



# St Mary Magdalen

Magazine of the Parish Church of Knighton



## An autumn of exciting developments

*Clockwise from left:* - Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani at St Mary's where she blessed the spire appeal, 20 Sept. - Some of the many happy participants at the Curry Night, 21 Sept. - Bobbing for apples on Hallowe'en. - Police Community Support Officers help make crafts for the Christmas Tree Festival.

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## Vicar's letter



**W**hether it has been through cave paintings, smoke signals, carrier pigeons, letters, radio or telephones, human beings have always wanted to communicate with each other.

But things are changing ... in October, a fairly typical month, I received 226 emails and sent 240 myself, yet it's an unusual day when I receive even one actual letter through the post. The *way* in which we communicate, and the *speed* of our communication, has changed profoundly in the past 30 years, but many of us know instinctively what we find to be true in practice: that real, meaningful, in-depth communication can only happen when we actually meet the other person face to face, with the time and intention not only to speak but first to listen.

Delivering information is only one, narrow, aspect of communication. To have a real conversation that builds our shared understanding of each other requires a growing relationship, in which honesty, trust, openness and regard for each other are flourishing – and this demands that we *meet* the other person. As well as the words that we share, there are all the gestures, movements, intonations, and facial expressions that we receive from, and send to, the other person when we are

face to face, and that help us to truly 'hear' each other.

As we approach Christmas, we remember that, although God has spoken to us through prophets and saints, his ultimate channel for communication with us was – and remains – the person of Jesus. As a human being just like us, Jesus formed relationships, spent time with others, gave attention in conversation and shared the things that were in his heart. His spoken words were backed up consistently by his lifestyle, his deliberate actions and choices, and eventually by the sacrifice of his own life.

Our society today feels increasingly fractured and divided. Despite the speed and multiplying forms of communication, people are more cut off from each other and isolated, and often feel lonely or abandoned. We struggle to understand each other or to find common ground when we disagree. The time we have to simply listen to other people's experience is ever shrinking, and alongside it the time that we feel we have for God shrinks too. Yet, in Jesus, God calls us to look again at what we need from communication with each other and what we can give to others when we model ourselves on him.

In the next year, 2020, we should all redouble our efforts to connect with each other through real communication; in the church and in the world, this is the only way that we can begin to rebuild the strength of our community. For Christians, the example of Jesus shows us that we should be concerned to listen deeply, and to speak truthfully and considerately to each other. In this way we will build the relationships that are the foundation of our church life together, and so be able to

communicate to the world the message that God is both listening and speaking to us all even now.

Yours in friendship and Christ's service

*Adrian*

### *Prayer for today*

## **The Wire Fence**

The wires are holding hands around the holes;  
To avoid breaking the ring, they hold tight  
the neighbouring wrist,  
And it's thus that with holes they make a  
fence.

Lord, there are lots of holes in my life.  
There are some in the lives of my  
neighbours.  
But if you wish we shall hold hands  
We shall hold very tight  
And together we shall make a fine roll of  
fence to adorn Paradise.

*Michel Quoist*

*From 'Prayers of Life' (first published in France 1953, and first translated into English 1963.)*

**Abbé Michel Quoist** (1918 – 1997) was a French Catholic priest, theologian and



writer, and in the English-speaking world is most known for his bestselling book, *Prayers of Life*. He was

born in Le Havre, into a working-class Catholic family, and after his ordination in 1947 he worked as a youth chaplain before studying further and then returning to Le Havre as parish priest.

In writing his prayers, Quoist sought to follow the example of Jesus, who saw wonder in the everyday, and the seeds of the Kingdom of God all around him in the most ordinary subjects and happenings. 'Prayers of Life' was a breath of fresh air when first published. In it, Michel Quoist demonstrated that prayer was not something special reserved for special people on special occasions, but rather, was the stuff of the normal Christian life.

*The Wire Fence* is just such an 'observed prayer', a reflective conversation with God, prompted by an ordinary sight in an urban context. Quoist maintained that all prayer was initiated by God, and that such mundane scenes could be transformed and become new ways to hear God's call to serve each other.

Here, he first notices and describes what he sees, finding a message of mutual support and interdependence in the way that the wires of the fence are woven together to make a strong mesh. Then he moves into reflection; we imagine that the holes in all of our lives are the places where contact is absent, where we fail to add anything of value, where meaninglessness and despair threaten to take over.

Yet he offers this picture to God, recognising that these situations can be the very place where as neighbours we can come to each other's help. In doing so, when we 'hold very tight', we reflect God's

purpose for human life, and not just here on earth. Learning to live together like this is an expression of God's love that will be enjoyed as a beautiful decoration in heaven, a "fine roll of fence to adorn Paradise".

We are left encouraged that the whole of life, including the 'holes' of life, are precious to God and that he is pleased when we offer it all to him.

*Adrian Jones*

## Auction Sale



**SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**PARISH CENTRE**

Now is the time to start looking for articles for the Auction – minimum retail value £10.00.

**Porcelain, glassware**

**Silverware, jewellery**

**Old paintings, prints, postcards**

**Clocks and watches**

**Small furniture, musical instruments**

**Memorabilia**

We can collect and store. Contact Michael & Lorna Kirk on Tel: 0116 2707843

**In aid of InSpired - the campaign to save our spire**

## Poems

### Silence (a sonnet for Remembrance Day)

*By Malcolm Guite*

*This poem was read as part of the Remembrance service on 10 November.*

November pierces with its bleak remembrance  
Of all the bitterness and waste of war.  
Our silence tries but fails to make a semblance  
Of that lost peace they thought worth fighting for.  
Our silence seethes instead with wraiths and whispers,  
And all the restless rumour of new wars,  
The shells are singing as we sing our vespers,  
No moment is unscarred, there is no pause,  
In every instant bloodied innocence  
Falls to the weary earth, and whilst we stand  
Quiescence ends again in acquiescence,  
And Abel's blood still cries in every land  
One silence only might redeem that blood  
Only the silence of a dying God.

### Blessings, but not in disguise

*By Veronica Brown*

End of a German autumn in England: the sun  
Blazed, blared a week or more on the hedgerow trees  
(Planted by farmers or jays?) – now over or done  
For this year? Cloudless blessings, all these?

'Lately, brief blessing: pipits, on passage, so near,  
So clear. To be led their way, surprise with delight  
Not shock. Most often, flock to see and to hear  
Only in dreams, in flimsy, sleep-fancied flight.

Sometimes, dreams of well-meaning people, hopes they are blessed  
Beyond bliss's earthly gate. If they failed to find  
Ways to do much, pray now that more than rest  
Has welcomed them: they prayed; they tried to be kind.

### People



**Fiona Wingate** was licensed with the Bishop's authority as a Reader to serve the Knighton Benefice at a Called Together service in Leicester Cathedral in October.



### Planned Giving

Regular giving is an integral part of our church life, supporting our day-to-day costs, ministry and mission. A good way to achieve this is through a weekly envelope or monthly standing order as part of our Planned Giving Scheme.

Details can be obtained from Lorna Pollard, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary: telephone 0116 2704272 or e-mail: [stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com).

## The campaign to save our spire



The heart of Knighton for 700 years

- Celebrating our community
- Renewing our heritage
- Inspiring our journeys

September and October marked important steps in the plans to save the spire and repair parts of the tower, while at the same time meeting our agreed objective to engage fully with the whole community of Knighton.

The campaign received its spiritual launch when the Bishop of Loughborough, Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani, attended our morning service on 21 September and we heard for the first time the special prayer for InSpired.



Then on 20 October, the project had its public launch. Sunday service was followed by a series of presentations – open to anyone from the community – outlining the objectives, the reasons for the appeal, and the way in which we sought to raise the necessary funds. Speakers included the Vicar, Paul Bonnett, Nigel Siesage, Michael Kirk and, finally, Lorna Kirk, whose statement of commitment is printed below.

On the following day, the first special event specifically planned to raise funds for the project, took place – the Curry Night, on which Eileen and John Orme have reported below.

As this edition goes to press, some £16,000 has already been raised from individual donations and social events, towards our target of £40,000 from local and community efforts. We look forward with excitement to two big events before Christmas – the Christmas Tree Festival on 7 and 8 December, and the concert by Faith Tucker on 13 December.

*Nigel Siesage*

## Lorna Kirk

Why have I been requested to make a statement of commitment?

Possibly because I have been coming to St Mary's church for a very long time

Will not ask you to guess ... my Parents lived in Kingsmead Road and when I was a few months old, they brought me to St Marys where I was christened using the font near the North door and Tower Vestry.

Later Sunday School in the Parish Hall Knighton Road, after which I became a teacher, joining the Choir, Chorister's Capers, the Youth Fellowship and Young Wives. Sundays were busy with morning services, Sunday School in the afternoon and Evensong.



*Faith Tucker*

[www.faithtucker.com](http://www.faithtucker.com)

**INTERNATIONAL CLASSICAL CROSSOVER STAR**

Britain's Got Talent 2019

**IN CONCERT**

**ALL PROCEEDS TO THE St MARY MAGDALEN  
SPIRE APPEAL**

FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER 7.30 TICKETS £10.00 CHILDREN £5.00

St Mary's had growing congregations and was not large enough to accommodate everyone who wished to attend at Christmas, Easter and Harvest. A decision was made in 1959 to extend the Church, which involved massive fundraising. But we did it and filled De Montfort Hall with 700 people. In 1961 the Church was closed for a year, so Michael and I were married at St Peter's Oadby. Many people ask why I go to church on Sunday and sometimes on a weekday. I love this building and all the history attached to it. I can remember 7 previous Vicars - and 33 Curates!

Services, baptisms, marriages, funerals, blessings. This holy building can resound with music, happiness and silent prayerful times. I value my spiritual battery which each Sunday needs re-charging. This is where I meet like-minded people and others who come maybe out of curiosity, But there is a welcome here for everyone, from the very young to the very mature.

Having been in the Red Cross for over 60 years, I know we have a First Aid crisis with our Spire & Tower. It is not just the people who come through our doors but the much wider community who can see the spire of St Mary's Knighton and passing by, often stop and admire the structure. It needs our TLC and vital fundraising at this crucial time in its life.

*Lorna E Kirk*

## Fund-raising Curry Night

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October over 60 people from St. Mary's got together at the Cuisine of India Restaurant in Wigston. This was arranged by Nigel Siesage and his family



and we all had the most delicious and varied meal which was interspersed with two quizzes, one was pictures of paintings and we had to guess the artist and the other was questions about Leicester, these both caused a lot of discussion. There also was a raffle which had some very nice prizes, and this all added to a great fun evening. Thank you, Nigel, it was good to get together.

The event raised over £1,000 for the appeal.



*Aileen & John Orme*

### **How to make donations to appeal**

As will be apparent, we have already received some very generous donations. Individual gifts are very welcome at any time. Cheques for the Spire should be made out to Knighton PCC, but make it clear that they are for the Spire, possibly by writing 'Spire Fund' on the back of the cheque. If you already give to the church with Gift Aid, we can claim it on your spire donations. Please speak to Lorna Pollard for advice if you have any questions about this.

It is now also possible to make donations online. Just follow the links from the Parish website ([stmarysknighton.co.uk](http://stmarysknighton.co.uk) in case you didn't know). This online giving system provided by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) has provision for Gift Aid. The website also contains a lot of background information on the need for the repairs.

Many thanks for all your help.

*Nigel*

*Recollections and reflections***Is there no hope?**

I have been recently to two non-religious funerals. Wearing my dog collar in the congregation, I have sat quietly as I have listened to the life stories of those who are no longer with us. And then their bodies were cremated.

Previously I went to a friend's funeral in unconsecrated ground locally here in Leicester. He was a friend of my sister in law, but since 2015 had been my friend. An event 30 years before had linked our lives together. He had been a devout Roman Catholic, but life events had meant he'd lost his faith. I stood with others as the coffin arrived and all - including the undertaker - wondered what to do next. The priest in me took over and the belief that (though limited by ill health) my bishop's permission to officiate in diocese until 2020 meant something. I went to the hearse and quietly led the coffin to the grave side. Again saying a few words about him as a man, but also expressing my respect for him as a friend, we then committed his body to the ground. As we all stood around the grave, a period of quietness to end with allowed for personal reflections. In my training I was taught that things should be done well and in good order. I hope what I did was right.

I came away struggling with my own beliefs, as I have with these two other funerals. I ask the question, are they right? Death itself is such a definite statement.

For many the Christian hope of life hereafter is just wishful thinking. BUT - and I say this very loudly - it is more than that.

Three items among much to consider. Firstly it is a belief based on history, based on the life of a man who actually lived. In fact, history itself is HIS STORY. The way we mark the years BC and AD relate to him. Before Christ and Anno Domini – in the year of our Lord.

Secondly the evidence of changed lives. My own life changed in 1967 when I went from textile rep trainee in the West End of London to being a parish priest. The early church seemed defeated and lost following the crucifixion of their leader. Suddenly there is a change, a change which results in the worldwide church of today. Something happened that took away fear from their lives.

Thirdly the words of Jesus on the subject. In particular “In my father's house are many rooms. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you that where I am there you may be also”. Words which are important to me and mean a lot. Words which are worth thinking about.

And so I'm back to my three friends, one of whom is family related. For them the discussion is no longer important. They know the answer. Jesus' words are not soft words, they demand a response. Hope, in whatever life throws at us is available if you want it.

*Revd John Gates*

*Travellers' Tales 1***Lyme Park and the Sarum Missal**

In September, Phil and I spent a few days in Buxton, Derbyshire. One of the reasons was to attend a company function celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> year, in Manchester, and the other was to visit Lyme, a National Trust property which had eluded us so far. Jane Austen fans may remember that Lyme became 'Pemberley' in the BBC adaptation of *Pride and Prejudice* a few years ago, so the priority after arrival was to identify the lake from which Mr. Darcy (Colin Firth) emerged dripping wet to the amazement and delight of Elizabeth Bennet (Jennifer Ehle). The grounds are extensive, with several possibilities as to the exact location as the park contains a number of lakes, and a river. Indeed, the venue suffered severe flooding in August, and had to close its doors to visitors until the surrounding lands and car parks were pumped dry. Eventually, we were sure that we found the correct spot.



We reserved a place in the guided tour “behind the scenes” of the magnificent mansion, during which we visited the servants' quarters, and a dressing room where costumes could be tried on. Phil looked so impressive in his (not so Mr. Darcy) outfit, that the guide let him keep it on during the whole tour, provided he returned it of course.

One of the most fascinating talks was about the Lyme Missal, celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> year of being rehoused at Lyme. The Missal, based on the Sarum (or Salisbury) Missal, is a book which contains the texts of the Mass, written in Latin, and used by the Priest as a guide throughout the church year. Traditionally handwritten by monks, the Missal was commonplace in early England. Different coloured inks, and font sizes, enabled the Priest to navigate his way through the different sections. Each book opened with an illuminated letter, and each individual verse with a blue coloured letter.

The Lyme Missal is unique as it has been validated as the first ever printed copy, produced by William Caxton. Caxton was a printer's apprentice in Cologne where he learnt his trade, setting up his first press in Bruges in 1475. In 1476 he returned to England and founded the country's first printing press. From this press he issued several liturgical books, making connections with Catholic institutions, but when it came to printing the Missal, Caxton didn't have the skills needed to print in different colours, fonts and sizes. He travelled abroad to team up with Guillaume Maynyal in Paris, who perfected the two-pull, two-colour printing technique. The Sarum Missal was the first book to be printed in this way. Sir Piers Legh V, both a knight and a priest, bought the book for the family home at Lyme, and

most probably used it to officiate at services.



The book was in the Legh family's possession from at least 1508. It then lay forgotten and dormant after the Reformation. However, it does give some clues as to the reaction to the Reformation in Catholic Cheshire. Henry VIII's edict, in 1538, required the obliteration of references to the Pope, the Church of Rome and the Catholic cult of St. Thomas from all liturgical books. We can see examples of verses being crossed through, faintly enough so they can still be read, and prayers removed but then re-written by hand at the back. This strongly indicates that the Legh family continued to practise their Catholic faith during the Reformation.

The beautiful book itself was on display in an illuminated case on a pedestal in the Library. The two pages that were open demonstrated two columns of perfectly justified text, (i.e. being straight and level on each edge), and also showed its colours and artwork. Another important aspect of the volume is the rare survival of part of its original binding.

Altogether a fascinating day, highly recommended.

*Anne Squires*

## InSpired in Toledo

Susan and I visited Toledo for the first time in October and were deeply impressed by the scale and magnificence of its cathedral, not to mention its remarkable collection of art. But that is perhaps material for another article. As this picture illustrates, they also have an excellent way of sponsoring the restoration of their tower and spire.



*Nigel Siesage*

## Knighton Wild

Knighton Wild, the local voluntary organisation which has been working with the parish on parts of St Mary's churchyard for the last few years, have also been developing the area alongside the brook as Knighton Green.

Their work was entered in the It's Your Neighbourhood scheme run by the Royal Horticultural Society. Each year an assessor visits to review progress and make an assessment based on community participation, environmental responsibility and gardening achievement. This is the third year they have been part of the scheme and in previous years they have been pleased to get a grade 3 (improving).

This year they were awarded a grade 5 – outstanding.

## Seeking the culture of God

**St Mary's quiet day, September 2019,**  
Launde Abbey

**R**evd Alison Roche led the quiet day for over 20 of us in the beautiful buildings and grounds of Launde Abbey which offers the ideal tranquil space. There was a spacious generous rhythm to the day with short workshops for discussion and time to explore the gardens, countryside, chapels or library whilst reflecting on the vital questions Alison posed for us. The day was focused on the culture of God and understanding the Jesus of the bible in his Levant (Syrian Middle East Context) and how are contemporary culture can provide a distorted view of God. The day's thinking was informed by the work of Rev. Nadim Nassar and his book, *The Culture of God*:

*The Syrian Jesus - reading the divine mind, sailing into the divine heart.* We recognised some of the harmful influences of our cultural lens which can inhibit spiritual life and the importance of seeking the generosity, grace and love of God as transcending culture. Our prayer was to allow God to occupy more of the foreground in our lives and God's culture to occupy our lives rather than individualist self pursuit.

Launde provided a fine lunch, pudding and break-time cakes as part of their hospitable welcome.

If you get the chance for retreat quiet day, it is a great time to realign our priorities and copy the practice of Jesus who often spent time away and said to his disciples, 'come with me away to a quiet place'. Particular thanks are due to Doreen White for organising the day and Alison for leading.

*Revd Matthew*

## From the Registers



### Wedding

14.09.19 Matthew Scott to Sarah O'Brien

### Funerals

14.10.19 Pat Selby

22.10.19 Alan Westbury

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**Saturday 30 November 2019: 11.00 am - 2.00 pm**

Knighton Parish Centre, Church Lane,  
Knighton

### CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

**Saturday 7 December 2019: 10 am – 5 pm**

**Sunday 8 December: 12 Noon – 5 pm**

St Mary Magdalen Parish Church,  
Brinsmead Road, Knighton

### FAITH TUCKER IN CONCERT

**Friday 13 December 2019: 7.30pm**

St Mary Magdalen Parish Church,  
Brinsmead Road, Knighton

### COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday 11 January 2020: 10.00 am - 12 Noon**

(Stalls include unwanted Christmas gifts)

St. Mary Magdalen Church, Brinsmead  
Road, Knighton

### LENT LUNCH

A Saturday in February/March 2020 (date  
to be confirmed)

### OPEN CHURCH

**Easter Sunday, 12 April 2020** (times to be  
confirmed)

### MUSICATHON

**Saturday 18 April 2020**

St Mary Magdalen Church, Brinsmead  
Road, Knighton

### COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday 16 May 2020: 10.00 am - 12 Noon** (date to be confirmed)

St Mary Magdalen Church, Brinsmead  
Road, Knighton

### SUMMER LUNCH

**Saturday 13 June 2020** (times to be  
confirmed)

Knighton Parish Centre, Brinsmead Road,  
Knighton

### KNIGHTON OPEN GARDENS

(date, times and venues to be confirmed)

### AUCTION

**Saturday 19 September 2020**

Knighton Parish Centre, Church Lane,  
Knighton

### HARVEST TEA

**Saturday 3 October 2020** (times to be  
confirmed)

Knighton Parish Centre, Church Lane

### OPEN CHURCH

**Sunday 4 October 2020** (times to be  
confirmed)

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**Saturday 28 November 2020: 11 am – 2.00 pm**

Knighton Parish Centre, Church Lane,  
Knighton

### CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

(subject to confirmation)

## A special Hallowe'en



**A** wonderful event took place in the Parish Centre on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Entitled Angels and Heroes, it offered children (and their parents) a way of celebrating Hallowe'en in a welcoming and secure environment. Any primary school children passing the Centre were welcome to drop in.

The children did us proud with their costumes. They were all so different (probably helped by parents), there were lots of tables with things to do, including face painting, biscuit decorating, trying to

eat doughnuts hanging on pieces of string, colouring and producing items to take home. There was hot chocolate with marshmallows in, and of course chocolate biscuits!

The parents enjoyed it as much as the children. It was a well-attended evening and hopefully will become an annual event. Many thanks to all who set up, ran events and then cleared up!

*Aileen & John Orme*

## PCC Update

The Parochial Church Council met on 5 September and 30 October 2019.

Topics considered at these two meetings included:

- The reports on the Quinquennial Inspection of the church and Parish Centre.
- Progress of the Spire appeal.
- Review of the Morning Worship service on the third Sunday of the month.
- Adoption of a policy on baptisms and thanksgivings.
- Half year accounts.
- Publicity for Christmas services.
- Working arrangements for the Vicar and Curate.
- A wide-ranging brainstorming discussion of some options for long

term developments/ activities/ outreach. This will be subject to further refinement before any specific proposals are suitable for wider consideration.

The next meeting of the PCC is scheduled for 5 December at 7.30pm. If possible, please give the Vicar at least 10 days' notice if there is an issue that you think the PCC should consider.

Minutes of previous PCC meetings are published on the Church website following their approval at:

- <https://www.stmarysknighton.co.uk/pcc-minutes>

Past Newsletters are published here:

- <https://www.stmarysknighton.co.uk/previous-newsletters>

## From the Editor

I am delighted to announce that this will be the last issue of the St Mary Magdalen magazine ... in its present form.

My apologies for that rather teasing introduction. The magazine will continue, but will be greatly enhanced by the fact that it will cover the whole Benefice, with news and contributions from St Guthlac's as well as St Mary's, a change which has the blessing of both PCCs.

Of course, the magazine has always had many readers in the St Guthlac's congregation, both before and since St Guthlac's became a separate parish, and I



am glad to think the magazine will make a small contribution to our collaboration as a Christian community serving all the people of Knighton.

This does not mean that readers from St Mary's can rest on their laurels. Now is your chance to speak to a larger audience! Publication will follow the established pattern – six issues a year in alternate months, starting in January. So the first “new look” benefice magazine will be published in mid-January and the closing date for your contributions is New Year's Day.

Happy Christmas.

*Nigel*

My apologies for the delay in publishing this issue of the magazine. This was the result of technical difficulties - i.e. the Editor's incompetence.

Typographical and other errors (and the occasional omission) are also the Editor's responsibility.

Please submit copy for the next issue to [stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com)

## Regular Services

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month: 8.00am - Holy Eucharist (Traditional Language); 10.00am - All Age Service; 11.30am - Holy Eucharist
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month: 8.00am - Holy Eucharist (Traditional Language); 10.00am – Morning Worship (a Service of the Word without Holy Communion)
- Other Sundays: 8.00am - Holy Eucharist (Traditional Language); 10.00am – Sung Eucharist
- Weekdays: Benefice Morning Prayer: Monday 9am (St Guthlac's); Wednesday 9am (St Mary's). Holy Eucharist (said): Tuesday 9.30am (St Mary's); Thursday 9.30am (St Guthlac's). Prayer for Healing with Holy Communion: last Friday of each month, 11.00am (St Mary's).

## Parish diary

### 30<sup>th</sup> November Saturday

Christmas Bazaar

### 1<sup>st</sup> December Sunday 6.30pm

Advent Evening Service

### 7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> December Sat-Sunday

Christmas Tree Festival

### 8<sup>th</sup> December Sunday 5pm

Christmas Tree Festival Carol Service

### 13<sup>th</sup> December Friday 7.30pm

Faith Tucker in concert

### 15<sup>th</sup> December Sunday 6.30pm

Nine Lessons and Carols, St Mary's

### 18<sup>th</sup> December Wednesday 7.30pm

Nine Lessons and Carols, St Guthlac's

### 22<sup>nd</sup> December Sunday 3.30pm

Christingle and Carols

### 24<sup>th</sup> December Tuesday 5pm

Crib Service and Carols

### 24<sup>th</sup> December Tuesday 11.30pm

Midnight Communion

### 25<sup>th</sup> December Wednesday

8.00 am Traditional Communion

10.00 am All Age Worship for Christmas

Day (followed by Said Communion)

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

Services as usual

### 11<sup>th</sup> January Saturday 10.00-12noon

Coffee Morning

See also events listings page above.

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The Vicar, the Curate, the Church Wardens, the PCC Secretary, the PCC Treasurer, The Deanery Synod representatives; and Angelica Amoroso, Mary Britton, Sian Howard, Michael Kirk, Andrew Oldershaw, Anne Squires and Tanya Willis

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