



**All Saints Congleton**

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Making Jesus known - living his way

December 2024  
& January 2025

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## Welcome

*(taken from Parish Pump)*

Welcome, Jesus baby  
To a world that is waiting,  
Welcome, Jesus baby  
To a world needing joy.

Thank you for the presents  
That you bring us on your  
birth day,  
Peace, love and hope  
Wrapped in one baby boy.

*By Daphne Kitching*



### **Note from this month's editor:**

The deadline for contributions to the FEBRUARY magazine is Wednesday, 15th January.

Please email to [magazine@allsaintscongleton.org.uk](mailto:magazine@allsaintscongleton.org.uk)

If you don't receive an acknowledgement please assume it has not arrived, so contact the parish office on 273212.

# Follow the Star – Calm and Bright

Submitted by Ian E.

How do you prepare for Christmas? Are you one of those super-organised people who have the shopping for Christmas presents completed by October? Do you despair at the commercialisation of Christmas and hope it will soon be over? Or do you seek to find some calm amidst the storm and focus more on Jesus and his coming?

We are going to be exploring our response to the Christmas story throughout Advent and Christmas: The good news we share, the Shepherd we trust, the Saviour we respond to, the Lord we follow, Immanuel (“God-with-us”) we walk with, the prince of peace we rest in, the king we serve.

Between Epiphany and Candlemas our Sunday services are looking at our purpose: set aside for a purpose, enabling our purpose, united in purpose and revealing God’s purpose.

To help us focus more purposefully on Jesus there are some aids available that we can use.

There is a bookmark in church with a prayer and the QR code for the Church of England resources available by typing [cofe.io/CalmAndBright](https://cofe.io/CalmAndBright) into your browser bar (the capital letters are important!). There are also copies of the Meditations to use between Christmas and Epiphany available in church for £1.

There is an Advent Calendar for families – each door opens on a picture, a word for the day, and a QR code for further family activities – see the Rector if you would like one.

Alongside all this you could sign up for some daily emails from the Church of England at <https://bit.ly/ASCXmas2024> or download the new Everyday Faith app at <https://bit.ly/CofEApp>.

Use any or all of the above to help you to find moments of calm amidst all the busy-ness of the season and focus on keeping Christ at the centre of your Christmas.

Every blessing,

Ian

# A prayer for December

*(taken from Parish Pump)*

Lord,

We stand on the threshold of a new year. Some of us are excited, some of us are fearful. We don't know what 2025 will bring, but we know that there will be ups and downs, joy and sadness mixed in with the months.

As we step into this new year, help us to keep our eyes fixed on you; to know for certain that, whatever happens, you will be in it with us, not watching from the sidelines, but right in the middle of it with us.

Help us to put our trust in what Jesus did on the cross, maybe for the first time, maybe as a New Year re-commitment, so that we will know that nothing can separate us from you. Let the storm rage, let the sun shine – we are safe! In the name of the risen, living Lord Jesus.

Amen.

*by Daphne Kitching*

# A prayer for the new year

*(taken from Parish Pump)*

Father, the days are short; darkness deepens in December and this year it seems to reflect the darkness in so many parts of the world. We think especially of the land You came to, all those years ago, and other nearby lands where so many are suffering.

Father, thank you that Jesus came into the world as Your Light; that He shines today as brightly and powerfully as He did then, and will do forever.

Help us to open our hearts and minds to allow His light to fill us with the assurance that, no matter what is going on, we are safe in Him.

Thank you that, in Jesus, You have conquered death and darkness; that one day, everyone will bow before Jesus as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, whose Kingdom shall never end.

Help us, in thankfulness and love, to share Your Christmas Light and Hope and Joy. Hallelujah! In Jesus' name.

Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*

# From the registers

## **Baptisms**

Miley Joy D.

Date of Service

17.11.2024

Place

St John's

## **Funerals**

Age

Janet Coutts

68

01.11.2024

Holy Trinity

Gwendoline Coppenhall

92

05.11.2024

St Stephen's

Gweneth Derbyshire

92

06.11.2024

St Peter's

Jean Cook

82

12.11.2024

St John's

Mary Lancaster

90

13.11.2024

St John's

Lily Austin

97

14.11.2024

St John's

## **Weddings**

None

# Eco tip for December

Submitted by Jane C.

## **Celebrate a Greener Christmas.**

Find ways to make your Christmas festivities both a joyous celebration of Christ's coming and environmentally conscious.

A Rocha UK's twelve tips for a greener Christmas:

- 1 Fairtrade Advent calendar
- 2 Rent a tree
- 3 Go for a natural wreath and decorations
- 4 Re-use cards and wrapping
- 5 Create homemade gifts
- 6 Avoid products with unsustainable palm oil
- 7 Give the gift of time
- 8 LED Christmas lights help to save energy and money
- 9 Practising generosity and hospitality is a great way to show Christ's love at Christmas
- 10 Try a meat-free Christmas meal
- 11 Recycle right
- 12 Carry on caring for God's earth throughout the year (Ideas of what we can do individually or as All Saints are gratefully received)

For more details explore at  
[arocha.org.uk/our-twelve-tips-for-a-greener-christmas](http://arocha.org.uk/our-twelve-tips-for-a-greener-christmas).

# Services in December

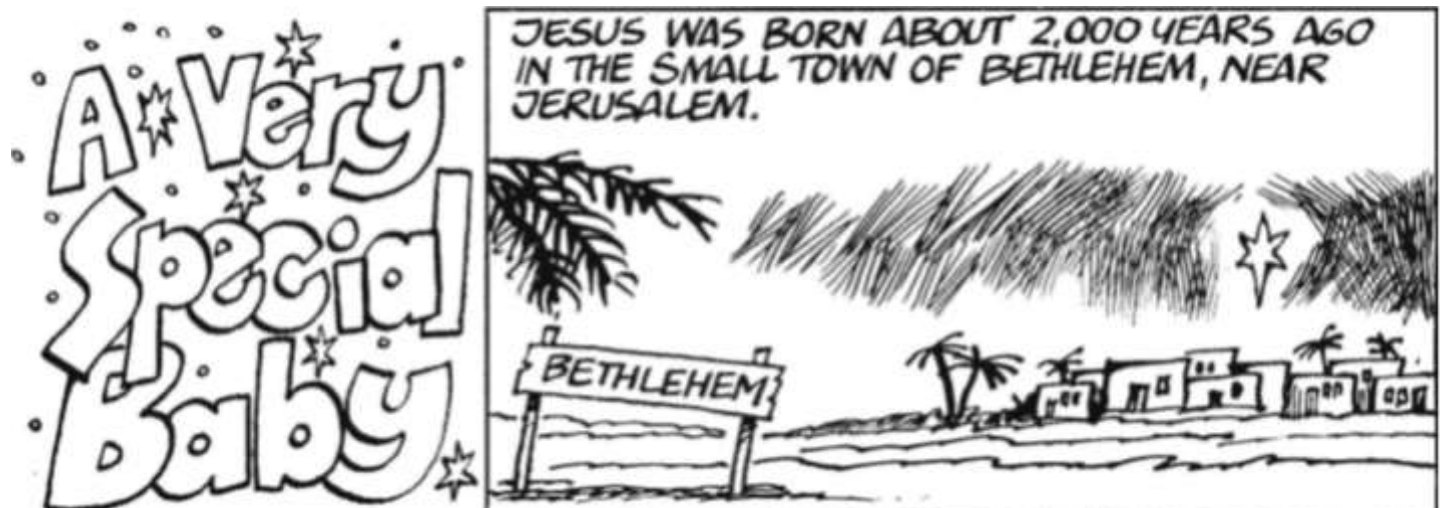
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Communion is still being served either with a common cup or separately by intinction.

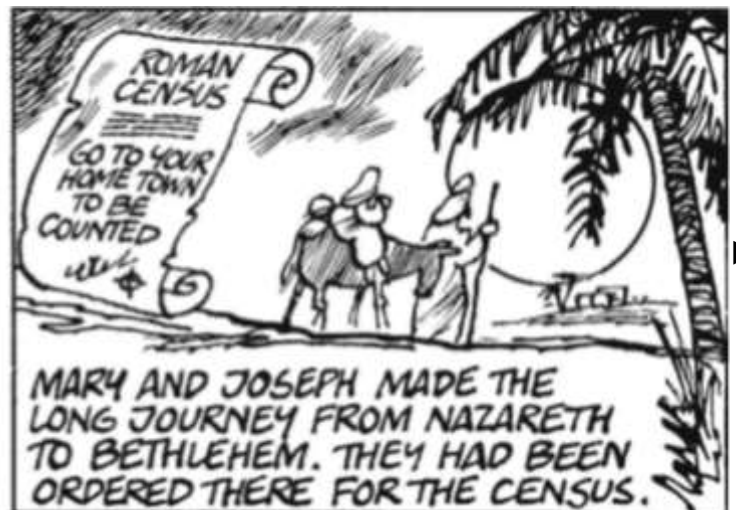
<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Venue</u>
<b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Advent Sunday</b>	<i>The good news we share</i>
9.30 am	One Service	St Stephen's
11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
11.00 am	"Space & Time" - <i>Experiencing Love</i>	St Peter's
<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup></b>		
10.15 am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
<b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	<i>The Shepherd we trust</i>
9.30 am	One Service with Communion	St Stephen's
11.00 am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
11.00 am	"Space & Time" - <i>Finding Peace</i>	St Peter's
11.45am	Short service of Holy Communion	St Peter's
<b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup></b>		
10.15 am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity



<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Venue</u>
<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	<i>The Saviour we respond to</i>
9.30 am	One Service	St Stephen's
11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
11.00 am	"Space & Time" - <i>Finding Joy</i>	St Peter's
4.00 pm	"Messy Christmas"	All Saints Community Centre
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup></b>		
10.15 am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity

## Christmas Services (see also back page)

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Venue</u>
<b>Thu. 19<sup>th</sup></b>		
7.30 pm	Community Carols by Candlelight	St Peter's
<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	<i>The Lord we follow</i>
10.00 am	All Age Carol Service with Communion	St Stephen's
11.00 am	"Space & Time" - <i>Stepping into the Light</i>	St Peter's
3.30 pm	Christmas Without a Loved One	St Peter's
6.00 pm	Crib Service	Holy Trinity
<b>Christmas Eve (Tues.)</b>		
3.30 pm	Holy Communion	St John's
5.30 pm	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
11.30 pm	Midnight Communion	St Peter's
<b>Christmas Day (Wed.)</b>	<i>Immanuel ("God with us") we walk with</i>	
10.00 am	Family Christmas Communion Service	St Stephen's
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>First Sunday of Christmas</b>	<i>The Prince of Peace we rest in</i>
10.00 am	Joint Holy Communion	St Stephen's



# Services in January

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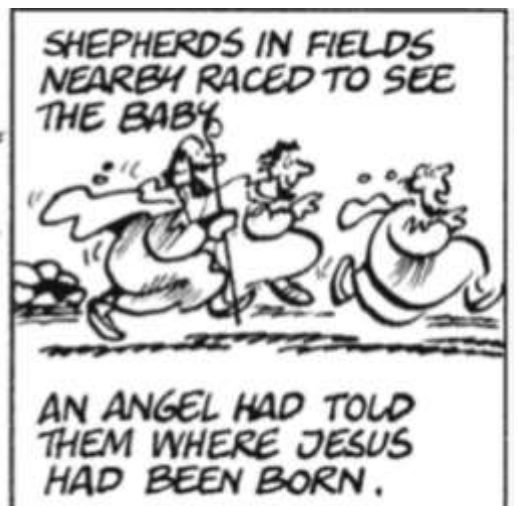
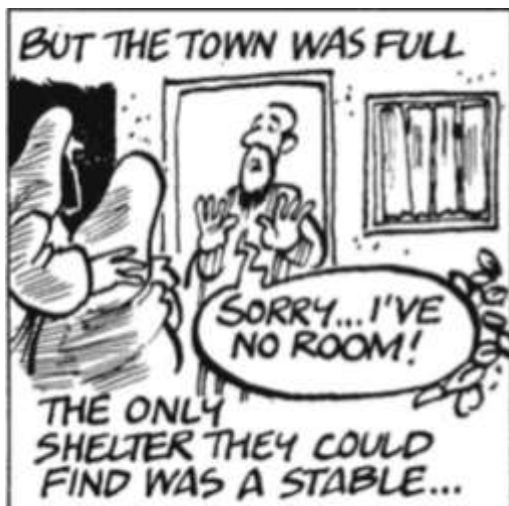


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»»Space & Time will be looking at the theme of justice this month.««

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Venue</u>
<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Epiphany (Christmas 2)</b>	<i>The King we serve</i>
9.30am	One Service with Communion	St Stephen's
11.00am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
11.00am	"Space & Time"	St Peter's
<b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup></b>		
10.15am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Baptism of Christ</b>	<i>Set aside for a purpose</i>
9.30am	One Service	St Stephen's
11.00am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
11.00am	"Space & Time"	St Peter's
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup></b>		
10.15am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity

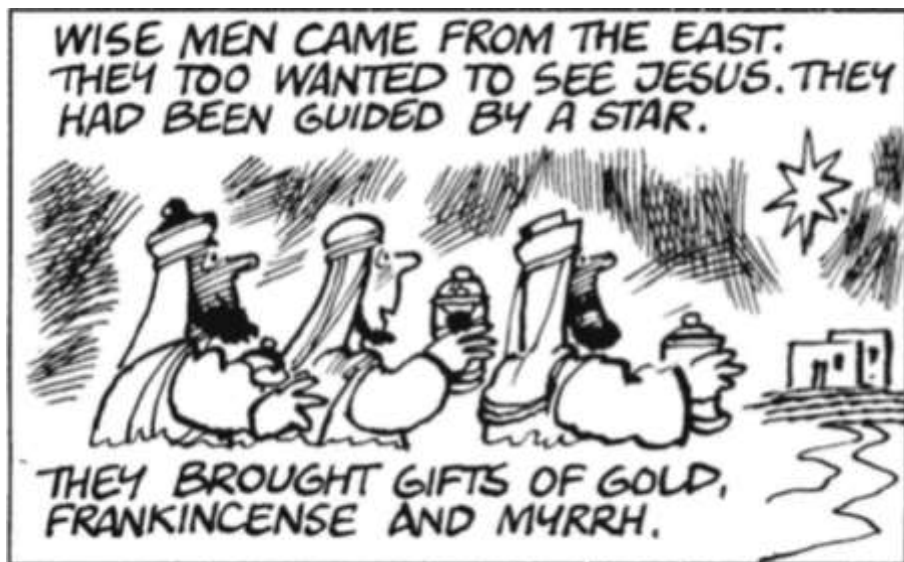




<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Venue</u>
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Second Sunday of Epiphany</b> <i>Spiritual gifts – enabling our purpose</i>	
9.30am	One Service with Communion	St Stephen's
11.00am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
11.00am	"Space & Time"	St Peter's
11.45am	Short service of Holy Communion	St Peter's
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup></b>		
10.15am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Third Sunday of Epiphany</b> <i>Parts of the body – united in purpose</i>	
9.30am	One Service	St Stephen's
11.00am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
11.00am	"Space & Time"	St Peter's
<b>Wed 29<sup>th</sup></b>		
10.15am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity

## Services in February

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Venue</u>
<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)</b> <i>Revealing His purpose</i>	
9.30am	One Service with Communion	St Stephen's
11.00am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
11.00am	"Space & Time"	St Peter's
<b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup></b>		
10.15am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity



# Teaching the Lord's Prayer...

*(taken from Parish Pump)*

The Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell plans to teach the Lord's Prayer across the North of England throughout 2025, a priority of his vision for Faith in the North.

Archbishop Stephen is to visit dioceses in the Northern Province of the C of E where he will be sharing the relevance of the Lord's Prayer to our world today, encouraging people to pray and live by this, as part of their missionary discipleship.

Archbishop Stephen is encouraging prayer, storytelling and church planting inspired by the Northern Saints such as Hild, Cuthbert, Bede and Paulinus. The aim is to foster deeper connections with the Christian faith across the north and renew the Church's missionary purpose to share God's love with all.

Archbishop Stephen said "In less than 70 words, Jesus gives us a prayer to learn by heart and a prayer that gets inside our hearts, shaping the way we live. The Lord's Prayer surely is the best place to start. It is said in just about every church service, from the coronation of the King to the christening of a child. It's a challenging prayer and when we say this prayer together, we become part of God's movement of change, of bringing God's heaven to earth. It teaches us how to pray. But it also teaches us how to live".

Current Dates of the Lord's Prayer Tour 2025

Friday 7th March - York Minster

Monday 10th March - Chester Cathedral

Monday 17th March - Liverpool Cathedral

Friday 21st March - Wakefield Cathedral

Friday 28th March - Hull Minster

Tuesday 1st April - Manchester Cathedral

Tuesday 17th June - Carlisle Cathedral

Wednesday 25th June - Sheffield Cathedral

Sunday 6th July - Isle of Man/ Peel Cathedral

Thursday 18th September - Newcastle Cathedral

Friday 3rd October - Durham Cathedral

Friday 10th October - Blackburn Cathedral

Faith in the North is a movement of prayer and strategic resourcing which aims to help recapture the missional energy and commitment to prayer of the Anglo Saxon saints leading towards 2027, with the celebration of the 1400th anniversary of the establishment of the Church of Saint Peter in York and baptism of King Edwin by Paulinus in 627. To learn more, visit [www.faithinthenorth.org](http://www.faithinthenorth.org).

# Light in the Darkness

*(Liz L. wrote this article for the March 2010 magazine. It is submitted by Felicity L. with permission from Liz, at a time when our church family has lost several loved ones.)*

I was tidying up letters when I came across a Christmas letter sent by a friend whose husband had died from cancer some weeks earlier. She included this excerpt from a book of Advent readings which had helped her through this very dark time. She writes, "I've had the family with me over Christmas and that has been good, but hard, for us all in different ways. There is such a gap and nothing else can fill it, but I came across these lovely words the other day and they were so appropriate."

There is a God whose light shines in every darkness  
There is a God who hears every lament  
There is a God who transforms even the deepest grief  
Therefore you have hope  
You shall sing again, but with a different tune  
You shall dance again, but with a different step  
You shall laugh again, but with a different breath  
Not yet, but one day

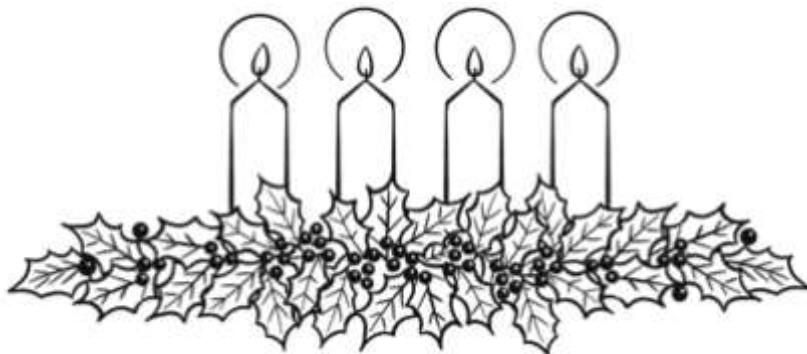
For there is a God who heals your wound with the gentlest hand.

She described the funeral which ended with that lovely hymn of hope,

"In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song."

and commented, "and that's how I try to live out my life". She is gradually getting back into her routine again and is out on the streets of Mansfield on Friday nights as part of the Prayer Patrol! It warmed my heart to hear of her courage and her strong faith.

This year has been a sad one for many in our own parish who have been bereaved and so I hope the words of that wonderful hymn will ring true in their hearts, and in each of our hearts, and that Christ will truly be our light, our strength and our song.



# What's on in December

## Opportunities to pray together around the parish

- Sundays—09:15 / 10:45 before the services at St Stephen's
- Thursdays—18:00 online (on Zoom)
- Thursday, 5th December, 12:00-13:45—Prayer group for the Worldwide Church at Liz & Dave's

We are holding a **parish coffee morning** at St Stephen's Church on Saturday, 7th December, 10am—1pm in aid of St Stephen's Church New Carpet and Chair Fund (replacing the pews in the north aisle) .

Refreshments available, plus books, bric-a-brac, raffle, etc. And a chance to meet and chat. Free admittance.

Donations of cakes, books and raffle prizes gratefully received.

For information, please contact Janet (271365).

*(The next coffee morning will take place on Saturday, 1st March 2025.)*

## Carol singing

- Churches Together will be singing carols in the Bridestones Centre (Victoria Street) on Saturday, 14th December, 11am—12 noon.
- We (in the past, men of the parish, but ladies very welcome!) will be singing carols in the common room at Priestly Court on Friday, 20th December, 7-8pm. After a break for mince pies, we attempt a rendition of the Twelve days of Christmas. This may or may not be affected by the mulled wine that accompanies the mince pies... *Please let Tony W. know if you can join us.*

## Ian and Fiona invite you for a Christmas Buffet

at The Rectory

All the family and all-ages welcome

Wednesday 18th December

Lunch 12.00 noon

Evening 7.30pm

Please email if you are able to come for either lunch or evening

[fiona.enticott@gmail.com](mailto:fiona.enticott@gmail.com)

(Let us know of any food allergies.)



# What's on in January

## Opportunities to pray together around the parish

- Sundays—09:15 / 10:45 before the services at St Stephen's
- Monday, 13th Jan., 10am at *Wellspring Methodist*—CTC prayers
- Tuesday, 28th Jan., 14:00-15:00 "Pause & Pray" in the Pillar Room
- Thursdays—18:00 online (on Zoom)
- Thursday, 2nd January, 12:00-13:45—Prayer group for the Worldwide Church at Liz & Dave's



Churches Together are holding a service to mark the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** (18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> January) on Sunday, 19th January, 6pm at Trinity Methodist Church.

## Electoral Roll 2025

"What, not even Christmas and you're already talking about the electoral roll and APCM?" My thoughts exactly when the email from the Diocese landed in my inbox on 15th November.

Well, indeed, but as a heads-up: every parish must completely renew its electoral roll before the 2025 APCM. Exactly when we do this will depend on and be calculated back from the date of the APCM (Easter is late next year, on 20th April).

More information will follow with the February or March magazine.



# A letter from Bishop Mark



THE BISHOP OF CHESTER

A letter to the Diocese of Chester  
Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

Dear friends,

I am writing to you in the wake of the publication of the Makin review into the abuse perpetrated by John Smyth and today's resignation announcement from the Archbishop of Canterbury. I know that there are many questions, quite a lot of which remain unanswered. Like you, I am listening to the media coverage with all manner of mixed feelings, mainly grief over the failings of our church. You will know what a focus this kind of work has been in this diocese following the Pearl Review four years ago: there is no place for cover-up or complicity with abuse in any part of society, least of all in the church.

I do want to say a number of things as we seek to respond in the Diocese of Chester.

First and foremost; if the report raises concerns for you in any way at all, please do reach out for support. You can either talk with our safeguarding team or Safe Spaces and contact details are available overleaf. These conversations can trigger all manner of emotions in us, and support is available.

Secondly, please keep victims and survivors in your prayers. This is a very hard time for those who have journeyed through the kind of horrific experiences Makin outlines. Our aim to be '*survivor centred and trauma informed*' can never just be a strapline. Please be kind to each other, and please pray.

Thirdly, may I thank all who are working to make our parishes, chaplaincies, and church schools safer spaces. I appreciate all that you do to enable this; there is always more work needed, but we

can be grateful.

Fourthly, alongside my deep regret and concern about the failings of the church, I want to express gratitude for the good things that Archbishop Justin has done in this role.

As we have found in Chester Diocese, safeguarding is always a shared responsibility, and I am thankful for all who partner in this vital part of the life of the church.

Friends, please pray. Please care for each other. Please reach out for support if you need it. I will write further in due time.

*With my ongoing prayers  
+ Mark*

Mark Tanner  
Bishop of Chester

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The Diocese of Chester is the Church of England in the former County Palatine of Cheshire

Safe Spaces Helpline: 0300 303 1056

Monday to Friday: 09:00-21:00

Saturdays: 09:00-13:00

Sundays: 13:00-17:00

Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal, and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone.

Chester Safeguarding Team

For all reporting and enquires please email [safeguarding@chester.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@chester.anglican.org). Please note, this email address is monitored between the hours of 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

For general safeguarding enquiries, call 01928 718834 between the hours of 9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday.

# Parish coffee mornings at St Stephen's

Submitted by Claudette T.



## A HUGE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT:

- to the many helpers behind the scenes;
- to those who donate books, raffle prizes, cakes;
- and most of all to you all for coming along for a morning of fellowship, whilst supporting our chosen charities.

From December 2023 to November 2024 our coffee mornings raised the following:

British Red Cross

Israel & Occupied Palestinian Territory Appeal £600

Christians against Poverty £425

Water Aid £400

Mercy Ships £462

RNLI £468

Congleton War Memorial Hospital Well Being Appeal £454

Ruby's Fund £400

Zarach – mission to end child bed poverty In England £374

Chatterley Whitfield Friends £330

The Storehouse (food bank at New Life Church) £383

**Total £4296**

Our next Coffee morning will be on Saturday 1st March 2025.

## **In December it was...** *(taken from Parish Pump)*

**200** years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 1824 that James Parkinson, British surgeon and politician, died. He was the first person to describe Parkinson's disease, in 1817.

**125** years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 1899 that Henry Tate, British sugar merchant and philanthropist, died. He established the Tate Gallery in London.

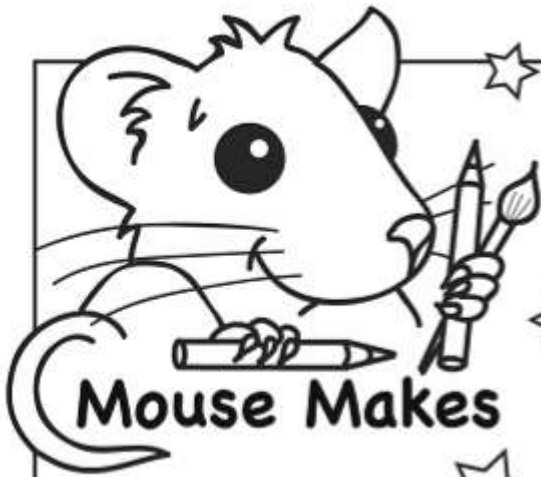
**75** years ago, on 13th Dec 1949 that Jerusalem became the capital of Israel, replacing Tel Aviv.

**70** years since, in 1954, the then BibleLands Mission Aid Society (now *Embrace the Middle East*), first printed the "Bethlehem Carol Sheet".

**60** years ago, on 31st Dec 1964 that Donald Campbell broke the world water speed record, and became the only person to break both the land speed record and the water speed record in the same year.

**40** years ago, on 31st Dec 1984 that the Bank of England stopped producing one pound notes. They remained legal tender until 1988.





# Mouse Makes

"The child to be born  
will be called  
H \_\_\_\_\_, the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_"  
*Luke 1:35*

## THE GREATEST GIFT

"She will bear a son,  
and shall call his name

\_\_\_\_\_ for he will save his  
people from their sins."  
*Matthew 1:21*

"Jesus said,  
I am the \_\_\_\_\_ Y  
and the \_\_\_\_\_ U \_\_\_\_\_  
and the \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_.  
No one comes to the Father  
except through me."  
*John 14:6*

"For unto you is born  
this day a  
S \_\_\_\_\_  
who is  
\_\_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_\_  
the \_\_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_\_"  
*Luke 2:11*

"Jesus said,  
I am the

\_\_\_\_\_ and the life."  
*John 11:25*

B L I G H T L O  
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**JESUS  
—  
THE  
GREATEST  
GIFT  
OF ALL!**

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EMMANUEL • MESSIAH REDEEMER • KING OF KINGS • WORD  
SON OF MAN • EVERLASTING • SHEPHERD • PRIEST • PROPHET • TEACHER  
LIGHT • BREAD • VINE • DOOR • LAMB • COUNSELLOR • CHRISTMAS • GIFT

Find the words from the Bible verses too!

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# Remember Christians facing persecution this Christmas

*(taken from Parish Pump)*

This Christmas, there are about 360 million Christians worldwide who will not be celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

They dare not do so.

That's because 1 in every 7 believers globally live in countries where they suffer oppression and discrimination for their faith.

So, instead of going to church and singing carols, they face violence and abduction, while others risk losing their jobs and livelihood. According to the latest World Watch List from Open Doors, there are 13 countries where Christians face extreme persecution, and 37 more where they face general persecution.

Fortunately, there are charities working on the frontlines to help these persecuted believers. You may wish to support one this Christmas, as a way of showing solidarity with our Christian brothers and sisters worldwide.

**Christian Solidarity Worldwide** - specialises in freedom of religion or belief (FoRB). They work in 25 countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. CSW is the only advocacy organisation with a sole focus on freedom of religion or belief that has United Nations accreditation.

Go to: <https://www.csw.org.uk/home.htm>

**Help The Persecuted** – works in 13 countries, including the Middle East, Turkey, Iran, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Yemen & North Africa. They currently provide a safe refuge in Lebanon to those fleeing the Middle East Conflict.

Go to: <https://htp.org>

**Open Doors** - has been helping persecuted Christians in over 60 countries for more than six decades. They supply Bibles, provide emergency relief and help persecuted believers stand strong for the long-term.

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## Christmas Services

*Come and find some calm this Advent-time  
and experience the brightness of Christmas joy.*

### Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December

4.00 p.m. **Messy Christmas\*** St John's Community Centre

### Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December

7.30 p.m. **Community Carols by Candlelight** St Peter's

### Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December

10.00 a.m. **All Age Carol Service & Communion** St Stephen's  
3.30 p.m. **Christmas Without a Loved One** St Peter's  
6.00 p.m. **Crib Service** Holy Trinity

### Christmas Eve (Tuesday)

3.30 p.m. **Holy Communion** St John's  
5.30 p.m. **Holy Communion** Holy Trinity  
11.30 p.m. **Midnight Communion** St Peter's

### Christmas Day (Wednesday)

10.00 a.m. **Family Christmas Communion** St Stephen's

### Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> December

10.00 a.m. **Joint Holy Communion** St Stephen's

\* Booking required for "Messy Christmas".



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