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Cover Photograph: Nativity Scene on our Font – 2018

Pastoral Letter from Christine



We all want our Christmas to be a lot of things. Full of joy. Memories. Happiness. Above all, we want it to be about Jesus. What we don't want is stress. Or debt. Or feeling like we "missed the moment".

Welcome home, as we slow down and experience a Christmas worth remembering.

But doing this means doing things a little differently. A little creatively.

It means turning Christmas upside down

Worship Fully

Christmas marks the moment where God's promise was fulfilled when love took form, tiny fingers and all. It is a moment that deserves our full attention and praise. I put Worship first because I believe the level of our involvement at Christmas is based entirely on how much we are celebrating Christ's birth.

He deserves celebration; one that is creative, loud, and directs every heart His way.

Spend Less

Quick question for you: What was the one gift that you remember getting for Christmas last year? Next Question: What about the fourth gift? Do you remember that one? Truth is, many of us don't because it wasn't something we necessarily wanted or needed. Spending Less isn't a call to stop giving gifts; it's a call to stop spending money on gifts we won't remember in less than a year. By spending wisely on gifts, we free ourselves from the anxiety associated with debt so we can take in the season with a full heart.

Give More

I know what you're thinking. "Wait a minute didn't she just say I should spend less and yet here she is telling me to give more? What gives?" The most powerful, memorable gift you can give to someone else is yourself. And nobody modelled this more than Jesus. So, what does this look like for you? Tickets to a game or the theatre? A movie

night? The main point is simple: when it comes to spending time with those you love, it's all about quality not quantity.

Love All

It all boils down to love. Love from a saviour. Love to a neighbour in need. By spending just a little less on gifts, we free up our resources to love as Jesus loves by giving to those who really need help, loving others in life-changing ways.

**Come home this Christmas Season
as together we conspire with Jesus to transform lives.**

Christine+

Update on Fundraising Appeal

Thank you to those who have already generously donated to the fabric fund appeal. Including the recent Christmas Fair, congregation and wedding guest donations, we have raised a figure of £3,409 so far.

These funds are being ring-fenced and will not be included in the income used to calculate the diocesan quota.

If you would like to help, but are unable to make a one-off payment, regular payments can be made, as well as pledges for future donations. If you need any help in making payments, please speak to the Treasurer.

Thanks again for your support through this time of restoration at St Mary's.

The Vestry



Thank you to all those using this fundraising system. Are you? Please go to St Mary's website now and click/tap on the link on the Home page to register.

Raised to date: £171.06 (£21.96 in the last 30 days)

From the Editor

Welcome to this Christmas–New Year edition.

Copy for the February–March issue of 'In Touch' will be welcomed **at any time** from now until the deadline on Sunday, 19th January 2020. Please don't leave it till the last minute!

Sadly, this is my last issue of 'In Touch' as editor.

May I wish you all a very joyful Christmas and a relaxed and happy New Year.

John Blaber



*We don't sing carols no more...
you 'ave to listen to 'em off me iPod!*

*The editor reserves the right to omit or edit contributions.
Items may have to be reserved for future issues.*

*The views expressed in this magazine are personal, and not
necessarily those of the editor or congregation.*

From the Registers (October – November)

No Baptism

Weddings

5 th October	Sarah Amanda McKeown & Andrew Robert Utterson
19 th October	Shona Louise Thompson & Simon Miles Humble
26 th October	Isla Elizabeth Thomson & Joshua William Tate Baxter
2 nd November	Sarah-Jane Marnoch & Scott Dingwall

No Funerals



"It's easy to tell when it's Nativity Play time – I can never find a tea-towel!"

More information and **up-to-date** details
can be found on our website
www.stmarysdalmahoy.org.uk

Canal Cruise – Saturday, 12th October

Saturday dawned bright and sunny, albeit cold, for our October trip, on two barges, on the Union canal. Previous trips have been in summer, so an extra layer of clothing was required to keep cosy.

The landscape was different from previous trips as leaves were falling and trees were taking on their autumn golden hue. A small group gathered outside on the barge whilst others chose to enjoy the view from inside.



I find the trip very relaxing and a very enjoyable way to spend a Saturday afternoon. The tow path is always busy and it is fun to greet walkers, cyclists and canoeists with a wave and a cheerful greeting.



The first person we noted on the bank was a man with a camera, he looked familiar, do I know him? Oh he has a

black and white dog, of course it is none other than Geoff Angell walking Molly – “smile for the birdie”. *[Top Photo]*.

The barge moves slowly along the canal and it is so very peaceful, the gentle sound of the water and the beautiful bird song.

We shared a picnic lunch together and had the opportunity to meet new friends and share stories.

Grateful thanks to the volunteers of the Seagull Trust who always give us a very warm welcome and ensure we enjoy our trips, to Rosemary for arranging the trip and to the coffee and tea lady the

lovely Margaret Hunter who kept us supplied with warm drinks on our barge.

Rona



Dalmations

We still meet in the Douglas Hall on a Wednesday each month from August to April, following the 11:00 am said Eucharist.



Do come along, bring a friend, chat over coffee, listen to an interesting speaker and have lunch. This is a group for all ages and is open to all (you don't have to be a member of St Mary's congregation).

December 11th Our usual Christmas get-together including a catered buffet lunch.

January 29th A Fun-Day to fill the Winter Gloom!

February 26th Whisky! A talk (any samples?) by George Murray.

March 25th 'My Childhood in Russia – Part 2' by Igor Kozlov.

April 29th The visit of King George IV to Edinburgh by Eric Melvin.

For more programme details please see the Dalmations page on St Mary's website.

St Mary's investment with lifelong returns

For 37 years, it was one of the joys of my life to have been a member of St Mary's at a time the congregation was developing its outreach to others. This was evident in St Mary's welcome, care and pastoral work; in 'tithing' 10% of annual income to charities as diverse as CHAS, Mary's Meals, Fair Trade and many more. It was fed by, and from, links variously made with: Holy Trinity Kibera (now Kenya and Africa's largest slum); then, on our own doorstep, St Luke's Wester Hailes; and a *favela* in Belem, Brazil. Each took us out of our comfort zone and surprised, enriched and encouraged us.

Whether at CHAS, in our own Province, or in my own international involvements with our world-wide Anglican Church, I always felt richly supported in prayer, interest and practical help by St Mary's 'family'. Since Della and my time as mission volunteers with the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (ACPNG) – a truly transformative experience for us – and belonging to St Anne's Dunbar since, that supportive relationship with St Mary's has endured, with the occasional welcome excuse to return.

Now, a much-appreciated part of SEC's long history of support for ACPNG – missionaries, mission volunteers, development grants, etc. – has been through St Mary's supporting a student at Newton Theological College. The College is ACPNG's only resource for training its priesthood. St Mary's has already supported two students and their families through the four-year diploma-level training. Imagine the value of this support to such a key institution where the entire annual budget for staff, student families, materials, etc., is only slightly more than the costs of a full-time SEC priest. Then, there is the lifelong benefit of your investment in the ministry and service of that priest and his family to remote rural communities or urban squatter settlements.

Following St Mary's recent decision to support a third priest in training over the coming four years, I am writing, albeit inadequately, to thank all in the congregation for this continuing, thoughtful help to a young Anglican church in this UN-designated 'least developed nation' – and, for so long, enriching my own faith journey and service.

John Rea



'Thank you' from Newton Theological College 'learners'.

Vacancy – Editor/Webmaster

You will have read in the last issue of 'In Touch' that I am relinquishing the Editorship of 'In Touch' and administration of the church website, at the end of this year.

If anyone would like to take over, please contact Christine, or a member of the Vestry.

I have very much enjoyed editing 'In Touch' for the past three years and administering the website for over 6 years and look forward to reading future editions of 'In Touch' and the website, both of which are very important windows on the work, and public face of, St Mary's Dalmahoy.

John Blaber



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Ultimate Canadian Nanaimo Bars

These nutty, chocolate-y, buttery bars are rich, delicious, and super-easy to make. No baking required!

Ingredients:

Bottom Layer

- ❖ ½ cup melted butter
- ❖ ¼ cup sugar
- ❖ 5 tbsp cocoa powder
- ❖ 1 egg
- ❖ 1 cup shredded coconut
- ❖ 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- ❖ ½ cup chopped almonds

Filling

- ❖ ½ cup softened butter
- ❖ 2 cups powdered sugar
- ❖ 2 tbsp + 2 tsp heavy cream
- ❖ 2 tbsp vanilla pudding or custard powder
- ❖ 2 tsp vanilla extract

Top Layer

- ❖ ½ cup (4 oz) chocolate (chopped)
- ❖ 2 tbsp butter



Instructions:

Bottom layer

1. Melt butter in a large saucepan, then add cocoa powder and sugar. Stir until sugar is dissolved.
2. Add one beaten egg. Stir well to cook egg while the mixture is hot.
3. Take off heat and stir in shredded coconut, chopped almonds, and graham cracker crumbs. Stir well until combined.
4. Press into an ungreased 8"x8" pan. (I like to line my pan with parchment paper to make it easy to lift out of the pan). Chill the bottom layer in the fridge while you make the filling. Doing so will make it easier to spread the filling on the bottom layer.

Filling

1. In a medium bowl, cream softened butter, powdered sugar, heavy cream, and vanilla pudding mix (or custard powder).

Beat until light and fluffy. Spread custard mixture over the bottom layer. Chill in the fridge while you prepare the chocolate layer.

Top layer

1. Melt chocolate and butter on the stove or in the microwave. Let chocolate mixture cool slightly, then spread over the chilled custard filling. The chocolate is easiest to spread when the cream layer is well chilled.
2. Once you have all three layers, cover and chill in the fridge until solid.
3. Cut into bite sized slices and enjoy!

Christine

[Editor: In Canada, a 'cup' is approximately 250ml]



"No thanks. Do you know how much sugar is in those things?"



The Rectory St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren,

I am sorry I was not alive during that wonderful four-year period when Oliver Cromwell abolished Christmas. Just think! No Christmas parties, no carol services, no cards to send and no frantic last-minute shopping. That man was a hero!

Planning for Christmas at St James' normally starts on 2nd January. By Easter, the flowers for church have been colour coordinated, the seating plans and table decorations for the Christmas party have been allocated (with nominated reserves in case someone should inconveniently die in the intervening eight months). Long before Summer is over, the tree lights have been tested, music for the 9 Lessons and Carols Service has been chosen and the service sheets printed. Way before the dark nights set in, car parking attendants will have been found, those who are to light all the candles will have been rehearsed to perfection and the brass lectern has had its annual polish.

We do not do spontaneity at St James the Least of All. If ever there was a service when time for something unexpected was allowed, its place would be announced in the order of service, how long it would happen unexpectedly would have been decided by a committee and who was to be spontaneous would have been allocated on a rota.

The one person none of these well-meaning, efficient, committed organisers can control is the Rector. You could call it a staff perk.

Carols will (accidentally, of course) be announced in the wrong order; if verse 3 was to be omitted, I announce it will be verse 4. This keeps the organist on his toes while the choir hovers on the point of a collective nervous breakdown. At the Christmas supper, my introductory welcome speech and extensive grace make those in the kitchen wonder if the vegetables being boiled should better be served as thick soup.

I offer the helpful suggestion that the tree, having been installed and

decorated in the chancel, may perhaps look better in the sanctuary and I turn all the heating off throughout the season, explaining that it will help the flowers to last. All Services will start five minutes early (was my watch rather fast?) so I can look disapprovingly at those still coming in while we are singing the first carol and making it clear that I think they had spent too long in the pub next door.

And so we all reach Christmas morning, with 12 months' of planning having gone yet again slightly awry, with parishioners exhausted and I exhilarated at the chaos that has been created with such ease. Mr Cromwell, your spirit lives on.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Pastoral Visitor

I am delighted to say that Sally Seymour has agreed to take on the new role of Pastoral Visitor on behalf of St Mary's. Her email address is pastoral@stmarysdalmahoy.org.uk.



There are members of our congregation in care homes at present that Sally will visit, but if any member of the congregation knows of someone in need of a visit, please make Christine, Carole, Rona or Sally aware.

Rona

Blue Christmas Service

Saturday December 21st 3pm

St. Mary's Dalmahoy

A quiet, reflective Time of Remembrance & Hope

Call 0131 333 1683 (Voice Mail)

for information

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Eucharist Readings:

Year A Eucharist	(Year A2 for Morning Prayer)	First Reading
1 December	Advent Sunday	Isaiah 2: 1-5
8 December	Advent 2	Isaiah 11: 1-10
15 December	Advent 3	Isaiah 35: 1-10
22 December	Advent 4	Isaiah 7: 10-16
29 December	Christmas 1	Isaiah 63: 7-9
5 January	The Epiphany	Isaiah 60: 1-6
12 January	The Baptism of the Lord	Isaiah 42: 1-9
19 January	Epiphany 2	Isaiah 49: 1-7
26 January	Epiphany 3	Isaiah 9: 1-4
2 February	The Presentation of the Lord	Malachi 3: 1-5
9 February	Epiphany 5	Isaiah 58: 1-9a, (9b-12)
16 February	Epiphany 6	Deuteronomy 30: 15-20
23 February	Sunday before Lent	Exodus 24: 12-18
26 February	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17

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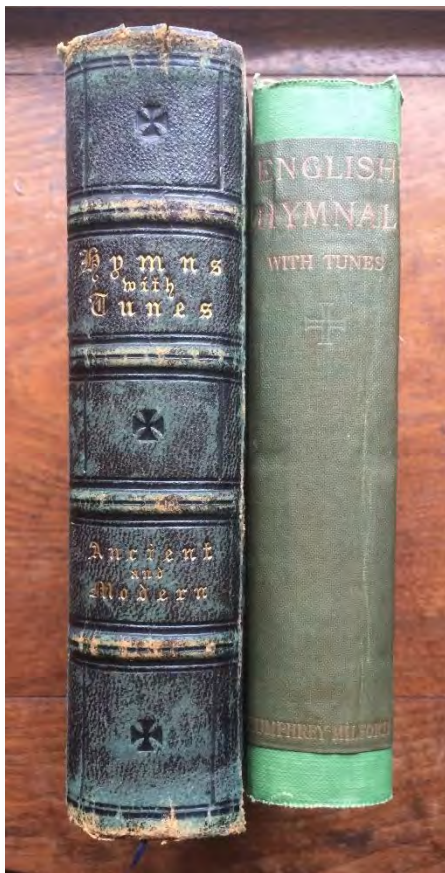
Second Reading	Gospel
Romans 13: 11-14	Matthew 24: 36-44
Romans 15: 4-13	Matthew 3: 1-12
James 5: 7-10	Matthew 11: 2-11
Romans 1: 1-7	Matthew 1: 18-25
Hebrews 2: 10-18	Matthew 2: 13-23
Ephesians 3: 1-12	Matthew 2: 1-12
Acts 10: 34-43	Matthew 3: 13-17
1 Corinthians 1: 1-9	John 1: 29-42
1 Corinthians 1: 10-18	Matthew 4: 12-23
Hebrews 2: 14-18	Luke 2: 22-40
1 Corinthians 2: 1-12, (13-16)	Matthew 5: 13-20
1 Corinthians 3: 1-9	Matthew 5: 21-37
2 Peter 1: 16-21	Matthew 17: 1-9
2 Corinthians 5: 20b – 6: 10	Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

Organist's Corner

by Alan John Phillips

'Hymnsulike'

Despite not being part of the liturgies of the Book of Common Prayer, hymns have established themselves as a well-loved part of church services, being the main ingredient of congregational music-making. Since the phenomenal success of 'Hymns Ancient and Modern', launched in 1861, and its main rival, the English Hymnal, first produced in 1906 by the 'dream team' of the Revd. Percy Dearmer and Ralph Vaughan Williams, a core repertoire of hymns has been firmly established in the Anglican mind during the past 158 years, each hymn strongly associated with either the 'A&M tune' or the 'EH tune', depending on which kind of parish one was brought up in!



The history of these two mainstream Anglican hymnals is one of fierce rivalry between the respective editorial committees, which only abated in the 1970s, when the two groups started to talk to each other, and swap ideas. 'A&M tunes' began to be printed in EH, and 'EH tunes' appeared in A&M for the first time. The 'New English Hymnal' of 1986 was actually published by Hymns Ancient & Modern Ltd., but under the pseudonym of 'Canterbury Press Norwich'. The latest results of this mutual pooling of resources can be seen in the new 2013 edition of A&M which we are now using at St. Mary's. Here one can find both traditions between the same covers. It will be interesting to see how the mix of

traditions will be represented in the 'Revised English Hymnal', to be published next year.

Those of us who have been brought up in either the A&M or EH traditions will know at once what the 'correct' tune is to any hymn, but for someone from outside, it is difficult to acquire this insider knowledge. I was in just this position when I was an 'innvandrер' ('immigrant', not 'invader'!) in Norway about twenty years ago. Not only were the hymns new to me, they were all in Norwegian! I arrived in Norway on the Thursday and had to play for my first service on the Sunday, which was 'Bots- og Bededag' (*Day of Repentance and Prayer*), a Norwegian Lutheran speciality on the last Sunday of October. The hymns were, of course, unknown to me, and I had to accompany Martin Luther's Litany in Norwegian, too. All on just a couple of days' preparation with borrowed books in the local motel! I found that reading the service book and hymn book was a good way of learning the language. The Norwegians had borrowed and translated a number of English hymns, for example, these are all sung to the usual English tunes:

Himlens konge vil vi prise (Praise, my soul, the King of heaven)

Hellig, hellig, hellig! Herre Gud allmechtig (Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty)

Å Betlehem, du vesle by (O little town of Bethlehem)

Høyr kor englar syng frå sky (Hark, the herald angels sing)

Å kom nå med lovsang (O come, all ye faithful)

Of course, in time, I became quite at home with the local Norwegian repertoire, too, and when I moved to Oslo to become organist and choirmaster of the Franciscan friary, I began to work with the Roman rite in Norwegian. When the Norwegian Catholics brought out a new hymnal 'Lov Herren' (*Praise the Lord*), I was commissioned by the diocese of Oslo to write the official book review in the national Catholic magazine 'Broen' (*The Bridge*). By then, my Norwegian had developed well enough for the article to be printed without any editorial corrections!

So I quite understand what it is like to try to integrate into another country's musical tradition. We are fortunate in having the 2013 A&M, as the editors have (by and large) stuck to the now-traditional pairings of words and music, and since our pew hymn books now have both words and tunes, one can see exactly which tune goes with each hymn. Nearly a hundred of them have been in A&M since their first edition of 1861, so there are plenty of 'old favourites' to sing. If your favourites are no longer in the latest edition, I have all editions of both

books (A&M and EH) in my own library, together with all four editions of 'Church Hymnary'. It is customary at St. Mary's for the Rector to choose the hymns (I only did it during the vacancy), so as Christine has invited suggestions from the congregation, let her know the **hymns you like**.

Organ Music for Advent and Christmastide

Sunday 1 December – Advent 1

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

BWV 645 – Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

Overture to 'St. Paul' – Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The Revd. Philipp Nicolai wrote this well-known hymn (A&M 54) whilst pastor at Unna, Westphalia, during a dreadful plague which lasted from July 1597 to the following January, claiming over 1300 victims. The tune is probably by Nicolai himself. The overture to Mendelssohn's 'St. Paul' is a long orchestral chorale prelude on this hymn.

Sunday 8 December – Advent 2

Nun komm', der Heiden Heiland

BWV 659 – Bach

BuxWV 211 – Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

BWV 661 – Bach

This chorale is Luther's 1524 German version of 'Veni Redemptor gentium', the mediaeval office hymn by St. Ambrose for Evensong on Christmas Eve (A&M 32).

Sunday 15 December – Advent 3

Rejoice in the Lord always (Mulliner Book) – Anon. (ca.1545-1570)

Magnificat Fuga – Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Meine Seele erhebt den Herren (BWV 733) – J. L. Krebs (1713-80)

Advent 3 is known as 'Gaudete' Sunday, after the first word of the mediaeval introit: 'Rejoice'. It is one of only two Sundays in the liturgical year when one is allowed to wear pink vestments! The anonymous piece from the 16th century Mulliner Book is possibly a keyboard arrangement of a lost choral version of this introit. Today's

postlude on a Lutheran version of the Magnificat used to be attributed to Bach, but is more probably by his brilliant pupil Johann Ludwig Krebs.

Sunday 22 December – Advent 4

Veni Emmanuel

Fantasia on Veni Emmanuel – Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

Veni Emmanuel – Anon. (ca.1490-1510)

Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel' – Andrew Carter (b.1939)



The Revd. Thomas Helmore first published 'Veni Emmanuel' in 'The Hymnal Noted' in 1854, as 'adapted from a French Missal' (A&M 45). The original was discovered in 1966 by the musicologist Mary Berry in the Paris Bibliothèque Nationale in a processional (ca.1490-1510) from an abbey of the Order of St. Clare, with its original text for the dead 'Bone Jesu dulcis cunctis'. This was a troped (expanded) version of the responsory 'Liberate me, Domine'. I play this two-part mediaeval original during the Communion.

Tuesday 24 December – Christmas Eve: Midnight Mass

In dulci jubilo

BuxWV 197 – Buxtehude

arr. Robert Lucas de Pearsall (1795-1856)

BWV 729 – Bach

The original song text, a macaronic alternation of Medieval German and Latin, is thought to have been written by the German mystic Heinrich Seuse circa 1328. Our A&M has an adaptation of John Mason Neale's 1853 version of the words at no.65.

Sunday 29 December – Christmas 1

The Holy Boy – John Ireland (1879-1962)

Interlude on the Coventry Carol – William Lloyd Webber (1914-82)

Noël Suisse – Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

Christmas 1 in Year A presents us with the harrowing account of Herod's mass infanticide, the subject matter of the 15th century Coventry Carol, the second of three songs included in the Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors (A&M 77). The single surviving text of

the carol and the pageant containing it was edited by one Robert Croo (or Crow), who dated his manuscript 14 March 1534, the music being added to Croo's manuscript on 13 May 1591 by Thomas Mawdyke.

Sunday 5 January – Christmas 2

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Op.68 no.7 – Flor Peeters (1903-86)

Niels Gade (1817-1890)

BWV 739 – Bach

The Revd. Philipp Nicolai's other famous hymn (A&M 100), written at the same time and published in the same book as 'Wachet auf'. Research by C. S. Terry published in 1917 has shown the tune to predate Nicolai's words by at least 61 years.

Sunday 12 January – Baptism of the Lord

Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam

BuxWV 180 - Buxtehude

BWV 685 – Bach

BWV 684 – Bach

Three depictions of the moment when John baptises Jesus. Luther's text from 1541 is set to an older tune from a hymn book published in 1524 by Johann Walther. The third of these three pieces has John and Jesus crossing each other in the right hand, the river Jordan gurgling away in the left hand, and the chorale melody in the pedals.

Sunday 19 January – Epiphany 2

Behold, the Lamb of God ('Messiah') – G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Pavana (1580) – Peter Philips (ca.1560-1628)

Tu es petra – Henri Mulet (1878-1967)

John identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God, and Jesus gives Simon his new name, Peter – 'Rocky'. The full title of Mulet's toccata is 'You are a rock, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against you'.

Sunday 26 January – Epiphany 3

The people that walked in darkness ('Messiah') – Handel

Chorale Prelude on 'Dundee' – C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

Fiat Lux – Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

The Handel and Parry pieces depict the saying from Isaiah found both in the OT reading and the Gospel. 'Dundee' is the tune sung to

the metrical version of this passage in the 1781 Scottish Paraphrases ('The people that in darkness sat a glorious light have seen' A&M 52).

Sunday 2 February – The Presentation of the Lord

Nunc Dimittis (Sternhold and Hopkins) – Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Mit Fried' und Freud' ich fahr' dahin (BWV 616) – Bach

And he shall purify ('Messiah') – Handel

Other titles for today's feast are Candlemas and the Purification of the BVM. Old Simeon's canticle is presented in both the Genevan and Lutheran metrical versions. The 'Messiah' chorus comes two numbers after the recitative 'The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple', and the text of the chorus is all about purification and offering.



"It's a devil to start on these damp
December Sunday mornings – luckily we
have a sidesman who works for the AA"

Diary of Events: December 2019 – January 2020

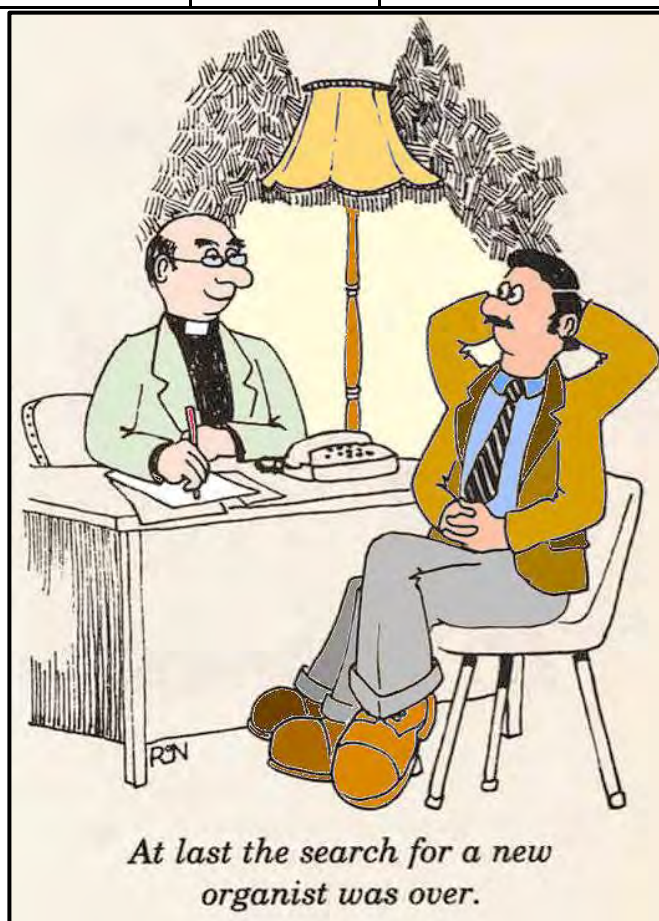
Date	Times	Venue	Event
Sun 1 Dec Advent Sunday	9:15 am 10:00 am 10:30 am At coffee At coffee	Church Church Church Hall Hall	Choir Practice Morning Prayer Sung Eucharist Collection of groceries/toiletries for St Salvador's Food Bank Extra Fair Trade Stall. Get your presents for Christmas!
Mon 2 Dec	7:00 pm	Hall	Vestry Meeting
Tue 3 Dec	1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Rectory Rectory	"Stars Tell the Story". An Advent study. House Group
Wed 4 Dec	11:00 am	Hall	Said Eucharist
Sun 8 Dec Advent 2	9:15 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 3:00 pm	Church Church Church Church	Choir Practice Morning Prayer Sung Eucharist Mar Thoma Church's Holy Communion
Tue 10 Dec	1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Rectory Rectory	"Stars Tell the Story". An Advent study. House Group
Wed 11 Dec	11:00 am 12 noon	Hall Hall	Said Eucharist Dalmations – Christmas Meeting with buffet lunch

Diary of Events (continued)

Date	Times	Venue	Event
Details of Christmas Services will be found on the back cover			
Tue 17 Dec	1:00 pm	Rectory	"Stars Tell the Story". An Advent study.
	6:30 pm	Rectory	House Group
Wed 18 Dec	11:00 am	Hall	Said Eucharist
Sun 29 Dec Christmas 1	10:00 am	Church	Morning Prayer
	10:30 am	Church	Sung Eucharist
Wed 1 Jan 2020!!	11:00 am	Hall	Said Eucharist
Sun 5 Jan The Epiphany	10:00 am	Church	Morning Prayer
	10:30 am	Church	Sung Eucharist
	At coffee	Hall	Collection of groceries/toiletries for St Salvador's Food Bank
Mon 6 Jan	7:00 pm	Hall	Vestry Meeting
Wed 8 Jan	11:00 am	Hall	Said Eucharist
Sun 12 Jan The Baptism of the Lord	9:15 am	Church	Choir Practice
	10:00 am	Church	Morning Prayer
	10:30 am	Church	Sung Eucharist
	3:00 pm	Church	Mar Thoma Church's Holy Communion
Wed 15 Jan	11:00 am	Hall	Said Eucharist

Diary of Events (continued)

Date	Times	Venue	Event
Sun 19 Jan Epiphany 2	9:15 am 10:00 am 10:30 am At coffee <i>3:00 pm</i>	Church Church Church Hall	Choir Practice Morning Prayer Sung Eucharist Fair Trade Stall <i>Deadline for 'In Touch' articles</i>
Wed 22 Jan	11:00 am	Hall	Said Eucharist
Sun 26 Jan Epiphany 3	9:15 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	Church Church Church	Choir Practice Morning Prayer Sung Eucharist
Wed 29 Jan	11:00 am	Hall	Said Eucharist



Christmas Humour

If you have a lot of tension this Christmas and you get a headache, do what it says on the aspirin bottle: 'Take two aspirin' and 'Keep away from children.'



Daniel, aged five, had gone to Sunday School just before Christmas. He came home with a new understanding of the Christmas story...

"There wasn't a Father Christmas way back then, so these three blokes on camels had to deliver all the toys. And Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer with his nose so bright wasn't there yet, so they used this big light in the sky to find their way around."



At Christmas friends come and go, but relatives tend to accumulate.



Why doesn't Father Christmas suffer from claustrophobia when he climbs down the chimney? Because he has had his flue jab.



What is a webmaster's favourite hymn?

Oh, dot com all ye faithful!



When I told my children the story of how the Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for the infant Jesus, my six-year-old daughter was not impressed. "Mum, a Wise Woman would have brought nappies."



Did you hear about the bakery that was burgled at Christmas? Everything was stolen!



If athletes get athlete's foot, what do astronauts get? Missile toe.



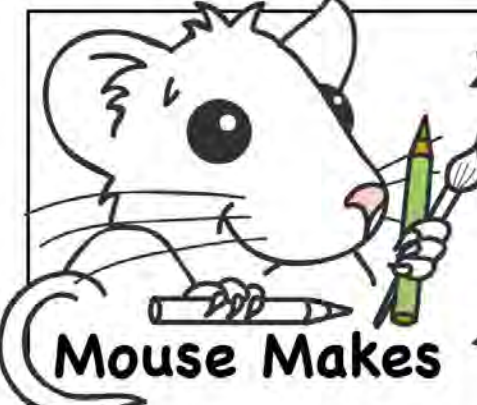
As we were putting out biscuits for Father Christmas on Christmas Eve, one fell on the floor. When I picked it up and placed it back on the plate, my four-year-old was horrified. "You can't do that!"

"Don't worry," I assured him. "Father Christmas will never know."

He shot me a suspicious look. "So, he knows if I've been bad or good, but he doesn't know that the biscuit fell on the floor?"



Children's Page



Mouse Makes

Where was Mary's baby born?
Why were Joseph and Mary there?
Read Luke 2 :1-6

Where did Mary lay her baby and why?
Read Luke 2:7

What did Mary dress her baby in?
Read Luke 2:6

Why were the shepherds afraid?
Read Luke 2:8

What did the angel tell Joseph to name Mary's baby and why?
Read Matthew 1:21

What good news did the angel tell?
Read Luke 2:10-11

Who appeared praising God and what did they say?
Read Luke 2:13-14


What did the shepherds do after they had seen the baby?
Read Luke 2:16

Colour a star each day until Christmas

Good news!

Glory to God

A Saviour is born



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Who's Who (continued from Page 2)

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Should you wish to add someone, or a situation, to our prayers, please email or telephone Rona Finlayson (see 'Rector's Warden' on page 2 for contact details).

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	Sung Eucharist	10:30 am
Wednesday	Said Eucharist	11:00 am

Church Open Times

Monday, Wednesday & Friday – 10:00 am to 12 noon for quiet reflection and prayer.

Saturdays – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm from beginning of May to the end of September except during Wedding ceremonies.

**Deadline for articles for the February – March issue
is **3:00 pm** on Sunday 19th January**

If possible, please submit articles using the following formats:

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**Please submit articles to:
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Christmas Services – 2019



Wednesday
11th December
In Douglas Hall

11:00 am

Said Eucharist followed by
Dalmations Christmas Meeting:
‘Looking Forward to Christmas’
Words, music & buffet lunch

Sunday
15th December

10:30 am
2:00 pm

“Hanging of the Greens” Service
Carols and Christingles

Saturday
21st December

3:00 pm

“Blue Christmas” Service
A quiet service for those who
find the holiday season difficult.



Sunday
22nd December

10:30 am

Sung Eucharist for the
4th Sunday in Advent

Tuesday
24th December
Christmas Eve

11:30 pm

Midnight Sung Eucharist
and **Blessing of the Crib**

*All are invited to join us in welcoming-in
Christmas Day*



Wednesday
25th December
Christmas Day

10:30 am

Christmas Family Eucharist
(The Nativity of Our Lord)



We wish you all a very joyful Christmas