

*St Bart's  
Monthly*



*January, 2016*



## Services

Sunday 11.00 Holy Communion (with hymns)

Thursday 10.00 Holy Communion (said)

A warm welcome to all who worship with us.

After the service coffee is served.



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Dear Friends,

### *Saying sorry*

A new day; a new month; a new year - a new beginning ? So how easy do you find it to say sorry ?

Saying sorry is to recognise that something wrong has been done and that you regret the wrong-doing. Saying sorry is feeling sorry, being uneasy that you've screwed up, feeling genuine sorrow at the mistake and wanting to apologize to the one you have wronged for what is amiss.

Saying sorry means we can feel the forgiveness that is part of God's grace. Instead of being locked in the past, it allows us to move on. Instead of being burdened by past mistakes, we can engage with a light heart in the present and positively look forward to the future.

But if we think we've nothing to say sorry for, then perhaps we may not have addressed the problem. St Bartholomew, our patron saint, is the Apostle to the Armenians. For his pains in bringing the good news to the people of Armenia around the Caspian Sea, he was martyred there by a pagan king. In the early C20, the Armenian people were subject to an unacknowledged genocide by the Ottoman

Empire. Yet that act of extermination is not to date publically acknowledged by Turkey as such.

To deny being wrong, in the wrong, may be one way of dealing with being at fault, of making a mistake. If we are perfect, then surely we will never make a mistake or if we do, it's the exception not the rule ?

But if our rule is to say sorry, then perhaps we are giving ourselves the space to be better in future.

*Father Gareth*



### News from Oporto

Fr Peter, Pippa and Ben have settled in and are having an enjoyable if busy time at St James. Getting used to the language; the style of driving; the city; finding the best beach; coping with the large number of services over Christmas; a congregation of 60+ with some young families are all part of the delight of Portugal. We do wish them well and safe return to St Bart's after Easter.



## Notices

- **Soup Lunch** in church on 13<sup>th</sup> December raised 310€ for church finds - our thanks to Sharon and her team for making it so tasty a success !
  
- **Deadline** for submission of material for the February edition of the St Bart's Monthly is *midday on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January*
  
- **Church Finances for November**  
Income: 4,778€ Expenditure: 4,768€



## St Bart's

If you want to receive the monthly church magazine on line, then please let me have your email address. The magazine is available in both forms on our website but the old server that used to distribute it personally is now hors de combat.

*Fr Gareth*



## Our Organ

A big thank you to all involved in giving and raising the money to fund the major renovation of our organ in 2015.

It was an act of faith, a sign of our determination that St Bart's is in good heart, that we are ready and willing to be a mirror of the light in which we believe as Christians at this time in this place and, we trust, for the future.



## Christmas 2015

Our thanks to all who were involved in so many different ways to make Christmas at St Bart's this year so special: the flowers and decorations in church; the mince pies, Stollen kucke and vin d'amitié at the Carol Service, Father Christmas, 300+ packed into church, 1,000+€ in the collection.



## Personal Column

Our congratulations to Didier and Tanya Henry on the baptism of their daughter, Philippa, here in church on 27<sup>th</sup> December.



## Dinard for ever

**Les loisirs balnéaires anglais à la Belle Epoque**

**Adrien Lecoursonnais et Marc Bonnel**

This slim glossy A4 publication replete with pictures is a fascinating overview of the town we love and that has been loved by many members of our congregation in the past. Though the church is not the focus of the study, the book in French offers a fascinating insight into the charm and attractions of this seaside resort made popular by the British and Americans towards the end of the nineteenth and on into the twentieth century

Copies can be obtained from Father Gareth at 10€ each with some of the sum given going to our church funds courtesy of the authors.



## Bishop Robert's Christmas Message

My eldest daughter, Ruth, used to work for a famous high street retailer.

Sadly, the stress in and around Christmas was one of the reasons that she left them. The long hours in the run up to Christmas, the packed shops and stressed shoppers, and the night shifts just before Christmas Day itself when the shop had to be turned around rapidly into Boxing Day 'sales' mode, piled huge pressure on assistants and management alike. Yet everyone knew that Christmas was of vital commercial importance. And not just for this shop. The centre for retail research suggests that many Northern European retailers make more than half of their sales and profits in the three months around Christmas.

The main character in the commercial Christmas is of course Saint Nicholas, Father Christmas. But underlying Santa's prominence is the original Christmas story. Indirectly, at least, the giving of gifts is rooted in the gift of the Christ-child and the costly gifts given by the magi. And so the Christmas story is used to help legitimate the retail sector and the consumption of goods at Christmastime. How ironic, that our own texts can be co-opted to trap us in the very



patterns of modern behaviour that many of us would long to escape or at least to control!

In this light, it is important to read the biblical infancy narratives again with fresh eyes and to notice their hugely subversive, liberating and revolutionary intent. In Luke's gospel, when Gabriel announces to Mary that she will have a child, the angel tells her that her baby son will be great and that God will make him a king inheriting the throne of King David. Everyone was well aware that there was already a local king - Herod - and that behind him was the weight of Roman imperial authority. Yet, after she is visited by Elizabeth, Mary responds with the words of the Magnificat, in which she glorifies the Lord who exalts the humble but brings rulers down from their thrones. When the child is eventually born, the first to see the new-born Christ in Luke's gospel are the shepherds, who symbolise the lowest and poorest in society.

The opposition between the infant Jesus and the ruling powers is highlighted even more clearly in Matthew's gospel. Matthew's Jesus is presented from the outset as a king - descended from David, born in the royal city of Bethlehem, worshipped by Magi. He is immediately a threat to Herod and must be taken for his own safety out of Israel into Egypt. Biblical commentators have usually interpreted the flight into Egypt in theological terms, relating it in

some way to Israel's journey into and subsequent exodus from Egypt. But, straightforwardly, it's clear that the infant Jesus is on the run. He is fleeing persecution. He is a refugee.

Thus both Matthew and Luke introduce Jesus as a king who threatens the oppressive powers governing first century Israel. Jesus is a 'prince of peace' whose kingdom is founded on very different principles from the military rule that underpinned the 'pax Romana'. His kingdom is one where the first will be last and the last first. Even in his birth and infancy he is identified with the poor, the persecuted and the refugee.

Europe faces an ongoing refugee crisis. Many towns and cities across the whole continent are receiving large numbers of migrants. Our own parishes and chaplaincies are doing what they can to bring aid and assistance. There is no easy solution to the crisis. The long-term solutions involve peace building and the generation of economic prosperity in the Middle East and Africa. Medium-term solutions might involve the creation of safe routes and the speedier processing of asylum applications. But in the short-term, the particular calling of the church is to pray and to work for the welfare of those who have been forced to flee their homes and who face a European winter. The book of Deuteronomy 10:19 teaches: 'You are to love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of

Egypt.' We remember that this was how Jesus began his infant life too.

I have heard some wonderful and deeply moving stories of how care for the stranger has brought unexpected grace. A teacher was telling me how pupils at her school found a new sense of meaning and purpose through ministering to the Syrians who had arrived in their town. Clergy have told me how their congregations have laid aside minor disagreements when faced with the urgency of a common mission and purpose.

This Christmas, we are summoned to see the world with divine perspective and compassion. For our own good and for the good of others, we are invited to reclaim the Christmas story! We are to preach, proclaim and live the amazing news that God enters his own creation to save, console and heal the poor and the lost. God comes amongst us as a vulnerable baby sharing our own human weaknesses and vulnerabilities. He becomes human so that we become divine (to quote Athanasius), but he also becomes human so that we can become more fully human ourselves. And in humanity to reach out beyond ourselves to others as he has reached out to us. That is the real gift.

Finally - aside from the commercial pressures - I am very aware that the Christmas season puts particular opportunities and pressures in

the way of our chaplaincies. We are typically receiving lots of visitors who don't normally darken the doors of our churches. At the same time, many regular church members are away at Christmas itself, visiting family or friends. So those that remain have to work especially hard to keep everything running and to provide a cheerful welcome. To all those who sustain and enable our worship over Christmas I give my warm and sincere thanks: to our clergy, lay readers and leaders, musicians, welcomers, wardens, caterers and cleaners.

And may the God whose message of peace was sung by the angels to herald the birth of his Son, bring his peace to our hearts, our homes, our families and our world over this Christmas time.

*+Robert Gibraltar in Europe*



## 'Walking with Peter'

'Walking with Peter' is a sequence of ten dramatic monologues which will run from January to November with a break for Easter. I wrote most of them some twenty years ago and, in a way, they are the forerunner of 'The Bartholomew Gospel' printed in our magazine over the past 2½ years available now to read in full on our web-site. 'Walking with Peter' takes some of the key moments in Peter's life and tries to see how an ordinary man made sense of the extraordinary.

Enjoy !

*Father Gareth,*

*November, 2015*



### Walking with Peter 1

#### A Fisher of Men

"From now on, you'll be catching men."

So he says and so I am.

Jesus, wandering Rabbi, miracle worker,

who'd have thought I'd have followed him,

me, a fisherman, a family man,  
not the type of man  
to be anyone's disciple,  
abandon what I have for the wilderness.  
My brother Andrew's another matter:  
he used to follow John the Baptist  
till John pointed him to Jesus.  
"Behold, the Lamb of God," John said,  
and from then on, Andrew was his;  
even took me to meet him.  
Odd . . . he seemed to know me,  
like he was waiting to meet me.  
He called me by my name, Simon,  
then nicknamed me Peter, the rock.  
Later, he came to Capernaum,  
causing a sensation in our synagogue,  
exorcising a man, demon-possessed.  
He stays with us.  
My wife's mother's ill in bed  
so she couldn't see to us  
so Jesus sees her instead.  
and she's up, waiting on us.  
He's teaching by the Lake  
with such a crowd round him  
he has to get into our boat

to be heard and be seen.

But I'm dead tired:

been fishing all night

not catching a thing

so I'm sat there,

half-listening.

Dismissing the crowd,

he says "Let's go fishing.

Push off from the shore.

Cast out your net.

Draw in a catch."

"We were fishing last night.

We didn't catch a thing !"

But we do as he says

and we do –

too heavy a netful to land !

But with James and John's help,

we have our best catch ever.

In the heat of the day,

I shiver:

I guess who it is

in the boat with me,

Jesus, Messiah, Son of God.

I sink under a wave of guilt.

"You need to go, Lord.

I'm no good,  
not good to be with."  
But all he says is, "Don't be afraid.  
I'll make you a fisher of men."  
And so I prove to be.





## Up, up and away

*One of the raffle prizes at our VE Day picnic  
in the church garden last May was a flight in the Scott's plane.  
The following is Olive Browne's account of her adventure.*

The day was here at last - a fine day for flying. We had arranged the flight for August 19<sup>th</sup> and Geoff and Janet Scott were flying from Dinard to pick me up in Dinan.

When we arrived at Dinan airport, it looked fairly desolate - no one about. So we sat and waited in our car. Then my daughter, Alison, heard the sound of the approaching plane and there it was, coming in to land, a small, navy blue Cessna. It looked small and neat and made a perfect landing. When it had completely come to a stop, out came Janet, Geoff and Father Gareth.

The exchange took place and getting me into the plane was farcical as I got stuck (my legs do what they want and not what I want them to). The view from the rear of me must have been memorable and hysterical. However, a last push from my daughter and I was in. At the last moment, my 15-year-old, six foot grandson was told to get in too by Geoff and Janet. Ieuan's face was a picture - he'd only come to see me off!

Then we were off, accelerating along the runway and lifting into the air. At first, from the angle of the seat where I sat, strangely it seemed as if the plane had no front window, only instrument panels !

We had a wonderful flight over our house in Quebriac. We could see the rest of the family holding the ponies in their field as the fence was broken and they were repairing it. Geoff told Ieuan to take over the controls and to follow the roads on the map along the Rance. The Rance below looked like a giant jig-saw and the houses like Lego. We flew all the way to the coast and the scenery was beautiful.

The radio told us to be aware of a helicopter in the area. At first we couldn't see it till Geoff spotted it below us. We were flying at 2,000 feet and the helicopter must have been at around 1,000 feet. Some of the mansions on the cliffs were out of this world. We flew along the coastline and then back inland to Dinan airport.

France is a beautiful country - even more so from the air and, if I were a lot younger, I would love to learn to fly.

Ieuan really enjoyed it as he had not expected to be on the plane. Thankfully, Geoff took back the controls to land smoothly and we saw Alison, Janet and Father Gareth emerging from the airfield café.

We had a glorious time so a huge 'Thank You' to Geoff, Janet and Father Gareth who gave me the flight as an 80<sup>th</sup> birthday present.

*Olive Browne*



### *Christmas lights*

8.30 in the morning;  
still dark; off for bread,  
walking down Vavasseur  
in the middle of a road  
lit by white Christmas lights  
and a flashing tree of lights  
at the bottom in the square.



### *The sleep of death*

At the end of life, sleep.  
A kind, caring comparison  
with the end of the day:  
to rest; to be refreshed;  
then, renewed, to wake  
in the arms of the One  
who loves us.



## Film Review of the month

### 'La Tête Haute' Emmanuelle Bercot 2015

'La Tête Haute' is not my usual cup of tea; I'm well out of my comfort zone. It was the opening film at the Cannes 2015 and I imagine it set a fairly challenging tone.

The lad (played by Rod Paradot), the subject of the title and the film, is called Malony - not the Irish pronunciation of the name you'd imagine as native speaker of English but nicely French - Mah-low-knee. He's the older brother in a dysfunctional single-parent family (Sara Forestier) and I doubt he and his younger brother have the same absent father.

There's a lot of anger and violence in mood, language, action and music. Malony is off-the-rails, ill-disciplined, liable to explode at any moment. His behaviour, including reckless joy-riding brings him before 'une juge des enfants' (Catherine Deneuve) and under the supervision of un éducateur (Benoît Magimel) both of whom strive to redeem him.

The film depicts life for a juvenile delinquent of which I've little idea. There is a love interest which is both touching and harsh, brutal and life-affirmative.

Well, the word in French to describe the effort made to try to save Malony is 'inlassable' (indefatigable) and perhaps you will, therefore, guess the ending with its possibility of redemption – 'La Tête Haute' actually means to hold your head up high.

I recommend 'La Tête Haute' though I had difficult following a lot of the French without the aid of sub-titles. If you can steel yourself sufficiently, the effort made may ultimately pay dividends which is I guess the sub-text at the heart of the film.

*Gareth Randall*



## Extra Film Review of the Month

### 'Billy Elliot' / Billy Elliot Live

The film changed my view of ballet and of dance.

I'd been brought up in the East End of London in the fifties and sixties and played rugby at our local boys' grammar school - ballet for boys was not on the menu.

Then I saw the film:

- the background the Miners' strike in the eighties set in a North East mining community with Cockney cops bussed in;
- the main focus, a family without a mum - a boy, his older bro, dad and ageing gran - and Billy had a gift, an innate sense of dance;
- the story, how a working-class lad from a disadvantaged background gains a place at the Royal Ballet School.

Well, you have probably seen 'Billy Elliot' and you know the plot, what happens as well as I but then I went to the Victoria Place Theatre in London to see the musical a couple of times and in a different way it was as good as the film.

And now the chance to see the show on DVD - a recording of the live performance and, once again, it is inspirational - not least the performance of Elliott Hanna that, with grace and innocence, captures the passion of the boy committed to discover himself in dance.

It is well worth the expense of buying a copy - mine was a gift from my mate, Phil !

*Gareth Randall*





## Questions

### What matters to you ?

It's a new year so let me ask, 'What truly matters to you ?'

A good question. An interesting answer that would be good to know.

If I'm honest - and you'd expect your priest to be - then I'd have to say first and foremost God, a sense of Otherness, of being connected, in touch, in communion with Him, inspired by Him, in love with Him.

I have to say people, too. That individuals are important to me, that if I can, I will try to make a difference, try to help someone who would like me to help them be who they are meant to be.

I love going swimming - healthy exercise and access to a real sense of wellbeing.

I'd have to say story. I love narratives and without a good one to entertain me, I feel deprived.

I have to admit I'm in love with words - evidence enough in our magazine.

And lastly, I like to admit a love of nature: the sea; the countryside;  
the sky - the delight of its infinite variety.

But enough of me - what matters to you ?

*Gareth Randall*



## Odd Words

### 'Autodidact'

You must know that David Norris has an extensive vocabulary. Sitting in church the other day, he used the word 'autodidact' - self-taught - and it caught my attention, my imagination.

David and I are teachers - teaching is what we do or rather, to be precise, what we did for a living and now I guess it's an unpaid labour of love. But is it not a wonderful thought that people can be self-taught, that through experience and effort, we can master a subject for ourselves ?

For me, largely swimming has been self-taught - hours spent in the pool overcoming my fear (aquaphobia), learning to be at ease in the water (aquaphilia), mastering the breast-stroke, the front-crawl and occasionally daring to swim blind doing the back-stroke !

*Gareth Randall*



## Recipes for you to try

Over the next twelve months, Janet and her husband, Geoff, are offering us a series of easy-to-cook recipes. And my promise - to try each one beforehand to prove they're doable.

So why not, like me, sample the following:

### Darbyshire Lemon pudding

This is an old Darbyshire family recipe traditionally made for family parties including birthdays, weddings and anniversaries. Condensed milk was a traditional holiday food especially with bananas !

- ✓ 1 large tin of condensed milk
  - ✓ Juice and zest of 3 lemons
  - ✓ 3 eggs separated
  - ✓ A packet of trifle sponges
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- Line a loaf tin or similar sized dish with cling film.
  - Mix the condensed milk with egg yolks, lemon zest and juice.
  - Whisk egg whites and fold in.
  - Split the sponges and layer in the dish with the lemon mixture.
  - Leave overnight in the fridge.
  - Then stuff yourself (Geoff's contribution).

*Janet and Geoff Scott*

## Memory

I guess we have to remember that which we've forgotten or be reminded of something for us to know that now we know not.



## Quotations of the month

It is part of human nature to hate the man you have hurt.

*Tacitus quoted in The Times*



## Billboards 2 - 6/6

*The following is from our Church Warden, Bill:*

### On a bottle of children's medicine

After taking, do not operate machinery or drive.



**I am a Seenager.**

**(Senior teenager)**

*This delightful reflection has been sent to us*

*by Peter Campbell*

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager -  
60 years on:

I don't have to go to school or work.

I get an allowance every month

I have my own pad.

I don't have a time to be in by

I have a driver's license and my own car.

I have ID that gets me into pubs.

The people I mix with aren't scared of getting pregnant.

And I don't have acne.

Life is good !



## Dictionary Definitions 5/5

*These gems were sent to us by Trish and Tony*

TOOTHACHE:

The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMORROW:

One of the greatest labour saving devices of today.

YAWN:

An honest opinion openly expressed.

And our Personal Favourite !

WRINKLES:

Something other people have, similar to my character lines.





## School humour 5/7

The RE lesson was on Matthew 2 verses 13 - 15 where Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus leave Bethlehem and flee to Egypt.

One bright girl drew a picture of a plane they were travelling in which was flown by Pontius Pilot.

*Pauline Eyre*



### Kids in Church 5/7

*Peter Campbell forwarded these little gems to us!*

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake.

Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson: 'If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, ' Ryan, you be Jesus !'



## Lancashire Jokes 1/12

Sadly, last Easter my hairdresser, Lorraine Atkinson, returned to Bury in order to be closer to her family. I do miss her but last summer she sent me a slim volume of Lancashire jokes so I'm running a series of twelve throughout 2016 to remind me of a very special person.

A bloke runs into a Salford pub and shouts to the regulars, "Anyone own a black cat with a white collar ?"

"No !" came the reply

"Damn - I must have run over the vicar !"



## A question of grace

*Barry Jordan's son Nathan sent us this for the New Year!*

An atheist was taking a walk through the woods, admiring all he saw. "What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals!"

As he was walking alongside the river he saw a 7-foot grizzly bear charge towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path. He looked over his shoulder and fell down. He rolled over to pick himself up and saw the bear right on top of him raising his paw. At that instant he cried out "Oh my God!" Just then, time stopped.

A bright light shone upon the man, and a voice came out of the sky saying, "You deny my existence all of these years, and now do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?"

The atheist, looked into the light and said "It would be rather hypocritical to ask to be a believer after all these years, but could you make the bear into a Christian?"

"Very well", said the voice. As the light went out, the bear then brought both paws together, bowed his head and said, "Lord I thank you for this food which I am about to receive."

## Bishops might err ?

A bishop spent some time in a junior school, during which he explained to the children the symbolism of his crosier, mitre etc. Some days later, he received letters of thanks from some of the children in which one had written. 'Dear bishop, thank you for your visit, before seeing you I had no idea what a crook looked like.'

*John Marshall*



## Victorian Prisons

On the Today Programme on 9<sup>th</sup> November, we were told the UK government intended to build nine new prisons then to CELL off aging Victorian gaols for housing to fund the development.



## How to cook

*This gem was sent to me by my friend Phil Elgie*

I read recipes like I read science fiction.

I get to the end and think:

Well that's never going to happen !



I talk to myself because sometimes I need expert advice.



## Sense in humour

Researchers at UCL have recently identified an early sign of the onset of dementia to be a change in preference from satire to slapstick and finding the inappropriate funny. There was, however, no mention of a penchant for puns or love of word-play in their prognosis.



## Readings in church

### *January 3<sup>d</sup> Epiphany*

Isaiah 60 v1 - 6  
 Psalm 72 v10 - 15  
 Ephesians 3 v1 - 12  
 Matthew 2 v1 - 12

### *January 10<sup>th</sup> Baptism of Christ*

Isaiah 43 v1 - 7  
 Psalm 29  
 Acts 8 v 14 - 17  
 Luke 3 v15 - 17, 21 - 22

### *January 17<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany*

Isaiah 62 v1 - 5  
 Psalm 36 v5 - 10  
 1 Corinthians 12 v1 - 11  
 John 2 v1 - 11

### *January 24<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> Sunday of Epiphany*

Nehemiah 8 v1 -3, 5 - 6, 8 - 10  
 Psalm 19 v1 - 6  
 1 Corinthians 12 v12 - 31a  
 Luke 4 v14 - 21

### *January 31<sup>st</sup> Candlemas*

Malachi 3 v 1 -5  
 Psalm 24 v7 - end  
 Hebrews 2 v14 -end  
 Luke 2 v22 - 40



## Diary dates for 2016

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| 18 <sup>th</sup> January   | 20.00 Service at St Jean L'Evangeliste, St Malo,<br>during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> January   | 20.00 Service at St Bartholomew's<br>during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity                |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> January   | 10.30 Council Meeting   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> February  | 10.00 Ash Wednesday   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> February  | 11.00 Start of Lent Bible Study   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> March     | 10.30 Council Meeting   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> March     | 10.30 Maundy Thursday   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> March     | 11.00 Good Friday   |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> March     | 11.00 Easter Day  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> April      | 12.00 Church AGM  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> May        | 10.00 Ascension Day<br>10.30 Council Meeting  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> May       | 11.00 Pentecost   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> May -     | Archdeaconry Synod  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> May       | St Jacut de la Mer  |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> July      | 10.30 Council Meeting   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> July      | 12.00 Friends AGM   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> August    | 11.00 Patronal Festival   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> September  | 10.30 Council Meeting   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> September | 11.00 Harvest Festival  |

3<sup>rd</sup> November 10.00 All Souls Service of Remembrance

13<sup>th</sup> November 11.00 Remembrance Sunday

24<sup>th</sup> November 10.30 Council Meeting

18<sup>th</sup> December 17.00 Carol Service

24<sup>th</sup> December 17.00 Crib Service

25<sup>th</sup> December 11.00 Christmas Day





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### Verse of the Month

'In the beginning . . . '

*John 1 v1*



## Prayer of the month

Almighty God,  
 you have broken the tyranny of sin  
 and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts  
 whereby we call you Father:  
 give us grace to dedicate your freedom to your service,  
 that we and all creation may be brought  
 to the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

*Collect for the Third Sunday after Trinity*



## Prayer focus

A new year

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