

# Church Window

The magazine for the parishes of

**St. Peter's**

Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon



&



**St. Leonard's**

Warmingham

Happy  
New Year

*Keep Safe - Keep Well*

**January 2021**

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*Dear Friends*

Psalm 8 is set for January 1st and proclaims:

“O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”

A very joyful proclamation for starting the new year of 2021. We hope the year lives up to the promise of Christians being able to fully join in worshipping and singing together in their churches and that the bells will ring in joy once again.



Our Christmas celebrations have been rather subdued at St. Leonard's and St. Peter's but we did what we felt appropriate in these restrictive times.

I was able to join the Christingle Service at Warmingham Primary School by Zoom. The children had made their Christingles and remained sitting in their classrooms for the service instead of walking down to church.

We held Saturday Church in the Village Hall with masks and social distancing but our opening words as we light the candle remain the same:

“In our dark world let Jesus bring light”  
“In our dark hearts, let Jesus bring light.”

We still had our Advent Wreath in church and lit the candles and on Christmas Day we welcomed Jesus, Light of the World, into our communities.

Just as we welcomed the new born Jesus into our hearts with the Nativity Service at St. Leonard's and the Carol Service and Midnight Mass at St. Peter's – maybe held in different ways to usual but still true to the gospel:

“The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.”

*John 1:5*

So what of the New Year? With the vaccine for Covid 19 being administered in the community we look forward to getting back together again.

We very much look forward to welcoming the Reverend Catherine Cleghorn as our new incumbent. Her Induction Service is on Tuesday 26th January at St. Leonard's Church at 7pm and will be conducted by the Bishop of Chester, Mark Tanner. Again this will be a subdued affair due to the current

situation and attendance is by invitation only due to the coronavirus restrictions. However it will be live-streamed and details of this will be available from the churchwardens nearer the time.

Psalm 8 verse 4 asks: “what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?”

And verse 5 replies: “Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honour.”

Let us face 2021 with those thoughts... that God cares for us and crowned us with glory and honour.

“O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”

*Helan Isherwood*

## From our December registers



**Baptisms**, both as part of public worship and free standing, can go ahead assessing the attendance limit as with normal public worship



**Weddings** are allowed to take place in church with a maximum of fifteen people attending.



*“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted”*

**Funerals** are allowed to take place in church with a maximum of thirty people attending.

St. Peter's

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# Saturday Church



Saturday Church is held in Warmingham Village Hall from 9.45am with craft, stories, songs and worship for families of all ages.

**Saturday 9th January in the Village Hall**

**9.45am to 10.30am**

**Theme: The Epiphany**



Due to coronavirus regulations, we must limit the event to 45 minutes, so we will start at 9.45am promptly with arrivals from 9.30am.

We will sit at small tables in family groups/bubbles. Masks should be worn by those over 11 years of age. We will need to note your contact details.

We will have table activities and worship: story, prayers and listen to songs.

Book a place or let us know you are coming along by emailing [helan.isherwood@sky.com](mailto:helan.isherwood@sky.com) or ring Helan on 01606 841711.

**Future Saturday Church dates:**

**6th February, 13th March, 17th April, 8th May,  
12th June, 10th July**

**St. Leonard's Plough Service, Sunday 10th January, 11.30am**



**Visitor: The Archdeacon of Macclesfield, The Venerable Ian Bishop**

**The Induction of the Reverend Catherine Cleghorn**

by the Bishop of Chester

will take place on

**Tuesday 26th January 2021 at 7pm**

in St. Leonard's Church, Warmingham

Attendance by invitation only

Live streaming will take place

Further information from the Churchwardens

St. Leonard's  
PCC  
Meeting  
**Tuesday  
2nd  
February 2021,**  
7pm in  
Church



St. Peter's  
PCC  
Meeting  
**Tuesday  
9th  
February  
2021,**  
7pm in the  
Hall

**Please note new  
date**

As the year draws to a close I'm sure most of us will be reflecting on how our lives changed during the pandemic, Covid 19.

Yes, we were locked down, isolated and often terrified of something we couldn't see, but we humans are resilient and developed ways to adapt. I know this technophobe suddenly learnt how to use what's app etc. We learnt to live with the virus by making space, covering our faces



and cleaning our hands. This now all seems so normal. Scientists have pushed themselves to the limit and what would normally take ten years, a vaccine has been developed in months and now a vaccination programme



is underway. This is due to the participation of thousands of citizen scientist volunteers and we owe them a huge thank you. This vaccine will give us all a new beginning, so I would urge every one of you - if you get the call, please take up the invitation to be one of the first vaccinated. This is the best way to thank the trials volunteers and helps not

only you but the community as a whole. I for one will be there like a shot.

Those of us who rediscovered the garden during lockdown will be looking forward to another new beginning. Not just the normal cycle of spring following the winter but the added anticipation of seeing whether those bulbs we planted will come up. The seeds we harvested will be sewn and the changes we made will come full circle. I really hope that the advice, plants and flowers we all shared will continue way into the future.

St. Peter's Church itself is planning for a new beginning with the arrival of our new vicar - Reverend Catherine.

You may have noticed the work going on at the vicarage and I'm sure it will be lovely.

I believe plans are underway for her induction service and although it will still be under Covid restrictions I hope as many of us as possible will be there to welcome her.

It will be very sad to see Philip and Gail have to leave our community for a while. We wish them well and really hope they enjoy retirement, but hope for visits to the organ by Philip in order to give Ruth a rest occasionally. Please don't be strangers.

I think we will all try to be as welcoming as possible towards our new vicar and make the transition a good experience for her.

At this time of year I usually plan to change something in my life. However this year I'm not really doing that, I'm going to try and keep doing some of the things I've taken up due to the virus. Walking daily and being mindful of the beauty in the nature around me. Keeping up contacts with old friends, writing proper letters, singing whenever I can. I would recommend to all of you who aren't as lucky as us choir members - sing anyway - in the shower, in the car, in the kitchen, anywhere you can, it's so good for you.

I will keep baking and cooking from scratch, crafting and generally just slowing down and being in the moment.

2020 was really tough for all of us and 2021 will also have its challenges but there is light at the end of this very dark tunnel and I'm sure by Easter - the Christian family's new beginning - we will all begin to notice a real change. What a beautiful Easter service we can anticipate.

We've come so far and it won't be long before once again we can all celebrate together again with hugs, food, songs and most of all joy.

Here is to a very Happy, Healthy 2021.

*Gilly Gainsborough*

## **Fire?**

The team at the local fire station had assembled to hear their training officer discuss the behaviours of various kinds of fire. He began: "You pull up to a house and notice puffs of smoke coming from the eaves. But the windows are blackened out and there is little or no visible flame. What does this tell you?" he asked.

Hoping the men recognised signs of a possible 'back draft', a condition very dangerous to fire fighters, he heard instead: "It tells me I've got the right house."





*Dear Santa*

*Thank you so much for visiting the children at St. Peter's on Sunday 6th December. It was very much appreciated by all who came to see you and the children really enjoyed the gift bags.*

*We hope you will be able to visit again next year!*



## Christmas at St. Peter's

Thank you to everyone who decorated the church so beautifully for Christmas.







**Thank you** so much to Ellen (and Mick) Humphrey for making the new curtains for around the re-furbished organ.

Grateful thanks from all at St. Peter's, especially from the organists who can no longer feel a draught!





## News from Warmingham CE Primary

This term our study theme was based around the book **'What A Waste'**. Next term our study theme will stem from the book **'Maybe, a story about the endless potential in all of us'** by **Kobi Yamada**. Alongside this book we will be using the following books to introduce the children to significant people who have made a difference to the world:

- **Of thee I sing – A Letter To My Daughters by Barack Obama**
- **Little People, Big Dream books**

### Otters

This term, Otters have really enjoyed ways to look after our world. The children have particularly focused on saving our oceans and keeping them clean and safe for the animals. They followed the story of Duffy, a turtle who mistook plastic in the water for jellyfish and needed help to survive as it made her so ill. They made their own sea creatures using natural resources and looked at how to reduce plastic in our world through different recycling projects.

Mrs Allen has planned a 'WOW' starter for Otters next topic which is top secret at the moment. Watch this space!

### Hedgehogs

This half-term, Hedgehogs have let their light shine by showing amazing kindness and empathy when learning to care for and protect animals around the world. They have learnt about why polar bears, orangutans, turtles and other animals need our help. Their favourite activities in school have included making art from recycled bottle tops, investigating how quickly ice can melt and writing reports about polar bears. Their reports were amazing. The hedgehogs' enthusiasm for this topic has been fantastic and Mrs Long has been thrilled by their commitment to continuing this learning at home too. Early this week we saw so many wonderful pieces of home learning. Well done Hedgehogs.

Next term, Hedgehogs will be blasting off on an exciting learning adventure into outer space. They will be learning about the historical significance of Neil Armstrong and other space explorers. They will compare Neil Armstrong's exploration to that of Christopher Columbus. Activities will include investigating different navigation techniques, studying the different materials used by Columbus and Armstrong and designing and making their own explorer's vehicles.



## **Squirrels**

This term, Squirrels have been learning all about waste. They have learnt all about where our rubbish goes and how plastic can affect our oceans. As a class, they have done lots of work and activities linked to our topic theme - we have made our own landfill, understood what items we can recycle and created lots of trash art. I'm sure you have seen their amazing art work on Facebook and the school's website.

In the second half term, they have travelled into the ocean and learnt about how plastic can harm sea animals. The children learnt about the lifecycle of a plastic bottle and we discussed how a plastic bottle may end up in the sea. The children created fact files about endangered sea creatures and we also designed a poster about the harmful effect of plastic pollution. The children have loved learning how they can all help to save our planet.

## **Badgers**

This term, Badgers have loved learning about waste, and how we can use waste products to make the world a better place. They looked at inspirational people like David Attenborough and Joseph Bazalgette, and made some small changes for our planet. After some initial reluctance, Badgers have thoroughly enjoyed getting to the bottom of what happens to our poo. We have been particularly impressed with their home learning this week.

Badgers wrote some persuasive letters to me to try and get me to buy some recycling bins so we can recycle more things in school. They tried to convince me by tempting me with purple bins, and although I would love to buy some purple bins, I have persuaded them that we can just buy some stickers for the red bins we already have. I have ordered some stickers and recycling bins for the classrooms, and you may have noticed that we have moved the red bins. From January, we will be recycling all of our rubbish. Each bin will have some recycling monitors who will be responsible for ensuring everyone in their class recycles their rubbish. Badgers also insisted that we have a recycling bin in the office and staffroom.

Next term, they will be learning about Rosa Park, and answering the question "When is it okay to break the rules?" We will also be looking at the Victorian Era and learning about inspirational people who made changes to the world.



## 25th January: Conversion of St Paul

*The Revd Peter Crumpler, a Church of England priest considers the New Year ahead.*

January is a month of the beginning of great things! As well as the naming of the Son of God, we celebrate the conversion of the greatest ever apostle of the Christian faith. Many books have been written on Paul, and here is the briefest of introductions.

He was a Jew, born as 'Saul' at Tarsus, and brought up by the rabbi Gamaliel as a Pharisee. A devout, fanatical Jew, Saul persecuted the Christians, and watched with satisfaction the first Christian martyrdom, the stoning of Stephen. Then, on his way to Damascus, Saul had a vision of Christ that stopped him in his tracks. He realised that this Jesus whom he was persecuting was in fact the Messiah for whom he had longed.

Saul changed overnight. He was given a new name, Paul, and became an evangelist for the cause of Christ. He became a leader in the early Church, and his special calling was as an apostle to the Gentiles. He wrote epistles to the young churches that he founded - and thus, inadvertently, wrote a great part of the New Testament.

Life as the greatest apostle was hardly full of perks: Paul was stoned, beaten, mobbed, homeless, hated, imprisoned, and finally martyred. Tradition has it that he was beheaded in Rome during the persecution of Nero in 64AD, and buried where the basilica of St Paul 'outside the walls' now stands. His mighty faith in Christ has kindled similar belief in many hundreds of millions of people down the centuries.

## St. Peter's Calendar of Services

Date	Time	Services
Sunday 3rd January The Epiphany (The 2nd Sunday of Christmas)	9.30am 10.45am	Holy Communion Family Communion NO 7pm Evensong
Sunday 10th January The Baptism of Christ (The 1st Sunday of Epiphany)	9.30am 10.45am 7.00pm	Holy Communion Family Communion Evensong
Sunday 17th January The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	9.30am 10.45am	Holy Communion Family Communion NO 7pm Evensong
Sunday 24th January The 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	9.30am 10.45am 7.00pm	Holy Communion Family Communion Evensong
Tuesday 26th January	7.00pm	Licensing Service for Revd Catherine Cleghorn at St. Leonard's Church, Warmingham <i>(Attendance by invitation only)</i>
Sunday 31st January The 4th Sunday of Epiphany (The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas))	10.45am 7.00pm	NO 9.30am Holy Communion Family Communion Evensong followed by Holy Communion


## St. Peter's Readings / Rotas

<b>Date</b>	<b>Communion 10.45am</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Evensong 7.00pm</b>	<b>C - Cleaning F - Flowers</b>
Sunday 3rd January The Epiphany (The 2nd Sunday of Christmas)	Ephesians 3: 1-12  Gospel: Matthew 2: 1- 12	Gilly Booth	No Evensong  Isaiah 60: 1-9  John 2: 1-7	C – Mr & Mrs Peake  Christmas Flowers
Sunday 10th January The Baptism of Christ (The 1st Sunday of Epiphany)	Genesis 1: 1-5  Gospel: Mark 1:4-11	Chris Ward	Isaiah 42:1-9  Ephesians 2: 1-10	C – Mrs Bergin  F – Mrs Hughes
Sunday 17th January The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	Revelation 5: 1-5  Gospel: John 1:43-49	Alison Bate	NO Evensong  Isaiah 60:19-22  Hebrews 6: 17-20	C - Mr & Mrs Gallimore  F – Mrs Parkes
Sunday 24th January The 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	Galatians 1: 11-16a  Gospel: Matthew 19: 27-end	Stuart Moss	Isaiah 56:1-8  Colossians 1:24-29	C - Mrs Darlington, Mrs Edge & Mrs Riley F – Mrs Riley
Sunday 31st January The 4th Sunday of Epiphany (The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	Malachi 3: 1- 5  Gospel: Luke 2: 22- 40	Ron Gallimore	Haggai 2:6-9  John 2:18-22	C - Mrs Harvey & Mrs Simcock  F – Mrs de Ruiten




## St. Leonard's Calendar of Services / Rotas

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Services</b>	<b>Sides- persons</b>	<b>Altar Flowers &amp; Brasses</b>	<b>Cleaning, once in the month</b>
Sunday 3rd January The Epiphany (The 2nd Sunday of Christmas)	11.30am	Morning Prayer	Ms N Archer	Mrs J Sant	Mike & Jenny Sant
Saturday 9th January	9.45am	Saturday Church In the Village Hall			
Sunday 10th January The Baptism of Christ (The 1st Sunday of Epiphany)	11.30am	Plough Service	Mr A Crank	Mrs J Sant	
Sunday 17th January The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	11.30am	Family Communion	Mrs L Crank	Mrs E Richardson	
Sunday 24th January The 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	11.30am	Family Service	Mr S Moss	Mrs E Richardson	
Sunday 31st January The 4th Sunday of Epiphany (Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	9.00am	Holy Communion		Mrs C Morgan	



Kate Richardson's Raffle raised £1440 to be shared between St. Leonard's Church and the AMMF cancer charity. Amanda Richardson's "sweet bombs" raised £130 for St. Leonard's Church. Many thanks to both.



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### **St. Paul's Pantry**

Hightown, Crewe. CW1 3BY Tel: 01270 586186

Here's our monthly Foodbank data for November that you may wish to share with your congregations:-

Donations of food received weighed 3,956kg and we were able to help 176 people during the month.

If you are able to donate, we are currently running low on milk, long-life cakes, puddings, sugar, tinned meat pies, and rice pudding.

We are open Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 3.30pm for donations at our rear entrance. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best Wishes, John Rivers

Website <http://stpaulscentre.org.uk/book/>

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### **A New Year's resolution-prayer – following in His footsteps**

Almighty eternal, just and merciful God, grant us the desire to do only what pleases you, and the strength to do only what you command. Cleanse our souls, enlighten our minds, and inflame our hearts with your Holy Spirit, that we may follow in the footsteps of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

*St Francis of Assisi (1182 – 1226)*

## Time to prepare for the ... 18th – 25th January

This year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family.

For 2021, the sisters are inviting churches across the world to enter into their tradition of prayer and silence that is rooted in the ancient traditions of the Church.

Today the community has fifty sisters, spanning different generations, Church traditions, countries and continents. In their diversity the sisters are a living parable of communion.

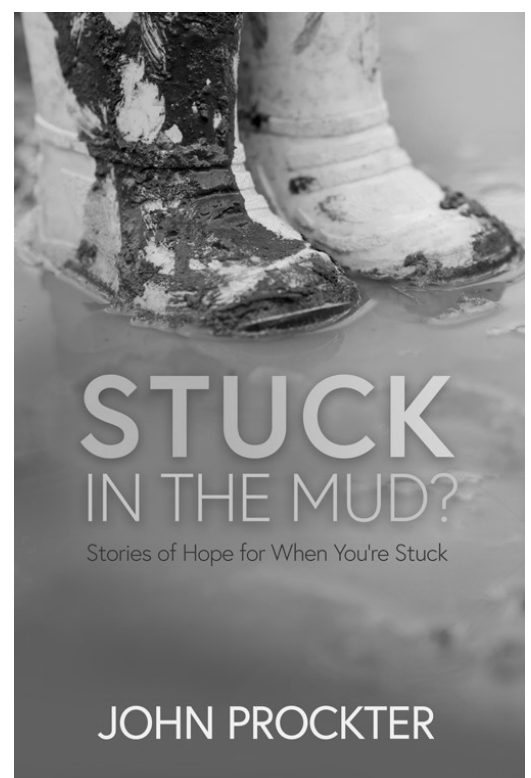
Each year Christian Aid provides the 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' with 'Go and Do' action points for each of the daily reflections – linking into the important work of Christian Aid in the relief of poverty and advocacy of justice.

<https://ctbi.org.uk/go-and-do-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>

## **Stuck in the Mud – Stories of Hope when You're Stuck** **By John Prockter, Monarch, £8.99**

Framed around twelve real-life sticking points in John Prockter's life, this book offers us hope in a faithful God and a pathway through difficult times. John encourages us to engage with Scripture in a new and inspiring way, allowing Jesus to bring the freedom we all need to live our lives authentically.

It may be a helpful guide for those struggling with the ups and downs of discipleship.



## **Counting the cost of Coronavirus** *By Anon*

Happy New Year! It's good to begin a new year with hope, but few of us have left 2020 unscathed by the pandemic.

For example, nearly half of us, forty-eight per cent, put on weight during lockdown. (According to a recent survey by King's College London and Ipsos MORI).

Millions of us turned to alcohol or drugs. Public Health England reports that one in five of us aged 45-74 are now drinking more than twenty-one units a week. The Royal College of Psychiatrists expresses alarm at the rapid rise in patients whose alcohol or drug use led to a decline in their mental health in 2020.

Children have suffered. Childline had nearly 43,000 calls from young people in March and October. Cyber bullying has soared, with one in three children being bullied during the pandemic, according to the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

For millions of pensioners, Covid-19 'hit the fast-forward button on ageing', according to Age UK. Lockdown left old people frightened and losing their confidence, mobility and even functions such as memory.

Suicidal thoughts soared during lockdown, with the number of people seeking help tripling, to stand at more than a quarter of a million. The Royal College of Psychiatrists warn that mental health services are now 'overflowing' with patients struggling to cope with anxiety, psychosis and depression. Many charities fear a 'second pandemic' of mental health problems.

**So – what do we do as January 2021 dawns?** Each one of us CAN do something to make things better, if only in a small way. How about these for your New Year Resolutions?

Firstly, just get regular exercise. As one professor said, "Exercise creates a virtuous circle of physical and mental well-being. You move more, you eat better, you feel positive." On the other hand, only a couple of weeks of lying around the house will leave your cardiovascular systems less effective, your musculoskeletal system weaker, your metabolic rate affected, and your immune system lowered.

Secondly, adopt the right mental attitude. Studies of Holocaust survivors found that those who recovered best had certain character traits of resilience: optimism, self-esteem, acceptance and above all, spirituality. A



faith in God gave them purpose and meaning, even in the midst of fear and death.

Thirdly, make an effort this year to keep in touch with your friends and keep an eye out for vulnerable neighbours. Be willing to act as a safety net for others, if only to show compassion and a willingness to listen to them.

## **Open that window**

Here is an easy resolution for the New Year: open your windows at home for 'short sharp bursts' of ten to fifteen minutes at a time, several times a day.

The government's public information campaign says that regular fresh air can cut the risk of Covid transmission by more than seventy per cent.

So, either leave a window open a small amount continuously, or open it fully on a regular basis throughout the day, especially if anyone has come to visit you in your home. Coronavirus is spread through the air by droplets and smaller particles known as aerosols. They can hang in the air for hours and they build up over time.



## **Plants in your front garden**

What's in your front garden? If it is sparse, why not consider adding some plants this year? Apparently, the presence of greenery can lower your stress levels as much as two months of mindfulness sessions. Plants can also help you to feel happier.

A recent trial study by the Royal Horticultural Society found that people who introduced ornamental plants such as juniper, azalea, clematis, lavender, daffodil bulbs and petunias had a significant lowering of the stress hormone, cortisol, and many reported that they felt 'happier'.

## **😊 Response**

The mother of a lively youngster was struggling to get him into his pyjamas one night. "Jamie, lift up your arms!" she said. To which the child promptly replied: "We lift them up unto the Lord!"



# YOUR MAGAZINE NEEDS YOU

## Would you consider writing a short article for the magazine?

We would love to hear what you have been up to this past year. any special events or birthdays you would like to share.



## Doing housework can help you live longer

If you spend half an hour a day tidying the house, going up and down your stairs, and doing household chores, you are reducing the risk of an early death.

So says recent guidance from the World Health Organisation, as it urges people to maintain regular moderate exercise on a daily basis, of up to at least one hundred and fifty minutes a week. It also recommends vigorous exercise of at least seventy-five minutes a week.

The WHO recommendation was published in the British Journal of Sports Medicine, and is part of the new global guidelines on physical activity.

WHO also warned that those who stay sedentary for ten or more hours on a regular basis will have a “significantly heightened risk of death.”

**St. Peter’s is looking for a new PCC Secretary.** Would you be interested in starting the New Year by volunteering for this rewarding role?

For further information please speak to Margaret Heming or one of the Churchwardens. Thank you.

## 😊 Church

My grandson, Justin, watched a live streaming service with his dad one Sunday morning. His mum wanted to know how it went. He said, “The music was nice, but the commercial was too long.”

## **Five things I'd like to see in 2021** *By Anon*

I keep hearing people say that 2020 was a 'year like no other.' Friends have been writing a special journal recording the year, so they can pass it on to their grandchildren. Others just want to leave 2020 behind and look to a happier new year.

Both reactions are completely understandable. But I've been looking ahead to 2021 and thinking about the five top things I'd like to see in the year ahead. I wonder if you'll agree with them or not? Maybe you could put together your own list.

**Let's make sure the vaccines are distributed fairly and speedily.** Those who need the vaccine most urgently should receive it first, with a fair system for ensuring everyone else can be vaccinated quickly and efficiently. We need to ensure that everyone receives the vaccine wherever they live in the world – from the poorest to the richest. Especially, in those parts of the world where there is war, and people are living as refugees.

**Let's learn the lessons of the pandemic** – not just going back to how life was, as quickly as possible. Many of us learnt to appreciate our family so very much more – especially when we could not be with them for months on end. We learnt lessons about how important our neighbours and local businesses are, how precious our NHS, medical researchers, care providers and other frontline workers are. Let's not forget them.

**Let's value nature.** Those of us with gardens, or with parks or fields nearby, have been massively blessed. I've learnt to pay attention to birdsong, to the changing colours of the trees, and how unexpected plants have taken root in our garden. Pets have played a major part in helping us endure the lockdowns, especially for people who live alone. May we all learn to value the natural world on our doorsteps in the year ahead and beyond.

**Let's bless technology.** Without the use of the internet, meeting people 'online' or keeping in touch via email, Facetime or other technologies, 2020 would have been a whole lot tougher. Churches across the country moved their Sunday services online, and soon adapted to a different way of worshipping – not the same, but still helping us to worship together and see familiar faces. Let's continue to give thanks for the science that made that contact possible in 2020.

**Let's value our church family.** Imperfect we may be, like any family. But the months without being physically able to worship with them, share communion with them, sing alongside them have been hard. I value so much how many churches have risen to the pandemic challenge and sought to serve their communities in all kinds of ways. May we take all this experience into 2021 and build upon it.

Whatever 2021 holds for you and all those that you love, I pray that you may know the love of God in your life, and be able to pass it on to others.

## **Thoughts of an older person**

Remember to be kind to old folks. They are worth a fortune, with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet, and gas in their stomachs. While I have become a little older since I saw you last and a few changes have come into my life, I have become quite a frivolous old gal, having four gentlemen with me throughout the day.

Will Power helps me get out of bed. Next, it is time for Earl Grey but Arthur Ritus will never leave me alone. He takes me from one joint to another all day long. At last, feeling very tired and ready for bed up pops Johnny Walker, a friendly old soul. Ah well, that's life. Oh, I almost forgot I'm doing a bit of flirting, Al Zymer's his name. Oh dear, the Vicar came to call the other day. She said that at my age I should be thinking of the hereafter not all these men.

I told her I do that all the time, no matter where I am. In the living room, the study, the garden, the kitchen or the bedroom, I always ask myself – "What am I hereafter?"

*Found in a drawer by Jenny Sant*

## **The cat**

A vicar and his wife were going out for the evening, and carefully set the security lights and put the cat out. But when they opened the door to go to the taxi, the cat slipped back in and disappeared upstairs. Irritated, the vicar followed it.

The wife waited with the taxi driver. Not wanting him to know that they were leaving the parsonage empty, she said: "My husband is just upstairs for a quick word with my mother."

A few minutes later, the husband arrived, breathless. "Sorry I took so long" he said, "but she put up a fight! Stupid old thing was hiding under the bed and I had to poke her with a coat hanger and grab her by the scruff of the neck to get her out."

## Why parking your car is getting more difficult

Have you noticed that it is getting harder to park your car? And that when you finally do get parked, you can barely get the door open enough to squeeze out?

It is not your fault. Modern cars have grown so big that many drivers now have as little as twenty-one centimetres of room to spare in a parking space.

A recent study has found that the country's most popular cars are as much as fifty-five per cent larger than they were in the Seventies, while the standard parking space has not grown at all. No surprise, then, that millions of drivers scrape their cars each year trying to park in cramped spaces.

The biggest grower is the Mini Hatch, which is now fifty-five per cent bigger and takes up to twenty-two per cent more of a parking space than the original did, back in 1959. The Honda Civic of today is 1.8m wide, an increase of forty-four per cent. It now takes up nearly three quarters of a standard parking bay.

Car Gurus, who carried out the research, has urged the authorities to update the guidelines for parking bays. The current size of a parking bay is 2.4m by 4.8m, and has not changed in fifty years.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

*(An acrostic poem where the first letter of each line spells out the title of the poem)*

**H**eaven's gift of another year  
**A**s the old departs and the new is born,  
**P**lans for a future and a hope  
**P**reparing us for each new dawn.

**Y**esterday has gone forever,  
**N**ew days and ventures lie ahead,  
**E**ven darkness turns to light  
**W**hen we make the Lord our head.

**Y**ielding to the Holy Spirit  
**E**ver mindful that He's there,  
**A**s we live our lives before Him  
**R**ejoicing in His loving care.

*By Megan Carter*





# Warmingham Village News

## Dates for January

Saturday 9th	Saturday Church	9.45am	Village Hall
Sunday 10th	Plough Service	11.30am	Church

*Every third Wednesday Village Hall Committee meet*

## Facebook Groups

Warmingham Village Community Group is a Facebook site for community announcements and events. This is a group you can join or put posts on.

Warmingham Village Hall is a Facebook site that has news about events at the Village Hall.

## Warmingham & District W.I.



Unfortunately the Women's Institute is still unable to meet. Maybe we will be able to get together in February. A small group of us met for a walk in Dingle Wood Sandbach in December.

Meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of every month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcome and for further information please contact Helan on 01606 841711 or [helan.isherwood@sky.com](mailto:helan.isherwood@sky.com)

## Wanted

Plot of land to rent or buy in Warmingham suitable for an allotment.  
Contact: Colin Ure, 1 Cornmill Close Warmingham on 07368 955941



# Warmingham Village Hall



Some clearing and planting has taken place in the beds at the front of the Village Hall. Many of the plants are bee and butterfly friendly and a small wild flower patch is to be added. Thank you to those involved in this work.

## Warmingham Village Hall

Available for bookings for  
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Christenings and much more.  
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kitchen available

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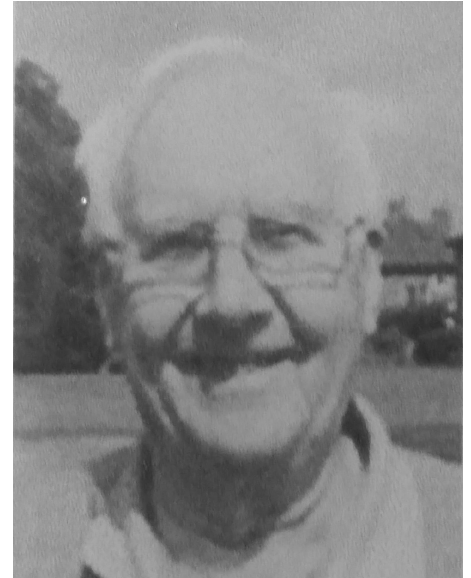
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## Don Whiston - Funeral at St Peter's 10th December 2020

We remember Don as a faithful member of this Church. He had been confirmed here and was a staunch Evensong attender, and he assisted in other ways. We thank him for his long-term support. He made many friends here, not least Ted Bermingham (who read the lesson at the funeral). Don and Ted used to sit on the back row of the church sucking their mint imperials and chattering together during the service.



Don never strayed very far from Chesterton, Newcastle, where he had been born in 1930.

He was a brilliant sportsman, team player and builder. He had a career in First, Second and Third Division League football. Joining Stoke City in 1949, he played for eight years, making thirty-six appearances. He moved on to Crewe Alexandra and then Rochdale before leaving due to knee injuries. Don nearly made a friend of the Queen and Prince Philip, not forgetting Arthur Askey, through football visits to Wembley.

Later his cricket career came into its own. Here his leadership qualities were very apparent. In the early 1960's he captained Porthill Park, the cricket team in the Porthill district of Newcastle. He played alongside the Staffordshire great David Hancock and against the likes of West Indies legend Gary Sobers. There will be many thousands of people whose lives were enhanced through Don's contribution to sport.

Following the football career he made a great success as a builder, building more than fifty houses in the district. He could build quickly – 1000 bricks laid in one day apparently. All his houses are still standing!

Don had met Stella Worthy when he was 18/19 years and they married in 1952. This was a great family partnership – a very happy marriage – sadly cut short when Stella died eighteen years ago. Their daughter (Liz) gave them two grandchildren (Laura and Daniel). There is one great-grandchild (Archie, who was able to sing to Don through the window of his Care Home), and there is another on the way.

Tribute is due to Liz and Laura for the care and devotion they have shown to Don in his declining years.

Don was loved dearly by family members and adored by lots and lots of others. He was great to have around – always cheerful, always kindly, always the perfect gent. He would light up a room.



He had a very special friendship with a longstanding family friend – Margaret or Marg – who, following Stella’s passing, has been there for Don in a big way. She has been his rock.

Don was always grateful for the life he had had, the opportunities it had given him, the talents that he had been able to cultivate, and the fact that he had been “dangerously fit”.

In due course his ashes are to be laid with Stella’s in St. Peter’s Churchyard. United in life they are united in death through God’s love who holds all of us in his tender care.



## St. Peter’s January Book of Remembrance

- 1<sup>st</sup> Joyce Holland (2017)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Selina Wilde (1946), James Broad (1994), Muriel Manifold (1997)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ronald Brown (1978), Victoria Patrick (1994)  
4<sup>th</sup> Mary Maxwell (1993), Ian Darlington (2014)  
5<sup>th</sup> Lucy Hanwell (2011), Rita McGrath (2003), Margaret Knapper (2016)  
6<sup>th</sup> Revd Canon Gordon Geddes (2011) 7<sup>th</sup> Kathleen Williams 1995)  
8<sup>th</sup> Clifford Jones (1970), Elizabeth Blayney (2019)  
9<sup>th</sup> Harriet Foster (1962), Alfred Whitehead (1996)  
11<sup>th</sup> Stanley Bate (1982) 12<sup>th</sup> Samuel Moreton (1970)  
13<sup>th</sup> Malcolm MacDonald (2003)  
15<sup>th</sup> George Washington (1916), Laura Bayes (2000), Graham Barnes (2001), Janet Collins (2015)  
16<sup>th</sup> Ellen Jinks (1960), Hilda Bate (1965)  
17<sup>th</sup> Graham Dowsett (1989), Lucy Vernon (1993)  
18<sup>th</sup> Alfred Leech (1973)  
19<sup>th</sup> Ralph Broad (1965), Frantz Nehammer (1954), Alan Ford (2017)  
20<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Boothroyd (2012), Joseph Crawford (2012)  
22<sup>nd</sup> Thomas Davenport (1979), Brenda Barber (2014), Eira Tempest (2019)  
25<sup>th</sup> Samuel Crawford (1915)  
26<sup>th</sup> Kathleen Leech (2010), Mavis Moore (2005)  
27<sup>th</sup> Walter Bate (1984), Trevor Holland (2003)  
28<sup>th</sup> Gordon Wood (2006), Kathleen Evans (2009)  
29<sup>th</sup> Marshall Charlesworth (2013), Ann Smith (2015)  
30<sup>th</sup> Roy Kavanagh (2011) 31<sup>st</sup> Ellen Callwood (1970), Gladys Walker (1983), Gladys Thompson (1995), Horace Williams (2005)

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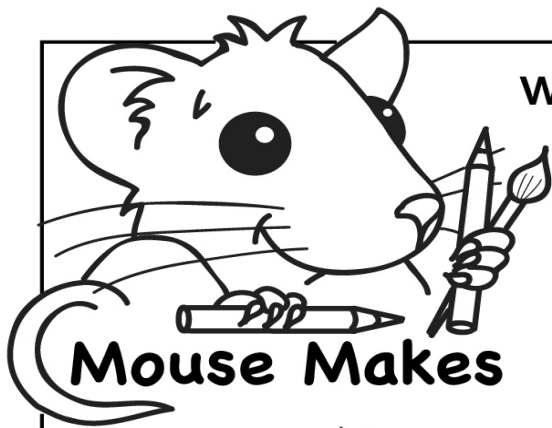
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What happened after Jesus had been born in Bethlehem?

READ Matthew 2:1-12

Who came from the East?

Why had they come?

What were they following?

Who was alarmed by their arrival?

Who had the prophet written about?

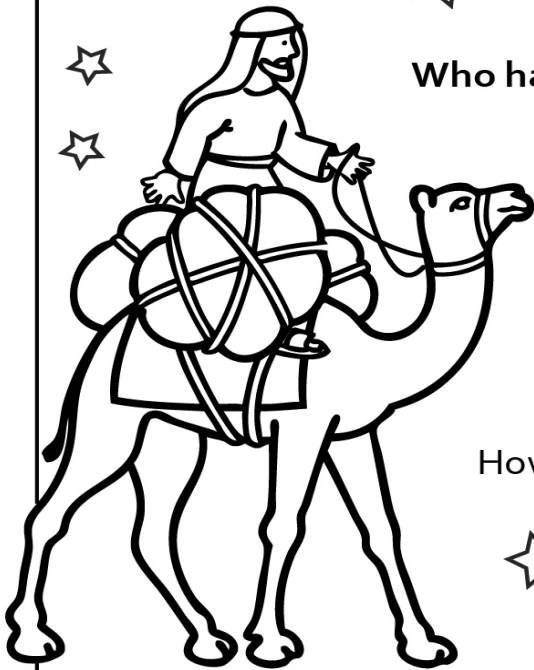
Where were they then sent?

What were they to look for?  
..... and why?

Where did the star lead them?

Who did they see? ..... What did they do?

How were they warned to go home another way?



READ Matthew 2:13-23

Who appeared to Joseph?

What was he told? .... Why? What did he do?

Who then became angry?.... and why? What horrible thing did he then do?

When Herod died where was Joseph told to take his family?

Where did Jesus finally grow up?



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