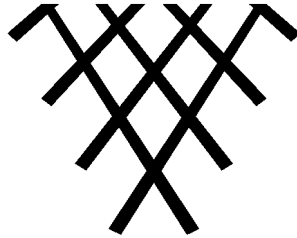


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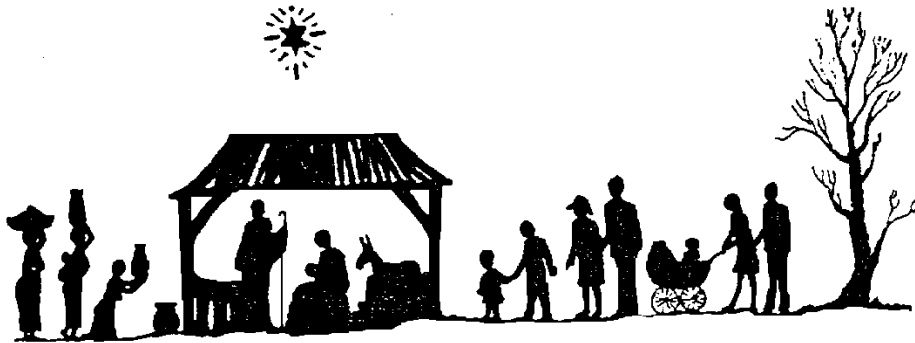
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## The Minister writes:



I came across this picture some years ago, as an idea for a Christmas card. It's a picture that set me thinking about a number of messages that are important for Christmas.

The focus of the picture is Jesus as a baby, but with the star that shows this is not an ordinary baby. The star is a symbol of his power and glory, his light and role as guide and revealer of the truth.

Jesus is the one whom people are coming to see and to meet. The people are from different cultures yet all are attracted to see Jesus. The Bible and Christian history are full of stories of people meeting Jesus and their lives being transformed. If our Christmas is going to start with Christ, this means taking time to think what this means.

I would like to encourage you to use this picture to think about Christmas and your place in the story. Where would you put yourself in the picture? What would it mean to meet with Jesus? How would you like your life and your relationships to be transformed?

With all the rush and bustle of Christmas, it is sometimes hard to keep the focus on Jesus. With all the crowds it is sometimes hard to really meet with each other.

Please take the opportunity to come to some of the events advertised in this magazine; decide to start this Christmas with Christ and show his love to one another.

*Rev Bill Henderson*

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## **St Peter's Church Services**

*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

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## DATES FOR DECEMBER and JANUARY

- Sun 30th Nov-  
Sat 6th Dec** 'A Christmas Carol' Pantomime: some tickets left, phone office on 835746, p11 for details.
- Weds 3rd Dec  
2pm—4pm** Coffee Afternoon at Mount Road Chapel with cakes, refreshments etc. See p10 for details.
- Weds 3rd Dec  
5pm-8pm** Santa to visit Stanley Community Centre: with brass band, displays and activities. See p11.
- Weds 3rd Dec** Taize Service at 7:30pm with prayerful music.
- Sun 7th Dec  
10am** St Nicholas Day Family & Parade service: bring a wrapped gift for a child in need, see p12.
- Sun 7th Dec** Evensong: with Holy Communion at 3pm.
- Thurs 11th Dec** Moorhouse Action Group meeting at 6pm
- Fri 12th Dec  
7:30pm** Film Club: 'Mr Popper's Penguins' starring Jim Carrey. See p16 for a review.
- Sat 13th Dec  
10am-12pm** Coffee morning at the Community Centre with tombola, cake stall, and much more, see p10.
- Sat 13th Dec  
2pm—3:30pm** Crafty Kids: lots of crafts for all ages. Refreshments also available. See p13 for more details.
- Sat 13th Dec  
6pm** Torchlight Procession & Carol singing: from Mount Road Methodist church, see p20 for info.
- Sun 14th Dec  
3pm** Stanley Community Singers Christmas Concert with lots of great songs, and refreshments, p12.
- Sun 14th Dec** Holy Space: informal evening service at 7:30pm.
- Weds 17th Dec** PCC Meeting at St Peter's Church at 7:30pm.
- Sun 21st Dec  
6pm** Traditional Carol Service by candlelight: at St Peter's Church, with Bible readings and carols.
- Xmas Eve &  
Xmas Day** See centre pages, p14-15 for details of Christmas services.
- Sat 10th Jan** Coffee morning, Community centre 10am-12pm.
- Sun 11th Jan  
4pm & 6:30pm** Christingle services: celebrating Jesus as Light of the World. See page 20 for more information.

## 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	9am—5pm
Tuesday	9am—5pm
Wednesday	Closed all day
Thursday	9am—7pm
Friday	9am—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.

## CHRISTMAS FAIR — a review

Many thanks to everyone who organised and supported the Christmas Fair at the Community Centre on Saturday 22nd November. The event raised approximately £1,300 which was a fantastic total!

There were lots of stalls, including toys, bottle stall, bric-a-brac, children's tombola, cakes, books, jewellery, tombola, Traidcraft, hand-made craft items, greetings cards, and a raffle. There were also very popular bacon sandwiches, and tea and coffee.

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. (*Please note the winner of 'Name the Teddy' has been notified*).

**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 7th December and Sunday 4th January.

### 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, refreshments and friendship.

**Just turn up: you will be very warmly welcomed**



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

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

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



- The next Coffee Afternoons will be on Wednesday 3rd December and then on Wednesday 7th January, from 2pm—4pm with various stalls and refreshments. Everyone welcome.
- The Christmas Eve Service on Wednesday 24th December is at 7:30pm. Join us as we welcome the start of Christmas Day with a communion service by candlelight.
- On Christmas Day, everyone is invited to the 10am service at Trinity Methodist Church, Eastmoor, or to the 10am service at St Peter’s, Stanley.
- Thank you to everyone who supported last month’s Winter Fayre: the fantastic sum of £405 was raised.



**2015 Coffee Morning dates**

Thank you everyone who supported last month’s coffee morning on 8th November; a fantastic total of £201.70 was raised. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 13th December at the Community Centre from 10am—12pm with lots of great stalls: a superb cake stall, handmade greetings cards, tombola, raffle, children’s tombola, jigsaws, books and toys, and more!



The coffee mornings have already been planned for next year, and as usual, will take place on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10am-12pm at Stanley Community Centre. See below for the dates:

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

**Moorhouse Community Action Group**

The next meeting of the Moorhouse Community Action Group will be on Thursday 11th December at 6pm at St Peter’s Church. Please come along and raise any issues specific to Moorhouse with local councillors and WDH representatives.

St Peter's Church Centre presents:

## A Christmas Carol

**Sun 30th Nov—Sat 6th Dec**



It may not be too late to see our pantomime, but hurry! as there are not many tickets left. This is the classic Charles Dickens tale, but with the usual St Peter's pantomime twists—cross-dressing characters, a pantomime dame and a pantomime animal that steals the show! Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard back-stage and on-stage to prepare the pantomime for our audiences. We hope you enjoy the show, and look forward to seeing you all again next year!

**Matinées: 3pm Sun 30th Nov & Sat 6th Dec (sold out)**

**Evening: 7:15pm on Mon 1st, Tues 2nd, Thurs 4th, Fri 5th & Sat 6th December (sold out)**

**Tickets: Adults £6, concessions & children £4, Family £18.00**

Contact the Church Office for tickets: Tel: 835746 or  
email [churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk](mailto:churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk)

## Santa to visit Stanley!

**Wednesday 3rd December, 5pm-8pm  
Stanley Community Centre**

The local councillors have arranged for Santa to visit the Community Centre again this year. There will be a brass band, children's roundabout, roast chestnut oven, as well as activities, raffles and displays organised by local groups. The event will run from 5pm-8pm with Santa arriving by sleigh at about 6pm. Entrance and visits to Santa free of charge; refreshments available at a small cost. (There will be a similar Santa event at Outwood Memorial Hall on Tues 2nd December)



Stanley Community Singers

## Christmas Concert

With a varied programme of festive songs and carols, and featuring special guest singers

**Sunday 14th December, 3pm**

St Peter's Church, Lake Lock Road, Stanley

**Tickets on the door: £2.50 adults, 50p children**

*Also with a raffle and refreshments*



*In aid of:* Bowel Cancer UK and Wakefield and District Down's Syndrome Support Group



### St Nicholas Parade service, Sunday 7th December, 10am



The St Nicholas family and parade service is an opportunity to donate a wrapped gift for a child who might otherwise not receive much this Christmas. The gifts will be given to the Barnados charity to be distributed.

Thanks to everyone who has donated wool to the Knit & Natter group over the past year or more. Please bring any wool to the group on a Thursday afternoon, or to the church office anytime.



### Zion Church, Aberford Road: Christmas Events

- There will be a Family Christmas Service on Sunday 14th December at 10:30am. All are welcome.
- Everyone is also welcome to the Carol Concert on Wednesday 24th December from 6pm-7pm
- There will be no mid-week services in the three weeks from 15th December; they will restart in the week commencing 5th January.





## What's happening with the old church site?

Draft plans for the old church site have been drawn up. The options include using stones to mark the site of the two towers, using other stones to mark the outline of the church and the pillars, a new site for the war memorial, suitable seating, a colourful wave design in resin on the floor as a reference to St Peter, the fisherman, and various areas of planting and some new trees.

A number of people came into the church recently to view the plans and to comment on them. It's not too late to have your say; please call into the church office any time and ask to look at the plan. They will also be on view at the Santa event on Wednesday 3rd December at Stanley Community Centre.

The next stage is to fine-tune the design based on the feedback, and to commission an artist to help produce something of quality. There are a number of grants that may be available to help fund the work, but hopefully we will be able to call on the village community for some expertise and help with some of the tasks. A Remembrance service was held at the site of the old church last month which was appreciated and valued by those who attended. The intention is to continue with these outdoor Remembrance services as the site progresses.



**Crafty Kids**  
**Saturday 13th December**  
**2pm - 3:30pm**



Come along and enjoy a variety of crafts for all ages!  
Cost £1.50 per child, plus 50p for each additional sibling  
Refreshments also available.

*Sadly, this will be the last Crafty Kids. The organisers have worked very hard over the past 3 years to run Crafty Kids and it has been hugely popular among local families. However, all good things must come to an end, and for various reasons, this will be the last session. Grateful thanks to everyone who has helped run it over the past few years—we will miss you!*



# CHRISTMAS EVENTS 2014

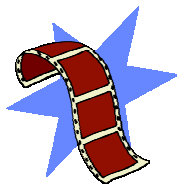
*At St Peter's Church, Lake Lock Road  
and at Mount Road Methodist Church*

<p><b>Sun 30th November - Sat 6th December</b></p>		<p>'A Christmas Carol' pantomime. Some tickets are still available—please contact the church office. The performances are 3pm on Sun 30th Nov and Sat 6th Dec, and 7:15pm on Mon 1st, Tues 2nd, Thurs 4th, Fri 5th and Sat 6th December.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 3rd December 2pm-4pm</b></p>		<p>Coffee Afternoon at Mount Road Chapel with various stalls and refreshments. Please call in for a coffee, cake and a friendly chat.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 3rd December 5pm—8pm</b></p>		<p>Visit by Santa to Stanley Community Centre. With activities and displays by community groups. Santa will arrive by sleigh at 6pm; free admission and free Santa visit.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 7th December 10am</b></p>		<p>St Nicholas Parade Service at St Peter's Church. Bring a wrapped gift for a boy or a girl and label with the suggested age. Barnardos will distribute the gifts to children who might not receive much this Christmas.</p>
<p><b>Friday 12th December 7:30pm</b></p>		<p>Free Film Club—'Mr Popper's Penguins' at St Peter's Church, starring Jim Carrey – a delightful, fun film to keep the whole family amused. Doors open 7pm, free tea &amp; coffee, bring your own popcorn!</p>
<p><b>Saturday 13th December 10am-12pm</b></p>		<p>Coffee morning at Stanley Community Centre with refreshments, cake stall, raffle, tombola, greetings cards, etc. Everyone welcome!</p>
<p><b>Sat 13th December 2pm-3:30pm</b></p>		<p>Crafty Kids afternoon at St Peter's Church. Come along and enjoy some festive crafts without the tidying up! Cost £1.50 per child plus 50p for each additional sibling. Refreshments also available.</p>

<p><b>Sat 13th 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 for refreshments. Everyone welcome.</p>
<p><b>Sun 14th December 3pm</b></p> 	<p><u>Stanley Community Singers Christmas Concert</u> at St Peter's Church. Join our local choir for an enjoyable afternoon concert of festive songs and carols, followed by refreshments. <i>Tickets £2.50 (adults) or 50p (children) on the door. In aid of Bowel Cancer UK and Wakefield Down's Syndrome Support Group.</i></p>
<p><b>Sunday 21<sup>th</sup> December 6pm</b></p>	<p><u>Carol Service:</u> a service by candlelight at St Peter's Church featuring traditional Bible readings and carols. Please join us.</p> 
<p><b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2pm</b></p>	<p><u>Christmas Eve Crib service:</u> at St Peter's Church for all ages, with popular carols, the telling of the Christmas story, crafts and refreshments.</p> 
<p><b>Weds 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 for traditional communion services to welcome Christmas Day.</p>
<p><b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10am</b></p>	<p><u>Christmas Day family service</u> to celebrate Jesus' birth.</p> 
<p><b>Saturday 10th Jan 10am-12pm</b></p>	<p><u>Coffee Morning</u> at the Community Centre. Details as before: lots of stalls, cakes and refreshments.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 11th January 4pm &amp; 6:30pm</b></p> 	<p><u>Christingle Services:</u> special all-age services at St Peter's Church in conjunction with the Children's Society to celebrate Jesus as the Light of the World.</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, 12th December, 7:30pm**

## **‘Mr Popper’s Penguins’ (2012) PG Rating**

Based on the 1938 book of the same name by Richard and Florence Atwater, ‘Mr Popper's Penguins’ is a comedy about how the surprise appearance of a penguin at a New York businessman's door turns his life completely upside down, while simultaneously teaching him an important lesson about the value of family. Mr Popper (Jim Carrey) lives in an exclusive Park Avenue apartment, has his sights set on becoming a partner in his firm, and is an every-other-weekend father to his two children. A ruthless developer with no time for anything but business, he resolves to deal with his father's parting gift of a penguin by getting rid of the annoying bird as quickly as possible. That proves much more difficult than expected, even with the help of his ultra-efficient assistant Pippi, who speaks primarily in p's, and he soon winds up with six penguins. Even more unexpected is how markedly those penguins begin to affect the relationship between Mr. Popper and his children and how that change affects the rest of Mr. Popper's life. This is a delightful, fun film that will entertain the whole family.

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

*Film shown at St Peter's Church, Lake Lock Road, doors open 7pm*

## *West Riding Watercolour Society & Art Group*



From January, this group will be meeting at St Peter's Church, Stanley, once a month on Mondays. The first meeting will be on Monday 12th January, 7pm-9pm with a demonstration by a professional artist. New members welcome.

## St Peter's Church Lunch Club update



St Peter's church is currently running a Senior Citizens lunch club which includes a hot drink on arrival, followed by an activity and then a hot meal and dessert, for the price of £5 per person. The activities that have taken place so far are: historic films of the local area, board games, a Remembrance service, a talk about the Womens' Land army, advice from WDH about keeping warm in winter, Dementia awareness, and crafts.

The lunch will continue to run on Tuesday 2nd and 9th December, 2pm—4pm; please phone the office on 835746 if you would like to come. The club will then have a break until sometime in the New Year. See the parish magazine and the community column in the Wakefield Express in January to find out when it will re-start.

## 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 2nd January 2015.

Dedication services are being held at:

- Wakefield Hospice (outside the Day Therapy Unit, note: limited places for this service), 6:30pm on Friday 5th December.
- St Peter & St Paul's, St George's Walk, Standbridge Lane, WF2 7NR, 2pm on Saturday 6th December.
- Wakefield Cathedral at 2pm and 5pm on Sunday 7th December.

During each service, the Tree of Lights will be lit with white lights, each representing 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).

## 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. Please see below for details of some special events this month, and the regular weekly groups and meetings:

- There will be a Breastfeeding support meeting for new and expectant parents every Tuesday in December, 1pm—1:30pm.
- Visit Santa at Carrgate on Wednesday 3rd December, 9:30am—11:30am for ages 1-4 years. The centre will be closed on this morning. Please contact the centre to book a place on this trip.
- The next Parent's Forum coffee morning will be on Tuesday 9th December from 9am—11am with raffle, tombola & refreshments.
- Christmas party at Outwood Memorial Hall on Friday 12th December, 1pm—3pm for ages 0-4 years. The centre will only be open for the midwife drop-in on this afternoon. Booking required.
- Baby Rhythm & Rhyme will be on Tuesday 16th December from 10:30am—11:30am and 1:30pm—2:30pm. Please phone to book your place. Note there won't be a Baby Time group on this day.
- The Centre will be closed over Christmas and New Year, from 1pm on Wednesday 24th December and will reopen on 8:30am on Monday 5th January 2015.

Day	Time	Group
Monday	1.30pm—3pm 2pm—4:30pm	<u>Stay &amp; Play</u> for ages 18 months—5 years. <u>Health Trainers</u> : appointment needed.
Tuesday	10am—12pm 1pm—1:30pm 1:30pm—3pm	<u>Child Health Reviews</u> : appointment needed. <u>Breastfeeding support</u> <u>Baby Time</u> from birth—8 months.
Wednesday	1pm—3pm 1:30pm—3pm	<u>Child Health Reviews</u> : appointment needed. <u>Time for Tots</u> from 8—18 months.
Thursday	1pm—3:30pm 1pm—4pm	<u>Child Health Reviews</u> : appointment needed. <u>Health Trainers</u> : appointment needed.
Friday	10am—12:30pm 2pm—4pm	<u>Child Health Reviews</u> : appointment needed. <u>Midwife Drop-in Clinic</u>

## **‘O Come, All ye Faithful’ - the story behind the carol**

Nobody knows who wrote this well-loved Christmas carol. It was originally a Latin Christmas hymn, ‘Adeste Fidelis’. It seems to have first ‘surfaced’ in English due to a John Francis Wade, who lived in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, and who made his living copying manuscripts and, sometimes, music by hand. Wade was a Roman Catholic; all services in the church at that time were conducted in Latin, and so he knew the language well.

The story goes that in about 1750 he slipped this hymn into a manuscript he was copying for the English Roman Catholic College in Lisbon, Portugal. 35 years later, in 1785, it turned up in the Portuguese Chapel in London, where it became known as the ‘Portuguese Hymn’. From there the hymn appears to have ‘travelled’ across to the Margaret Chapel in London’s West End.

Young William Ewart Gladstone, who later became British Prime Minister, greatly appreciated the services at this church. He said that the congregation were “the most devout and happy that I have ever seen.” The minister at that time was Frederick Oakley, one of the leaders of the 19<sup>th</sup> century Oxford Movement, who was later to convert to Roman Catholicism. Oakley believed strongly in the power of religious symbols and fine music, and before he bade farewell to the Margaret Chapel, he introduced this hymn to the congregation.

Having started as ‘Adeste Fidelis’, and been for a while ‘The Portuguese Hymn’, this hymn soon became known—and loved worldwide—as ‘O Come, All Ye Faithful’:

*O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;*

*O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ, the Lord!*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;*



## 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 11th January 2015 at 4pm and 6:30pm.*

### **Torchlight Procession & Carol singing, Sat 13th Dec**

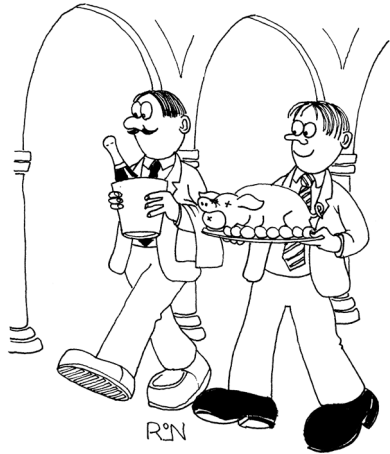
On Saturday 13th December, everyone is invited to meet at Mount Road Methodist Church at 6pm. We then plan to walk to Stanley Lane



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!



# Cartoon Corner



It had started with coffee and biscuits after the service....



"Sometimes I wonder about the Jones's attitude to Christmas."



"Do you think it's God's way of saying, 'Thou shalt not illegally copy the carol service music'?"



Sara preferred to let people work out the hymns for themselves

## *Prayers for this month*

### **Ring Out The Bells**

Ring out the bells and let them tell  
The wondrous news throughout the land  
How Christ was born in Bethlehem  
And brought salvation down to man.

God's wisdom had confounded all  
Who could have thought of such a plan  
As Deity descended low  
God's Son encompassed in a span.

He tabernacled here with us,  
As God He laid His glory by  
He lived as man to bear our sin,  
And though a king was crucified.

And can it be He came for us  
To take our sin, not just in part?  
If this be true, come celebrate  
And let the bells ring in our hearts!  
*By Megan Carter*



### **December**

December, December,  
A month to remember,  
A month full of darkness  
and light,  
A month full of rushing  
And sharing and hoping,  
A month full of one  
special night.

*By Daphne Kitching*

### **Prayer for Christmas Presence**

Generous Father,  
At this busy time of year, help us to remember the important things.  
In all the rush of sending cards and giving presents may we make  
time to be still, to acknowledge your sending and giving of the  
greatest gift of all, Jesus. Thank you that he didn't stay in the stable  
in Bethlehem, but lived and died and became the Saviour of all who  
put their trust in him. May we receive afresh the gift of your  
presence with us in Jesus, now and for ever, with great thankfulness.  
In his name, we pray. Amen.  
*By Daphne Kitching*

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