

St James  
Church  
TAUNTON



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As I write this in November I am only too aware of all the preparations that need to be done for Christmas. Presents to buy, cards to write, decorations to organise – the usual busyness of the Christmas period is about to begin. I am also aware that in Advent this busy time of preparation is also an important time of waiting. We know that while Christmas lies ahead we need to be prepared for it in spirit, as well as all the activity that needs arranging. And that means waiting on God, looking for

those times where we can pause from all the rushing around and where we can be quiet, watching for the presence of God around us.

How much more would that sense of excited, uncertain waiting have weighed upon those present at the first Christmas? In their own ways they had experienced much waiting. Mary and Joseph had months of waiting with a baby on the way. The shepherds had been waiting for the Messiah, someone special God would send to lead the Jewish people. And the Magi had been patiently waiting, watching the stars for a sign that something was going to happen. And as the first Christmas approached they all knew that their hopes would be answered, although they did not know exactly how. Joseph didn't understand at first, worried that he would have to break off his engagement with Mary to avoid scandal. The Magi knew that something special would happen, but they weren't sure what, and believing it was to do with royalty they went first to the royal palace to speak with Herod.

But God knew his plans, and that they would happen in his time and in a manner of his choosing. To the surprise and delight of many, Jesus was born. Not in a palace, not to an important family, but to a young unmarried woman in a stable in an out of the way town. At a time when life was dominated by the Roman Empire, the Roman Governor, the decrees of King Herod and the High Priest of the

Jewish Temple, no one would have expected God to come into the world like this. And yet God knew that this was the way to move his plans forward and reach out to the whole world.

Even when Jesus was born, there must have been a sense of further waiting needing to be done. The image of God being present in a vulnerable baby, co-existing with weakness and interdependent on those around him, would have been striking enough. But it would be many years before Jesus would grow into his full ministry and begin teaching, healing and guiding his people.

At St James we have another process of expectant waiting at present. With our vicar, Tim Jones, having retired in October we are now in a vacancy, with much work behind the scenes to keep everything ticking over while we also look to the future and the time when our next vicar is in post. We know this probably won't be until the summer of 2018, so as a church we have a time of waiting ahead of us. And as with preparing for Christmas, while there will be a lot to do we will also need to make sure we find those times of quiet in order to pray, seek God's guidance and prepare ourselves for whatever the future brings. And perhaps we need to learn from the first Christmas that whatever expectations we may have of the future, God will be working in his own time and in his own way. The next phase of mission and ministry in St James might include many things that we are eagerly hoping for, but may also include some interesting surprises as God guides us into his plans for the future. It will be an exciting time, perhaps unsettling at times, but one where we can trust God, just as Mary trusted God when he called her to be a mother to Jesus.

So as we look ahead to all that the new year will bring, both in our church life and in our own lives, I pray that God's peace will be with us all.

Best wishes,

Nic Tall

Reader

## **Vacancy Update**

The Wardens thought that now Tim has officially retired it seemed the perfect time to give you all an update on the vacancy.

The Parish profile writing team has been formed this group consists of Ruth Dunn, Richard Carpenter, Sue Lucas, Ruth Stevens, Nic Tall and Jamie Fox. This group will gather views from different groups of the congregation and church users.

The Wardens have met with Archdeacon Simon Hill and Roger Driver from Simeon's Trustees these meeting left us feeling totally supported going into the vacancy.

They will both be attending our November PCC meeting where they will explain the vacancy process, possible time scales and answer any questions that we may have.

Our Wardens get togethers are proving to be a lovely way to meet, chat, relax ask questions from the wardens, profile writing team or PCC members. So do try to attend some of these events you won't be disappointed.

Likewise the prayer meetings are essential to carry us through this challenging period we have prayed in different ways been led by a variety of people and need to seek the Lord's guidance in all we do.

You will be kept updated all along the way as things develop and may have already been given updates by the time you read this article.

The Wardens just ask for your Prayers – throughout the vacancy and beyond, Patience – everything in the Lords timing not ours, Participation – Wardens get togethers, prayer meetings and protection - from evil.

Blessings Ruth Joycey and Steve

# Letter from the Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton For Parish Newsletters - December 2017



We've been seeing the Christmas decorations in the shops since the summer holidays ended. It starts sooner than ever each year doesn't it. At the beginning of November a checkout assistant was telling me she already had her decorations up at home due to her daughter's insistence. I remember the time when my parents would put up the tree on Christmas Eve and we weren't allowed into the living room until the next morning. Our excitement knew no bounds!

'Waiting' is something we are not very good at. Many of us are impatient in this world of immediacy. We want our needs, our wishes, fulfilled straight away. We are like that with our shopping online, paying more for next day delivery. And we can be like that with our prayer too. Challenging God as to why He doesn't appear to have heard us when we don't receive the answer we are looking for.

This season of Advent is all about waiting. Waiting and watching, not just to celebrate the festival of Christmas, the coming of the babe in the manger, but also waiting and watching for his coming again in glory. The early Christians were anticipating that Jesus would return for them in their lifetime. His words in John's gospel about "going to prepare a place for them", 'going ahead' of them, caused them to be expectant of another advent or arrival of God, breaking into their world. They couldn't understand why He didn't come back quickly particularly when they faced persecution for their faith.

I know of people now who live in that expectancy of Jesus' return each day, opening their curtains with the words, "Maybe today, Lord". Perhaps you do. I'm aware that I don't do that enough. Not because I'm fearful of life in the 'here and now' but rather thinking of each day as potentially the last here on earth and therefore thinking about how to make it count. Thinking about how I might live and tell the story of God's love to friends and neighbours, strangers and family, in a way they might hear that message most effectively. So that they can come to know a God who loves them enough to enter into their world and be present with them.

This Advent perhaps we need to become more aware that it's not only us doing the 'waiting' but also God waiting to receive the best from us.

God Waits  
God waits silently  
In our inner recesses,  
The chambers of our soul,  
Gazing lovingly  
On our treasure,  
Awaiting our response.

Yvonne Morland

The Right Reverend Ruth Worsley  
Bishop of Taunton

## Introducing.....

### **Matthew and Marion Dietz**

As many will know, Matthew is an associate minister at St. James, and as a church we have appreciated his lively style of preaching. His



“day job” however is as Chaplain at Taunton School, which is sited in our parish, with an International school at Kingston St. Mary. There are over 600 pupils in the school, about half of whom are boarders, so that’s quite a congregation! Marion is a trained teacher, and is currently working in the Health Centre at the school, but returned to teaching this term.

Matthew and Marion Dietz and their four children, Chloe, Greg, Barney and Timmy came to Taunton in 2014, when Matthew took up his appointment at Taunton School.

They met through the Young Farmers in Buckinghamshire, when they were 19 and 20 respectively; Marion was nannying for a family, and Matthew was working on a pig farm, prior to taking up an army sponsored place at Cambridge. Both had a Christian family background and a personal faith was an important prerequisite in their relationship. The next few years saw the relationship develop as they travelled to see each other, and they got engaged as Matthew’s undergraduate course was coming to an end. Marion spent 6 months working in a Romanian orphanage in the aftermath of the Ceaurescu revolution, and conditions there were extremely basic. She returned to the UK to train as teacher at Winchester, and following Matthew’s officer training the couple married and set up home in Winchester. Marion’s father had been a serving officer in the navy, so marrying into service life was familiar territory, with the separations this entailed. Matthew was serving in the Logistics Corp and was posted to Colchester where he served in a Ghurka squadron which he greatly enjoyed. Their two eldest children were born in Essex



and Marion's career took a different path as a full time parent. Matthew had two tours of duty in Bosnia and Northern Ireland, and remained in the army for 8 years before leaving in 2001, as a Captain, to work in the City of London as a Management Consultant. This involved working for several multinational companies, and travelling extensively in Europe. The family moved from Essex to Dorset, closer to Marion's family while Matthew commuted to the city. In 2003, when the Gulf War broke out, he was recalled to active service as a reservist and had to leave Marion and their two children with little notice. While in Iraq, unsure of whether he would return alive, Matthew experienced a 'conversation with God', which was pivotal to the future direction of his life, and led to a call to the Ministry. This was also a path that Marion's father had followed on leaving the navy. Matthew trained for the ministry at Oxford, so was now commuting a different route to be with his family at weekends in Winchester. The family had by now expanded to include Barney and Timmy, so Marion was kept busy, keeping family life on an even keel.

It was during a non-parish placement at Canford School that Matthew became convinced of his calling to school chaplaincy. Following his curacy in Winchester he became Chaplain at Monkton Coombe School in 2010 before moving to Taunton School in 2014.

I asked Matthew what were the high points of working as a chaplain at Taunton School. He responded unhesitatingly that the international dimension of the school, with over 30 different nationalities, with such a rich variety of culture and outlook, was what stood out. He has a ministry to all faiths and those who have none, and the challenge is to present and live an authentically Christian ministry. Taunton School is very diverse, with five different 'schools' in one, and he needs to recognise the different needs and contexts of each one. Operating in a boarding school, he feels, is rather like being on a ship at sea; it is a self-contained community, and there is a need to know how to use one's time effectively and still ensure there is time for family. Matthew's role is very diverse, and has elements of teaching, pastoral care, preparation for confirmation, work with parents and staff as well as outward bound activities with the pupils. The family have valued being part of the school

and part of the town, and being able to make friends in the local community and churches.

Being a school chaplain and chaplain's wife in a large and diverse school has many dimensions and challenges. As the children have grown more independent Marion has been able to resume work, initially on the school site, but now at Holway Park School. Indeed this year will be one of several changes, as Chloe finishes her International Baccalaureate and Greg his GCSE's, and they move on in their educational journey. Matthew has applied to return to the army, but this time as an army chaplain, having served as chaplain to both the Somerset and Bristol Army cadets. This will involve a move from their current home on the Taunton School site and the school community, although Marion and the family will be remaining in Taunton while Matthew is again away during the week.

Please pray for all the family as they prepare for the changes they will be making, for Marion in her new job and Matthew as he completes another year as chaplain, while preparing for his new role. For Chloe and Greg as they prepared for important exams and the whole family as they prepare to move home again.

# The Christmas Message

The date was set in heaven above  
When love come down upon this earth,  
A stable bare, a bed of straw,  
The setting for the Saviour's birth.

Shepherds out upon the hillside  
'Watching o'er their flocks by night',  
When angels telling of a baby  
In splendor, burst upon their sight

Signs were seen in distant lands  
With wise men travelling from afar  
Having searched the skies at night  
Came following His natal star.

As we hear the Christmas message,  
If we think these things are true,  
We could come to seek this baby  
We could be like wise men too.

By Megan Carter

# **Prayer - Gifts**

**Glory to God  
and thanks for His love-gift,  
Saviour in baby clothes.**

**Glory to God  
and thanks for His light-gift,  
shining, living Way.**

**Glory to God  
and thanks for His life-gift,  
cross-shaped sure hope.**

**Glory to God  
and thanks for His Son-gift, Jesus,  
Precious and beautiful.**

**Glory and thanks to God  
And to His people -  
Holy Christmas Peace.**

**By Daphne Kitching**

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# GOODBYE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN

**MOVIE  
MOMENTS**

Nick and Carol Pollard from EthosMedia.org share thought-provoking reflections on the latest films.

## Comfort in our troubles

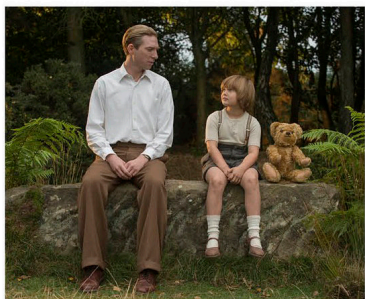
'His childhood was sacrificed to make other childhoods better' says Will Tilston about the title character he plays in *Goodbye Christopher Robin*.

This is the latest film providing a surprising back-story to a popular children's book. But unlike *Saving Mr. Banks*, *Miss Potter* and *Finding Neverland* (which primarily focus on the mind of the writer) *Goodbye Christopher Robin* also shows the impact on the story's main character, who is a real person – the author's eight-year-old son. This young boy has been experiencing the pain of living with emotionally disengaged parents. His father is shell-shocked from the First World War, and finds it difficult to express his feelings. His mother cannot properly attach to her son because she is convinced that another such war is inevitable and he will be called up to fight, so she showers him with affection one minute and ignores him the next.

Then, in a magical few days when Christopher is alone with his father in the woods surrounding their Sussex house, the two of them bond together through imaginary stories about a group of toy animals. Christopher's father is A. A. Milne, who writes these down as the tales of Winnie-the-Pooh, and the whole family finds themselves swept up in the success of the books. But young Christopher Robin cannot stay little forever.

As he grows, these childhood stories make his adolescent life a misery.

We can't detail the end of the film without spoilers but can highlight that, in the final scenes, we discover that the tales of Winnie-the-Pooh, which had comforted the young boy, became comforting to others in their own distress. Perhaps, as we watch this powerful and moving film, we might reflect on the biblical message that God 'comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive.'



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EthosMedia.org provides free resources to help people explore spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues through the latest feature films.



# What's in a Box.....?

## .....Lots of Love from St. James

### The Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box appeal 2017

Despite an early deadline, we had a wonderfully generous collection of boxes to send to the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal. For



those wanting to avoid the fight with wrapping paper and Sellotape, there were purposely made flat packed boxes. However there were plenty of people who rose to the sticky challenge and the end result was that Roger's car was

packed to the roof with a colourful array of 81 boxes. Fifteen of these were packed using individually donated items. Thank you to all those who gave or helped with this and also to those who made financial donations, which enable us to send £135.07, in addition to money included in the boxes or online. These gifts will bring joy and pleasure to the children who receive them, and we pray that many of them will want to know more about the Greatest Gift of all – Jesus.





## An Advent thought

Lord Shaftsbury was born in 1801 and died in 1851. He was known as one of the greatest social reformers of the 19th century.

He became an MP in 1826 at 265 years of age.

He was moved by the working conditions of women and young children in the C19th. He introduced Acts of Parliament that changed the lives of many people, in what today we would call 'third world social conditions' with a lack of education and healthy working conditions.

1833 introduced an Act of Parliament that children should not work more than 10 hours a day.

1834 introduced the Factory Act that said no child under 9 years old should be employed in the textile mills.

1842 introduced an Act that decreed that no woman or child should be employed in the coal mines.

He was a pioneer in the foundation of Ragged Schools to provide education for children.

He achieved many things in a comparatively short life. He was a deeply committed Christian and he said that he lived as if tomorrow Christ would come and he would answer to for his actions or non-actions.

This is a thought for ADVENT and a question, 'Do we live as if Jesus was to return tomorrow?

Advent is no airy fairy story, it is living in the presence of our Lord-today.

Brian Stokes

# Farewell to Tim and Margaret



October saw the departure of Tim and Margaret as they move on from St James and into whatever adventures God has planned for them in retirement. We can believe that God has something special planned as it is unlikely Tim will be content with cocoa, slippers

and re-runs of Lewis.

For St James, the final packed morning services on 8<sup>th</sup> October was a time of celebration of the 11 years of ministry that Tim and Margaret have been engaged in since they arrived fresh from their rural parishes in Herefordshire in



2006. In that time we have learned and grown together as Tim has developed his ministry and sought to widen the horizons of his congregation, encouraging people to develop their gifts and roles within and





outside the church, and making links within the town.

As we face our own next steps on the journey, we wish Tim and Margaret happiness and fulfilment and pray that God will continue to enable us to walk in His ways as we faced the future.



Pictures taken at the Leaving Lunch which was attended by about 200 people.



Thank you Tim and Margaret.



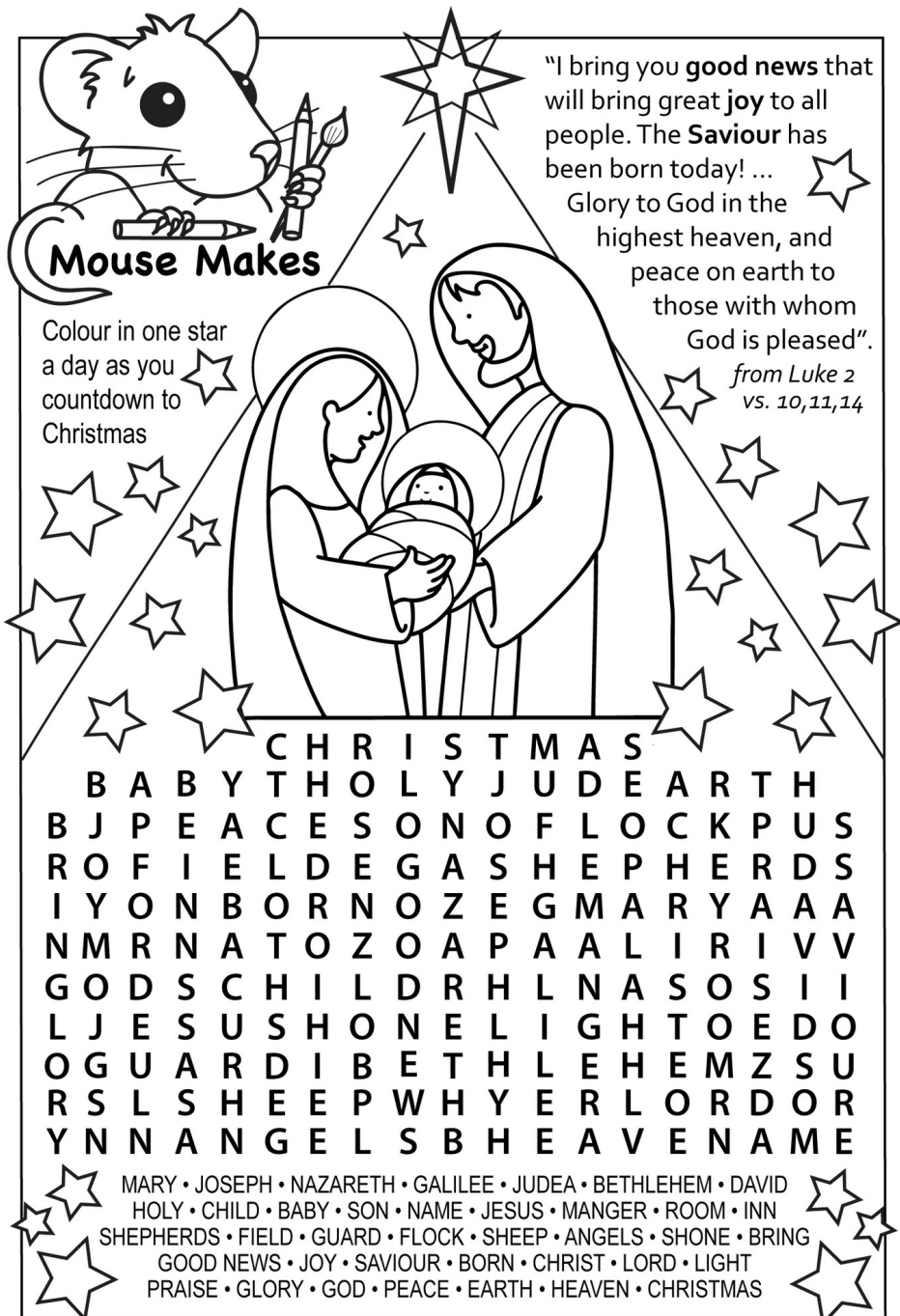
# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

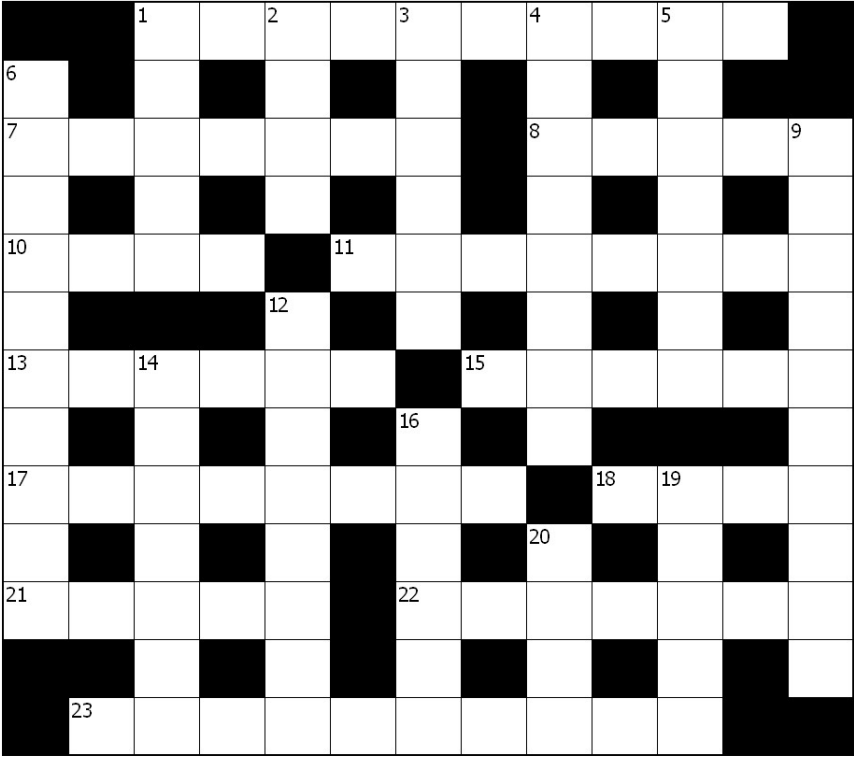
It can be read in the Bible in  
Luke 1: 26-56 & Matthew 1: 18-25

In Israel, about 2000 years ago, a young woman, Mary, was going to marry Joseph. The weddings were in two stages.





# Crossword



## Crossword Puzzle Clues and Answers for Dec17

### Across

- 1 Provisional meeting place of God and the Jews (Exodus 25:9) (10)
- 7 David's third son, killed when his head got caught in a tree during a battle with his father (2 Samuel 18:14,15) (7)
- 8 They ruled much of the west coast of South America in the 15th and early 16th centuries (5)
- 10 Small deer of European and Asian extraction (4)
- 11 Seized control of (Numbers 21:25) (8)
- 13 Terror (Luke 24:5) (6)
- 15 First World War heroine shot by the Germans in Brussels, Nurse Edith .... (6)
- 17 Stormy (8)
- 18 A bitter variety of this, together with lamb and unleavened bread, was the Passover menu for anyone unclean (Numbers 9:11) (4)
- 21 Arson (anag.) (5)
- 22 How John Newton described God's grace in his well-known hymn (7)
- 23 Habitation (Isaiah 27:10) (10)

### Down

- 1 .... and see that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8) (5)
- 2 The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as ... as a lion (Proverbs 28:1) (4)
- 3 One of the exiles, a descendant of Parosh, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:25) (6)
- 4 He escaped from Nob when Saul killed the rest of his family and joined David (1 Samuel 22:19,20) (8)
- 5 City and lake in Central Switzerland (7)
- 6 Offer your bodies as living .... , holy and pleasing to God (Romans 12:1) (10)
- 9 Pouches carried by horses (Genesis 49:14) (10)
- 12 One who accepts government by God (8)
- 14 Aromatic substance commonly used in Jewish ritual (Exodus 30:1) (7)
- 16 He asked Jesus, 'What is truth?' (John 18:38) (6)
- 19 Are (Romans 13:1) (5)
- 20 You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will ... his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21) (4)



## St. James School Harvest

It was a joyous occasion in mid October when St. James School came to celebrate their Harvest Service at St. James.



Parent started to arrive early to make sure they got a seat where they could see their children. This year there are fourteen classes at St. James, which reflects the growing number of children who are enrolling there.

Reception, Key stage 1 and year 3 were seated on the floor, with the rest of KS2 on chairs in the side aisles. The church was packed to bursting and the different classes shared with their parents and families, a lively range of songs, poems and art work.

The children had brought a generous collection of tins and foodstuffs to school which they were donating to Open Door, to help stock the cupboards for the winter needs of the homeless.



Chris Doyle's entrance painting this year celebrates giving our gifts to Open Door, who do so much to support those in the town who are without a home or any kind of shelter.

# Some Quotes from Ken's Notebook

Jesus Christ

If He was a man, it was murder:

If He was God, it was an offering

If he was a man, it was martyrdom;

If He was God, it was sacrifice

If He was a man, they took his life from Him

If He was God , he laid it down of himself

If he was a man, we called to admiration

If He was God, we are called to devotion

If He was a man we must stand up and take our hats off;

If He was God we must fall down and give Him our hearts.

No mere man could save you

The Teaching of the universal church is this :

the Immortal God has died for you.

(W.E.Sangster)

The Motive behind Christmas

The motive behind Christmas ...for God so loved the world

The event remembered at Christmas ... that he gave us his only Son

The reason for Christmas .. that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

(John 3 v 16)

Tearfund is one of our four international organisations that we support. Every quarter they produce a magazine that is a real eye opener as to what is happening in the parts of the world where they are active. In the Summer edition there was an article that particularly caught my eye as a message of hope in a troubled and violent world.

## Inspiration from Nigeria

### Blessed are the Peacemakers

**Mariam Tadros**, helps co-ordinate Tearfund's Peacebuilding initiatives in a range of countries, she writes following a recent visit to Nigeria.



***'As I looked at the three young boys – their shoulders slouched with a heaviness and their eyes filled with pain – I could only admire their courage in choosing a journey of peace over raging conflict.'***

Mariam met with a group of 20 young men and women in Angwan Rukuba in Jos. This town was at the heart of the crises of 2008 – 12 that tore Christian and Muslim communities apart. These young people have grown up in the midst of unimaginable bloodshed.

### Another option

With limited access to education and job opportunities and high levels of drug abuse locally, young people are particularly susceptible to being drawn into ongoing violence. The three boys Mariam met, aged around 14, had been caught up in this cycle, but are now beginning the journey towards healing and community through this group.

**Tearfund's partner, Scripture Union West Africa**, has built a relationship with a Muslim organisation called Jama'atu Nasril Islam. Together they run a project called *Peace2gether* uniting young



people from different backgrounds. By helping them to overcome the challenges of drug addiction, loss of hope and the pain of conflict, they help young people build a better future.

*‘As these young people engage with a process of healing, they find meaning and purpose that gives them an energy – a vision of what could be that gives hope even as they live in the midst of the brokenness in their communities,’* says Mariam.

Out of this work, young people – vibrantly engaged with the idea of building peace – are forming committees and reaching out to others. Using sports, music and art, they take every opportunity to talk about peace, as well as warning against drug use.

### **Youth bring hope**

An article in the Guardian following bombings in Jos in 2014 observed: ‘Youths from both faiths who might have been expected to turn on each other have instead joined forces. Gestures of goodwill, repeated elsewhere in a metropolis where invisible boundaries still determine what streets a Muslim or Christian can safely cross after nightfall, may have saved this city on a cliff-edge from falling off, at least for now.’

This is the power of young people committed to building peace. This is the hope that is instilled through initiatives like *Peace2gether*.

*‘Every time I’ve been here and spent time with our partners and sat with these young people, you can’t help but allow yourself to feel hope in spite of ongoing conflict,’* says Mariam. *‘To hear their stories of how encountering one another had turned enemies into friends, and how choosing peace meant that they now defended each other instead of defending against one another, gave me a sense of light breaking through darkness.’*

**In a world where we are daily bombarded with news of hatred and unimaginable violence in the name of religion, it is heartening to see an example of young people being enabled to put behind the bitterness and seek to work towards a different agenda.**

# BELL RINGERS WANTED



Have you ever thought when you passed the church and heard the bells, how do they do that? Well wonder no more as we are looking for you to join our band of ringers here at St James.

We practice 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evening (7:30 to 9pm) and ring every 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday morning for service.

No experience needed as we will teach you the ropes!

If you are 12 or over and would like to see if bell ringing is for you contact Marian Gentile (Tower captain) 01823 275278 or Bob Boulton 07495814101 (Steeple keeper)



"The vicar's still miffed that one of the parents got £250 from You've Been Framed for their video of last year's nativity play."

## ***The PCC has been discussing...***

Here's a summary of the main things the Parochial Church Council looked at in September, October and November.

### **Vacancy Matters**

Much of the PCC's time has been taken up with vacancy matters, which are covered in the article by the churchwardens.

### **Safeguarding**

The Church of England's rules and guidance on Safeguarding continue to develop and the diocese is working through the practical implementation issues. Among the new requirements are:

- Safeguarding Risk Assessments are needed for all activities. We already have Health and Safety risk assessments, so the safeguarding ones will cover how groups are run.
- Social Media needs to be handled properly. A small group is being formed to look into how we manage our Facebook and other online accounts. Beccy Fox will convene it in the new year.
- A protocol is needed for home visiting.
- Job Descriptions are needed for all roles within the church. We have them for most of the big roles, and will take a much lighter touch where we don't need lots of words.
- A Volunteer Agreement should be part of the induction for all new appointments.
- The Safer Recruitment process needs to be fully implemented.
- The PCC should approve all appointments, not just where the person works directly with children or vulnerable adults. We may need an additional officer to oversee this.

### **Miscellaneous Matters**

Soul Space is now up and running on first Sunday evenings, for young people.

The St James Players are planning a Passion Play for the first three evenings of Holy Week.

A Catering Group has been formed, consisting of Ruth Crooks, Marian Gentile, Sheila Marlow; Susie Peeler, Annie Reid and Jenny Wakefield. Ruth is the first point of contact.

The PCC approved a project to replace the floor covering in the links and toilets.

Stonework repairs on the tower were also approved. In due course we may need to replace some of the pinnacles completely.

Meanwhile, the refurbishment of the church lounge (former TYFC Office) continues steadily. Andy Hull has now finished a major repair job that entailed rebuilding part of a damaged wall. Sue Doyle is leading the team looking at the decorating and furnishing.

### **Policies and other ‘stuff’**

Over the course of the year, the PCC reviews and updates lots of policies and schedules. While this may not sound exciting, all are important in enabling the church to run smoothly. Over this period, the following were reviewed:

- Wages, fees and charges for 2018. This includes a review of the booking form we use for the halls.
- Insurance Policy – to make sure that all our activities, including new ones, are covered.
- Capital Expenditure Plan. This is a list of identified projects.
- Health and Safety Policy, including a long list of risk assessments.

*A copy of the Health and Safety Policy is on the noticeboard just outside the church office.*

We note changes to this document throughout the year, so please tell the PCC Secretary if there is something that needs to be added or amended.

- Compliance with various legislative requirements.
- and the Diocesan policy for preventing bullying and harassment.

*The latest full PCC minutes are displayed near the coffee area.*

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## HOME GROUPS

### Tuesday

10:30 am The Nomads (Contact Joyce Lander 278387)

### Wednesday

2:30 pm 15 Barrington Close Fortnightly (Contact Ken Jamieson 289367)

7:30 pm 13 Gyffarde Street

(Contact Mark Stevens 972838; hosts Bethan and Tim Baigent 271655)

7:30 pm 28 Comeytrowe Lane

(Contact Steve Bradford 337690; hosts Wakefields 277318)

7:30 pm Killams Group Fortnightly (Contact Les Andrews 254344)

7:45 pm Ashley Road (Contact Richard Sainsbury 284688)

8:00 pm Hesperia The Avenue (Contact Richard Carpenter 277916)

8:00 pm North Taunton Fortnightly (Contact The Church Office 272931)

### Thursday

2:30 pm 27 Priorswood Road (Contact Kay Seed 251077; host Sue Collard 271858)

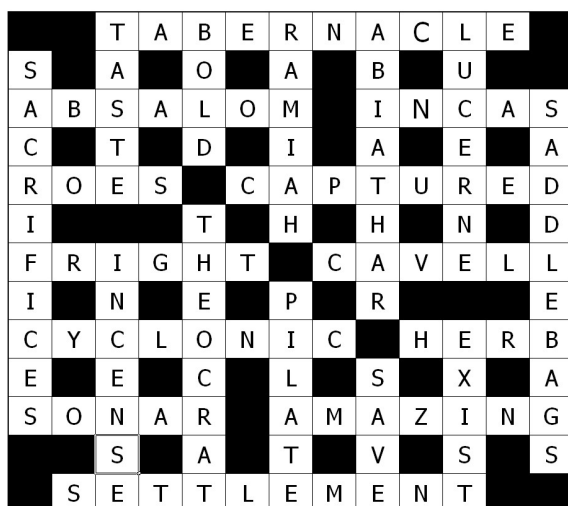
7:30 pm 69 Richmond Road Womens' Group (Contact Margaret Jones 333194)

7:30 pm 21 Ryesland Way (Contact Geoff Treasure 490458)

8:00 pm 12 The Avenue (Contact Sue Doyle 271223; host Annie Reid 07812 130619)

## OTHER GROUPS

- Mondays** Parent and Toddlers Group 10am-11.30am in the Church Hall  
Contact Sheila Marlow 01823 254367
- Tuesdays** Bell ringing (alternate weeks) Contact Marian Gentile (275278)
- Wednesdays** Art Group in the Church Hall Contact Church Office (272931)
- Praise and Play in the Church 9.30am - 11am - for pre-school children and their parents/ carers every Wednesday.  
Contact Kate Taylor (619739)
- Thursdays** Thursday Fellowship (first Thursday of the month)  
in the Church Hall Contact Vicky Dykes (282507)



**ACROSS:** 1, Tabernacle. 7, Absalom. 8, Incas. 10, Roes. 11, Captured. 13, Fright. 15, Cavell. 17, Cyclonic. 18, Herb. 21, Sonar. 22, Amazing. 23, Settlement.

**DOWN:** 1, Taste. 2, Bold. 3, Ramiah. 4, Abiathar. 5, Lucerne. 6, Sacrifices. 9, Saddlebags. 12, Theocrat. 14, Incense. 16, Pilate. 19, Exist. 20, Save.

## MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

The Next Newsletter is due out on 4th March. All entries for this Newsletter must be submitted by 31st January. All entries are at the discretion of the Editorial team and the space available.

# Our Christmas Services



**Sunday 3rd December**

**10.30am** Christingle Service

**Sunday 10th December**

**10.30am** Family Carols & Nativity

**7.00pm** Evening Service

**Monday 11th December**

**6.15pm** Business Carol Service with Taunton team Chaplaincy

**Sunday 17th December**

**10.30am** Holy Communion

**6.30pm** Carols by Candlelight

**Sunday 24th December**

**10.30am** Morning Worship

**4.00pm** Crib Service

**11.30pm** Midnight Communion



**Monday 25th December**

**10.30am** Family Communion

*Coffee, tea and refreshments will be available after all the main services*

Join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, who is God with us, during this wonderful season.

