

Dear friends,

I have two articles this month. It seems too soon to jump into Christmas in the first week of Advent, when the magazine comes out, but too late to have an article about Christmas for the January magazine.

The first is a simple reflection on advent, found at the beginning of the magazine, and the second about Christmas, at the end of the magazine.

‘Here’s one I prepared earlier’ – words made famous by the children’s TV programme Blue Peter. The catch phrase became so familiar that even today it is guaranteed to raise a simple smile. The importance of being prepared can scarcely be over emphasised. Imagine being operated on by an untrained surgeon, or by entering a marathon without months of training, or sitting an exam without first revising. In countless areas of life, if we are not prepared then we or others will suffer the consequence. Hence, another catchphrase, immortalised as the Boy Scout motto: ‘Be prepared.’

That, in essence, is the message of Advent. But be prepared for what? Despite the hustle and bustle associated with this time of year might tell you, these few weeks are not just about getting ready for Christmas- writing cards, buying presents, stocking up with food, hanging decorations. Rather, they’re about ensuring that we are ready to meet Jesus, about honouring and serving him in our lives, about hearing his call and glimpsing his presence in the world around us. Just as the surgeon goes on learning, the athletes go on training, the student goes on revising, so discipleship involves ongoing development. It calls for faithfulness in prayer and worship, in consecrating our gifts and talents, on the message and meaning of Christ and walking in the Christian way. Advent offers us the opportunity to take stock, to reflect and to respond. Please take the opportunity this Advent to find peace amongst the busyness. You may like to come to our advent reflections and services in order to prepare for Christmas.

Every blessing,

Deborah

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our church family: Maisie Rose FITZGERALD who was baptised on 17th Nov 2019 at St. Margaret's Church. Her parents are Thomas & Emma Fitzgerald.

Finley Jacob Tae SMITH on 24th November at St. Margaret's Church. His parents are Andrew Smith and Nicola Tansey.

FUNERALS

We commend into the loving hands of Almighty God:

Ray Grayshon, whose funeral took place on 8th November at St, Margaret's Church.

Charles Badcock, whose funeral took place on 11th November 2019 at Blackley Crematorium

Bessie Evans, whose funeral took place on 26th November 2019 at Agecroft Crematorium.

Doris Blackledge, whose funeral took place on 27th November 2019 at St. Margaret's Church.

CALENDAR FOR DEC 2019

Morning Prayer will be said in the Chancel Monday-Friday at 8.30am: On Tuesday and Friday the Peregrini Service will be used. Parish Office is every Thursday, 7.00-8.00pm in church.

Sunday 1st December

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – CHRISTINGLE

Family Service

8.00am

Holy Communion (St. M's)

9.45am

Sung Eucharist (St. M's)

11.15am

Holy Communion (St. G)

Mon 2nd Dec	7.00pm	Advent refection 1 (at St. M's Church)
Wed 4th Dec	10.00am 7.00pm	Holy Communion followed by coffee Espresso Church meal out
Thurs 5th Dec	9.00am tbc	Christmas Assembly at Heaton Park Christingle service with the scouts
Fri 6th Dec	7.00pm	Advent Praise at Our Lady of Grace

**Sunday 8th Dec
SERVICE)**

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (TOY

(Laying on of hands)

8.00am	Holy Communion (St. M's)
9.45am	Sung Eucharist (St. M's)
11.15am	Holy Communion (St. G)
12.30pm	Interment of ashes (St. G's)
2.30pm	Interment of ashes (St. G's)
3.30pm	Interment of ashes (St. M's)

Mon 9th Dec	7.00pm	Advent reflection 2 (at St. M's Church)
Wed 11th Dec	10.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion followed by coffee Messy Church (at St. LWH)
Thurs 12th Dec church	9.30am	St. Margaret's School rehearsing in
	2.00pm	Community Carol Service at St.
Margaret's	6.30pm	St. Margaret's School Concert at St. M's
Church		
Sat 14th Dec	3.30pm	Young at Heart Party in Church House

Sunday 15th Dec

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am	Holy Communion (St. M's)
9.45am	Sung Eucharist (St. M's)
11.15am	Holy Communion (St. G's)

	3.45pm	Service of Wholeness and well-being at the vicarage
Mon 16th Dec	7.00pm	Advent Reflection 3 (at St. M's Church)
Wed 18th Dec	10.00am	Holy Communion followed by coffee
Sat 21st Dec Longfield Centre	11.00am	Churches Together Carol Singing at the

Sunday 22nd Dec THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

8.00am	Holy Communion (St. M's)
9.45am	Sung Eucharist (St. M's)
11.15am	Holy Communion (St. G's)
6.30pm	Traditional Carol Service (carols and readings)

Tues 24th Dec

CHRISTMAS EVE

4.30pm	Crib Service (St. M's)
11.30pm	Midnight Mass (St. M's)

Wed 25th Dec

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.30am	Christmas Day Service (St. M's)
10.00am	Christmas Day Service (St. G'S)

Sunday 29th Dec

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

8.00am	Holy Communion (St. M's)
9.45am	Sung Eucharist (St. M's)
11.15am	Holy Communion (St. G's)

Advent Services

St. Margaret's Church

7.00pm on Mondays

December 2nd 9th & 16th



ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, SIMISTER

December 2019 at St. George's

Invitation to everybody, all activities are in the Lady Wilton Hall

***WHIST DRIVE** :- Start 7:30pm

Saturday 14th December

Everybody welcome come and enjoy an evening out.

All proceeds go to the church.

***TEAPOT TIME** 1:00pm to 3:00pm

There will be one meeting in December, Monday 9th

Dates of the next meetings will be in the January magazine

Thank you to everybody for your support all proceeds given to St. George's.

For information please ring Barbara Lashwood 0161 773 6244

Why not bring a friend it is an enjoyable 2 hours..

***CRAFT GROUP** Every Tuesday start time 7.00pm

Many thanks to this group for their continued support to church fund raising.

MESSY CHURCH 4:00pm to 5:30pm in the Lady Wilton Hall

December meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th.

Please join us for fun, food and fellowship.

St. George's Christmas Fair

Thank you to **everybody** for all the work you do, the continued support from both church families , Craft Group, Village Friends and your generous donations.

All monies will go to St. George's Church, especially the repair of the baptistry roof.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of

Dec. 8th Mrs. M Woodcock

Gemma Greenwood

15th Mrs Stewardson/Hardy

Fred Heywood

Flowers over the Christmas and New Year period are from the Church Family

in memory of all our loved ones.

Thank you to everyone for all the flowers and especially to Barbara Ashurst for the beautiful arrangements

If you wish to put flowers in church or have any problems please contact:

Barbara Ashurst 07922655013 or Joan Knott 0161 773 6879.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS

Thank you for all your knitting ,

A Host of beautiful angels to give every child at Christmas.

Ladies from both church families and all our friends in the village what a wonderful job!!!

CLEANING ROTA

Week ending

1st December

Joan

22nd “

Margaret

We are very short of cleaners in church if anybody feels that they could help please contact either Joan Knott or Carol Knaggs

Carol and Joan would like to wish everybody a blessed Christmas and a healthy New Year.

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St. Margaret’s Church REREDOS FLOWERS

DECEMBER

ADVENT NO FLOWERS

We have 3 dates available: **Sept 29, Oct 27, Nov 17**

If you are interested in any of the above, will you please write down the date, your name and ‘phone number and put it in the FLOWER BOX on the table outside the meeting room. We will then phone you.

Thanks Barbara Edwards





**Have you seen
our Post Box?**

**No Stamp
required**

**No address
needed**

Sure to arrive

**There is a box and some paper at the back of
Church for your prayers.**

**Please use this post box to send your prayers to
our Father. They can be for anything on your
mind at any time.**

**All prayers are brought to the Wholeness &
Wellbeing Service each month and will be
offered to the Lord during this service.**

Carol Olive

Authorised Lay Minister



The December meeting will be the Carol Concert for Henshaw's at Manchester Cathedral on Tuesday 10th December. The concert starts at 7.30pm and doors open at 7pm. We would meet at Prestwich metro station at 6.30pm and go into Manchester by tram. Tickets are £10.00 adults and £8.00 concessions. If you wish to go please put your name on the lists at the back of either church. We need to know quite quickly so get your name down as soon as possible. Or contact: Joan Evans 0161 7739683.



Alternatively – or in addition! – you may wish to attend the Manchester Chorale's Christmas Concert of Carols with Broadhurst silver Band. It is at St Edward's RC Church, Lees, Oldham, at 7.30pm on Saturday 14 December. Tickets £12 available in advance from Carol P or on the door.



Calling Angel-Makers

Deborah would like to give each child attending the Christmas Services an Angel.

If you can Knit, Crochet or Sew your help would be appreciated. The Angels need to be between 6" to 10" in size, they can be of any design.

Doing buses differently

One day I was walking along Bury New Rd from Strangeways towards Prestwich. On the other side of the road a man was complaining that none of the buses were stopping for him. I stopped to listen, and realised that he was blind and was standing at a stop where only the 96 stopped. He would have to wait about 45 minutes for the next bus, unless he walked to the next stop and caught an express bus. I called across the busy road and tried to explain. He was not happy.

I was walking because to get close to my home I have to change buses. It can cost nearly £5.00 for a 2 mile journey. At least I had a choice at that time. If I'm coming back from Simister after 6.30 my only option is to walk.

It's no wonder that less and less people are using the buses. If this trend continues, services will decline even further, and the more inconvenient it becomes the less people will use the service.

But what if the operators all worked together to integrate the buses with each other and the trams, with a simple ticketing system where you can tap on at the beginning and off at the end and be charged a reasonable fare? After all, if it works in a city the size of London, why can't it work in Manchester?

Greater Manchester is currently proposing a franchise system to give us a joined up public transport service. They want to know what we think. A good bus service is important to all of us. Even if you don't use buses at the moment

- One day you might need them. Even a minor injury might stop you driving temporarily
- More passengers on buses means less cars. Less energy will be used.
- Fewer cars means less pollution and cleaner air, and less congested roads
- The poorer people in our society have no option but to use buses.

We are all invited to give our opinions.

Go to gmconsult.org for more information and to fill in a questionnaire. Or simply write to **Freepost GM BUS CONSULTATION** and tell them what you think. You have until January 8th 2020.

Rev Sue



Thank you.

A big thank you to all of those involved in the Christmas Fair at both St. Margaret's and St. George's. Thank you for those who helped to prepare, gave donations, set up the stalls and café and helped with the clearing up at the end. A big thank you to everyone who came to support the event.

St. Margret's Church raised approximately £2000.

At the time of writing the amount raised at St. George's Church is not known.

Rev Deborah

St Margaret's Church Christmas Fair

A very big "Thank you" to everyone who supported our Christmas fair by either donating items, or by helping on the day. A big "Thank you" also to all those who attended on the day which enabled us to make £2,000 approx.



The Social Committee

Advent to Christmas – Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

I discovered this anthem whilst browsing in the Sing for Pleasure shop at Summer School 2018. It appealed immediately, and I knew that, with encouragement, Maggie's Music Makers would be able to make a good job of it. And they did – at the 2018 Christmas Carol Service as well as after communion during a December Sunday service at St Margaret's.

The five verses progressively explore the theme of Advent, gradually merging into Christmas by the end. Between verses there are interludes of Carols, both for Advent and Christmas, beginning with "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" and finishing with "The First Noel". Between the verses are "Past 3 O'Clock", "In the Bleak Mid-Winter", "Away in a Manger" and "We Three Kings":

Low today the Advent sun tells us that the day is done.
Hoar frost glistens in the trees, sparkles on the holly leaves.
Advent voices soft and clear sing that Christmas time is near.

Advent candles in a ring flicker as our voices sing.
Mary still has far to go, donkey trotting through the snow.
Here we wait on wintry earth longing for a baby's birth.

Holly, ivy, mistletoe, candles on the fir tree glow.
Every year we do the same, all because Christ Jesus came,
In a stable dark and bare, few to honour, love and care.

Shepherds from the frosty night, wise men with a star for light.
In the dark time of the year Jesus Christ our light is here.
Infant saviour of the world, sleeping in a manger curled.

As we count the Advent days, in our hearts our God we praise,
Use the carols which we sing to remind us of our King.
Born to reign in Bethlehem, come Lord Jesus, come again.

There have been challenges – of course – but once again your parish singing group has nailed it and hopes to sing this anthem at some point during Advent.

Carol P



WELCOME TO MESSY CHURCH

Our next Messy Church is on Wednesday
11th December 2019, 4.00-5.30pm at the
Lady Wilton Hall. Please join us for fun, food
and fellowship.

Our dates for 2020 are:-

- Wednesday January 15th
- Wednesday February 12th
- Wednesday March 18th
- Wednesday April 22nd
- Wednesday May 20th
- Wednesday June 17th
- Wednesday July 15th

The Silence of Love

Not in the whirlwind,
not in the lightning,
not in the strife of tongues
Is he to be found,

but in the still small voice,
speaking in silence.
Therefore be silent,
let the past be silent –
let there be no regrets,
no brooding,
no bitterness.
Let all be silent.
Be still and know.
Be still and look.
Let the mind of the eye be closed,
to see what otherwise
you would not see,
to hear what otherwise
you would not hear,
to know what otherwise
you would not know,
and if in the silence he does not answer,
He is still there,
His silence is the *silence of love*.
When the servant is ready,
Then the Master is present.
It is good to wait
In *silence for his coming*

(Rule of Taize – submitted by Mary Simmons)

Community Christmas Cards

At this time of year countless charities, companies and other organisations try to boost their coffers by persuading people like you and me to buy their Christmas cards. We will spend good money on such cards. Some people have nagging doubts about the “eco-ethics” of so much paper and card being circulated and ultimately thrown away.



There has to be a better way.

Your parish Eco Group has a suggestion. What if we each give one card addressed to the entire Church Family? What if these cards are displayed in

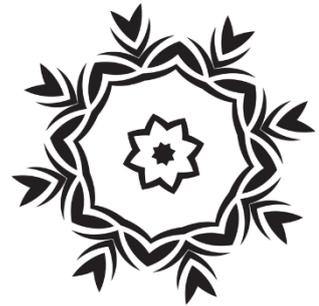
our churches for the congregations to see and read? Our festive wishes and blessings would automatically be extended to those at services we don't usually attend as well as those we see in church each week. Our churches would look even more beautiful. The amount of time, money, paper and card expended at this time would be dramatically cut. Our little bit of Mother Earth would heave a little sigh of relief.

No one is obliged to do this. If you still wish to write individual Christmas cards, then please do. Members of the Parish Eco Group will be sending one Community Christmas Card to the entire Church Family - which includes you!

Advent and Christmas blessings,
St Margaret's Parish Eco Group

Christmas Church Flowers

As Christmas draws near, we flower arrangers would like to request your kind donations towards the cost of this year's Christmas Flowers. The box for donations is at the back of church. We really appreciate all contributions as without them we would not be able to decorate our lovely church for the festive season. As Flower Arrangers it gives us great pleasure in arranging flowers on your behalf and the result when our church is decorated is down to you, thank you.



Columbarium Flowers

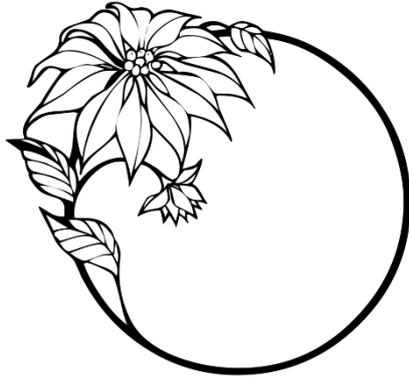
Many years ago it was decided to commemorate loved ones anniversaries by arranging flowers in the Columbarium. Anyone wishing to contribute to this scheme for the coming year please contact Barbara Ashurst.

A special flower arrangement is placed in the Columbarium every 2 weeks in memory of deceased loved ones, and their names appear on the weekly sheet. The cost is now £5.00 for each anniversary date.

Reredos Flowers

Would those responsible for providing either flowers or money for the reredos please contact your flower arranger by Wednesday of the week before your allocated date to advise them if you would like the flower arranger to obtain and arrange flowers on your behalf or if you would like to arrange this yourself.

The flowers arrangers name and telephone number are shown next to each month on the flower arrangers notice board in the photocopying room at the back of church. If you need more information on this please contact Barbara Edwards on 0161 773 4499 .



Special Birthdays

On behalf of Church we flowers arrangers make a floral presentation to members of the church family on their 80th, 90th & 100th birthdays, whether male or female. We are not always aware when these take place so we ask that members of the church keep us informed. If you know when one of these important birthdays takes place

please contact Vicky Crookes on 07936548439.

Special Thanks

We would like to give special thanks to all those who have given kind donations into the flower fund throughout the year, we really do appreciate it. And a big thank you to all the flower arrangers for their time and the lovely floral arrangements which grace our church throughout the year.

All the Flower Arrangers and the Church Family would like to give very special thanks to **Mavis Collinge** for all her hard work and commitment as treasurer of the flower fund for many years and we would like to thank Barbara Ashurst for kindly taking on this role.

Vicky Crookes

OUR DAILY BREAD DECEMBER 2019

When the north wind doth blow – we shall have snow, what will poor robin do then, poor thing. Please look after our wildlife these cold winter days, until the spring arrives again.

Reading this week Psalm 102

Sunday 1st:

The first candle, of the Advent Wreath, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the “Prophecy Candle” in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

Monday 2nd:

The children open their Advent Calendars and we continue to watch, wait and pray for the coming of the Lord, the word made flesh. Let us rejoice and remember the joy that Mary & Joseph felt that dark night over 2000 years ago.

Tuesday 3rd:

Clouded with snow the cold winds blow,
And shrill on leafless bough
The robin with its burning breast
Alone sings now. **From a poem by Walter de la Mare**

Wednesday 4th:

We are able to hold our heads high no matter what happens and know that all is well, for we know how dearly God loves us. **Romans 5:5**

Thursday 5th:

The shoes matched her dress perfectly, and she smiled, knowing God had put her day together with the same attention to detail. “I will tell everyone how good You are, and of Your constant, daily care.” **Psalm 71:15**

Friday 6th:

You have been with me since birth and have helped me constantly— no wonder I am always praising You! **Psalm 71:6**

Saturday 7th:

The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quiet, alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be. - **Anne Frank**

Reading this week Psalm 103

Sunday 8th:

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Almighty and everlasting God, who stooped to raise fallen humanity through the child-bearing of blessed Mary: grant that we, who have seen your glory revealed in our human nature and your love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in your image and conformed to the pattern of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Monday 9th:

The second candle, of the Advent Wreath, which was lit yesterday, represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

Tuesday 10th.

Prayer..... takes the tangled ball of wool and gently untangles it, without snapping it or cutting it. Our prayer blankets take this message out to so many in need of prayer.

Wednesday 11th:

A friend loves at all times. **Proverbs 17:17**

Thursday 12th:

Your will be done. **Matthew 6:10**. Thank you, God, for carrying me and my needs close to Your heart. I give my life and those I love to Your care. Amen

Friday 13th:

What can I give Him, Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part, yet what I can I give Him, **Give my heart.**

Saturday 14th:

Heavenly Father, whatever it is you have asked me to do today, big or small, help me to do it.

Reading this week Psalm 104

Sunday 15th:

The third candle of the Advent Wreath, called the "Shepherd's Candle," symbolizes joy. It The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

Monday 16th:

The Holy Spirit provides what we need to follow Jesus in obedience.

Tuesday 17th:

You help us by your prayers. **2 Corinthians 1:11**

Wednesday 18th:

Winter – a time for waiting, resting, looking at the structure of our lives, without the distraction of too much activity. A time for reflecting on the rhythms and balance of life. **Is God doing something deep in the darkness and the waiting?**

Thursday 19th:

Imagine today. The journey of the Angels – deep amid the winter’s snow!

Friday 20th:

O God you search me, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise. You will perceive my thoughts from afar. You are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue, you know it completely Lord. Lead me in the way everlasting. **Psalm 139**

Saturday 21st:

This is the shortest day of the year, meaning the one in which we experience the least amount of daylight in 24 hours; it is also the time when the Sun reaches its southernmost point in the sky.

“A day without sunshine is like, you know, night.” –Steve Martin

Reading this week Psalm 105

Sunday 22nd:

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final candle of our wreath to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Saviour. This final candle, the “Angel’s Candle,” symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: “Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.”

Monday 23rd:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You giving me the best gift of all: salvation through your Son Jesus Christ. May this precious gift always be a reminder to me that You are worth waiting for and trusting. May my heart be filled with anticipation and joy as I rest in the truth that You know what is best for me. Lord, thank You for loving me and giving me good gifts. Amen.

Tuesday 24th:

I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. **Proverbs 4 v 11**

Wednesday 25th:

Mistletoe: Kissing someone who happens to be stood under a sprig of mistletoe is seen as a tradition popularised in Victorian England. However even this relatively modern tradition has much more ancient echoes in that Mistletoe bears its fruit around the time of the Winter Solstice, and it's supposed mythical ability to heal and increase fertility.

Thursday 26th:

Jesus, thank you for walking beside me as I grow in my relationship with you.

Friday 27th:

John, Apostle & Evangelist - Merciful Lord, cast your bright beams of light upon the Church: that, being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John, we may so walk in the light of your truth that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord. Amen

Saturday 28th:

The Holy Innocents - Heavenly Father, whose children suffered at the hands of Herod, though they had done no wrong: by the suffering of your Son and by the innocence of our lives frustrate all evil designs and establish your reign of justice and peace. Amen

Reading this week Psalm 106

Sunday 29th:

Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury - Four knights journeyed to Canterbury where they finally chased Thomas into the cathedral and murdered him on the steps of the altar on this day in 1170.

Monday 30th:

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever. **Psalm 100. 4,5**

Tuesday 31st:

Encourage one another and build each other up. **1 Thessalonians 5:11**

Wishing all my readers a prayerful and prosperous New Year

Dear Lord, be with us as we leave 2019 and move into the New Year 2020. Guard us, guide us and protect us and all whom we love this day and for evermore. Amen. May God bless each and every one.

SUNDAY HEALING ROTA NOVEMBER 2019 - APRIL 2020

08 December 2019	Ray	Andrew
12 January 2020	Mary	Judith
09 February 2020	Carol	Sue
08 March 2020	Andrew	Hedley
19 April 2020	Ray	Judith



Maggie's Music Makers

Do you enjoy singing but wish you knew the hymns better? We meet for weekly singing practices every Wednesday in church from 5.30-6.30pm.

Do come along – everyone is welcome! No experience necessary, no need to be able to read music.

Articles for future editions of our parish magazine should be emailed as an attachment (Word doc, A4, portrait, no columns) to stmargaretsprestwich@gmail.com no later than these dates:

January 2020 magazine
February 2020 magazine

15 December 2019
26 January 2020

Dear Friends,

I am bringing you good news of great joy that is for all people: today a Saviour has been born to you in the City of David, who is Christ the Lord. (Luke2:10-11)

What sort of stories make it into the news? Just occasionally an inspiring event or heart-warming action may hit the headlines, but in 99 cases out of one hundred, the latest reports are dominated by doom and gloom: another conflict, job loss, another political scandal, another grim set of economic figures. We grow so used to bad news that we come to expect it.

Compare that with the announcement of the birth of Jesus. It wasn't simply news, it was good news, the best that there could possibly be, glad tidings of great joy for all people! Why? Because it has basically changed everything for ever. Yes, bad news continues, just as real and as bleak as it has always been, frequently hard to bear and testing us to the limit, but it will not be allowed to have the final word. Light will replace darkness, love will conquer hatred, good will triumph over evil, life will defeat death. That is what the gospel is all about, the glorious message of God's love in Christ from which nothing in heaven or earth can separate us from. We have something to celebrate and share, good news to make known to all.

As a church family at St. Margaret's and St. George's we wish you a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas.

*May the joy of the angels,
The eagerness of the shepherds,
The perseverance of the wisemen,
The obedience of Mary and Joseph.
And the peace of the Christ-child
Be yours this Christmas.
And the blessing of God Almighty,*

*Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Be with you and all you love and pray for,
Now and always.
Amen.*

Every blessing,

Deborah

CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH!

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FIND THESE CHRISTMAS WORDS IN THE WORD SEARCH ABOVE!

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| 1. SNOWMAN | 4. STAR | 7. NATIVITY |
| 2. MARY | 5. NOEL | 8. BABY |
| 3. HOLLY | 6. PUDDING | 9. BAUBLE |

I SPY CHRISTMAS



COUNT HOW MANY CHRISTMAS PICTURES YOU CAN SEE!

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