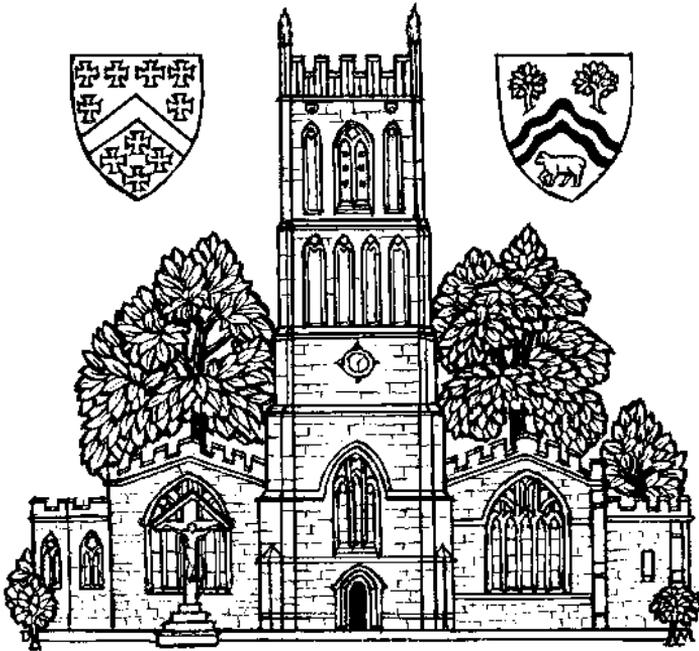


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Letter from the Associate Priest

Dear Friends

AS I WRITE TO YOU, I am looking out from the window of a room in Brownshill Monastery and I see the full glory of the countryside in Autumn. The colours of the trees, in the garden and on the surrounding Cotswold hills, are utterly brilliant with the sun shining and sparkling.

I have come here for a brief retreat before being licensed near the end of this month by Bishop Rachel as an Associate Priest, licensed to the Tyndale Benefice. By the time you receive this magazine we will have had the Messy Celebration for my licensing, and I thank everyone in this Benefice who was able to come to the Celebration and all who were unable to do so, for the love and support that has surrounded me since I first considered in 2011 whether ordination as a priest was where God was calling me. It has not always been an easy journey, but it is now very clear to me that God's call was for me to be an Associate Priest in this Benefice to serve all the people in these three parishes.

During the past 48 hours, I have been reflecting on this year, for I re-read the letter I wrote to you in January 2019, where I asked what were your hopes for this year for yourself, your family and friends, your country and your church. I wonder whether any of those hopes have been realised.

When I look at what is happening in the parish churches of this Benefice, I am amazed at where we are now - it has far exceeded the hopes I had in January for the Benefice. In February, someone told me that she had a vision St Mary's as being like a magnolia tree, full of buds that were just beginning to blossom. Well ... in all our churches there appears to have been a spectacular blossoming, with so many people realising that they have many gifts to offer the church and these gifts are now in use for the benefit of all, both in the four individual churches and in the communities around them.

I thank God for the prompting given to each of you to share your gifts; I thank each of you for responding so generously to God's call on your time. I pray for God's blessing on each person in the parishes as we go into another Christian year (at Advent on December 1st).

With my love,
Morag



Mothers' Union Meetings and Events for December

with advance notice of AGM date in January

Wednesday 4th December 3.15pm in Parish Room

Christmas Afternoon Tea and Musical Entertainment
for members and invited guests.

This will include Mystery Parcel Fund Raiser.

Wednesday 18th December 9.30am

Corporate Communion in Catherine Chapel, St. Mary's.
Everyone welcome.

Followed by coffee and biscuits in Church

**Mystery parcels will be on sale in December after
church services.**

Wednesday 8th January 2.15pm in the Parish Room

AGM followed by tea and chat

NB: This is a week later than usual to allow for New Year
Holiday.

**There will be no evening meetings in January or
February**

Sue Plant (Branch Leader) Tel: 01453 845157

St. Mary's Posada, 2019

Mary and Joseph are once more in search of shelter in the period of Advent

Don't miss the opportunity to host our knitted Mary and Joseph. They will lodge at a different house each night over the period of Advent. Hosts take the figures to all sorts of interesting venues as well as including them in their own Christmas preparations at home. To book a night you need to sign the list. You will find this in church and you can sign up for any spaces.

It is essential that you provide your full address and phone number so the host before and after you can arrange the exchange. Please only sign the master list in the church. The copy in the bag which accompanies the figures is for information only.

The first host will collect the figures at the Advent Sunday Darkness to Light Service on December 1st. The figures will return to Church for the Blessing of the Crib and first Christingle Service on Christmas Eve. Then they will spend part of the season of Christmas in the stable in the Parish Room.

A full explanation of Posada and a diary of the figures' journey accompany the bag and its contents. Photographs are encouraged along with your reports. If you would like to see a previous year's diary, please ask me. There are some charming entries. I am happy to give any further information required.

I hope Mary and Joseph will find a space in your home and heart over this busy period.

Best wishes
Sue Plant (Tel 845157)

Christingle on Christmas Eve



Everyone is invited to join in with the great celebration of Christingle on Christmas Eve at St. Mary's. Help to bring some light to the lives of some of the most vulnerable children in the UK this Christmas by supporting The Children's Society at one of our two Christingle services, either at 4.30pm-5.30pm or 6pm-7pm.

Bring children, friends, family and neighbours and come to celebrate the night before Christmas.

Sharon Dove

Shining with Hope

Stand with your family in Syria this Christmas

When God came to earth as Jesus, he chose to do so as part of a family.

Family was an important part of that first Christmas, and remains important for many Christians celebrating around the world. You may be looking forward to spending time with your family this Christmas, but one family who can't plan to be together is Jina's, in Syria. Her husband, Rober, was taken captive six years ago and is still missing.

Husband Kidnapped

As Jina recalls, "Rober and I got engaged during the war in 2011. In that same year we got married. Abraham was born in 2012. In 2013 my husband got kidnapped. She calls her son 'Apo', the common shorter form of Abraham for Armenian speakers. "We were very, very happy with our son Apo; we were dreaming about his future. My husband and I were only able to celebrate his first birthday in 2013 - after that, Rober was kidnapped.

You can read the rest of Jina's letter in the November edition of Open Doors.

..Art Group

Meetings in December will be on the 6th and 13th December. We have enjoyed a very successful year and some really lovely paintings have been achieved. Our exhibition in the church for the Autumn Festival was very well received. Thank you to all who have taken part.

Anne Slann

Punch Line

"An American soldier tells how, during the Vietnam war, he helped a little girl who was starving. He offered her a bite of his sandwich. She refused, saying it might be poisoned. He took a bite and swallowed it, then she did the same. This is what Jesus did for us. The Bible tells us that He tasted death for every one of us. He asks us to do nothing that He has not done. He was tempted in every way as we are - yet without sin. He knows us - from within."
'Every Day with Jesus'

Making contact with us at St. Mary's

During the period of the interregnum when we are without a vicar, if anyone wishes to speak to someone to help with their enquiries, please make contact with Kate in the Parish office, who will deal with the request, or be pleased to arrange for the appropriate person to assist.

If you need to speak to someone as an emergency outside the parish office hours, please call a churchwarden for assistance –

St. Mary's: Jackie 01453 845178 or Douglas 07415 541359

St. Martin's: Wynne 01453 542091

St. Kenelm's: Kay 01453 843838

Tresham: Susan 01666 890338

Parish office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.00am
– 1.00pm. Friday 9.00am to 12 noon

Tree

“Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.” Proverbs 13:12

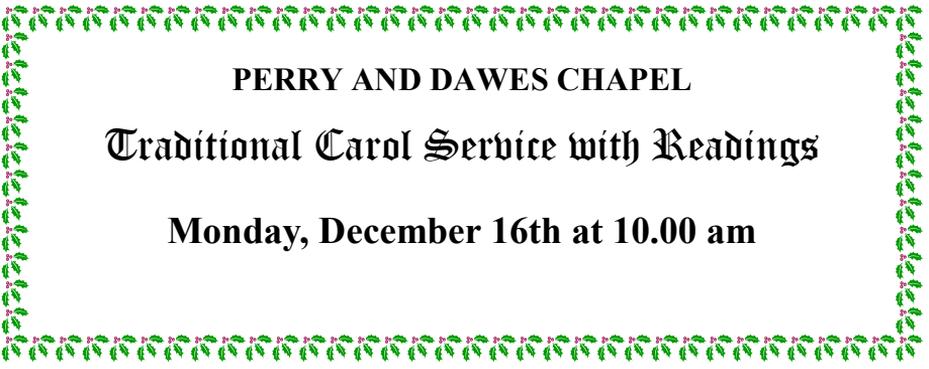
For millions of families around the world, a tree takes centre place in the home at Christmas. With gifts, lights, angels, stars, all finding an echo in the story of Jesus’ birth. This time last year, I had the privilege of being invited to Clarence House, the London residence of the Prince of Wales, where there was the most beautiful Christmas tree. Prince Charles had brought together senior church leaders from the Middle East to find out what help they needed and as I looked at their faces, I was humbled. Despite the suffering that they and their communities have experienced, they are still there, shining Christ's light in the darkest of places. They asked for help with three things: restoration, reconstruction and security. They wanted to offer their people hope.

Jina's story from Syria epitomises that need for hope. It also demonstrates the double vulnerability of Christian women. When her husband was kidnapped by IS terrorists because of his Christian faith, she lost the love of her life, the father of her son, and the breadwinner of the family. Now she is in limbo, not knowing whether to grieve or move on. I would find it so hard to live with such uncertainty. Nevertheless, there is hope in her story. And it's the same hope that we find in Christ's birth: God is with us. Sin and death are not the end. There is resurrection — and we have the Holy Spirit's help. As we offer ourselves to Him, we, too, can offer hope to others.

Open Doors supporters are very special. I know how much you offer yourselves to the Lord in this way, and I am so thankful for every expression of support. For people like Jina, and thousands of others, it makes an enormous difference to receive ongoing prayer-led, practical help, month by month, in Syria - and Iraq - it has meant Open Doors has been able to resource churches to meet the needs of their communities, physically and spiritually, through Centres of Hope.

You, too, can be a centre of hope, for our persecuted family in Syria, Iraq and worldwide through your committed support. So, as you hang your decorations on the tree this Christmas, pray for Jina's family and share her story with others. Thanks to the goodness of God, we have been able to keep hope alive for His faithful believers this year - and that's something to celebrate.

Henrietta Blyth,
CEO, Open Doors UK&I



PERRY AND DAWES CHAPEL

Traditional Carol Service with Readings

Monday, December 16th at 10.00 am



Wotton-under-Edge Arts Association

New Year's Eve Concert

St. Mary's Church, Wotton-under-Edge

Tuesday, December 31st at 6.00 pm

Justine Tomlinson and friends invite you to join them for a light-hearted start to your evening

Tickets £10 from Longfield, 15 Long Street

Phone 01453 842499

£12 on the door

wottonartsfestival.org.uk

Hymn for the Month

"May the grace of Christ our Saviour" (AHO&N 505)

Grace for Christmas

"Grace" - a gem of a word with many scintillating facets. For example, it may describe the movement of a ballet dancer, or an act of kindness or generosity like the Christmas gift you give to the boy or girl who delivers your newspaper: you're not obliged to do it, it's a completely free choice on your part and it brings happiness to the recipient. It may be called a "gratuity" - a word which springs from "grace" and which, one hopes, elicits "gratitude" - which comes from the same source.

"May the grace of Christ our Saviour and the Father's boundless love

With the Holy Spirit's favour rest upon us from above".

So what is "the grace of Christ our Saviour"? St. Paul tells us: "You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich". He is speaking of the Son of God's humbling himself to become human - even a baby - so that we might share the life of heaven too - a costly act for our benefit. In a poem entitled "Gloria in Profundis" G.K. Chesterton spoke of "the height of the fall of God", and another poem says:

"They all were looking for a king to crush their foes and raise them high:

Thou cam'st - a little tiny thing that made a woman cry".

That "little, tiny thing" shows us the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. "We have beheld his glory, full of grace....."

And "the love of God"? St. John tells us: "God so loved the world - the world which had, and still has, so largely turned away from him - that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life". Behind the "Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ" is the Love of God who has given to us undeserving people the greatest Christmas present of all time.

"The Holy Spirit's favour". These words, from what we call "The Grace", are more familiar to us in St. Paul's version in which he speaks of "the fellowship of the Holy Spirit". We tend to think of this as the "companionship" of the Holy Spirit and that is certainly something on which we can rely. But the phrase really means "the fellowship created by the Holy Spirit", and that is also something which we can experience - as the shepherds of Bethlehem did. When they returned from

the manger to their homes and their sheep after seeing the Child in the manger they did so in the possession of a new experience, an experience which united them in a way which they had never known before.

When we kneel in awe and wonder before the grace of Christ and the love of God we are all different people: young and old, men and women, rich and poor and so on, but we are all sharing the same experience, we are all receiving the same gift. We are united, and that unity, that fellowship, is the creation of the Holy Spirit. Just as a thread running through a collection of beads - large and small, different in shapes and colours - makes them into one necklace, so "the Holy Spirit's favour" makes us into one: the fellowship of the Holy Spirit".

*"Thus may we abide in union with each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion, joys which earth cannot afford"*

We all think of Christmas as the Festival of the Family and we make every effort to "get home for Christmas", however far away on the other side of the world we may be. The "fellowship of the family" means a great deal to us, having at its heart the love of parents and their many acts of grace to us during our lives. Christmas is also a Festival of the Family of God - a Family made possible by "the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God which have brought us into the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

T.N.

A Chance for You - but you will need to respond quickly

Rev'd Tom Wharin, at the Baptist Church, is organising four parliamentary candidates to come along on Wednesday, 4th December at 7.30pm to answer a selection of questions put by church congregations.

These are from Conservative, Labour, Lib Dem and Green parties.

Submission of questions and any queries to tom@wottonbaptistchurch.org.uk by 28th November.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Children's Church: there will be some activities left in the Catherine Chapel on Sundays 1st, 8th and 22nd. Story sacks and books are available from the Children's Corner to be taken to the pews.

We hope to find leaders for Children's Church as soon as possible, and will let you know via Facebook when that will happen.

For more details, contact Morag 07411 207720

Little Church: usually meet in the Church at 9.30am then in the Parish Room at 10.00am

2nd: Experience Advent

9th: The Christmas Story

16th: Christmas Party - 11.15 start in Church

23rd: Holiday - NO Little Church

30th: Holiday - NO Little Church

For more details, contact kirstybeasley@hotmail.co.uk

Messy Church: Saturday 14th - Messy Christmas. Do invite friends to come with you.

For more details, contact Morag 07411 207720

Family Service: Sunday 15th

Family Communion - Sunday 29th December

For more details, contact the Parish Office 01453 842175

Family Time: Read together John chapter 1 verses 1-14

Jesus is the light of the world that comes to shine brightly in the lives of those who believe.

Talk: Who was John talking about in the passage?

Do: Spend some time in front of a crib and remember to place Jesus at the heart of your celebrations.

Pray: A prayer before our Christmas meal:

Thank you for all the good things we share at Christmas, but especially for the gift of Jesus, the light of the world. Amen.

Services throughout the Benefice this Christmas

(at St. Mary's, unless otherwise stated)



Sunday, December 15th

6.00pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at St. Mary's

Monday, December 16th

10.00 Carol Service at Perry and Dawes

Thursday, December 19th

6.30pm Carol Service at St. Nicholas, Ozleworth

Friday, December 20th

11.00am Carol Service at The Chapel of Ease, Tresham

6.30pm Carol Service at St. Kenelm's, Alderley

Tuesday, December 24th

10.00am Journey to Bethlehem at St. Martin's, North Nibley

11.30pm Midnight Mass at St. Mary's with Bishop Robert

11.30pm Midnight Mass at St. Martin's

Wednesday, December 25th, Christmas Day

9.30am Family Christmas Communion at St. Martin's

10.15am Family Christmas Communion at St. Mary's

11.00am Family Christmas Communion at St. Kenelm's

Sunday, 29th December

6.30pm Christmas Carols at St. Martin's,

December 17th

Save The Children

Founder: Eglantine Jebb

Eglantine Jebb was born in Ellesmere, Shropshire, in 1876. Her commitment to children in need began at the turn of the century when she helped her mother in her social work on the Jebb family estate. Later, in 1894, after completing her studies at university, she worked as a teacher in schools for slum children. Her deep Christian faith led her to work for the Charity Organisation Society and in 1913 she helped with relief work in Macedonia.

This experience made her determined to help refugees and, after the First World War, she and her sister Dorothy set up the Save the Children Fund to work for the starving children in defeated Germany and Austria. The initial response to a crisis developed into a lasting international charity. She became one of the better-known women in the struggle for children's rights. Her work was crowned by the League of Nations' Declaration of the Rights of Children (1924) which she wrote. It was on May 19th, 1919 in the Royal Albert Hall, London, that Save the Children was founded. Among the first donations received was one of £10,000 pounds from British miners which was used to help the starving children in Vienna. In the same year, Save the Children associations were also founded in Sweden and Australia, followed by Canada in 1921.

With an initial contribution of £10, Eglantine and her sister started the organization which, in the years following the First World War, saw the incredible sum of £72 million collected as aid to the child victims of the war in Europe.

The International Save the Children Union (SCIU) was founded in January 1920 in Geneva with three major organizations: the International Red Cross Committee, the Save the Children Fund and the Committee International de Secours aux Enfants. Eglantine was the active chairperson of the organization until her death in 1928 at the age of 52.

By 1924, the Union had 20 members including: UK, Sweden, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Norway, Romania, Yugoslavia, Turkey and Uruguay. The American Save the Children Fund (later Federation) was founded in 1932 in order to help the children in Appalachia during the Great Depression.

In America, a new form of sponsorship emerged from the Save the Children European experience: "Godparents" donated \$30 a year to provide clothing and other needs to a particular child. This approach was the model for the present Save the Children's child sponsorship programmes as it has continued to grow. Save the Children is a private, non-profit, non-sectarian international development and relief organization which operates inter-related programmes in education, health, economic opportunities and emergency response in 41 nations.

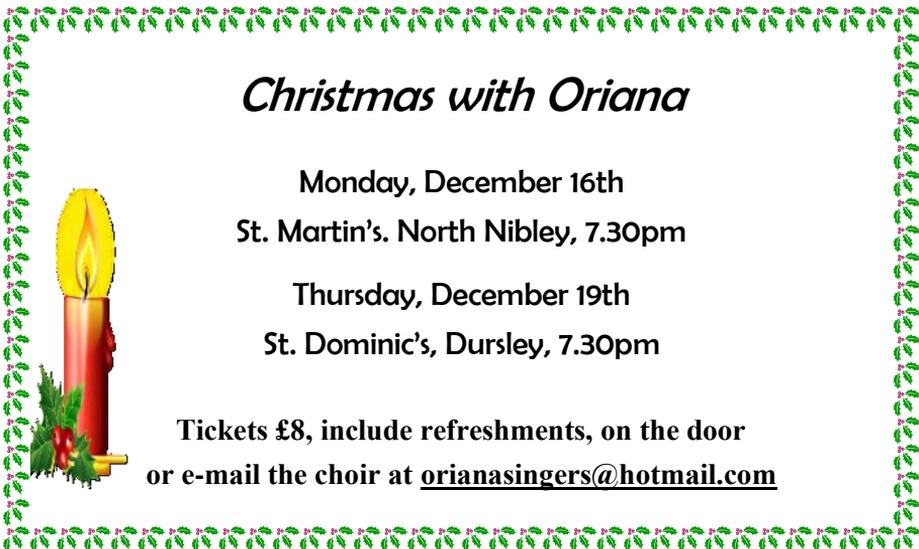
It is truly amazing to think that such a world-wide organisation had its beginnings in a simple act of helping her mother in social work on the family estate.

A quotation from her book, published in 1906, sums up the principles which still guide the work of Save the Children in the world today:

"Help should not be a gift from above but, rather, help aimed at self-help between equals, where everyone contributes according to their ability from a feeling of human fellowship across racial, ethnic and national borders".

The date in the church's calendar for her special remembrance is December 17th.

Doug



Christmas with Oriana

Monday, December 16th

St. Martin's, North Nibley, 7.30pm

Thursday, December 19th

St. Dominic's, Dursley, 7.30pm

Tickets £8, include refreshments, on the door
or e-mail the choir at orianasingers@hotmail.com





Something worth hurrying for

Read: So they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

Luke 2:16

Ponder: If you were to be told in church on Sunday that a wealthy philanthropist was in the street outside handing out wads of cash, how much time would you waste after the service before you went to find out if it were true? The chances are that you'd be out of the church like a shot the moment the final hymn had ended ~ if not before! Again, if you were out walking and spotted an excited cheering crowd ahead of you, rushing towards something, you'd probably quicken your pace, eager to see what was happening. Some things in life are worth hurrying for. So it was for the shepherds after hearing the news of the birth of Christ. It's only a small detail, but it's an important one: 'they came with haste'. Why? Because the news they'd heard was exciting, breathtaking, wonderful; news they and their people had been waiting so long to hear — almost too good to be true! There was no question of waiting until the next morning and then casually strolling down to Bethlehem after they'd knocked off work. This was news that had to be investigated at once, not something that could be postponed.

Do we, I wonder, still feel that sense of excitement at the Christmas message? Do we still marvel at what God has done for us in Christ? Do we still catch our breath in wonder at the miracle of the Saviour's birth — God made flesh? Do such things still capture our hearts and fire our imagination, not just at Christmas but also day after day and week after week? We may have responded; we may have discovered the truth for ourselves long ago — that doesn't matter: the message of Christmas is still one to get excited about!

Ask yourself: Do you still feel a sense of anticipation as you make time to meet with God? Do you still get excited about your faith?

Pray: Gracious God, I thank you that you have given me good news in Christ, a message that has thrilled generations across the years, uplifting, encouraging, challenging and renewing. I thank you for the way that message has spoken to me, showing itself to be glad tidings in so many

ways. Yet, I confess that there are times when I lose my initial sense of awe and wonder, and no longer feel the urgent desire to respond to your love in the grateful service that I felt when I first started out on the path of discipleship.

Forgive me for becoming casual and complacent in my faith, failing to make time to worship you, and forgetting the need to nurture my relationship with Christ. Speak to me again, meet me through the living Christ, and open my heart to the renewing touch of your Holy Spirit. So may I catch again the sense of urgency felt by the shepherds as they rushed to Bethlehem, and may the wonder of your love burn within me each day, to your glory. Amen.

Remember: As they were going on their way, they came to some water, and immediately the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water.

What is there to stop me from being baptised?'

Acts
8:36

Close: Sovereign God, in all the rush and bustle of life, teach me to recognise the one thing worth pursuing above all else - your awesome love revealed in Christ. Amen.

'Daily Prayer', Nick Fawcett - Kevin Mayhew



Season's Greetings

This month of December, for me, completes the 20th year of my becoming the editor of our magazine.

I would like to thank all the members of our Production Team for their dedication and work during this time: Ken Green and the team of folders, and whoever delivers them to you.. All of us in the Team send best wishes for a Happy Christmas and the New Year to all our readers.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in articles for us to include in the magazine—you help to make the magazine what it is, so please keep up the good work. Many of you don't wait for the 14th of the month before you send me your copy, and I find this very helpful, especially when, like this month, there is only a short time to prepare the magazine. Thank you.

Doug

Diary for December

for the Tyndale Benefice serving St. Mary's, Wotton,
St. Martin's, North Nibley, St. Kenelm's, Alderley
and the Chapel of Ease at Tresham.

1st Sunday – 1st of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Martin's

10.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's

(no 11.00am Service at Tresham)

6.00pm Advent Service of Darkness to Light at St Mary's

6.00pm Advent Service of Darkness to Light at St Martin's.

2nd Monday

Experience Advent at St. Mary's

9.30am Little Church at St. Mary's – activities and crafts for under-fives and carers beginning in

Church then moving to the Parish Room – Experience Advent

10.00am Holy Communion at Perry and Dawes

2.00–4.00pm Churches Together Games Group in the Parish Room

7.30pm LMT at Teresa Pottinger's house

3rd Tuesday

Experience Advent at St. Mary's

4th Wednesday – St. Nicholas

9.00am Morning Prayer in Catherine Chapel at St. Mary's

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's plus coffee and chat afterwards

3.15pm Mothers' Union Tea Party in the Parish Room

5th Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer in Catherine Chapel at St. Mary's

6th Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer in Catherine Chapel at St. Mary's

North Nibley Cribs by Candlelight – see www.northnibleychurch.uk for details

1.30pm CTiW Art Group in Parish Room

7th Saturday

North Nibley Cribs by Candlelight – see www.northnibleychurch.uk for details

8th Sunday – 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

- 8.00am Holy Communion at St. Martin's
 9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's with Archdeacon Hilary
 10.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's
 6.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's
- 9th Monday
 9.00am Morning Prayer in Catherine Chapel at St. Mary's
 9.30am Little Church at St. Mary's – activities and crafts for under
 -fives and carers beginning in Church then moving to the Parish
 Room – The Christmas Story
 10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry and Dawes
 2.00 – 4.00pm Churches Together Games Group in the Parish
 Room
- 10th Tuesday
 9.00am Morning Prayer in Catherine Chapel at St. Mary's
 10.30am CTiW Prayer Group in Parish Room
- 11th Wednesday
 9.00am Morning Prayer in Catherine Chapel at St. Mary's
 9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's followed by coffee and
 chat
- 12th Thursday
 9.00am Morning Prayer in Catherine Chapel at St. Mary's
- 13th Friday
 9.00am Morning Prayer in Catherine Chapel at St. Mary's
 10.30-12.00pm Coffee Morning in aid of Save the Children and
 Christmas Tree decorating at St. Mary's
- 14th Saturday
 9.30–11.00am Messy Church at St. Mary's – 'Christmas.' Break-
 fast, activities and worship for all ages.
- 15th **Sunday – 3rd Sunday of Advent**
 8.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
 9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Martin's
 10.15am Family Service at St. Mary's
 No Service at St. Kenelm's today
 6.00pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols St. Mary's
- 16th Monday
 9.00am Morning Prayer in Catherine Chapel at St. Mary's
 10.00am Carol Service at Perry and Dawes
 10.30am Little Church Christmas Party starting in St. Mary's
 Church
 1.30pm Blue Coat School Christmas Performance at St. Mary's

- 17th Tuesday
 9.00am Morning Prayer in Catherine Chapel at St. Mary's
 7.00pm Katharine Lady Berkeley's School Carol Service at St. Mary's.
- 18th Wednesday
 9.00am Morning Prayer in Catherine Chapel at St. Mary's
 9.30am Holy Communion (Mothers' Union) at St. Mary's followed by coffee and chat
 6.30pm North Nibley School Carol Service at St. Martin's
 6.30pm British School Carol Service at St. Mary's
- 19th Thursday
 9.00am Morning Prayer in Catherine Chapel at St. Mary's
 6.30pm Carol Service at St. Nicholas, Ozleworth
- 20th Friday
 9.00am Morning Prayer in Catherine Chapel at St. Mary's
 6.30pm Carol Service at St. Kenelm's
- 21st Saturday
- 22nd Sunday – 4th Sunday of Advent**
 8.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
 9.30am Family Communion at St. Martin's
 10.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's
 11.00am Carol Service at The Chapel of Ease, Tresham
 6.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's
- 23rd Monday
 9.00am Morning Prayer in Catherine Chapel at St. Mary's
 10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry and Dawes
 Christingle Making in Parish Room – Time to be announced
- 24th Tuesday - Christmas Eve
 Benefice Office Closed
 10.00am Journey to Bethlehem at St. Martin's
 4.30pm Christingle Service at St. Mary's
 6.00pm Christingle Service at St. Mary's
 6.00pm Christingle Service at St. Martin's
 11.30pm Midnight Mass at St. Mary's with Bishop Robert
 11.30pm Midnight Mass at St. Martin's
- 25th Wednesday - Christmas Day**
 Benefice Office Closed
 8.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
 9.30am Family Christmas Communion at St. Martin's
 10.15am Family Christmas Communion at St. Mary's
 11.00am Family Christmas Communion at St. Kenelm's

- 26th Thursday December – St. Stephen**
 Benefice Office Closed
 9.00am Morning Prayer in Catherine Chapel at St. Mary's
- 27th Friday**
 9.00am Morning Prayer in Catherine Chapel at St. Mary's
- 28th Saturday**
- 29th Sunday – 1st Sunday of Christmas**
 8.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
 8.00am Holy Communion at St. Martin's
 9.30am Matins at St. Martin's
 10.15am Family Communion at St. Mary's
 6.30pm Christmas Carols at St. Martin's
- 30th Monday**
 9.00am Morning Prayer in Catherine Chapel at St. Mary's
 10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry and Dawes
 No Little Church or Games Group
- 31st Tuesday – New Year's Eve**
 Benefice Office Closed
 6.00pm New Years Eve Concert by The Arts Association at St. Mary's: Justine Tomlinson and friends will once again start the celebrations for the New Year.

Diary for January 2020

- 1st Wednesday**
 Benefice Office Closed
 9.00am Morning Prayer in Catherine Chapel at St. Mary's
 9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
- 2nd Thursday**
 9.00am Morning Prayer in Catherine Chapel at St. Mary's
- 3rd Friday**
 9.00am Morning Prayer in Catherine Chapel at St. Mary's
- 4th Saturday**
- 5th Sunday - 2nd Sunday of Christmas**
Celebrating Epiphany
 8.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
 9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Martin's
 10.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's
 5.30pm Epiphany Font Service at St. Martin's

6.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's
(There is no service at Tresham today)

6th

Monday – Epiphany

9.00am Morning Prayer in Catherine Chapel at St. Mary's

10.00am Holy Communion at Perry and Dawes

2.00–4.00pm Churches Together Games Group in the Parish Room

7.30pm LMT at Teresa Pottinger's House

7th

Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer in Catherine Chapel at St. Mary's

10.30am CTiW Prayer Group in Parish Room

8th

Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer in Catherine Chapel at St. Mary's

2.15pm Mothers' Union AGM in Parish Room

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's followed by coffee and chat

7.30pm Wotton PCC meeting in the Parish Room.

From the Registers

The following services have been taken by the
Anglican Clergy of these Parishes

HOLY BAPTISM *"We welcome into the Lord's family"*

15th

September Ivy Jean Stratford, St. Mary's

21st

September Benjamin Moakes, St. Martin's

22nd

September Isabelle Angela Davies, St. Mary's

5th

October Harry James Lewis Roberts, St. Mary's

20th

October Hugo John and Rosemary Lousie Peters, St. Mary's

2nd

November Cecily-Anne MacGregor, St. Kenelm's

HOLY MATRIMONY *"May God bless their lives together"*

7th

September Connor Sidley Adams and Rian Chambers, St. Mary's

23rd

November Ricky Lewis and Emma Topping, St. Mary's

FUNERALS AND THANKSGIVING SERVICES

"Behold! I make all things new"

6th

September Val Read (80), St. Martin's

24th

September Betty Marsh (89), St. Martin's

4th

October Hilary Noon (93), St. Mary's

7 th	October	Rev'd Canon Iain Marchant (92), St. Mary's (Thanksgiving)
11 th	October	Peter Gadsden (90), St. Mary's
5 th	November	Wilf Chappell, St. Mary's (Thanksgiving)
8 th	November	Viv Eldridge (42), St. Mary's (Thanksgiving)
29 th	November	Jan Symons (72), St. Martin's

Wottonian John Biddle

1615 - 1662

John Biddle (1615-1662) is regarded as the founding father of the Unitarian movement in England. Originally, Unitarians were Christians who denied the existence of the Trinity, maintaining that God existed in one person only. Many of the early heretical sects were unitarian in belief, if not in name and, at the time of the Reformation, Unitarianism had numerous exponents who may be regarded as the founders of the modern movement. Other famous men who have been Unitarians are Dr. Samuel Clarke, Joseph Priestley, Dr. Lardner, James Martineau, Sir Edgar Bowring and Joseph Chamberlain.

Modern Unitarianism is not based on Scriptural authority, but on reason and conscience and includes agnostics and humanists among its members. There is no formal doctrine or creed (from Cassell Dictionary of Christianity).

John Biddle had the unusual distinction of falling foul of both the Commonwealth and the restored Monarchy as a result of his religious views. He was born in Wotton-under-Edge, son of a respected yeoman tailor, Edward, and his wife, Jane. He was baptised at St. Mary's Parish Church on 14th January, 1615. He appears to have been an exceptional scholar and was awarded a place at Katharine Lady Berkeley's Grammar School before he was ten years old, which meant he did not qualify for a grant. George, Lord Berkeley was so impressed with his ability, however, that he gave him an exhibition of £10 a year. John soon outstripped his tutors and before leaving school at 17 he had translated into English verse Virgil's Eclogues and Juvenal's first two Satires. He published these in London in 1634, and dedicated the book to John Smyth of North Nibley.

He left Wotton the same year for Magdalen Hall at Oxford University where again he was highly regarded. He refused an offer to return to Wotton as Master of the Grammar School, stayed to take his M.A. in 1641 and then took up the prestigious post of Master of the Gloucester Free

School - the Crypt Grammar.

It is not clear when John Biddle began to have doubts about the doctrine of the Trinity and the deity of the Holy Ghost, a theory that had been previously put forward and was known as the Socinian heresy. In the troubled times of the 17th Century, if he had expressed his opinions in private discussions with friends he may well have gone unnoticed, but conscience dictated that he must speak out. In 1644, Biddle was accused of heresy, lost his post at the Crypt School and was thrown into prison. Later, he was released on bail but kept under surveillance. Further charges brought more imprisonment and he was only able to buy the food he needed when Roger Daniel, a London printer, paid him for correcting proofs for a Greek Bible which he was publishing. The 1651 Act of Oblivion secured his release, but he continued to publish pamphlets and to speak at meetings.

His writings were publicly burnt by the hangman and, after more questioning before the House of Commons, prison again followed and this time he was forbidden writing materials or visitors. He appealed, and enjoyed freedom for a short time, but refused to be silent and was tried for his life in 1654 under the Blasphemy and Heresy Act.

Cromwell, who was very tolerant of sectarian beliefs, then intervened and, in 1655, to save Biddle from his enemies, banished him to the Isles of Scilly. He was imprisoned in the Star Castle but received, from Cromwell, an allowance of 100 crowns a year. His reputation and teachings continued to grow, and he acquired many respected and influential friends. In 1658, they successfully petitioned for his release and, for a while, Biddle lived quietly in London.

Charles II was restored to the throne in 1660, but John Biddle's views were no more acceptable to the religious leaders of that time than they had been to the Commonwealth Presbyterian adherents. He no longer spoke in public, but continued to write and to hold private meetings which eventually developed into the Unitarian form of worship.

However, he was spied on and betrayed. In June 1662, law officers broke up one of his meetings and Biddle and his friends were arrested. He could not pay the £100 fine imposed and so was again imprisoned. His health and constitution had been weakened by earlier imprisonment and, although friends secured his release on compassionate grounds, he died on September 22nd 1662, aged 47.

He had never sought to harm those who disagreed with him in spite of their treatment of him. He remained steadfast in his beliefs which did not die with him, as there are many Unitarian communities throughout

England today.

It is surprising to me that more followers of this sect do not visit Wotton to trace their founder's place of birth and his early years.

After some research, it appears that the Biddle family must have been reasonably well-off by the standards of the day. I note that in 1558, a Robert Biddle was Mayor of Wotton: maybe he was the grandfather of John. In 1684 a John Biddle was Mayor of Wotton, and in 1777 Matthew Biddle became Mayor.

In 1796, Wotton had Thomas Biddle as its Mayor. It may well have been this Thomas Biddle and his family who gave the handsome Sun Dial above the Church Porch: it is dated 1799. In 1848, yet another John Biddle was the last of the family to serve as Mayor of Wotton.

Anyone with an interest in local history could no doubt find out more about the Biddle family and their activities.

Michael Chappell

News from Church Army

The idea of no WiFi sounds like a great digital detox... until you unexpectedly find yourself cut off from the digital world after your landlord (accidentally!) trims your internet cable as well as your hedge! Yes, this happened to me!

Being without WiFi is a little bit scary. I say this slightly tongue in cheek, but there's certainly a little bit of truth in it. Especially when you've got a housemate who works from home, online banking to do and video calls planned with family on the other side of the world.

I hate to admit it, but there's also something a little bit scary about sharing my faith (tenuous link or smooth segway - you decide!). For some people (like Church Army Evangelists!) it seems to come so easily. But for others of us it can feel forced, awkward, or even dig up feelings of guilt.

At Church Army, we're on a mission to fight the fear that comes with the word 'evangelism'. We believe that whilst not everyone is called to be an evangelist*, everyone is called to share their faith.

We've kicked off The E Word by asking What is evangelism? and Who is an evangelist? We've also heard Eleanor share her experience of telling her uni mates about Jesus, and her top tips for evangelism among other students.

Word Search

Education



Academy Alma Mater College Conservatory Course
Curriculum Degree Elementary Grade Graduate
Gymnasium Institute Lessons Lyceum Major Module
Primary Principal Reading School Semester
Seminary Test Training University

From our Archives of 2005

Why Worship ?

Do you need to go to church to be a Christian?

"You don't have to go to church to be a Christian." That's what people say and, in moments of exasperation, it may also be what many of us church-goers actually feel.

Why bother? - especially if the building is cold, the music dire and the sermon dull. Even as a "professional worshipper", there have been times when I've asked myself that question.

The great Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple, pointed out that God doesn't need us to worship him. Rather, we need to worship God. That's because Christian worship does five things which are essential for our growth and development as human beings.

First, it "quickens the conscience". In worship, we are exposed to the holiness and goodness of God. We hear about it in the Scripture readings; sing about it in our hymns; reflect on it as we prepare to receive Communion. In the light of his holiness, our sinfulness stands out in sharp relief and we are brought to our knees in repentance.

Second, it "feeds the mind". So much of the time our minds are fed with the junk food of popular culture. Idols are paraded before our eager senses. As C S Lewis observed in *The Screwtape Letters*, the devil doesn't care what we worship - so long as we don't worship God. We need to feast on the truth of God, and every time we worship him we're reminded that we wouldn't need to if he was small enough for us to understand.

Third, worship "purges the imagination". This happens as we are exposed to the beauty of God. We need the sheer, unadulterated beauty of our living Lord to purge our imaginations of everything that pollutes and diminishes.

Fourth, worship "opens the heart". Because it is primarily something we do together, it opens our hearts to each other. But that can only happen as those same hearts are opened to the love of God. I have always liked Richard Foster's definition of worship as "our response to the overtures of love from the heart of the Father".

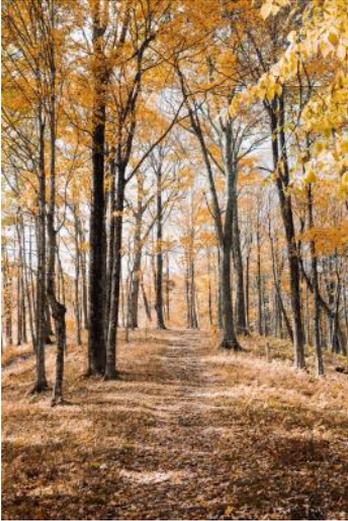
Finally, worship "devotes the will". Sometimes it may fire and touch our emotions. Sometimes it may leave us cold. But always it should help us to focus on God's purpose for our lives and encourage us to follow where he leads. That involves careful listening - which is one of the things we have to put into worship if we are to get anything out.

"What are you afraid of?" goes one piece of dialogue in the *X-Files*. "That God isn't speaking?" "No," answers Agent Scully, "that He is speaking, but no one is listening."

That's why worship matters. It isn't compulsory for anyone, but it is essential for us all.

+ ***James Newcome***, Bishop of Penrith

Autumn in Wotton



Still the autumn, as summer steals
away.

Sunny mornings, but not warm
now.

With muddy paths on hill and field,
As bushes and trees don reds and
yellows.

Slowly, gloves and scarves appear
On dog walkers,
Who stride through frost and rain.
With shorter days, as light fades
early,

We hurry along
Thinking of shelter

And warmth of fires.

Around in fields,
Cows are rarely there.
Away to fates unknown,
Their lowing part of summer gone.

Yet still the children are heard from schools, nearby,
Their playtime not curbed by chilly days.
And Wotton shops and streets are alive with folk
Who shop and greet and say,
'Christmas is not far away!'

Shirley Wyse

The Messenger

Follow the Star this Advent

Get more from your advent season this year by following the star to heart of Christmas. The Church of England has created an advent calendar at www.churchofengland.org/followthestar aiming to give Christmas more meaning. You can download the full list of activities from <https://churchsupporthub.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Star-Advent-colour.pdf>

Look out for the stars on churches across the area as we get nearer to the big day.

Advent is 'the final countdown' to Christmas day and many children will have an Advent calendar to help them count the days. It's also a really special time for the church. The words Advent simply means 'coming' – it's the season when Christians remember that God came to earth to be born as the Christ child, Jesus. God also promised that Jesus will come again at the end of time to heal all the world's hurts and divisions. Advent remembers this amazing promise, so it's a time of hope, of getting ready, and expectation.

You might like to try making an Advent wreath with candles on it. One candle is lit each week – often with a special song or prayer. Children may be asked to light the candles with a long taper. Waiting is hard, but Christmas is worth waiting for – it's a special time, and at its heart is a gift of love from God to the world.

Christmas joy or stress and panic?

Christmas is on the way, and with it can come lots of pressures, on time, finances and emotions. Prayer and taking your problems to God can help to give a sense of freedom and security.

We've created a series of Pocket Prayer guides, available to download from www.gloucester.anglican.org/your-ministry/your-prayer to help you try out more ways to pray and connect with God.

Contemplative prayer is a way of praying that allows us to experience the feeling of simply being with God, 'abiding with God'.

Choose a short, sacred phrase like, "Here I am Lord" as a sign that you are ready to notice God's presence and action.

Sit comfortably, with your eyes closed, and pay attention to your breathing and your body, intentionally relaxing any areas of tension you feel. If you

find you are distracted by feelings, images, sensations, return gently to your sacred phrase.

Have you ever just sat with someone, in a room, perhaps by the fire, totally relaxed and feeling totally at one with the other person, with no need for words, or physical contact? This is what abiding in God feels like. What do you notice? How do you feel? Take a moment to absorb your experience and to respond.

If you found this way of praying helpful, visit www.gloucester.anglican.org/your-ministry/your-prayer for more Pocket Prayers.

If you're struggling to cope, talk to someone about how you are feeling and visit your GP. The mental health charity Mind runs a helpline on 0300 123 3393, or 86463 on text.

Winter shelter: sponsor a bed appeal

Gloucester City Mission will soon be opening the Winter Shelter for the homeless and vulnerable in our city for the cold season.

It costs £39,000 each year to run the shelter, this includes staffing, food, bills, insurance and general running costs. Emmaus Glos who support the shelter.

Last year saw 106 individuals come and stay at The George Whitefield Centre between 1 December and 31 March. An average of 13 people per night used the shelter and over the whole winter period it provided over 1500 beds to those in need. At the centre people can access beds, advice, showers, washing machines and a clothes store.

The Mission is looking for help to run this year's shelter and would like to ask for sponsors for beds for the night. £25 will sponsor a bed and cover the full costs of getting someone off the streets for a night.

If you are able to help out by sponsoring a bed (or part of bed) it would be most appreciated. Maybe a group could sponsor one or more beds? www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/gcmsponsorabed

Have a green Christmas: 5 tips to reduce Christmas waste

1. Wrap presents in vintage scarves from charity shops, reused bags or plain brown paper with paper tape (not plastic tape).

2. Reuse old decorations, or make your own with gingerbread, popcorn, ribbons and upcycled household objects.
3. Think about how and if you will send Christmas cards—do they need to be card or will an electronic version work for you? There are some beautiful animated designs which will bring joy. There's an added bonus that you might save some money which could be donated to your favourite charity.
4. Shop locally. Buying British and organic, from local suppliers, helps support local business while cutting your food miles and staying healthy.
5. Buy second hand—trawl the charity shops for what you need. It's fun and much less wasteful.

Events and training

More details for all these events at gloucester.anglican.org/events

Advent Carol Service

Sunday 1 December, 6pm, (please be seated by 5.45pm), Gloucester Cathedral

A dramatic and majestic service to mark the beginning of the Christian New Year.

In churches too: Raising awareness of domestic abuse

Wednesday 4 December, 10am to 12.30pm, Laud Room, Church House, College Green, Gloucester

A workshop with Restored, to help people identify domestic abuse and offer support as individuals and churches to those affected by it. Book by emailing safeguardingtraining@glosdioc.org.uk

Christmas Tree Festival at Holy Trinity, Badgeworth

Saturday 14 December, 10am to 4pm

Service of carols by candlelight at 4pm. Live music on the hour, homemade refreshments, crafts for the sale, craft activities for the family. Free entry.

Holy Communion Service

celebrating 100 years of ministry among deaf people in the Diocese of Gloucester

Sunday 15 December, 3.15pm at St Christopher's Church, Warden Hill, Cheltenham GL51 3DD

Buffet tea after in Church Hall. Everybody welcome. Contact

smorris@glosdioc.org.uk for more information.

Family Crib Service with the lighting of the Christmas trees

Monday 23 or Tuesday 24 December, 3pm at Gloucester Cathedral

No tickets needed, just come along and join with this family service.

Christingle service

Tuesday 24 December, 4-5pm at Tewkesbury Abbey

A service with the traditional oranges, to represent the world, candles to represent Jesus and sweets to represent the four seasons.

It won't be the same without you

For details of Christmas services near you, visit **www.achurchnearyou.com**

You can find out what's happening, who to speak to for more information and where you can get a warm welcome. Do come along to a service this Christmas and experience the joy, tradition and magic of this Christian celebration.

Have your say

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The Messenger

You - Me - Us

An old lady who was often THE congregation of a tiny West Country church, was asked how they managed.

“Oh, we're fine,” was her confident reply. “Vicar does the ‘God be-ses’ and I do the ‘As it wases’.”

Monarch Books

Regular Week-day Services in the Benefice

Morning Prayer at St. Mary's: 9 am Monday – Saturday
Morning Service at Perry and Dawes: 10am Monday (first
Monday in the month Holy Communion)
Holy Communion at St. Mary's: 9.30 am Wednesday

**Please check with the Diary for Sunday and special
services**

Pastoral Care

There is a team at St. Mary's who visit those who are sick, lonely or bereaved. The role of co-ordinator is currently vacant, but we try to meet your needs as follows:

If you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit at home or in hospital or for information about general pastoral matters, please contact the Parish Office on 01453 842 175 during opening hours, Tuesday—Thursday 9.0am –1.0pm and Friday 9.00 to 12 noon.

For bereavement visiting, please contact Joan Deveney on 01453 844 370.

We will do our best to help with lifts to hospital or clinic, but, unfortunately, a charge will have to be made for this. Please contact Anne Parry on 01453 843 144 or Pat Forster on 01453 842 557.

Gloucester or Cheltenham £13; Stroud or Dursley £7;
Wotton £3

Lifts to a church service can also be provided. Please contact Anne Parry or Pat Forster.

House Groups

Please contact the group leader if you are interested in joining a particular group.

MONDAYS The Monday Group. Please ring Jean Fryer (842625) for information.

Kate Tutty (844371) and Shirley Wyse (844222) 68 Shepherds Leaze, just after 9 am every other Monday during school term-time.

THURSDAYS

John Forster (842557), The Old House, Under-the-Hill, Adey's Lane, 7.30 pm monthly, 3rd Thursday.

Roger and Shirley Wyse (844222), 112 Bearlands, weekly, 7.30 pm.

Ahem !

Seen in a Paper in India

Sacred to the memory of Rev'd Pugh who, after twenty years of unremitting labour as a missionary, was accidentally shot by his native bearer.

“WELL DONE, THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT”

About Baptism

An Irishman, making application for Social Benefit went to fill in a form. The officer in charge offered to do it for him asking, “What is your name?” the Irishman replied: “Patrick - Terrence - O'Dear - O'Sullivan.”

The officer repeated slowly: “Patrick - Terrence - O'Dear - your third name is very unusual, some family connection I suppose?”

Irishman: “Oh, no, nothing like that, after the second name he dropped me in the font.”

First instalment

A new Christian wrote to the Inland Revenue: “I can't sleep at night so I am enclosing £100 I forgot to declare.”

P.S. “If I still can't sleep I will send the rest.”

'More Christian Crackers' - Monarch Books

Deadline for the January Magazine by December 14th, noon, please.

My e-mail address is douglas.hobbs@homecall.co.uk

Regular Groups and Events at St. Mary's

The Ark Coffee Shop, 43 Long Street, Children's play area, Traidcraft (01453-521 838)

Bible Study and Housegroups: *full listing in magazine*

Flower Guild: Contact the Parish Office (Tuesday-Thursday 9am-1.00, Friday 9.am-12.00)

Mothers' Union - Group Leader: Sue Plant (01453-845157)

Music: Organist: Eddie Garrard (01453-454 849)

Assistant Director of Music: Hilary Varlow (07795 515 219)

Bellringers: Tuesday 7.30pm, Adrian Davis (01453-844393) Handbell ringing Thursday 7.30pm

Pastoral Care: Enquiries through the Parish Office (Tuesday-Thursday 9am -1.00, Friday 9am-12.00)

Communication: Vacant

For Young People: Little Church. Mondays 9.30 – 11.30am (term-time. Holiday start time 10am in Parish Room). For pre-schoolers and their carers. Story in church followed by arts and crafts and a healthy snack in the Parish Room. Contact Kirsty Beasley (07811 187899).

Messy Church - usually 2nd Saturday of the month, 9.30 - 11.00am

Breakfast, activities and worship for all ages. (Please look out for notices)

For Young People for Wotton Churches: Monday Youth Group 8-10pm (ages 14-18) at the Baptist Church Hall - Rev'd Tom Wharin (07795 681861)

Family Service on Third Sunday in the month. A service for all ages.

Other Churches in Wotton-under-Edge

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, Old Town (Roman Catholic) Fr. George Malecki, served from Thornbury. Office: Tel. 01454-412223

THE BAPTIST CHURCH, in the Rope Walk. Rev'd Tom Wharin. (01453-844726). Secretary: David King, e-mail address: djs.king@virgin.net.

THE UNITED CHURCH, in Bradley Street, Rev'd Phil Summers 01453-542565

OLIVER MEMORIAL CHAPEL, in Synwell, Lois Etherington 01823 462955

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), June Hawkins 01453 547793 or wendybarber5@yahoo.co.uk

LOCAL TRADES DIRECTORY

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Builders, etc.

J. B. Young & Sons Ltd., The Grange, Ragnall..... 842103

Cinema

Electric Picture House.....844401

DIY:

Wotton DIY, 40 Long Street.....842229

Electricians

Abbey ElectricsMobile 07989 595077

Toase Electrical(Mobile 07980 917894), 843877

Florists:

Robinsons, Long Street843168

Garage (Sales, Service, Parts and MOT):

Bear Street Garage843687

Home Care/Home Help

Brenda's Home Care.....07899 080309 or b.alway@btopenworld.com

Piano Tuning and Repairs

Eddie Garrard07789777008

Portable Appliance Testing and Electric Appliance Repairs.

Wright Connections,(Mobile 07942893993)