

The Parish Church of St. Wilfrid, Mobberley



December 2021
January 2022

50 pence

Church Diary for December 2021

Wed. 1st Said Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.
Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m.

Fri. 3rd Wedding (Graham Shaw & Emma Pasquill) 1.00 p.m.

Sat. 4th Church Open 12.00 p.m.

Sun. 5th The 2nd Sunday of Advent

Said Holy Communion 8.30 a.m.
Sung Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.
Choir Practice 5.00 p.m.
Choral Evensong 6.30 p.m.

Tue. 7th School Governors Meeting 5.00 p.m.

Wed. 8th Said Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.
Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m.
Infant Nativity service 2.30 p.m.

Sat. 11th Open-Air Carol Service 10.00 a.m.
Church Open 12.00 p.m.
Sing-Along Frozen 3.00 p.m.

Sun. 12th The 3rd Sunday of Advent

Said Holy Communion 8.30 a.m.
All-Age Christingle Service 10.00 a.m.
Choir Practice 5.00 p.m.
Choral Evensong 6.30 p.m.

Mon. 13th Lower Junior Nativity Service 6.30 p.m.
PCC Standing Committee 7.30 p.m.

Wed. 15th Said Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.
Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m.
Upper Junior Nativity Service 6.30 p.m.

Thu. 16th Wedding Rehearsal 7.00 p.m.

Sat. 18th Messy Church Christmas Party 10.00 a.m.
Wedding (Mike McGoun & Helen Featherstone) 2.00 a.m.

Sun. 19th The 4th Sunday of Advent

Said Holy Communion 8.30 a.m.
All-Age Nativity Service 10.00 a.m.
Choir Practice 5.00 p.m.
Nine Lessons & Carols 6.30 p.m.

Wed. 22nd Said Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.
Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m.

Fri. 24th **Christmas Eve**
Crib Service 2.00 p.m.
Crib Service 4.00 p.m.
Midnight Mass 11.30 p.m.

Sat. 25th

CHRISTMAS DAY

Said Holy Communion
Sung Holy Communion

8.30 a.m.
10.00 a.m.

AND OUR
EYES AT
LAST SHALL
SEE HIM,
THROUGH
HIS OWN
REDEEMING
LOVE



FOR THAT
CHILD SO
DEAR AND
GENTLE,
IS OUR
LORD IN
HEAVEN
ABOVE

Sun. 26th

The 1st Sunday of Christmas

Said Holy Communion
Said Morning Prayer

8.30 a.m.
10.00 a.m.

Church Diary for January 2022

Sun. 2nd

The Epiphany

Said Holy Communion
Sung Holy Communion
Choral Evensong

8.30 a.m.
10.00 a.m.
6.30 p.m.

Mon. 3rd

Homework Club

3.30 p.m.

Tue. 4th

The Beacon Café

10.00 a.m.

Wed. 5th

Said Holy Communion
Coffee Morning

10.00 a.m.
10.30 a.m.

Thu. 6th

The Beacon Café
Homework Club

10.00 a.m.
3.30 p.m.

Sat. 8th

Beacon Café
Church Open

10.00 a.m.
12.00 p.m.

Sun. 9th

Plough Sunday

Said Holy Communion
All-Age Plough Sunday Service
Choral Evensong

8.30 a.m.
10.00 a.m.
6.30 p.m.

Mon. 10th

Parents & Tots
Homework Club
Greater Chapter

10.00 a.m.
3.30 p.m.
7.30 p.m.

Tue. 11 th	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
Wed. 12 th	Said Holy Communion Coffee Morning	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu. 13 th	The Beacon Café Homework Club	10.00 a.m. 3.30 p.m.
Sat. 15 th	The Beacon Café Church Open	10.00 a.m. 12.00 p.m.

Sun. 16th The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

	Said Holy Communion Sung Holy Communion Choral Evensong	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.
Mon. 17 th	Parents & Tots Homework Club Events Group Meeting	10.00 a.m. 3.30 p.m. 7.00 p.m.
Tue. 18 th	The Beacon Café Victory Hall TDC	10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.
Wed. 19 th	Said Holy Communion Coffee Morning	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu. 20 th	The Beacon Café Homework Club	10.00 a.m. 3.30 p.m.
Sat. 22 nd	The Beacon Café Church Open	10.00 a.m. 12.00 p.m.

Sun. 23rd The 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

	Said Holy Communion Choral Matins Choral Evensong	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.
Mon. 24 th	Parents & Tots Homework Club PCC Meeting	10.00 a.m. 3.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m.
Tue. 25 th	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
Wed. 26 th	Said Holy Communion Coffee Morning	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu. 27 th	The Beacon Café Homework Club	10.00 a.m. 3.30 p.m.
Sat. 29 th	Messy Church Church Open	10.00 a.m. 12.00 p.m.

Sun. 30th The Presentation of Christ in the Temple/Candlemas

	Said Holy Communion Sung Holy Communion Sung Holy Communion	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.
Mon. 31 st	Parents & Tots Homework Club	10.00 a.m. 3.30 p.m.

Dear Friends,

How often do we get excited? I remember when I was a child I used to get excited all the time, I used to be so excited I would happily tell anybody and everybody how excited I was. Obviously, I got excited about the big things, Christmas, my birthday, Easter and school holidays, probably in that order, but I would get excited about other things as well, about going out to play, over what was for tea that evening, especially chippy tea on a Friday... it's all coming back to me now.

But as we get older it seems that excitement diminishes, or at least we seem less willing to express it. Excitement becomes almost a childish thing, something slightly embarrassing that we left behind with thumb-sucking and bed wetting, something to be eschewed in favour of sober reflection and mature appreciation.

And yet this is Christmas, not the cheap, tawdry Christmas of tinsel, over familiar songs and excess, but the true Christmas celebrating the birth of our Saviour Jesus. In his birth we can also celebrate the forgiveness of sins, the healing of our hearts, minds and bodies, the reconciliation of ourselves with God and the promise of eternal life. Now these are all things for sober reflection and mature appreciation, of course they are, but they are also a cause of thanksgiving, celebration and, of course, excitement.

Of course, since Easter these things are also a reality for us every day recalling Archbishop Desmond Tutu's famous words that Christians are an 'Easter people', by which he meant we are a people in whom always flows the resurrection life of Christ. But it is part of our human nature to set time aside to focus on aspects of our lives, we do this at birthdays, at anniversaries and, of course, on the great Feast days of the Church. Christmas is the time we set aside to particularly focus on Jesus birth, when in the words at the start of the service of nine Lessons and Carols, it is "our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, and the Babe lying in the manger".

Perhaps the real reason we either don't feel, or refuse to acknowledge, our excitement is because we have become used to disappointment and so dare not let ourselves hope, dare not let ourselves get excited. How sad that would be, especially for people who are called upon to embody joy and hope. Let me encourage you to get excited this Christmas, to get excited about what the birth of Jesus means for ourselves and for the world, to get excited about greeting once more the Saviour of the World, get excited about the love, joy and hope he brings with him. I challenge you to get excited this Christmas, and I will let you in on a little secret... I am!

Yours in Christ,
Ian

Advent & Christmas at St. Wilfrid's

Open-Air Carol Service

Saturday 11th at 10 a.m.
at The Village Bakery

Christingle Service

Sunday 12th December at 10 a.m.

Children's Nativity Service

Sunday 19th December at 10 a.m.

Nine Lessons & Carols

Sunday 19th December at 6.30 p.m.

Family Crib Services

Christmas Eve at 2.00 p.m.
Christmas Eve at 4.00 p.m.

Midnight Mass

Christmas Eve at 11.30 p.m.

Christmas Day Communion

8.30 a.m. & 10 a.m.





Messy Church

Our Messy Church started back with a bang at the end of October when we met in our new home, The Beacon, for a fantastic party. There were classic party games including Pass-the-Parcel, Musical Chairs and Musical Statues and, of course, a scrummy meal together (with lots of left-over pork pie for me!).

We welcomed back 24 children and their parents, and it was great to meet up again after 20 months apart. It was amazing to see how much they had grown (the children that is, not the parents) and it immediately set us thinking about our Nativity Service as we now have so many more good readers.



Because both Messy Church and the publication of the magazine occur at the end of the month we are always slightly out of step so our next two Messy Church meetings will be the 27th November and the 18th December.

Speaking of the Nativity Service we shall be having 2 rehearsals this year, the first on the 11th December and a second (dress) rehearsal on the 18th, both at 12 noon.

We are really looking forward to getting back to normal with our smashing group of kids. Asa mentioned in the last magazine we are getting short of helpers so if you can spare a couple of hours one a month to lend a hand you will be most welcome.

Ian.

Sing-along-a-Frozen

Calling all you Elsas and Annas, Kristoffs and Olafs, why don't you put on your best dresses, or chunkiest gilets, and come and join us for a screening of **Sing-Along-A-Frozen**. There will be popcorn, sweets and refreshments on sale as we lose ourselves in the wonderful and magic realm of Arendelle. £5 per family.



Saturday 11th December
3.00 p.m.
St. Wilfrid's Church

Advent & Christmas Services in Detail

Advent Carol Service



Advent is the time of looking forward to the fulfilment of our Christian hope, the hope that Christ will return to earth and, in the words of Jesus himself, we 'will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory' to establish God's kingdom of justice and of peace. This kingdom of God will be the theme of our Advent Carol Service at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday 1st December.

Christingle Service



With roots in the Moravian Church, founded in Bohemia in the 15th century, the Christingle was widely promoted by the Children's Society as a distinctive way of celebrating Jesus as the Light of the World. As a Festival of Light it naturally found a place in the winter seasons of the Church, Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. We shall be celebrating Christingle at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday 8th December.

Open-Air Carol Service



We are very grateful to the Village Bakery for hosting our Open-Air Carol Service again this year. This simple, informal, service brings the Christmas message right into the heart of our village with short scripture readings and loads of our favourite carols. Our service this year will take place on Saturday 14th December at 10.00 a.m.

Children's Nativity Service



Those of you who have seen Love Actually may remember the school nativity where one child was excited to be given the role not just of a lobster but of 'first lobster', "There was more than one lobster present at the birth of Jesus?" her mother exclaims. There will be no lobsters, or indeed any other crustaceans present, at our very traditional style children's nativity service on Sunday 22nd December at 10.00 a.m.

Service of Nine Lessons & Carols



This service has become synonymous with King's College Cambridge where it was popularised by the Dean, Eric Milner-White. The service was first held at King's in 1918 and became firmly established. The King's service was first broadcast on radio in 1928 and on television in 1954. This simple service takes us through the story of salvation from the Fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden to the birth of Jesus. We shall be holding the service on Sunday 22nd December at 6.30 p.m. and the service will be followed by mulled wine and minced pies.

Family Crib Services



Our Family Crib Services have become a popular focus of our Christmas celebrations. In these services we hear told, in a very informal way, the story of Jesus' birth involving lots of participation from the children who during the service help put the Christmas crib together. The Christmas Crib services take place on Christmas Eve at 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

Midnight Mass



This is the evocative, if theologically suspect, name for the first Communion of Christmas. There is something deeply evocative about travelling through the darkness and arriving at our beautiful lamp-lit church to welcome the birth of our Lord. This service is a traditional Book of Common Prayer Communion with readings from the King James Bible. Midnight Mass takes place on Christmas Eve at 11.30 p.m.

Christmas Day Communions



As the sun rises on Christmas day so also a new hope washes across the world, for today "a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." We have 2 services of Holy Communion on Christmas Day. At 8.30 a.m. we have a said BCP service and at 10.00 a.m. a sung service in contemporary language.

Boxing Day Services

After the tradition of many churches and Cathedrals I am giving the choir and organist the day off on the Sunday after Christmas. This is especially important when Boxing Day falls on a Sunday so please note that on the 26th December our services are 8.30 a.m. said Holy Communion and at 10.00 a.m. a said service of BCP Morning Prayer, there will be no 6.30 p.m. service on this day.



I would like to take the opportunity now to thank David and the choir for all the hard work they put in over Christmas and to let them know we appreciate it very much.

David and the choir will be back on the 2nd January when we shall be celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany.

Christmas Flowers



Do come and help decorate the church for Christmas : either choose a place by signing up on the arrangement list in church.

You do not need to have previous experience and it is a fun joint exercise where we help each other!

We will be decorating on **Saturday, 18th December at 9.30**. Dismantling will be on Tuesday 4th January at 10am.

The Children's Society

We are very grateful to Mary Harwood for taking over from Philippa in arranging the Children's Society Collection Boxes. If you haven't done so already, please bring your boxes to church or contact Ian to arrange collection. If you would like to have a collection box please let Ian know and he will pass your details on to Mary.



As with previous years the collection from our Christingle Service on the 12th December will be given to the Children's Society.



Mistletoe by Walter de la Mare

Sitting under the mistletoe
(Pale-green, fairy mistletoe),
One last candle burning low,
All the sleepy dancers gone,
Just one candle burning on,
Shadows lurking everywhere:
Some one came,
and kissed me there.

Tired I was; my head would go
Nodding under the mistletoe
(Pale-green, fairy mistletoe),
No footsteps came, no voice, but only,
Just as I sat there, sleepy, lonely,
Stooped in the still and shadowy air
Lips unseen
and kissed me there.

The Beacon

From January there are going to be numerous regular activities taking place at The Beacon, weekly, fortnightly and monthly. I hope you will find something here to interest you.

The Beacon Café



There will be a Café at The Beacon three times a week on a Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday (excluding the last Saturday of the month) between 10-1. You can drop in for a tea or coffee and a slice of cake, there is no charge, but you can make a donation at the table. The Café will begin on Tuesday 4th January.

Parents & Tots Group



We will be starting a Parents & Tots Group every Monday between 10-11.30 a.m. there will be toys and games as well as refreshments for children and adults alike. The Parents & Tots Group will start on Monday 10th January.

Men's Breakfast Club



The Bacon, sorry the "Beacon" calls you! Do you fancy getting away from it all for an hour in all male company? To talk with friends, about anything or even nothing, and make new friends. Then join us at the "Beacon" on the first Saturday of the month, starting on February 5th, at 9.00a.m. for bacon/sausage butties and a brew. Go on, we'll see you there. You know you want to.

Homework Club



Each Monday and Thursday afternoon from 3.30-5.00 p.m. there will be a Homework Club for school children of all ages. This will be a warm, friendly and quiet space where students can come, use our internet and get some homework done. Drinks and simple snacks will also be available. It is also our hope that we can get some retired teachers along to offer help and support. The Homework Club starts on the 3rd January.

Teenagers' Drop-In



There will be a drop-in for teenagers on the first Friday of each month from 7.00 p.m. This will be a place where they can come, chillax, play music and chat. The first date is Friday 3rd February.

Christmas Bells

by Henry Wadsworth

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!
And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!



Till, ringing, singing on its way
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!
Then from each black, accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound
The Carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head;
'There is no peace on earth,' I said;
'For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!'

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
'God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men!'



Ghana Link

As with a great many African nations, which tend towards conservatism where issues of sexuality and gender are concerned, same-sex relationships are illegal in Ghana (as they were in this country until 1967) although in reality the law was rarely enforced. As a result, however, gay people have tended to live very much in the shadows until in January this year a community centre for LGBT opened in Accra with the purpose of offering a safe space for LGBT people to meet and find support. This led to a wave of protests and threats and the centre closed almost immediately however it appears political figures have used this as an opportunity to gain favour by putting forward a private members bill to Parliament. The bill is pre-emptive in that it seeks to stop things that haven't been proposed such as overturning the same-sex laws and permitting same-sex marriage.

The bill is full of inaccuracies and inflammatory language but most critically, if passed into law, will make being gay a criminal offence whilst at the same time criminalising anybody who advocates for LGBT rights, which would mean anyone charged with being gay would find it difficult to get legal representation. This bill has caused an enormous international outcry as, in the words of an independent United Nations review group, it "constitute an immediate and fundamental breach of Ghana's obligations under international human rights law."

I have written to Archbishop Cyril to express my sadness and concern in the way the Bishops of the Anglican Church have supported this bill, they were not alone in this and we joined by all the major Christian denominations in Ghana. The Archbishop very kindly replied to clarify his position. He stated that he and the House of Bishops supported a ban on same-sex marriage and are opposed to relaxing the current ban on same-sex practices however he was "against the criminalisation element of the bill and [has] been lobbying about it to get the criminal elements erased". The House of Anglican Bishops in Ghana did make a clear declaration that "It must be noted in our earlier declaration that, the church does not condemn persons of homosexuality tendencies... We therefore appeal to our members and the public not to embark on any form of harassment, intimidation, hostilities etc. on individuals or groups associated with LGBTQI+ but rather, see them as potential souls to be won for Christ."



We can but hope and pray that he is successful in excising the more extreme elements of the bill and I would ask you to keep Ghana in your thoughts and prayers at this worrying, even dangerous, time. In the meantime, I will be keeping a close watch on what happens in Ghana and the messages that come from the House of Anglican Bishops.

Over Christmas we will again be raising money for Mampong Babies Home and all money given will be paid directly to the Home and not to the Mampong Diocese.

The Feast of the Epiphany



There is much within our Christian Theology that is concerned with what is called 'the now and the not yet'. Although it may be an unfamiliar phrase there are aspects of it with which you will be very familiar. One example is the Holy Communion, something we enjoy not but something also that is a foretaste of the banquet yet to come. Another example is the Kingdom of God which was initiated by Jesus two thousand years ago and in which we, as Christians, live but which won't be fully realised until Jesus' return. Another example is the epiphany. Throughout January we are reminded of events in history by which Jesus was revealed to the world, the arrival of the Magi, the acclamation of Simeon and Anna, the first miracle in Cana. These remind us that Jesus Christ is present and can be known in our world now until his presence is fully realised at his return.

We celebrate the Revelation of Jesus two thousands years ago, and acknowledge his presence with us now, at our Epiphany service on (very early) date of Sunday 2nd January

Plough Sunday



The feast of Epiphany, or "Twelfth Night", marked the end of the mid-winter Christmas festivities and as such it also marked the end of twelve days of partying and celebrations. Plough Monday was back to work, but before work started the plough, often a communal one for the whole village, was brought to church to pray for a blessing on it and the work it would do. It was also common to bring in sacks of grain to ask God's blessing on them also, that it might produce a rich and plentiful harvest. After the service it was taken (often with dancing) around the village and villagers were invited to make contributions to the cost of its upkeep and the upkeep of the Church that had blessed it.

We seek to retain at least a little of this tradition with a Plough Sunday service at which we bless a fabulous 19th century plough and also ask God to bless all the work of our hands in the coming year regardless of what we do, that his name will be praised in all that we do.

Plough Sunday
January 9th
All-Age Service 10.00 a.m.

The Presentation of Christ

There are not many Feasts in the life of the Church that have such varied, or such long, names as this one. For centuries, and in the Book of Common Prayer, it was known as 'The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary' or else 'The Presentation of Christ in the Temple'. In Northern climes it came to be known as Candlemas following a tradition of carrying candles and torches on this day as part of the celebration.



Various sensitivities in the Church of England, avoiding celebrations with the word 'mas' in them (except for Christmas of course) and a desire to clarify that this was a Feast celebrating Jesus and Mary, led to the adoption of 'The Presentation of Christ in the Temple' moniker.

The upshot of all this is that it sounds new but is in fact both incredibly ancient, going back to at least the 4th century, and it has been a continuous, if understated, element in Anglican worship for over 450 years.

The day commemorates when Jesus was taken to the Temple by Mary and Joseph to be dedicated to the Lord, as prescribed in the Law of Moses. Whilst there they met a priest named Simeon and a prophetess names Anna both of whom proclaimed Jesus to be the fulfilment of Israel's hope for the coming Messiah, a Hebrew word that translated into Greek as Christ.

We shall celebrate **The Presentation of Christ on Sunday 30th January.**

Magazine Subscriptions



First of all a big thank you to those who deliver our magazine each month. The mag. Is still our primary means of communication, as evidenced last year with the difficulties we had when it wasn't being produced.

The magazine subscriptions will be collected at the end of January. The cost has been frozen at £6, it has been this for many years however we do now only produce 10 magazines a year as we have a joint July-August and December-January mag.

If you would like your magazine delivered each month then please contact Philippa.

From St. Wilfrid's Registers



Baptisms in October

31st Lexi Emilia Wright,

Town Lane, Mobberley

Baptisms in November

7th Arlo Eric Edwards

21st Frederik Hunter Roberts

28th Lily Esme Hill

Longridge, Knutsford

Knutsford Road, Mobberley

Knowles Green, Mobberley

Please keep the above in your thoughts and prayers, that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in them.

A New Year Hope

from author Neil Gaiman



"I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes.

Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're Doing Something.

So that's my wish for you, and all of us, and my wish for myself. Make New Mistakes. Make glorious, amazing mistakes. Make mistakes nobody's ever made before. Don't freeze, don't stop, don't worry that it isn't good enough, or it isn't perfect, whatever it is: art, or love, or work or family or life.

Whatever it is you're scared of doing, Do it.

Make your mistakes, next year and forever."

Year's Mind in December

Dorothy Pope Harold Gardiner Jill Higginson Dora Goulden John Whitelegge William Eadie Ada Swarbrick Alan Godber Florence Ess Frances Street William Alexander Thomas Barber Sydney Southern Betty Greaves Frank Ware Elsie Neville Eric Neville Harry Windle	Annie Cooper George Hastie Jean Riley Sybil Simcock Samuel Ross John Grassby Mary Boyling Brenda Knott Ernest Brown Edward Murray Nancy Capey Sheila Scott Janet Taylor Frank Bleakley Dorothy Groves Margaret Wattam Mary Chinn James Barber	Bernard Whittenberg Mavis Walker Margaret Gee Peggy Storey John McKeand Millicent Proudlove Annie Houlden Frederick Dale Robert Dawson Ann Cooper Muriel Bradley Alan Parker Wilfred Warburton William Long Jessie Hulme Ada Yearsley Joseph Simcock Dolly Boocock
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Year's Mind in January

Mary Southam Charles Southern Susan Halliwell Winifred Cooke Dorothy Ward Geoff Moores Beryl Lomas Robert Shaw John Denton Vera Pritchard James Windle Brian Greenwood Mary 'Tim' Barker Kenneth Dobell Thomas Ikin Pat Broad Francis McGuire	Ken Gee Malcolm Norbury Mabel Daniel Norman Ashton Marie Parkinson Keith Lawrence Patrick Smith John Mills Doreen Lowe Margaret Davies Douglas James Sarah Bright Lily Hughes Emily Pennington Martha Norbury Marjorie Brown Anne Leay	John Lomas Ernest Finch Sidney Brown Hope Turner Alice Wardle Edith Bowler Barbara Southern Joan Adair Brian Kennerley Marion Barratt Ellen Emery Ralph Hatton Audrey Greenwood Ray Edwards Winifred Chadwick Arthur Davies Mary Stephens Thomas Hudson
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Christmas Crackers

What is Santa's favourite pizza? One that's deep-pan, crisp and even!
Who hides in the bakery at Christmas? A mince spy!
Which Underground line is best with cold turkey? The Picadilly Line!
Why did Santa stop smoking? It was bad for his elf!
Why isn't Donald Trump going to church this Christmas. Fake pews!
What's the trouble with inflatable decorations? I'm forever blowing baubles!

Rota for December 2021

Date	8.30 a.m.		10.00 / Main Service		6.30 p.m.		FLOWERS/ COFFEE
	READER	SIDESMEN	READERS	SIDESMEN	READERS	SIDESMEN	
Sunday 5 th 2nd Sunday of Advent	B Knight	J Grainger	J Underhill B Montrose	J Hennerley A Harwood	L Rushton E Rhodes	M Harwood	Advent/ P Smith C Critchley
Sunday 12 th 3rd Sunday of Advent	J Grainger	J Underhill	D Williams C Critchley	T&P Mort	J Underhill C Critchley	C Critchley	Advent/ L Rushton C Boalch
Sunday 19 th 4th Sunday of Advent	A Grainger	L Bridgford	Nativity	L E-Goddard	Nine Lessons & Carols	J Shepherd	Advent/ L Rhodes S Blay
Friday 24 th Christmas Eve	-	-		J Underhill	-		-
Saturday 25 th CHRISTMAS DAY	J Underhill	S Barker	T Mort R Britland	D Neville J Hennerley	-	-	-
Sunday 26 th 1st Sunday of Christmas	B Knight	L E-Goddard		M&C Boalch	-	-	Christmas/ B Montrose C Critchley

Brass Cleaning: P Smith & C Boalch

Rota for January 2022

Date	8.30 a.m.		10.00 / Main Service		6.30 p.m.		FLOWERS/ COFFEE
	READER	SIDESMEN	READERS	SIDESMEN	READERS	SIDESMEN	
January							
Sunday 2 nd EPIPHANY	J Grainger	B Knight	S Blay L Rushton	T&P Mort	A Grainger D Williams	M Harwood	Christmas/ L Rushton P Smith
Sunday 9 th Plough Sunday	A Grainger	J Underhill	P Smith E Rhodes	J Hennerley D Neville	J Taylor L Rushton	C Critchley	H Blake/ Y Runciman L Rhodes
Sunday 16 th 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	J Underhill	L Bridgford	C Critchley B Montrose	F Winderam J Hennerley	E Rhodes J Grainger	J Shepherd	J Nixon/ C Critchley S Blay
Sunday 23 rd 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	B Knight	S Barker	T Mort D Williams	M&C Boalch	C Critchley L Rushton	L E-Goddard	K Atherton/ C Boalch L Rushton
Sunday 30 th Candlemas	J Grainger	L E-Goddard	R Britland S blay	J Hennerley A Harwood	J Underhill	F Winderam	A Milling/ P Smith Y Runciman

Brass Cleaning: