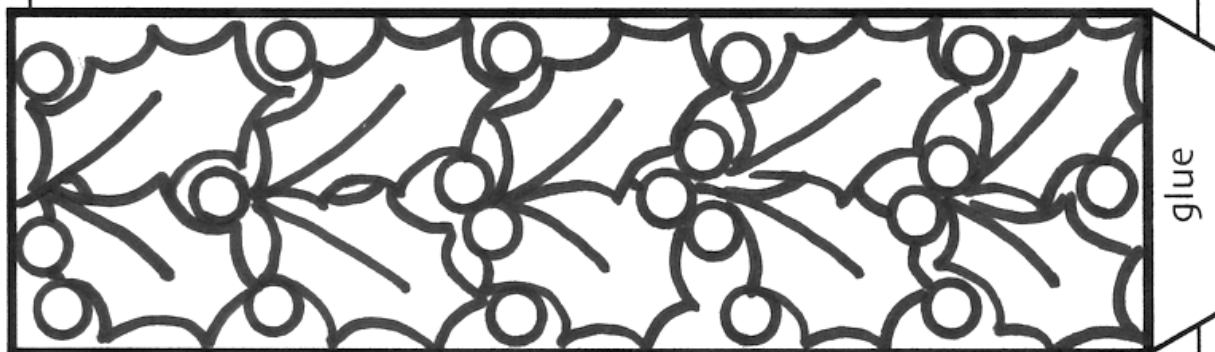
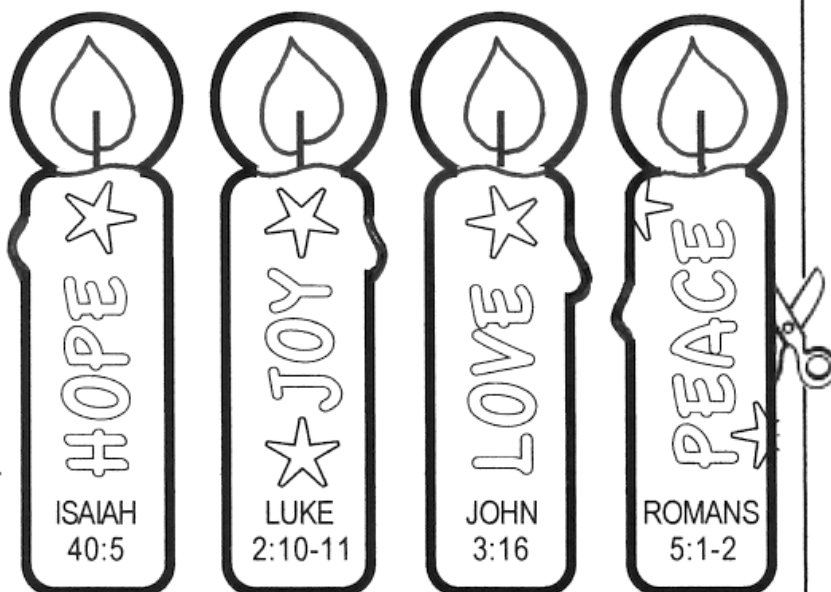


★ JESUS IS COMING! ★

ADVENT is the time before Christmas when we celebrate the arrival of **JESUS**, God's Son, our Saviour. In Advent we also look forward with **HOPE** to the time when Jesus will return to us again. We give thanks for God's **LOVE** for us, the **PEACE** we have with God through Jesus and our **JOY** at being His children.

To make your Advent wreath cut out the strips of holly, colour, glue together and glue around a glass jar. Colour and cut out the candles. Glue one candle onto the jar on each Sunday in Advent.

On Christmas Eve light a real candle in the jar to celebrate the birth of Jesus.





St HILDA

St Hilda was born a princess on November 17th 614 and was christened at the age of 13 with her uncle, King Edwin of Northumbria. When she was 33 she became a nun and in time she became the abbess (or leader) of a double monastery (where both monks and nuns lived) at Whitby in Yorkshire. And it was at Whitby, under St Hilda's leadership, that a famous conference was held to decide the date of Easter.



You know that Easter falls on a different day each year, but do you know that at that time the Celtic churches (in Ireland, Scotland and some of England) used a different way to the Roman Church (in the rest of England and Rome) to work out the date. This meant that in some kingdoms one group of Christians were still keeping the fast of Lent while others were celebrating Easter. The debate went on until finally it was decided that everyone would follow the Roman pattern.

CELEBRATION DAYS

The words hidden in this word search are names of holidays and seasons in the Church's calendar. The words go up, down, backwards, forwards and diagonally and some letters are used more than once.

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Advent Ascension Candlemas
Christmas Easter Ember Day
Epiphany Eve Festival Lent
Rogation Trinity Whit



Whose parrot said 'Pieces of four, pieces of four'?

Short John Silver.

What is a ghost proof bicycle?

One with no spooks in it.

How does a boat show its affection?

It hugs the shore.

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	10.00 a.m.	Parish Communion (including Children's Church during the school term)
1st & 3rd Sundays in Month	5.00 p.m.	Evensong (BCP)
Last Sunday in Month	5.00 p.m.	Healing Service
Other Sundays	5.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer (said)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

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