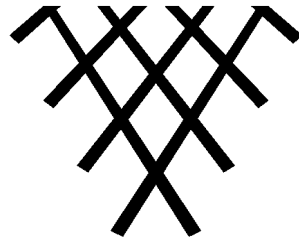




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## **The Minister writes:**

As we enter into the Christmas season we also move into a time of shorter days and longer dark nights. It is a time when the symbol of Jesus, the light of the world is particularly powerful. We experience the darkness of the world in many different ways and this can be highlighted by events in the news which shows the darkness of the way that we sometimes behave towards each other. For example, we have seen the extreme example of three women being kept as slaves for 30 years.

Also, people are struggling with the ongoing financial situation , as illustrated by the number of people resorting to food banks as a source for food for their families. There are many more examples too numerous to mention. We need the light of Christ to help us transform this darkness to light.

As we reflect on the wonderful story of Jesus coming as a baby to be our saviour we know we are not alone. There is an amazing truth in the fact that the creator of the universe has chosen to be born as a human being and identify completely with the human condition: God with us. He has come with the vulnerability of a child who went on to allow himself to be cruelly killed, but also, as creator, with the power to call things into being with a word, and also to bring healing and change our hearts from being selfish to being caring.

This makes the way of Christ to be the hope for the world, and gives us his followers a real challenge. Many times in scripture we read God speaking to us, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you." As we are aware of the darkness around us, let us in Christ's strength seek to transform it with his light.

Do come to one of the services or events we are putting on this Christmas time; you would be most welcome to join us. The details of all the events can be found throughout the magazine. There are some for all different ages and at different times so that at least one should be convenient. Coming together at this time will help us to think about not only receiving the gift of Christ's light afresh for ourselves, but also being willing to share it with others.

Do come and join us.

*Rev Bill Henderson*



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*All services are held at the Church Centre,  
Lake Lock Road, Stanley*

<b>Sunday</b>	10am	Family Communion
	3pm	Evensong (on the first Sunday of every month)
<b>Tuesday</b>	2pm	Prayers
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	9:15 am	Children's Ark

## **Other Christian Worship**

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www.zionchurch.co.uk, telephone: 01924 872262

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	11:00am Sunday School & crèche
Tuesdays:	7:30pm Prayer meeting
Wednesdays:	7:30pm Bible Study, discussions

Minister: David Dixon, telephone: 01924 872262

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## DATES FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

<b>Sun 1st Dec 10am</b>	<u>St Nicholas Day Family &amp; Parade service</u> : bring a wrapped gift for a child in need.
<b>Weds 4th Dec 2pm-4pm</b>	<u>Mount Road Methodist Chapel</u> : Coffee & Chat afternoon. Please see page 10 for details.
<b>Weds 4th Dec 5pm-7:30pm</b>	<u>Santa visit to Stanley Community Centre</u> : free visit to Santa; lots of displays, tombolas, refreshments.
<b>Sun 8th Dec 3pm</b>	<u>Stanley Community Singers Christmas Concert</u> at the Church Centre in aid of Wakefield Hospice.
<b>Thurs 12th Dec 6pm</b>	<u>Moorhouse Community Action Group meeting</u> at the Church Centre.
<b>Fri 13th Dec 7:30pm</b>	<u>Film Club</u> : 'Arthur Christmas' Find out how Santa delivers all those presents in one night! See p16.
<b>Sat 14th Dec 10am-12pm</b>	<u>Coffee morning</u> at the Community Centre with tombola, cake stall, and much more, see p9.
<b>Sat 14th Dec 2pm-3:30pm</b>	<u>Crafty Kids</u> : Enjoy lots of crafts without the tidying up! £1.50 per child, see page 16.
<b>Sat 14th Dec 6pm</b>	<u>Torchlight Procession &amp; Carol singing</u> : from Mount Road Methodist church, see p12 for info.
<b>Sun 15th Dec 6pm</b>	<u>Traditional Carol Service by candlelight</u> : at the Church Centre, with Bible readings and carols.
<b>Thurs 19th Dec</b>	<u>PCC Meeting</u> at the Church Centre, 7:30pm.
<b>Tues 24th Dec 2pm</b>	<u>Crib Service</u> for all the family, featuring popular carols and the telling of the Christmas story.
<b>Tues 24th Dec 7:30pm &amp; 11pm</b>	<u>Midnight Communion services</u> : welcome Christmas Day at 7:30pm at Mount Road Methodist Church or at 11pm at St Peter's Church Centre.
<b>Weds 25th Dec 10am</b>	<u>Christmas Day Family Service</u> : at the Church Centre, joint with Mount Road Methodists.
<b>Sun 12th Jan 4pm &amp; 6:30pm</b>	<u>Christingle services</u> : celebrating Jesus as Light of the World. See page 19 for more information.
<b>Sat 18th Jan 10am-12pm</b>	<u>Coffee morning</u> at the Community Centre with tombola, cake stall, and much more, see p9.

## STANLEY LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Stanley Library** offers a wide selection of books, talking books, selected language tapes, DVDs for hire, as well as a photocopier/A4 colour photocopier, fax machine, newspapers and selected magazines. There are also public access computers, offering free internet access, and basic computer programs (i.e. word processing). There are also free UK Online computer courses available offering internet training and Introduction to Computers —please ask in the library.

### OPENING HOURS

Monday	10am-1pm and 2pm-7pm
Tuesday	10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm
Wednesday	Closed all day
Thursday	10am-1pm and 2pm-7pm
Friday	10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm
Saturday	9am-1pm

**Reading Groups:** There are two Reading groups: one meets in the morning of the first Monday of every month, and the second meets in the evening of the first Thursday of every month. Check with the library for times and book details.

**Activities for Children:** There is a Tiny Tots Storytime for under 5's, 11:30-12pm on certain Mondays: check with the Library for dates. Other activities for children are organised in most school holidays—please ask for details.

**Family History Group:** The Family History Group meets on the first Tuesday of every month, from 11am-12pm.

**Coffee Morning:** There is a coffee morning every Thursday morning, 10am-12 noon. Come and relax with friends over a cuppa.

**The Community Centre:** The hall, two rooms and well equipped kitchen are available for hire. Contact the Librarian on 01924 303130 to book in advance.



## *Victorian Fayre – a review*

Many thanks to everyone who organised and supported the Victorian Fayre at the Community Centre on Saturday 16th November. The event raised £1,182.46 which was a fantastic total, especially given the on-going economic climate and the fact that there were two Christmas fairs to choose from, with St Peter's school fair happening at the same time next door.

There were lots of stalls, including toys, bottle stall, bric-a-brac, children's tombola, cakes, books, handbags, tombola, Traidcraft, crafts, greetings cards, and a raffle. There were also very popular bacon sandwiches, and tea and coffee. As always, the stall-holders tried to look the part and dressed in Victorian style costumes.

Many thanks to the organisers, the stallholders and everyone who helped beforehand and on the day to make it such an enjoyable, happy and successful event. Particular thanks of course to everyone who came along on the day to support the event.

**Evensong now at 3pm:** Remember that Evensong now starts at 3pm, until the clocks change again next March. There will be Evensong services on Sunday 1st December and Sunday 5th January.

**Coffee morning thank-you:** Thanks to everyone who supported last month's coffee morning which raised £157. Next month's coffee morning will be on Saturday 14th December from 10am—12pm at the Community Centre, with a superb cake stall, handmade greetings cards, tombola, raffle, jigsaws, books and toys, refreshments and more! The first coffee morning in the New Year will be on Saturday 18th January.



### **Moorhouse Community Action Group**

The next meeting of the Moorhouse Community Action Group will be on Thursday 12th December 2013 at 6pm at the Church Centre. Please come along and raise any issues specific to Moorhouse and join in with the plans for the new Centre on Moorhouse Grove.



### **Mount Road Methodist Chapel: *Christmas Events***

- The next Coffee Afternoon will be on Wednesday 4th December from 2pm—4pm with various stalls and refreshments. Please note there will not be a Coffee Afternoon in January.
- The Christmas Eve Communion Service on Tuesday 24th December is at 7:30pm. Join us as we welcome the start of Christmas Day.
- On Christmas Day, there will be a joint service at St Peter's Church Centre at 10am.
- Thank you to everyone who supported last month's Winter Fayre: £315.40 was raised.



### **Knit and Natter, Sew and Chatter!**

At St Peter's Church Centre, every Thursday, 2pm-4pm  
Enjoy a cuppa, company and a 'crafty' afternoon!

Please come and join this established group of ladies as they knit, sew, compare ideas and patterns, learn new crafty skills, and share conversation and friendship.

Just turn up: you will be very warmly welcomed.

### **Zion Church, Aberford Road: *Christmas Events***

- There will be a Family Christmas Service on Sunday 15th December at 10:30am. All are welcome.
- Everyone is also welcome to the Carol Concert on Wednesday 18th December at 7pm
- There isn't a Christmas Eve or Christmas Day service this year, but there will be morning family services at 10.30am every Sunday during the Christmas period. Mid-week meetings will not run from Monday 16th December and will re-start from Monday 6th January.



St Peter's Church Centre presents:

## A Lad in a Manger



This Christmas, our family pantomime has been 'A Lad in a Manger' which was the nativity story with a difference! The cast, singers and back-stage crew worked hard from September to make the pantomime a great success, and as always there have been some extremely appreciative comments from our audiences.

Approximately 450 people came to watch the seven performances, and to see our beautifully made costumes, scenery and props.

So it only remains to say an enormous thank you to everyone on-stage and back-stage who has worked so hard over the past few months, and to our fantastic audiences. See you again next year!



### *Prayer Meeting—every Tuesday from 2pm-3pm*

The weekly prayer meeting at St Peter's Church Centre continues to meet every Tuesday from 2pm-3pm, led by Calli McKenna. Please call in to pray for those in trouble, sorrow, sickness or need; for family, friends, the community and the world.

## **Santa to visit Stanley!**

**Wednesday 4th December, 5pm-7:30pm  
Stanley Community Centre**



The local councillors have arranged for Santa to visit the Community Centre, on Wednesday 4th December. The event will run from 5pm-7:30pm with Santa arriving by sleigh at about 6:15pm. In the centre will be lots of activities, raffles, tombolas and displays organised by local groups. Entrance and visits to Santa free of charge; free roundabout ride; refreshments available at a small cost.

## *From the Stanley Parish Register*

### *Funerals*

John (Barry) Armitage	20 September 2013
Lawrence Milner	21 October 2013
Clara Soper	22 October 2013
Thomas Smith	4 November 2013
Marjorie Goodison	20 November 2013

### *Baptisms*

Ava Kate Spittle	6 October 2013
Harry Thomas Ronald Hickling	19 October 2013
Connor James Wright	3 November 2013

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**Charity donation thank you's:** Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee Afternoon at St Peter's Church Centre back in September. There were some generous donations of cakes and as it was such a warm and sunny afternoon, the tables were set outside. We raised £217.95 in aid of Macmillan.

The church also raised £65.15 in aid of Children in Need last month: many thanks to everyone who supported the coffee afternoon and those who made a donation on the following Sunday morning.

St Peter's Church also donated £500 to the Philippians appeal and a further collection in aid of the Philippians was made during the pantomime performances. Thank you to everyone for your kindness and generosity.

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### **Torchlight Procession & Carol singing, Sat 14th Dec**

On Saturday 14th December, everyone is invited to meet at Mount Road Methodist Church at 6pm. We then plan to walk to Stanley Lane



Ends for carol singing before finishing at St Peter's Church Centre for mulled wine and mince pies. In previous years this evening has been great fun; so please wrap up warm and join us!

Stanley Community Singers

**Christmas Concert**

With new and popular festive songs and carols

**Sunday 8th December, 3pm**  
**St Peter's Church Centre**

*With special guest soloists*

Followed by refreshments



Buy tickets on the door:  
 £2.50 adults, 50p children  
 In aid of Wakefield Hospice

**2014 Coffee Morning dates** Please see below the dates for next year's coffee mornings. The coffee mornings are always from 10am—12pm at Stanley Community Centre with a raffle, tombola, cakes, refreshments, greetings cards, jigsaws and more.

18th January	12 April	12 July	11 October
8th February	10 May	9 August	8 November
8 March	14 June	13 September	13 December

**Christmas Lunches**  
 At St Peter's Community Café

The Café at St Peter's Church Centre will be serving 3-course Christmas lunches with all the trimmings for £10 per head during the week Monday 16th—Friday 20th December. Booking is essential: please call into the café or the church centre office to book.





# CHRISTMAS EVENTS 2013

*At St Peter's Church Centre, Lake Lock Road  
and at Mount Road Methodist Church*

<p><b>Sunday 1st December 10am</b></p> 	<p><u>St Nicholas Parade Service</u> at St Peter's Church Centre. Bring a wrapped gift for a boy or a girl and label with the suggested age. Barnardos will then distribute the gifts to children who might not receive much this Christmas.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 4th December 2pm-4pm</b></p>	<p><u>Coffee &amp; Chat afternoon</u> at Mount Road Chapel with various stalls and refreshments. Please call in for a coffee, cake and a friendly chat.</p> 
<p><b>Wednesday 4th December 5pm—7:30pm</b></p>	<p><u>Visit by Santa</u> to Stanley Community Centre. With activities and displays by community groups. Santa will arrive by sleigh at 6:15pm; free admission and free Santa visit.</p> 
<p><b>Sun 8th December 3pm</b></p> 	<p><u>Stanley Community Singers Christmas Concert</u> at St Peter's Church Centre. Join our local choir for an enjoyable afternoon concert, with new and familiar festive songs and carols, followed by refreshments.</p> <p><i>Tickets cost £2.50 (adults) or 50p (children) on the door. All proceeds will be given to charity.</i></p>
<p><b>Friday 13th December 7:30pm</b></p> 	<p><u>Free Film Club—'Nativity 2: Danger in the Manger'</u> at St Peter's Church Centre starring David Tennant. A hilarious family film full of festive fun. Doors open 7pm, free tea &amp; coffee, bring your own popcorn!</p>
<p><b>Saturday 14th December 10am-12pm</b></p>	<p><u>Coffee morning</u> at Stanley Community Centre with refreshments, cake stall, raffle, tombola, greetings cards, etc. Everyone welcome!</p> 
<p><b>Sat 14th December 2pm-3:30pm</b></p> 	<p><u>Crafty Kids afternoon</u> at St Peter's Church Centre. Come along and enjoy some festive crafts without the tidying up! Cost £1.50 per child with each additional sibling 50p. Refreshments also available.</p>

<p><b>Sat 14th December 6pm</b></p> 	<p><u>Torchlight Procession and Carol singing:</u> Meet at Mount Road Methodist Church then walk to Stanley Lane Ends for carols, and finish at St Peter's Church Centre for refreshments. Remember to wrap up warm! Everyone welcome.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 6pm</b></p>	<p><u>Carol Service:</u> a service by candlelight at St Peter's Church Centre featuring traditional Bible readings and carols. Please join us.</p> 
<p><b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2pm</b></p>	<p><u>Christmas Eve Crib service:</u> at St Peter's Church Centre for all ages, with popular carols, the telling of the Christmas story, crafts and refreshments.</p> 
<p><b>Tues 24<sup>th</sup> December 7:30pm (Mount Road) or 11pm (St Peter's)</b></p>	<p><u>Christmas Eve Communion Services:</u> join us at 7:30pm at Mount Road Methodist Church or at 11pm at St Peter's Church Centre for traditional communion services to welcome Christmas Day.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10am</b></p>	<p><u>Christmas Day family service</u> at St Peter's Church Centre, joint with Mount Road Methodists, to celebrate Jesus' birth.</p> 
<p><b>Saturday 11th Jan 2pm-3:30pm</b></p>	<p><u>Crafty Kids afternoon</u> at St Peter's Church Centre. Details as before: enjoy various crafts without the tidying up!</p>
<p><b>Sunday 12th January 4pm &amp; 6:30pm</b></p> 	<p><u>Christingle Services:</u> special all-age services at St Peter's Church Centre in conjunction with the Children's Society to celebrate Jesus as the Light of the World.</p>
<p><b>Saturday 18th Jan 10am-12pm</b></p> 	<p><u>Coffee Morning</u> at the Community Centre. Details as before: lots of stalls, cakes and refreshments. (Please note this is taking place on the 3rd, not the 2nd Saturday in the month).</p>

See our website for further details of these events, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter:



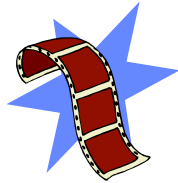
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St Peter's Church  
**Film Club**



**Friday evening, 13th December, 7:30pm**

**‘Nativity 2: Danger in the Manger!’ (2013) U Rating**

This Christmas, the unforgettable pupils of St Bernadette's have set their hearts on competing in the National choir contest "A Song For Christmas". But with the headmistress not in favour of the plan, new class teacher Mr Peterson (David Tennant) has his hands full trying to curb the enthusiasm of the kids, not to mention Mr Poppy (Marc Wootton). Also starring Pam Ferris and Jessica Hynes, this film is hilarious from start to finish and every bit as good as the first ‘Nativity’ film. Come along and watch this Christmas cracker on the big screen and enjoy some fantastic festive fun!

**Free admission, tea & coffee, but bring your own popcorn!**

*Film shown at the Church Centre, Lake Lock Road, doors open 7pm*

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## Crafty Kids

**Saturday 14th December and  
11th January 2014, 2pm-3:30pm**

Come along and enjoy this monthly children's crafts  
afternoon at St Peter's Church Centre

*Making, sticking, painting etc: crafts for all ages!  
Come along and enjoy some festive crafts  
without the tidying up!*

The cost is just £1.50 plus 50p for each additional sibling.  
No booking required!

Refreshments also available

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# CHRISTMAS TREE TRAIL



Invite you to join them in creating a Christmas Tree Trail around the village.

Decorate a tree outside your house or business and watch people smile.

**What:** Christmas Tree Trail

**When:** December 2013

**Where:** Stanley, Wakefield

**Why:** Because you can and its a lovely thing to do

**Other:** Mark your tree on the map in Stanley library if you want others to know you are taking part.

**Merry Christmas!**

## What Christingle is all about

The word Christingle means the Christ-light, and the tradition of Christingle goes back to 1747, when the pastor of a church in Germany, John de Watteville, wanted to help his congregation understand about God's love for the world. He came up with the Christingle, which became popular within Germany before spreading to other countries.

Today the Christingle has been adopted by The Children's Society as a way of reminding the churches in this country of their responsibility before God for the well-being of our nation's children.



The Christingle is an orange which has a red ribbon around it. Also mounted in the orange are four cocktail sticks, each carrying some sweets. The orange represents the world, and the sweets remind us of all the wonderful gifts that God has given us in our beautiful World: He gave us these gifts because He loves us.

On top of the Christingle there is a candle which stands for Jesus: God sent Jesus into the world to light our way back to God. Finally, the red ribbon stands for the blood of Christ. He came into the world for a purpose: to die in order to take the pain and the sin of the world upon himself. This means that when we do something wrong and feel bad about it, we can go to God and know that we are forgiven.

So therefore, all the things that make up the Christingle remind us of what Jesus did in coming to earth over 2000 years ago.

*St Peter's Christingle services will be held on Sunday  
12th January at 4pm and 6:30pm at the Church Centre.*

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## Wakefield Hospice: "Light up a Life"

*Various dedication services at churches across Wakefield*

At Christmas we often wish to remember those who are special to us. Wakefield Hospice invites you to honour a loved one who may have passed away or be absent during the Christmas season. You can honour this special person by sponsoring a light on the tree of lights, which will be illuminated at the dedication services.

For each dedication you will be sent a personalised Light up a

Life card and each name will be added to the book of Christmas Blessings which will be available to view at each church service. Additional names can be added until 3rd January 2014.

Dedication services are being held at:

- Trinity Walk (outdoor service, standing only) next to Argos, 6:30pm on Thursday 5th December.
- St Austin's RC Church, Wentworth Terrace, Wakefield, WF1 3QN, 2pm on Saturday 7th December.
- Wakefield Cathedral at 2pm and 5pm on Sunday 8th December.

During each service, the tree of lights will be lit with white lights, each light shining for someone for whom a light has been dedicated. Sponsorship forms are available from Wakefield Hospice and from St Peter's church centre or visit the website [www.wakefieldhospice.org](http://www.wakefieldhospice.org). There is no minimum donation; every donation will help care for the patients and families of Wakefield Hospice.

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### **Fairtrade Advent calendar**

The UK's only Fairtrade charity Advent calendar with a free copy of the Christmas story in the box is expected to raise £25,000 for the Children's Society. The Real Advent Calendar has a window for each day of December, behind which is a Belgian chocolate star and a line from the Christmas story.

The Advent calendar is the latest in a line of products from the Meaningful Chocolate Company, following the success of the Real Easter Egg, launched in 2011. More than £100,000 has now been raised for charitable projects.

Tesco is the only supermarket stocking the calendar this year. The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu said: "The Real Advent Calendar offers a unique way to share the Christmas story while supporting The Children's Society and Fairtrade. I believe it will be widely welcomed by all." He is urging people to buy a Real Advent calendar this year.

Please note the **Salsa** class at St Peter's Church has finished for the time being. Hopefully it will start up again in the New Year.

## Bulletin Bloopers!

- *We are delighted to announce that the youth group has raised almost £500 for drug abuse.*
- *Correction: The following typo appeared in our last bulletin: “Lunch will be gin at 12:15.” Please correct to read “12 noon.”*
- *Any church member over 18 is welcome on our new lay ministry programme. It requires minimal training and time: just six weekly classes of about 200 hours each Tuesday night.*
- *The Seniors group will have a picnic on Saturday. Each person is asked to bring a friend, a vegetable, and a sweet, all in a covered dish. Meat and drinks will be furnished.*
- *Remember the church jumble sale. We have a gents three-speed bicycle, also two ladies for sale, in good running order.*

## Report from Stanley Children’s Centre

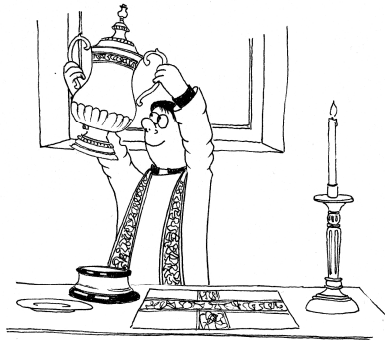
*Long Causeway, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4JB, Tel: 01924 303181,  
Open: Monday to Friday 8:30am—4:30pm Centre Manager: Liz Cooper*

The Children’s Centre offers support services to families with children under 5 and parents-to-be. See below for details of the regular activities:

- The Centre will be closed 12:30pm-4pm on Monday 2nd December because of an outreach event at Outwood Memorial Hall.
- The Centre will close at 1pm on Tuesday 24th December and will reopen on Thursday 2nd January.

Day	Time	Group
Monday	9am—4:30pm 1.30pm—3pm	<u>Health Trainers</u> : appointment needed. <u>Stay &amp; Play</u> for ages 2—5 years.
Tuesday	10am—12pm 1:30pm—3pm	<u>Child Health Reviews</u> : appointment needed. <u>Baby Time</u> from birth—9 months.
Wednesday	1pm—3pm 1:30pm—3pm	<u>Child Health Reviews</u> : appointment needed. <u>Toddler Time</u> from 9 months —2 years.
Thursday	9am—4:30pm 9:30am—4pm	<u>Health Trainers</u> : appointment needed. <u>Child Health Reviews</u> by appointment.
Friday	9:30—11:30am 10am—12:30pm 2pm—4pm	<u>Childminding Support Group</u> <u>Child Health Reviews</u> by appointment. <u>Midwife Drop-in Clinic</u>

## Cartoon Corner



R.N.

The special silverware only came out once a year



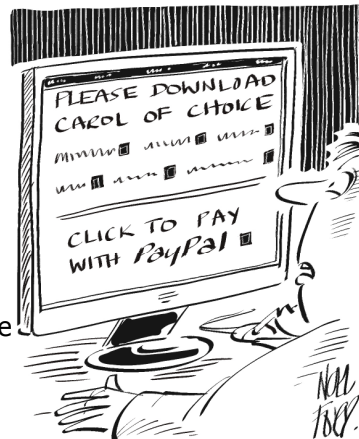
"It's worth getting to church an hour early to grab a pew by the electric socket."



R.N.

"There are two t's in Matthew," said Osric

We've got online carol singers again!



N.P.

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## *Prayers for this month*

### **Your Gift of Life – at Christmas**

Creaking on the staircase,  
Noise outside my door,  
A rustle in the chimney,  
It's 'Santa-time' once more.  
St Nicholas is on his way  
With all his Christ-life gifts  
To fire every child-light with  
The loving Christ-mass kiss.

In some he'll place the gift of gold  
In others frankincense  
While others will be given myrrh:  
All signs of God's presence.

For in each earthly crib or bed  
In squalor, comfort, splendour  
The Christ child has been placed again  
To call the world to wonder.

So come you kings, come one, come all,  
Come shepherds to the cradle stall  
And hear the angels sing a-new  
The heavenly song they sing for you.

Your God is in your gift of life  
The life He gives with love  
So take the gift and use it,  
Use it wisely, don't abuse it,  
Let the Christ-life fire your spirit  
That God in you may LIVE.

*By Sam Doubtfire*

**CHRISTMAS**  
*Jesus is born!*



### **Somewhere in the Darkness**

When the snows of winter  
Covered verdant land  
Somewhere in the darkness  
God came down to man.

Silently the snowflakes  
Fluttered from the sky  
Somewhere in the darkness  
Came a baby's cry.

When the shafts of sunlight  
Turned from Calvary  
Somewhere in the darkness  
Jesus died for me.

Darkness before dawning  
On that Easter Day  
Somewhere in the darkness  
The stone rolled away.

Now, if Satan's winter  
Turns a soul to night  
Somewhere through the darkness  
Comes Christ's saving light!

*By Nigel Beeton*

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