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A letter from your vicar...

It's almost Christmas already and for me whilst this may be a very busy time (as I'm sure it is for many) it really is a very joyful time as well. As this is my second Christmas in the parish, I can say two things;

First - I guess I'm no longer your "new" vicar anymore,

Second - I now have a good idea what Christmas is like in Meltham and so, here's a few of the things I'm especially looking forward to.



Carols in the park - it is great to have so many people gathered together and singing Christmas carols on the first Sunday in December. Last year it was wonderful to have the different groups there; I especially enjoyed the contributions from our schools. This year we will be having an additional joy as we are going to be having a visit from Santa. Those who wish to see Santa will be able to do so in St James Church after the carols have finished. Whilst I wasn't taught this in my vicar training, I am certain that Santa and Jesus must be the very best of friends as they both love Christmas and children so much.

The carol service at St Mary's last year was great fun for people of all ages. It was a real joy to be part of this service and I'm told that my jokes were appreciated though, it would be ok for me to choose some funny ones this year. This service always aims to be Christmassy but a little different in that special St Mary's way. I'm looking forward to joining in this service at 6 o'clock on Sunday the 16th and would love to invite you all to join us too.

At Christ Church in Helme we will be holding a Christingle service at 4 o'clock on Saturday the 21st. Nobody is quite sure why we haven't had a Christingle in the last few years but this year it is back, and we intend it to be back to stay. I really enjoy the simple, traditional, child friendly nature of a Christingle service. I have always found that if I am struggling to get in the Christmas mood this service is the one that helps me out. I hope you can take a break from all the last-minute shopping to join us.

The last thing before Santa visits the vicarage on Christmas eve is the midnight communion service at St Bartholomew's. We start at 11:30pm which means that we can all wish each other happy Christmas at midnight. One of the wonderful things about being a vicar is that I have the privilege and great personal joy of being the first person to wish everyone; **A very happy Christmas.**

Revd John

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Luke 2:10



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Hi folks,

Firstly we would like to thank all those people who regularly buy the magazine from our churches or have it delivered. We are grateful for your support. We would also like to thank all the wonderful people who have contributed to this magazine for the past six months since we began editing it. We're particularly grateful to Richard Ryden for letting us use some of his wonderful photos. It's absolutely your magazine and we hope we've done you proud. Keep up the good work in the New Year!

And a very warm welcome to those who may be reading this magazine for the first time. We hope you like it and find something that interests you in it. The magazine is printed every month and is available in our churches or contact melthamparishmagazine@gmail.com if you'd like to receive it via email.

Please note: the deadline for the January magazine is very early: **Friday 13th December.**

God bless, Kirstin and Fiona.

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WHAT IS CHRISTMAS ALL ABOUT?

By Pam Murgatroyd

When we are asked what we want for Christmas, what immediately comes to mind?

It's all of the material things in your stocking you want to find.

You fancy a new computer, a television or some new clothes,

But maybe you should be thinking of the folk who'll get none of those.

The ones who cannot work because of health or disability,

Or those who have to care for someone who is a liability.

The ones who love their children as much as you love yours

But cannot spend as much as you on such expensive toys.

Giving gifts at Christmas is where, in modern times, it's leaning,
Which has made the reason to celebrate so much more demeaning.

Instead of these material gifts, we should share the gift of love

And follow the example of the one He sent us from above.

He taught us how to love each other as we love our own,

To share the gifts He'd given us in all the ways He'd shown.

Christmas should not be material, of that there is no doubt,

It's the gift of love we should be sharing, that's what it's all about.

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Oasis Quiet

Day. At St James'

Wednesday 11th December

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200 CLUB

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180 £10 Mrs C. Moulson
809 £10 Mr D. Earnshaw
812 £10 Mrs C. Charman
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There are still several vacancies in the 200 Club. If you would like to become a member & support the Church Hall, please contact Michael farrel 07768258257 m.farrellphd@btinternet.com

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St Bartholomew's Women's Fellowship

There will be no meeting in December but the next meeting will be the AGM, which will take place on Tuesday 28th January 2020 at 2.00pm. New members are always welcome.

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MELTHAM COMMUNITY CARDS = Working to support the Welcome Centre.

We made over 100 packs (10 cards in a Pack) of Christmas Cards plus Individual Christmas Cards, Gift Bags, Tags and Booklets alongside our usual Greetings Cards.

The Card Group have finished working this year but we restart in the New Year and we would like to thank everyone for their support over the year. For old greetings cards that were handed in for recycling and for all those who have purchased our cards.

If you are interested in joining our Group – we meet each Friday morning 10-12 at St James' church. – no particular skill or experience required – please contact me for further information.

Christine Rolls 01484 340342

Carol Concert.

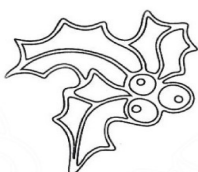
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Monday 16th December

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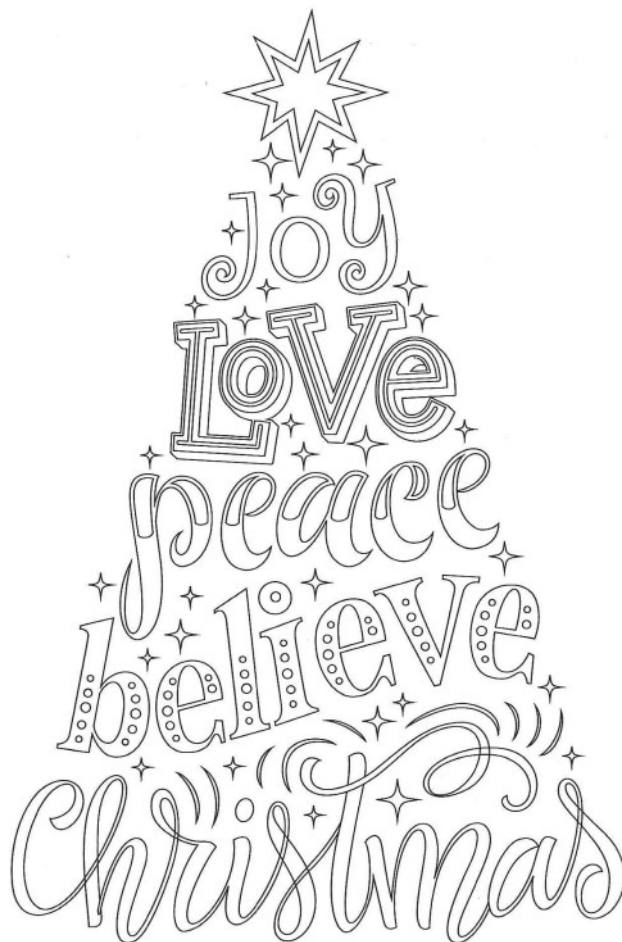
Helme Ladies Report Oct/ Nov 19

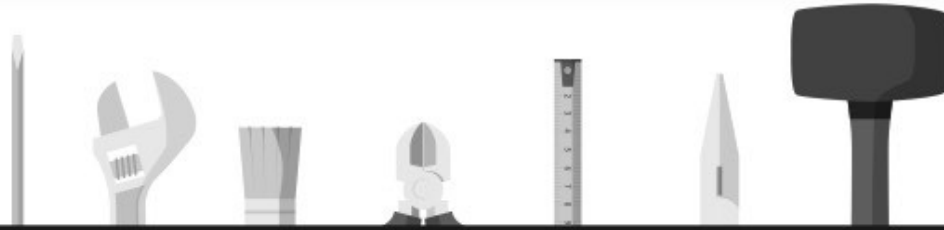
22nd Oct was the date for the Helme Ladies Auction which is always a laugh a minute. It is amazing how stuff just appears, and the tables are filled with everything from handbags to produce from gardens. Dorothy volunteered to be auctioneer and I helped with passing goods to the lucky highest bidder. We started with the handbags, four of them, then onto a desk light, weigh scales, lots of boxed smellies, boxes of embroidered handkerchiefs, scarves and packets of tights, one of which was shown as having no body. This pack was passed around for all to see and have a good laugh (no-one bid on these). So, we went on until all the lots had gone and £46 was added to our charity fund. We had fun and some got rid of items they no longer wanted, and some ended up with items they didn't know they wanted. So, if you receive a box of smellies or embroidered handkerchiefs for Christmas, you know where they came from.

Our next meeting on November 5th was not well attended – 9 ladies turned up. Two things were against us – Bonfire Night and no heating in church. We didn't feel like setting board games up for so few, so we put the kettle on, had tea and biscuits and a good discussion of what to do in the future. As the boiler in church was not going to be mended anytime soon, we needed another venue or something totally different. Janet came up with a brilliant suggestion, she was sure we could use a room at the Crossroads Hub in the Town Hall as they wanted the space used. She would make enquiries, sure enough we could have use of one of the rooms. **So Helme Ladies have decamped to the Town Hall for their meetings on Tuesday mornings at 10.15am for the foreseeable future. Our last meeting in Helme Church will be our carol service and lunch on December 3rd.**

Well, we met at the Crossroads Hub in Meltham Town Hall on November 19th and guess what? They had a boiler

malfuction. An electric heater was brought in and it warmed the room which was quite small and then the heating came on too, so we were very cosy. We sat and chattered and then finalised details for the carol service. Over tea, coffee and biscuits we decided which charities we were going to support: Alzheimers, Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Yorkshire Cancer Research and Guide Dogs for the Blind, these will receive £200 each. We heard that the boiler in church was going to be looked at to see if it could be mended, fingers crossed! After our carol service and lunch, we shall be going to Meltham Golf Club for Christmas Lunch which will be nice. It always tastes better when someone else does the cooking. Then we shall have a break until 4th Jan, when we are having a watercolour demonstration by John Mitchell followed by the New Year Feast.





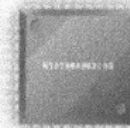
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**Christmas
by John Betjeman**

The bells of waiting Advent ring,
The Tortoise stove is lit again
And lamp-oil light across the night
Has caught the streaks of winter rain
In many a stained-glass window sheen
From Crimson Lake to Hookers Green.

The holly in the windy hedge
And round the Manor House the yew
Will soon be stripped to deck the ledge,
The altar, font and arch and pew,
So that the villagers can say
'The church looks nice' on Christmas Day.

Provincial Public Houses blaze,
Corporation tramcars clang,
On lighted tenements I gaze,
Where paper decorations hang,
And bunting in the red Town Hall
Says 'Merry Christmas to you all'.

And London shops on Christmas Eve
Are strung with silver bells and flowers
As hurrying clerks the City leave
To pigeon-haunted classic towers,
And marbled clouds go scudding by
The many-steepled London sky.

And girls in slacks remember Dad,
And oafish louts remember Mum,
And sleepless children's hearts are glad.
And Christmas-morning bells say 'Come!'
Even to shining ones who dwell
Safe in the Dorchester Hotel.

And is it true,
This most tremendous tale of all,
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,
A Baby in an ox's stall ?
The Maker of the stars and sea
Become a Child on earth for me ?

And is it true ? For if it is,
No loving fingers tying strings
Around those tissue'd fripperies,
The sweet and silly Christmas things,
Bath salts and inexpensive scent
And hideous tie so kindly meant,

No love that in a family dwells,
No carolling in frosty air,
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells
Can with this single Truth compare -
That God was man in Palestine
And lives today in Bread and Wine.



**Seasonal Holy Communion
Service**

With lunch

St Bartholomew's Church

Wednesday 4th December

11am

These are always very happy occasions with an excellent light lunch provided and served by the Parish Pastoral Team.

The service and lunch is for everyone but is particularly appreciated by our more senior or housebound friends. If you would like a lift, please contact

Val White: 850496

Carols in the Park

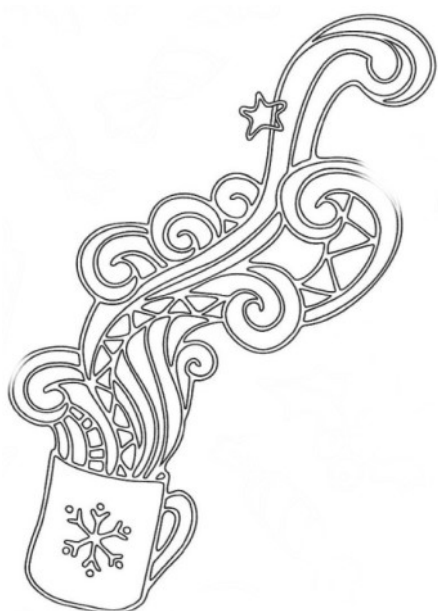
4pm

Sunday 1st December

Robert Ashton Park

(St James' Church if the weather is unkind!)

Join us for a joyful carol service with a very special visitor.



The elves at St James' Church have arranged a seasonal grotto for children to meet Father Christmas and receive a present.

Refreshments will be served.



Christmas Concert

St Bartholomew's
Church

Friday 13th Dec

With

Meltham and Meltham
Mills Brass Band

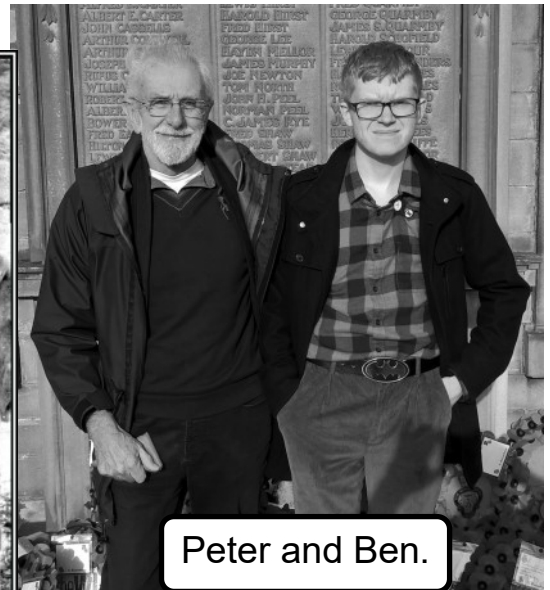
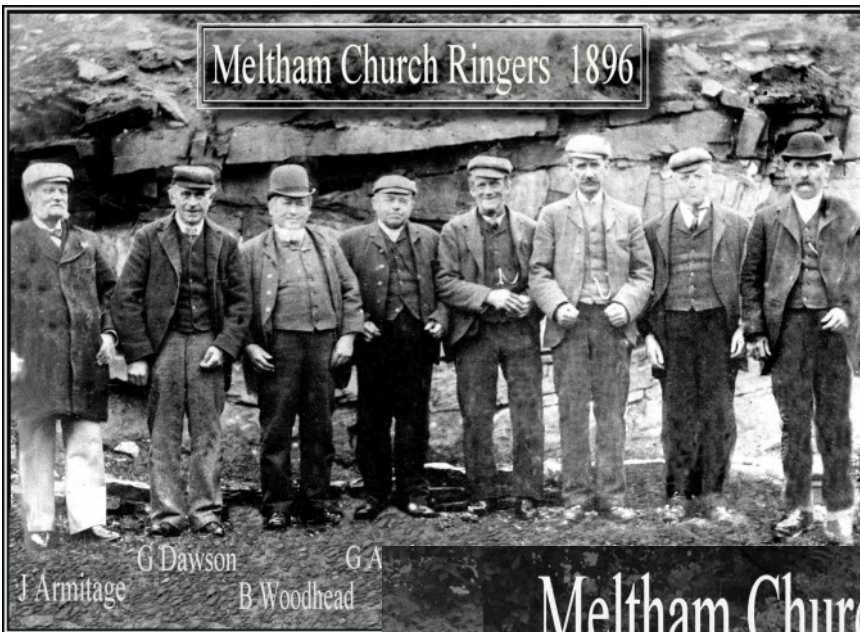
Meltham Bellringers

Since the clock at St. Bartholomew's stopped and the tower was made weather proof, the bellringers of Meltham have been able to ring for services every Sunday without rainwater running down the ropes and up their sleeves. Our numbers have grown and ringers visit our practices to help us improve our ringing skills. But there are never enough ringers around to ring all the bells in the region on Sundays. Prior to the worldwide celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice in 2018, the Central Council for Church Bell Ringers decided to launch a campaign which included recruiting 1400 new ringers as a way of remembering those 1400 ringers who died during the War. In fact they recruited some 2000+ across the country. We were lucky enough to have Ben Wadsworth volunteer for this occasion and he continues to ring with us now.

We ring for service at St. Bart's at 9 a.m. and then we go over to help at Kirkheaton for their service at 10. Most of us visit other towers for additional practice time on different days of the week, quite often followed by a quick visit to a local hostelry for refreshment and generally putting the world to rights!

If anyone would care to come and see what it's all about you would be more than welcome, please contact Peter M. Where else would you get free tuition in a wonderful and rewarding pastime!

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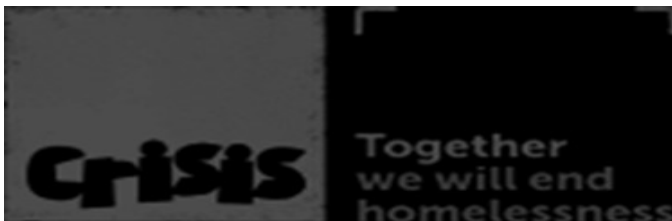


CHOIR NOTES

We're looking forward to the season of Advent and we have a variety nice seasonal items that we hope to sing during this period. As usual, we hope to be able to get out around the village and do some carol singing in the run up to Christmas (probably w/c Monday 16th December). Please let me know or a member of the choir if you don't normally get to hear us and we'll try and plan our routes accordingly to accommodate. Listen out for us, though if it's wet and windy, we're unlikely to be out. Fingers crossed!

On the Feast of Christ the King, we were delighted to finally have Walter Young back among us in the choir after a long lay off, and to also welcome his new guide dog Harvey! We hope that he settles in well with Walter in the bass section and quickly gets used to singing with us in the choir. If he can sing as well as his predecessors, then Harvey should have no problem singing the Bach Chorale.

Simon Ball
Organist / Choir Master – St Bart's



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Crossroads Centre opening with volunteers past and present.

The Opening of the Crossroads Centre at the Old Town Hall.

On Saturday 12th October the opening of the new premises of the Crossroads Centre took place. It was a very happy event with Mrs Constance Crosland ceremoniously cutting the ribbon to officially declare that finally, after many months, the Old Town Hall would be the new venue for the Crossroads Advice and Information Centre.

In February 1996 with the support of Meltham Churches Together, the Crossroads Shop opened in Meltham. Its main aim has always been to help our community access good quality clothing, toys, bedding and household goods at very low affordable prices. They soon realised that they were able to make enough profit to give out small grants. Over the years Crossroads has given out more than £575,000 in grants.

In 1997 the need became apparent for a base to accommodate local charities and support services for the people Of Meltham and surrounding areas. In April of that year, funded by the Crossroads Shop, the Crossroads Advice Centre was opened in Lane Dyke House on Holmfirth Road. Over the years many agencies have worked with us to provide help and support for the people of Meltham and surrounding areas. Age Concern, Citizens Advice Bureau, Support to Recovery (S2R) Ridley and Hall Solicitors, United Healing Christian Ministry, the Alzheimer's Society, Work Link and many others have been involved with us.

22 years later our aims remain the same. We now provide advice and help for Debt and Benefit issues and Legal Advice, together with general advice to those who need it. The Meltham Food bank now operates from the Centre and continues to be a much needed and important resource.

Having been in our new home for over a month we have all been excited by the new challenges and opportunities that we are presented with on a daily basis. We have become more visible and some times feel we have become Meltham's tourist information point with people popping in to ask questions and wanting to look round!

People from all the churches in Meltham and those sympathetic to our aims work hard to ensure that the Centre is a warm and welcoming place for whoever calls and whatever their need.

Do call in when you are passing.

Sue Priestley (Chair of Trustees)



Meltham Foodbank News.

The Foodbank now has its own dedicated phone number 07564764137.

Meltham foodbank has now moved into the Crossroads Centre. We would like to say thank you to everybody for your generosity through the harvest season. Sadly demand for food has continued to grow significantly and we anticipate this will continue.

If you can donate to Meltham Food Bank we would be very grateful. We need donations of toiletries including toilet paper, dried and tinned goods as long as they are unopened and in date. We especially need toothbrushes, shaving cream, shower gel, small packs of washing powder, squash and fruit juice for children, tinned meats, macaroni cheese, ravioli, fruit and veg soup, etc. Also families do have pets and we would not want to put a family in the position of having to rehome their pet when they fall on hard times. Currently we have plenty of baked beans, pasta, baby food and sanitary products. Financial donations are also very welcome, monies go to providing fresh fruit and veg. Little extra luxuries for Christmas are appreciated. Please donate via the Foodbank bins at the Co-op and Morrisons. You can also drop off at the Crossroads Shop and the Crossroads Centre (open 10 - 12.30, Monday to Friday). Feel free to drop in for a cup of tea with us.

We are in desperate need for more volunteers to continue the service. There are numerous job roles and skills needed. From collecting food, processing parcels and administration. Thank you to everyone who has offered to help, In the New Year I will aim to get everyone together, to think about roles and rota's, etc. I'm especially in need of administration help.

If you are interested in joining us please contact Debbie Still on the foodbank phone, or leave a message at the Crossroads Centre.

Debbie



Christingle in the Parish of Christ the King.

4pm
Saturday 21st December
Christ Church
Helme

Come and join us for this very special service celebrating Christmas with carols.



rickins

- The orange is round like the world.
- The candle stands tall and straight and gives light in the dark like the love of God.
- The red ribbon goes all around the 'world' and is a symbol of the blood Jesus shed when he died for us. The four sticks point in all directions and symbolise North, South, East and West - they also represent the four seasons.
- The fruit and nuts (or sometimes sweets!) represent the fruits of the earth, nurtured by the sunshine and the rain.

The idea of Christingles came from a Moravian Church in Germany in 1747. The minister, John de Watteville, gave children at the service a lighted candle with a red ribbon around it. This represented Jesus being the light of the world and the final prayer of that first service was "Lord Jesus, kindle a flame in these children's hearts, that theirs like Thine become". The custom went around the world with the church.

Christmas Services in the Parish of Meltham Christ the King.

- 1st December, Carols in the park, at 4:00pm (with special guest)
14th December, Carols in the pub, at 7:30pm the Wagon and Horses.
15th December, Carol service, at 6:00pm St Mary's Wilshaw.



REFLECTIONS AT ST. JAMES'

On the Third Sunday of each month, 9.30am at St James' Church, there is a Service of the Word with Reflections.

This service, through words, stillness, music and visuals, gives time for thought and reflection. It can be a challenging and thought provoking time and also a time when we have opportunity to speak to God and listen to what He might be saying to us.

The next Reflective service will take place on December 15th, the Third week of Advent and the theme will be 'What if He Never Came?' and anyone is welcome to attend.

- 21st December, Christingle, at 4:00pm Christ Church, Helme.
22nd December, Nativity and Carol service, at 4:00pm St Bartholomew's.
22nd December, Carol service, at 6:30pm St James Meltham Mills.
24th December, Crib service, at 4:00pm St James Meltham Mills.
24th December, Mid-night communion, at 11:30 St Bartholomew's.

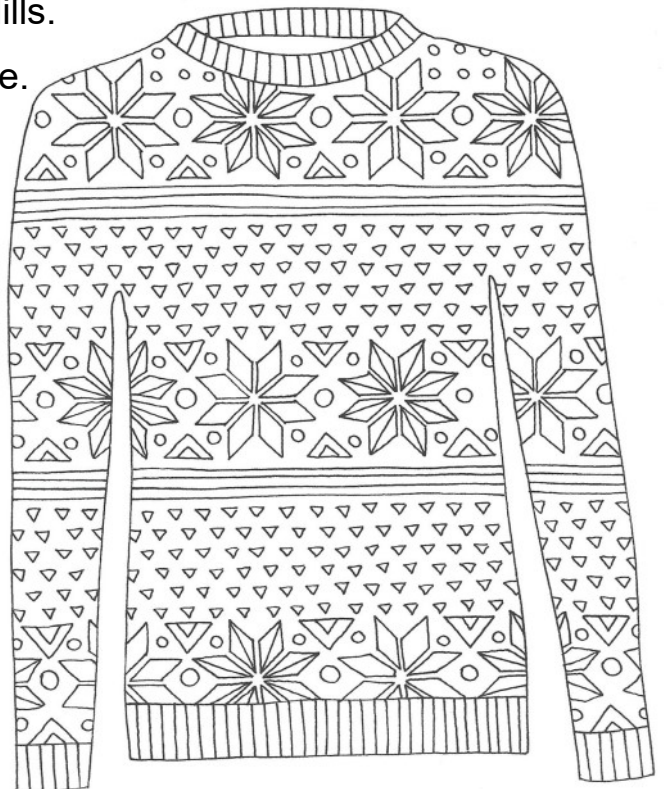
Christmas day, 9:30am St Bartholomew's.

9:30am St James Meltham Mills.

10:00am Christ Church Helme.

11:15am St Marys Wilshaw.

Christmas Jumper Day!
We've all got 'em! Those fabulous, loud, cheesy Christmas jumpers. Wear yours to church on Sunday 22nd December!



Children's and Young People's Church Services and Groups

HD9 Wilshaw Youth Group

7pm—8.30pm

St Mary's Church Room, 30 Wilshaw Rd, Wilshaw, Meltham, HD9 4DZ

Please call or text Kim 07512 290110 or email *kimandmar-khowe@btinternet.com*

December: Friday 13th (Christmas party)

We will close for Christmas and the next meeting will be *Friday 10th January 2020!*

We had a fun and games night at the youth group where we played Jumanji, UNO and the Yes/No game and had snacks and drinks. We are going to have a think tank where we decide what the group is going to be called and design a logo, plus ideas for future meetings. Watch this space! This group is for young people aged 11yrs – 17yrs and is a great place to make new friends.



SMART BARTS

Our Smart Barts meet every Sunday at 9.30am at St Bartholomew's alongside the usual service. The children range in age from 2yrs - 11yrs and we run a range of activities to involve everyone.

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One For All Service

Led by Rev John

1st Sunday of the month

St James', Meltham Mills

9.30am


Everyone welcome!

Wonderful music and hymns selected by our brilliant and talented Christine Rolls.

"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a **SAVIOR** who is **CHRIST** the Lord.



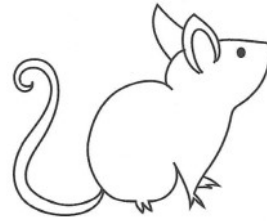
And this will be the sign to you:

You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." 

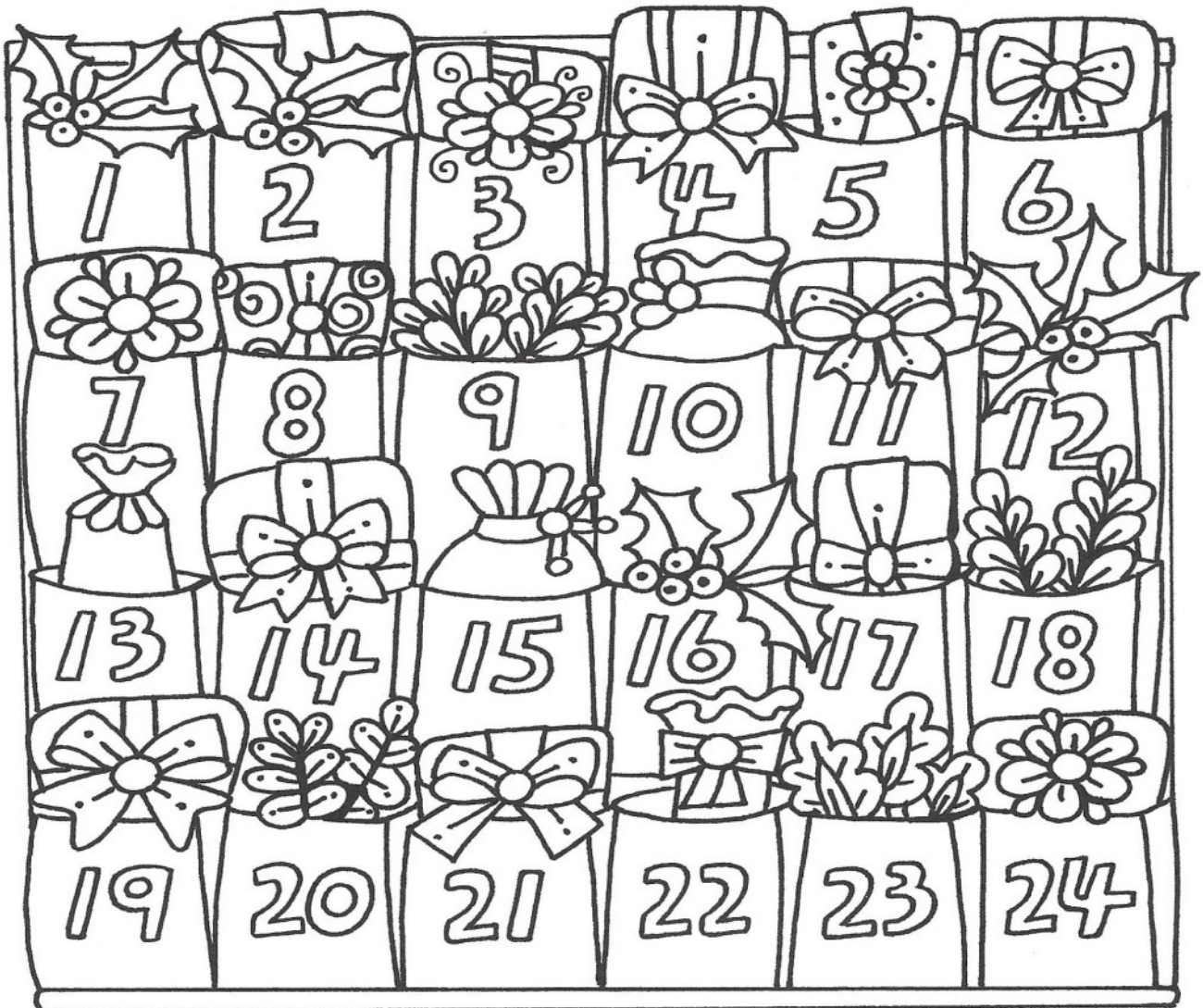
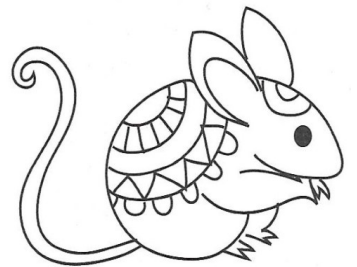
And SUDDENLY

there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly hosts praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"  Luke 2:11-14



There are 12 more church mice running around this magazine. One for each day of Christmas. Can you find them all?





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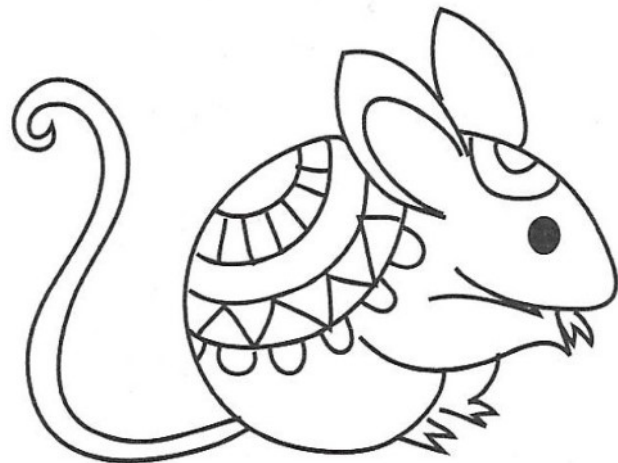
Meltham Woman's Institute meet the first Tuesday of the month in the Church Hall on Greens End Road.

On the 5th November Christine Barrow from Stalybridge, a trained Campanologist, arrived to show the members how to play the hand bells. Much fun and laughter was heard, as we all tried to create a tune that could be recognised. I think we sort of managed something in the end. Coffee and cake followed.

Our December meeting will be at Meltham Golf Course for our Annual Christmas Dinner.



At a recent coffee morning a very handsome and fluffy moose called **Frazier** was raffled off. The lucky winner was a Mr J Shaw. All offerings of stable space and reindeer food gratefully received.



SIDE BY SIDE

SIDE BY SIDE is a small group run by volunteers who meet to offer friendship and support to people who are beginning to have memory problems or have recently been diagnosed with dementia.

It meets every Monday morning from 10 - 12 at the Methodist Church, Meltham.

The group aims to provide a relaxed atmosphere with opportunities to chat, share memories, enjoy a range of activities which all encourage conversation and generally to have a bit of fun on a Monday morning.

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Note for your diaries: **OASIS QUIET DAYS 2020**

Wednesday 25th March

Wednesday 15th July

Wednesday 30th September

Wednesday 9th December



Come and pause for a while, rest and relax in the Peace of God.

Coffee will be available from **10am** and the day will end at **3pm** with a short service of Holy communion in the Celtic tradition.

More information from Jenny 01484 850839

United Memorial Service

A United Parish Memorial service was held at St Bartholomew's Church at 4pm on Sunday 3rd November. This was led by Rev John Dracup and gave people the opportunity to remember a loved one, a relative or a friend. The choir led us in singing some well-loved hymns. During the service the names of those to be remembered were read out and candles were lit as we quietly remembered those, we have loved. Refreshments were served after the service and out thanks go to those who provided them and to all those who planned and prepared this gentle time of fellowship and love.



Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday morning, 10th November, people from across Meltham and representatives of the council and various groups in the town came together to share a Service of Remembrance at St Bartholomew's Church. The service was preceded by a parade from the Carlisle car park at 10.30am and was led by Meltham and Meltham Mills Band. Rev John Dracup and Rev John Radcliffe led the service and received the British Legion Standard, Scout, and Guide flags during the first hymn. Cllr Terry Lyons read the lesson and Rev Judy, Pat Beastow and cub scout Isaac Dracup assisted with the Act of remembrance during which a 2 minutes silence was observed. Brian Parlor from the Baptist Church led the prayers. Rev John Radcliffe led the Act of Commitment as we pledged to work for peace in the world,. During the final hymn the flags and wreaths were collected and then we all stood to sing the national anthem. Following the service the wreaths were laid at the memorial and the band led the parade back to the Carlisle. Refreshments were served in the church hall.

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Songs of Praise

Tuesday 10th December

At 1.30pm

Holy Communion

Tuesday 24th December

at 1.30pm

BELL HOUSE REPORT

The service at Bell House took place a week late, due to illness, so Rev Judy assisted by Patrice took Holy Communion to the residents on Wednesday 13th November. Patrice read from Micah 4 v1-4, Rev Judy offered prayers reflecting on remembrance and we sang "the Lord's My Shepherd" and "Abide with Me". We are now looking forward to our carol service in December.

Bell House

have their Holy Communion service with Rev Judy, on

Wednesday 4th December

at 10.30am

In the Lounge

All are welcome



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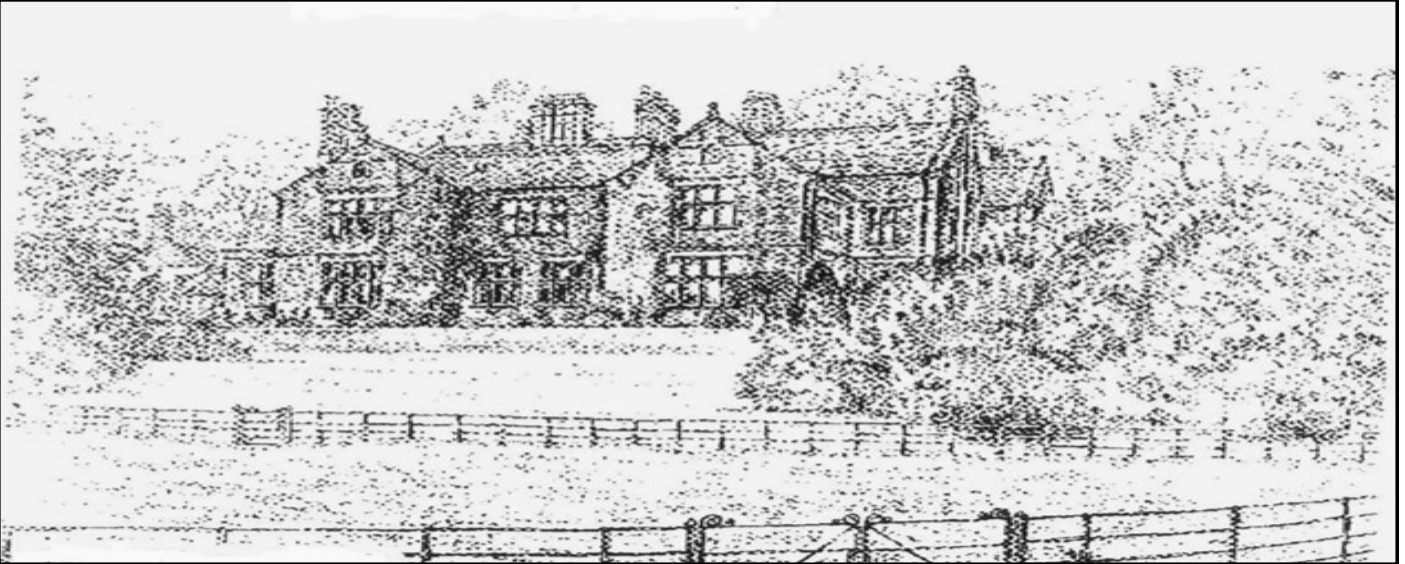
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St Mary's, Wilshaw.

A Service of the Word took place at St Mary's Church on Sunday 20th October. This was led by Rev John Dracup, who spoke about how we should pray humbly, in faith, through Jesus and was based on the Bible story about the publican and the pharisee. The music group accompanied the hymns, John Andrews read the lesson and Kim Howe led the intercessions. Rev John presented a bouquet of flowers to Jacqueline France on behalf of the parish, to mark her admission and licensing as a Lay Reader. We also sang "Happy Birthday" for our organist, Elizabeth Pearson on her special birthday and enjoyed yet more cake with our coffee after the service.

The following week we had a service of Holy Communion led by Rev Judy Kenworthy. Shirley Langrick read the lessons, Jacqueline led the prayers and Elizabeth was organist. As it was Bible Sunday Rev Judy based her talk on "The Bible" and all the hymns reminded us that we have a gospel to proclaim. Kim Howe assisted at the altar and Peter Pearson was sidesman.

On the first Sunday in November was celebrated "All Saints". Kim Howe led a Service of the Word and reminded us that we are all called to be saints, to listen to God and to do good wherever we are. John read the lesson, Elizabeth was organist and Rev Judy led the prayers. Following the service and coffee, the choir held a short rehearsal.



On 10th November there was no morning service at St Mary's, giving us the opportunity to attend the United Remembrance Day Service at St Bartholomew's Church as 10.30am. At 2pm that day Lay Reader Jacqueline France led a service of Remembrance at St Mary's. We welcomed Mr John Fox and Mr and Mrs Peter Foden who were representing the British Legion and Mrs Shirley Langrick. Shirley gave a talk about her great uncle Rufus Crampton and other relatives who were involved in WW1 including David Wilkinson (from Netherthong) who is Neville Langrick's (Shirley's husband) great uncle and also about her visit to the Commonwealth War Graves in Alexandria, in San Stefano. Jacqueline led out Act of Remembrance during which Peter Foden laid the wreath on the memorial, John Fox lowered the standard and we observed 2 minutes silence. Tea and cake was served in the Sunday School afterwards.

Preparations and plans are coming together now for December and we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Blessed Christmas.



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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Weddings - A gift of God in Creation & a means of His grace

There were no weddings in the parish during November

Baptisms - We welcome you into the Lord's family

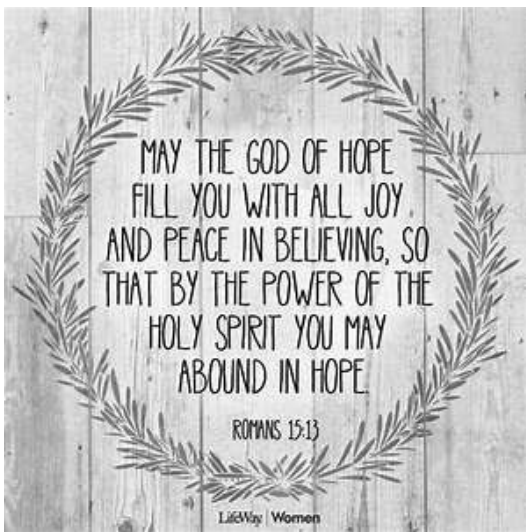
Kia Miller and William Gledhill

Funerals - May they rest in peace

There were no funerals in the parish during November

Anyone wishing to have their loved ones names included in the book of Remembrance at St Bartholomew's please contact Jean Collison : Telephone 851816

(there is a small fee of £5 for church expenses)



Daily Prayers in the Parish

Monday's 9.30am -

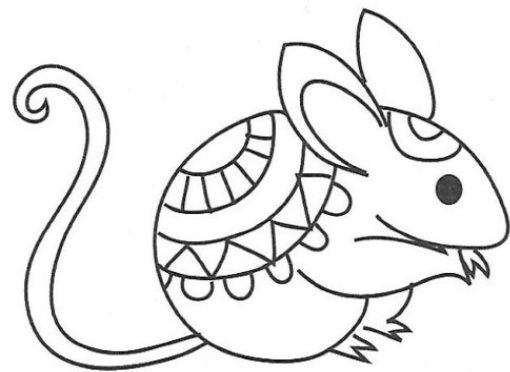
Christ Church, Helme

Tuesday's 9.30am - St Mary's

Wednesday's 9.00am - BCP

10.00am - MCT

Prayer at St Bartholomew's



Meltham Churches Together

'Praying with and for our community'

Wednesdays 10 - 10.30am

4th December (Baptist)

11th December (St Bart's)

18th December (Methodist)

25th Happy Christmas Day everyone

2020

1st January (St James)?

8th January (Catholic)

All are welcome!

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S ROTA

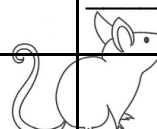
Date	Altar Flowers	Slidespeople	Coffee
1 st	Advent	M Hardy & S Wood	M Thorley & Ben Wadsworth
8 th	Advent	P & J Gilleard	C Mitchell & V Poole
15 th	Advent	J Swallow & A Bolland	J Gilleard & N Wilkinson
22 nd	Advent	J & C Mitchell & P Murgatroyd & C Woodroffe	M Hardy & S Wood
4pm			
24 th	Xmas	A & M Ball	
11.30pm			
25 th	Xmas	R Styan & P Maffin	No coffee
29 th	Xmas	E Crabtree & E Sims	C Moulson & M Ball

ST MARY'S ROTA

Date	Service (11.15am)	Reader	Prayers
1st	Service of the Word	Shirley	Kim
8th	Holy Communion	John A.	Jacqueline
15th	Carol Service 6pm	Shirley	Kim
22nd	Service of the Word	John A.	Jacqueline
25th	Christmas Day	Shirley	Kim
29th	Parish communion		

ST JAMES' ROTA

Date	Service (9.30am)	Sidespeople	Coffee
1st	Service of the Word	Margaret & Sarah	Debbie Still & Sue
8th	Holy Communion	Jean & Clinton	Jean
	5ALIVE (5pm)	_____	Alison & Richard
15th	Service of the Word	Andy & Mike	Debbie & Debbie
22nd	Holy Communion	Margaret & Debbie L.	Sue & Richard W.
	Carol Service (6.30pm)	Jean & Clinton	Jean & Clinton
24th	Christmas Eve (4pm)	Jean & volunteer please	_____
25th	Holy Communion (9.30am)	Jean & Clinton	_____
29th	Parish Communion		



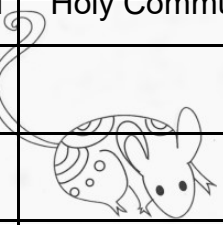
CHRIST CHURCH ROTA

Date	Flowers	Welcome	Altar Server	Coffee	Reader
1st	Monica	Sheila	Janet	Christine	Irene
8th	Monica	Jennie H.	Christine	Eileen & Sheila	Pat
15th	Vacant	Moyra	Jenny B.	Rita	Janet
22nd	Christmas	Eileen	Janet	Janet	Eileen
29th	Christmas	Christine	Jenny B.	Moyra	Jennie H.

PLEASE NOTE If anyone would like to place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one, please call either Eileen Hague on **851164** or Margaret Tunnaclife on **850724** **Thank you**

SERVICES AND READINGS IN THE PARISH

Date	First Reading	Gospel
1st	Isaiah 2:1-5	Mathew 24:36-44
8th	Isaiah 11:1-10	Mathew 3:1-12
15th	Isaiah 35:1-10	Mathew 11:2-11
22nd	Isaiah 7:10-16	Mathew 1:18-end
24th	Micah 5:2-5a	Luke 2:1-14
25th	Isaiah 9:2-7	Luke 2:1-14
29th	Isaiah 63:7-9	Mathew 2:13-end

Date	St Bart's 9.30am	St James' 9.30am	Christ Church 11.15am	St Mary's 11.15am
1st	Holy Communion	Family Service	Holy Communion	Service of the Word
8th	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Service of the Word	Holy Communion
8th		5Alive 4.30pm		
15th	Holy Communion	Service of the Word	Holy Communion	Service of the Word (Baptism)
15th				Carol Service 6pm
21st			Christingle 4pm	
22nd	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Service of the Word	Holy Communion
22nd	Nativity & carols 4pm	Carol Service 6.30pm		
24th	Midnight Communion 11.30pm	Crib Service 4pm		
25th	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
29th	Parish Communion			

MELTHAM PARISH CHURCH HALL DIARY

DECEMBER 2019, JANUARY 2020

WEEKLY BOOKINGS:

Every Monday	Gilbert & Sullivan rehearsals	7.30 p.m.
Every Tuesday	Pilates	10 a.m.
	Good as Gold	2 p.m.
	Slimming World	5.30 p.m. & 7.30 p.m.
Every Wednesday	Zumba Gold	10 a.m.
	Chair Exercises	1 p.m.
Every Friday	Gilbert & Sullivan Rehearsal	7.30 p.m.

MONTHLY BOOKINGS

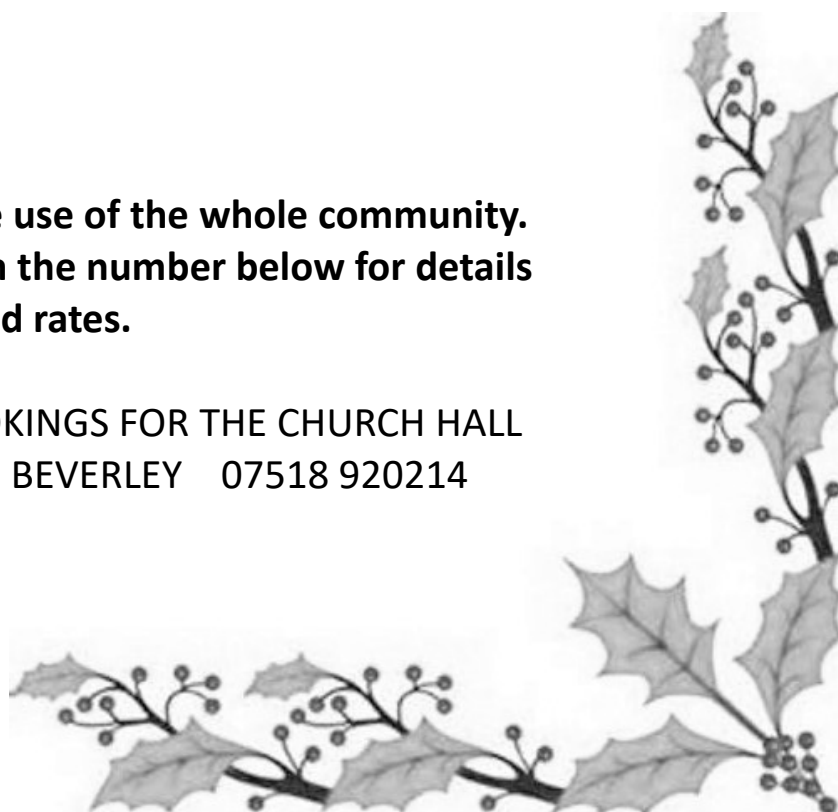
1 st Tuesday	Women's Institute	7.30 p.m.
2 nd Wednesday	Pennine Borders Flower Club	7.15 p.m.
2nd Thursdays	Over 60's Club	2 p.m.

OTHER BOOKINGS

2 nd December	Crossroads Christmas Party	6.30 p.m.
5 th December	Kirkwood Hospice Christmas Lunch	12.30 p.m.
12 th December	General Election	7a.m. to 10.00p.m.
13 th December	Over 60's Christmas Party	2.00p.m.
27 th December	Private Party	

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14 th December	Meltham Catholics
21 st December	Vasculitis Society UK
28 th December	No Coffee
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4 th January	Oxfam London Marathon
11 th January	No Coffee
18 th January	St.Bartholomew's church
25 th January	Alzheimer's Society
1 st February	Town Council



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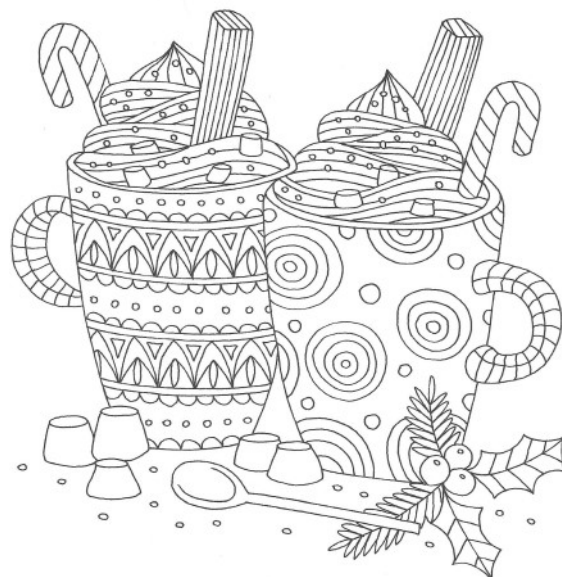
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I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.
You may not be aware of me
Amid the celebrations -
You'll have to look beyond the stores
And all the decorations.
But if you take a moment
From the list of things to do
And listen to your heart, you'll find
I'm waiting there for you.
You're the one I want to be with,
You're the reason that I came,
And you'll find me in the stillness
As I'm whispering your name.
Love, Jesus

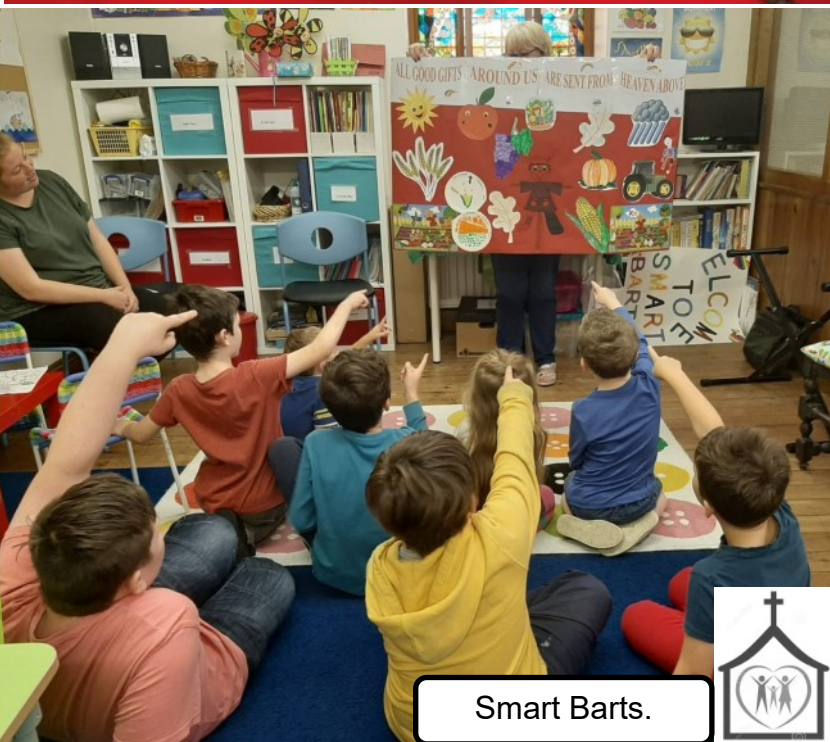




Meltham Shoebox Project



Baking buns at HD9 club, Wilshaw.



Smart Barts.



Little Donkey, by the children of Meltham Christ the King. For the Christmas tree Festival.



Wishing you a joyful Christmas and a very merry New Year!
From all of us at Meltham Parish of Christ the King.