

theSaltshaker

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN DROITWICH SPA

Taking a FRESH look

Renewing our vision for the future of God's church

Spending Saturday confined to a school building is not everyone's idea of a day out, but this is what almost 150 Anglicans and Methodist from the Worcester area did on 18th October in order to learn more about *Fresh Expressions* of church, and amongst them were nine people from Droitwich parish.

Fresh Expressions was set up as a joint national Anglican-Methodist venture in 2004 and it aims to help Christians of any denomination rethink how to be the church in our changing culture. A 'fresh expression' church will usually be for people who are not already members of any church, a form of mission which tries to take the gospel to people into their own communities, shaping a church which is meaningful for them, rather than expecting everyone to feel at home in the traditional patterns which have existed for centuries. These continue to have a key place, but more and more we realise that we need a 'both/and' church—a church which treasures its traditions and heritage, but which can express its faith and life in new ways too.

Members of the *Fresh Expressions* team came to Bishop Perowne College in Worcester to run a

Vision Day to help local churches find out what's going on, to hear stories and to swap ideas about sharing God's good news. We saw clips from the inspirational and challenging *Fresh Expressions* DVDs, we were addressed by the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference and there was opportunity to join a seminar on evangelism, discipleship, inter-generational worship, getting started with Fresh Expressions, or exploring Celtic spirituality.

This was a stimulating day, and those from Droitwich who attended hope to meet to share reactions and think about ways we can use what we heard in our own locality. But if there was one single message from this Vision Day it was perhaps simply that we should have the courage of our convictions as Christians and expect great things from God, providing of course that we are willing to attempt great things (though perhaps not necessarily large things) for him ourselves.



Worship Review

There was no shortage of responses to the request for feedback on our new pattern of parish services. In fact, 118 forms were returned, and for this a very big thank you. It made the PCC's task of listening to your comments both more difficult (so many replies!) and much easier (there was a wealth of material to draw on).

A considerable amount of time was spent at the September PCC meeting looking at what had been said and trying to sift the big topics of interest from ones which, although no less important, had been mentioned by fewer people. It was also no surprise that for a great

many comments made an equally valid counter-comment was registered on another questionnaire. That we all have our likes and dislikes, our preferences and our sticking points, when it comes to worship, as with most other things, was amply illustrated. But at the same time there was a positive spirit of openness and enquiry in wanting to understand why changes had been made.

In this edition of *The Saltshaker* you should find a separate sheet with more information about the review. Copies can also be obtained from the Parish Office.

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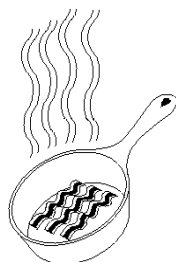
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Toast, toddlers & bacon butties

What a combination! And if you throw in dads as well as toys, ketchup and “Daddies Sauce” then you have the recipe for an exciting hour or two.

On the third Saturday of each month (we’ll pass over December!) this is the heady mix that you’ll find in St Nicholas’ church between 10am and midday. The idea of offering an opportunity for dads to take time out with their children grew out of the successful toddler group that takes place on Monday and Fridays in term time. Adding “breakfast” was an incentive that has been welcomed by those who have come to the two sessions which have taken place so far. Toast & Toddlers runs as a drop-in session and is open to any dads (or grandads) who want to bring a toddler – you don’t have to be a regular toddler group attender. We decided not to meet in December so there could be no excuse for dads to escape the shopping and Christmas preparations! To find out more phone or email me—details on the back of this magazine.



David Owen

Shop early!

In Droitwich the countdown to Christmas this year began on 1st November when we held our *Operation Christmas Child* Packing Day. Many of you have supported this annual appeal for several years, and on behalf of the thousands of children who have received your gift-filled shoeboxes during this time a sincere thank you. We constantly hear of the joy that your gifts bring to children who have endured the horrors of war, poverty, disease, or disaster. Perhaps most importantly your gifts are the means of their local churches reaching out to share

with them the true meaning of Christmas. Once packed, *Operation Christmas Child* processes your gift box through its warehouse in Evesham ensuring that it is delivered to a special child somewhere in Eastern Europe or Africa. If you have not been involved with *Operation Christmas Child*, before may I encourage you to join

in next year? Information leaflets are still available in the parish churches so you will have plenty of time to shop early for Christmas—next year!



Jill Wheeler

A year to remember

When my family and I celebrated new year together in 2008 our only thought was that this year we would celebrate our son’s 50th birthday and our diamond wedding. Little did we know what lay ahead.

During February I asked to talk to one of the clergy, and I can’t now remember why. Then I did something unusual—I rejected two offered dates. Finally we settled on one in mid March. During the month I had been having tests and on that mid March morning I was diagnosed with cancer. The visit to my priest was God-given. The timing was perfect and small everyday miracles became huge.

But it was Lent and I was living it. Good Friday was my all-time low, but as I walked up to touch the cross I knew God was holding me. I received the laying on of hands and was anointed. Family and friends supported me and a week later we celebrated our son’s birthday with a surprise party. Then I went into hospital. My anaesthetist shared my elder daughter’s name; two of the nurses in the theatre were Sally and Michael, our other children’s names. Could I doubt that God was there too? The medical team did not want to give me a general anaesthetic, but equally an epidural might not have been possible. It failed twice and almost jokingly the doctor said, ‘We need some divine intervention!’ I remember saying, ‘Don’t worry, we’ve had that all week.’ And that’s the last thing I remember. As a result of that miracle I was only in recovery for half an hour, and woke up ‘bright as a button’ - or ‘high as a kite!’

Throughout my journey to recovery I was loved along by family, friends, doctors, nurses, my church and my God. I am eternally grateful for all those prayers and that love.

I never asked, ‘Why me?’ when I got cancer, but I did ask, ‘Why me?’ when I recovered so well and younger people with life before them do not. I am told, ‘God still needs you to do something.’ I pray that when God speaks I’ll hear him and respond. So now I join thousands who live with check-ups, hope and faith in God. Meanwhile, after all that, we were able to celebrate our diamond wedding in style.

Marge Harrison

Christmas Fair with Music

ST NICHOLAS’ CHURCH
Monday 1st December—7pm

Festive Refreshments
Raffle—Tombola—Gift Stall
Music from the Parish Choir





Keep in touch

I hope you enjoyed the return of *The Saltshaker* this autumn. Having a regular magazine is one of the ways people have said they would value as a way of keeping in touch, helping to build a sense of church community as we settle into worshipping at different times and in different styles. It's especially important when many of us have complicated lives which mean we cannot always be in church as often as we might like, to pick up a newsletter and talk to others.

But of course there are many other ways to keep in touch and another idea that's been warmly welcomed is to compile a parish directory. Have you ever needed that phone number to check the time of an event? Or wanted to swap on the reading rota and couldn't get in touch? Or wanted to ask new friends from the congregation round to coffee but managed to lose your note of their address? Maybe a parish directory would help you! We've had a number of congregational directories before, but the changing shape of parish life means it makes sense to now have just one.

You should have received details with the last edition of *The Saltshaker*, but in case you didn't, or they got lost, here's a reminder that reply forms can still be obtained from the Parish Office (contact details on the back of this magazine); otherwise please return your form as soon as possible. We hope that everyone will want to be in the new directory, but even if you don't, please still fill in the form to let us know. And if you use email please tell us your address so we can ensure you are kept up to date with what's on, even when you can't be in church.

Meanwhile, please send me your contributions for this magazine—your good news stories, your reviews, adverts for parish events and reports from the church organisations you're involved in.

Sheila Banyard

The Micawber Principle

I n a nutshell, if expenditure is less than income then we're doing quite well. In this parish, however, try as we might to economise, we still struggle to meet all our basic obligations, let alone undertake new pieces of work. But on the right you can read how the PCC is trying to tackle these questions in a prayerful and realistic way and would like to express its appreciation for all the commitment and hard work of members of the congregations, and especially for financial support in these difficult times.

Please could you help the PCC in budgeting by letting us know what you hope to be able to contribute during 2009? Maybe you need to make some adjustments because of changed circumstances, but some idea now of what you think is manageable would be a very great help. Please return the form which came with this magazine, or ask at the Parish Office if it's missing. Thank you.

God and giving

O n page 6 of this magazine you can read about how the PCC has been working on parish finances as part of our effort to manage our resources more effectively in order to free us to be a more 'world-facing' church. Within this we have also been thinking together about how we can make best use of our church buildings for the benefit of both the worshipping congregations and the local community and a report on our harvest workshop day follows on page 4.

One aspect of our commitment to ministry and mission is shown in our concern over the challenge of paying the Parish Share, which in 2009 is likely to be in the region of £125,000. In negotiating with the diocese a better-planned approach to 'paying our way', the PCC has recently agreed that from January we will try to meet next year's Share in full. This means putting on one side the large amount we owe in arrears, certainly not to forget about it, but to help focus on how well we can do if we aim to pay for all of 2009. If we can show ourselves and others that we are up to this challenge, then we shall feel more encouraged to tackle the arrears. At present, it's very easy to feel them weighing us down, whereas we want to try and see our financial effort as the means of driving our mission to the community, and not as an end in itself.

During the autumn the PCC will be drawing up the 2009 budget and like any householder, needs to know what its income is likely to be, as well as what bills need to be paid. The Parish Share is one particularly large bill, and pays mainly for the clergy ministry we receive, but of course there are many others. And not just basic bills like gas and water and repairs—there are projects we'd like to undertake to help us share God's good news, and projects need paying for too.

A second part of our agreement with the diocese is that we will be much more consistent about reviewing our Christian Giving. This is something we've done in various ways over the years, often on *First to the Lord Sunday* each October, a national day for the Church of England to consider God's gifts to us and how we each return those gifts to him. This is what we are planning for 2009, and please don't forget that 'giving' means every kind of giving of ourselves in God's service—our time, talents as well as material wealth. But this year on 7th December, as part of preparing for Christ's coming, we're going to think about getting our parish finances onto a healthier footing.

Many are already doing some hard thinking about our own finances as the global economy takes a downturn; some are very concerned indeed for themselves and their families, and these are proper matters for our prayers for one another. But whatever your situation please will you continue to pray too for the work of the church in this town, and help us plan our part in God's mission during 2009. You will find more details on the left of this page.



Starting with dreams

A large morning workshop and a smaller afternoon one followed this year's harvest service where we were inspired by our visiting preacher, Andrew Mottram, to make the most of all God's gifts. The workshops, also led by Andrew, focussed on the gift of our buildings, and especially St Andrew's. Andrew was well equipped to help us, having led a major development project for All Saints, Hereford, as their vicar, and subsequently having become a consultant to churches exploring the use of their buildings.

People reflected on things that were sources of struggle or worry, things that we really wanted to see in the church in Droitwich, and things we really wanted for St Andrew's. Among the sources of worry, issues commonly expressed included a lack of unity as a parish with four centres of worship, and the problems of communication. There was also an appreciation that more needed to be done with younger people.

Looking at what we wanted for the church was in many ways the reverse of what worried us: communication,

unity and a wide age-range well represented. There was a considerable emphasis on wanting to be more outgoing, and to be more encouraging about the joy and benefits of our faith. In looking at our buildings generally, and at St Andrew's in particular, people repeatedly drew attention to the basics: good heating, good lighting, good sound as essential for a warm welcome. But there was also a lot of enthusiasm for looking at a wider and more creative use of the space we had, opening the building up for community use by removing pews and clutter.

There's clearly a long way to go before anything like a plan emerges out of these dreams, but the workshops identified some practical tasks. These included developing an asset management plan: how much will each building cost the parish to put into good repair? They also included the development of a community review looking at what the perceived needs of the community are. The PCC will be reflecting on these and other issues, and more information about the day will be made available. We start with dreams and head to reality.

Doug Chaplin

Journeying with God

In the last edition of the Saltshaker I wrote about Quiet Days and how they give us the opportunity to rest, draw aside, recover and spend time with God, allowing him to love us. Well, now is your chance to set aside some time to be quiet with God.

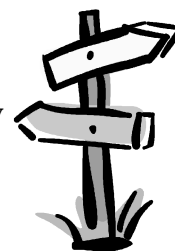
Our next Parish Quiet Day is booked for Saturday February 21st 2009; it will be at Barnes Close, near Bromsgrove. Barnes Close is a conference centre and retreat house, on the Waseley Hills with open views to the Malvern Hills and the Black Mountains. There are 5 acres of grounds which have access into the Waseley Hills Country Park. Our day will begin at 10am and include morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea, finishing at 4pm. The cost will be about £10.

The title for our the day is *Journeying with God*, a chance to reflect on our journey of faith and how God accompanies us on this journey. There will be some input, but most importantly space and time to spend relaxing in God's presence surrounded by like minded people and the beauty of God's creation.

*Whether you turn to the right or to the left,
your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying,
'This is the way; walk in it.'* Isaiah 30:21

If you would like to reserve a place for our Quiet Day (we have 20 available) please contact me or Rita Holden (details on the back of this magazine). What better way to prepare for Lent next year?

Sue Barrett



Trio Con Brio Concert

with members of the parish Children's Choir Club

ST PETER'S CHURCH

Saturday 6th December at 7pm

Seasonal Music

Free Refreshments — Raffle

Tickets from

Margaret Harle 776923 or

Paula Honniball 771521

Gifts for the 'damp fund' also welcome!



Parish Development Meeting

The last of this year's development meetings takes place on Wednesday 26th November at 7.30pm at St Nicholas' church. This is the third in our series of opportunities to hear what's happening in mission and ministry, and to help shape future plans.

In our new parish structure we agreed it was very important that anyone and everyone should be able to participate in reviewing and planning, rather than confining this to any one particular team or group. Of course, if you would like to offer to help with a particular project or event, that's great! But please come to this meeting without any obligation. On this final occasion we focus on our pastoral ministry, led by David Owen.



Christmas 2008 God with us

These services are in addition to regular Sunday and weekday services unless otherwise shown.

Friday 19th Dec	Christingle Service, St Nicholas, 6pm
Sunday 21st Dec	Christingle Service, St Peter's, 9.30am Parish Carol Service, St Andrew's, 6pm (no 5pm service at St Nicholas')
Christmas Eve	Holy Eucharist, St Andrew's, 11am Crib service, St Nicholas, 3pm Crib service, St Peter's, 3pm Crib/Christingle, St Augustine, 4.30pm Crib service, St Peter's, 4.30pm Carols for Christmas, St Andrew, 6pm Crib service, St Peter's, 6pm Midnight Mass, St Nicholas', 11pm Midnight Mass, St Peter's, 11.30pm Midnight Mass, St Augustine, 11.30pm
Christmas Day	Eucharist with carols, St Andrew, 9am Family Communion, St Peter's, 10am
Sunday 28th Dec	Holy Eucharist, St Augustine, 8am United Eucharist, St Andrew's, 10am (please note, no other services this day)
Tues 30th Dec	Holy Eucharist, St Nicholas', 9.30am
Weds 31st	Holy Eucharist, St Andrew's, 11am
Thurs 1st Jan	Holy Eucharist, St Augustine's, 9.30am Churches Together New Year Service, St Peter's, 12noon

Parish Posada

What's it all about? During the days leading up to Christmas, Joseph and Mary travel to visit a different home or place in the community every night. The night Mary and Joseph stay with you provides a great opportunity to invite family, friends and neighbours round to share together the true meaning of Christmas.

Posada, which in Spanish means 'inn', is a Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib. The modern day Posada uses these crib figures of

This June my sister had to undergo two operations, one for the release of tennis elbow and another to remove two lumps in her thyroid gland, a cancer scare. We were praying hard for everything to run smoothly. The first, her elbow op, went well, but it was the second which concerned us all, not to mention my sister.

As she was being prepared for the operation, she was attended to by a lovely, caring nurse who had, amazingly, had *exactly* the same two operations as my sister, and was able to give her added encouragement and support.

During the surgeon's post-operative visit, the conversation came round to God, and he shared the fact that he was a Christian too. My sister was greatly reassured of God's presence and love during a worrying time. Oh, and it wasn't cancer...

God never promises to save us from suffering, but it's wonderful to know he is there with us when we do suffer.

Paula Honniball

Advent Carol Service



**Sunday 30th November
St Nicholas' Church at 5pm**

Mary and Joseph to travel from place to place. This gives each 'host' the chance to create their own celebration, worshipping and reaching out to their community with the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in their lives.

We are going to join in with Posada once again this year as a whole parish community. Will you get to be a host to Mary and Joseph for a night? All you need to do is add your name to the journey rota which will be available in each parish church at some point before Advent begins on 30th November. Choose a date which will suit you and the people hosting Mary and Joseph the previous night will make arrangements to bring the figures to your home at a time to suit both of you.



St Peter's School news

The time is right for me to finish my role as a governor of St Peter's First School. Will I miss it? Most certainly!

The role of the governor is one who supports, encourages and is a critical friend to the school. During the years it has been a privilege to work with delightful children, hardworking and caring staff and dedicated governors. The school motto is *Working together to achieve our best* and how true that is for this school.

I have many happy memories and I would like to share a few of them with you. One little boy had got a little mixed up about the meaning of governor and government. He asked me if I knew Tony Blair and could I tell the Prime Minister that his mum thought he was rubbish! It's a good job I don't have the telephone number of 10 Downing Street! I remember the joy of a school assembly and listening to four hundred children singing *Shine, Jesus, Shine*, followed by the quietness and solemnity of saying the Lord's Prayer together. I think that was awe and wonder. And I recall the feeling of family when great support was given to a colleague in time of trouble.

Being a governor has been hard work but extremely rewarding. Please include the family of St Peter's School in your prayers, as I do every day.

Barbara Stephens

We thank Barbara very warmly for her many years of dedicated service to St Peter's School as a teacher and as a governor, and wish her well in her 'retirement' from this latter role.

Editor

Hello and welcome

We are delighted that two church members have recently joined the governing body at St Peter's First School. We welcome Liz Ross and Margaret Harle and hope they enjoy their work.

News from the PCC

Possibly you don't have time to read the PCC minutes in great detail very often (in fact, did you even know there is always a copy from each meeting available in every church?) and because few of us have, we may not have noticed that the PCC has been doing a lot of work on rethinking the way we organise our finances in the parish. As a result, from January 2009 we will be unifying our accounts instead of running them as four separate units which then have to be brought together to be presented to the annual parish meeting.

There is still a lot of detail to sort out, but in principle the PCC will delegate particular areas of the parish budget to committees or groups, rather as it does to the

Reading Circle

Get stocked up with some new books!

Thursday 27 November

Girl at the Lyon D'or by Sebastian Faulks

Wednesday 17 December

Crow Lake by Mary Lawson,

Wednesday 28 January 2009

The Piano Tuner by Daniel Mason

Wednesday 18 February

The Coroner's Lunch by Colin Cotterill

Wednesday 25 March

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon

Wednesday 22 April

The Pilot's Wife by Anita Shreve

Wednesday 27 May

The Remarkable Everyday
Collection of Short Stories

Wednesday 24 June

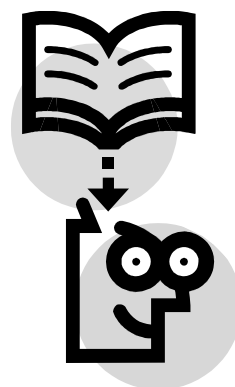
English Passengers by Matthew Kneale

Wednesday 22 July

The Bell by Iris Murdoch

Wednesday 26 August (with wine & strawberries)

The Vows of Silence by Susan Hill



For more information about the reading circle or to order any of these books please contact Rita Holden (details on the back of this magazine).

DCCs at present, but all the financial records will be kept as a single set of books. We hope that this will make better use of our resources of time and energy, with fewer people needed to run this system.

A finance group, under the direction of the PCC, has been established to help keep us on track with budgeting, monitoring income and expenditure, and making wise plans for the future, including our approach to the Parish Share. This group has no power to spend money or transact business, but will help the PCC more effectively fill its role as the body legally responsible for parish finance. In this we are especially grateful to Simon Cosson who has taken on the role of Parish Treasurer, with the finance group to support and assist.



From the Parish Registers

Please remember

Those baptised on:

September 7 Abigail Olivia McCallum
 September 14 Emily Elizabeth Richards
 September 21 Bethany Leah Stait
 September 28 Abigail Louise Bott,
 Millie Mae Howcroft
 October 5 Liam Robert Clifford Randle
 October 12 Alexander Daniel Demain
 October 19 Leah May Blake
 October 26 Jessica Ellen Jelfs,
 Finlay Thomas Wilde

Those married on:

October 4 Stephen Cupit & Victoria Bramston



Those whose funerals were held on:

September 1 Lorraine Maxine Gaunt
 September 5 John W T Barnes
 September 15 Reginald James Eaton
 September 16 Michael Kaczmar
 Derek Burford
 September 17 Nicholas Dale Ackrill
 September 23 John Patrick Fry
 September 26 Victor Ruben Smith
 October 1 Mavis Vivien Seale
 October 6 Frances Mary Banyard
 October 7 Dennis Marsh
 October 8 Alexander Panton
 October 9 William Henry Hitchen
 October 10 Audrey Forbes
 October 14 Trevor Henry Wood
 Lucy Caroline Phillips
 October 23 Marie Louise Amphlett
 October 27 Dorothy Margaret Fryer
 October 28 Lilian Ann Mason

Regular Services

Sunday	8.00 am	St Augustine's	Holy Eucharist (traditional language 4th Sundays)
	9.30am	St Peter's	Morning Worship 1st and 3rd Sundays—Worship around God's Word, with separate Sunday Club activities for children 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays—Holy Communion for all ages together
	10.30am	St Andrew's	Sung Eucharist
	5.00pm	St Nicholas'	Evening Worship 1st Sunday—Holy Eucharist with prayer for healing 2nd Sunday—Prayer and Praise—informal worship 3rd Sunday— Holy Eucharist with music from Taizé 4th Sunday—Café Church—refreshments, discussion, reflection 5th Sunday—as advertised
Monday	9.00 am	St Andrew's	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	9.30 am	St Nicholas'	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	9.00 am	St Andrew's	Morning Prayer
	11.00 am	St Andrew's	Holy Eucharist (traditional language on alternate Wednesdays)
Thursday	9.30 am	St Augustine's	Holy Eucharist
Friday	9.00 am	St Andrew's	Morning Prayer

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Church members are also invited to give the magazine away to friends and neighbours, or to anyone who would like to keep in touch with the church community. If you would like to receive this publication regularly, or if your contact details have changed, please get in touch with the Parish Office.



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address shown above.



The Primary School managed to give every child a speaking role in this year's 4 hour long nativity play.

PARISH AND DEANERY DIARY

November

15	Sat	10am-12	St Nicholas'	Toast & Toddlers
19	Weds	7.30pm	St Nicholas'	PCC meeting
22	Sat	All day 10-4pm 4-7pm	Milton Keynes St Andrew's Parish Centre/High St	Christmas shopping trip Craft Market Town Christmas lights switch-on
25	Tue	2.30pm 8.00pm	Parish Centre Parish Centre	Meeting Point for the bereaved Baptism Enquirers' meeting
26	Wed	7.30pm	St Nicholas'	Parish Development meeting
27	Thur	7.30pm	St Nicholas'	Reading Circle
28	Fri	tba	British Legion	Skittles evening
30	Sun	5.00pm	St Nicholas'	Advent Carol Service

December

1	Mon	7.00pm	St Nicholas'	Christmas Fair with Music
2	Tue	7.45pm	St Augustine's	Standing Committee meeting
3	Wed	9.45am 7.45pm 8.00pm	Amphlett House St Augustine's Parish Centre	Ecumenical prayer meeting St Augustine's DCC meeting Mature Young Wives
6	Sat	7.00pm	St Peter's	Christmas Concert
9	Tue	9.30am 2.30pm	St Nicholas' Parish Centre	Clergy Chapter meeting Meeting Point for the bereaved
10	Wed	7.30pm 7.45pm	St Nicholas' Please enquire	St Nicholas' DCC meeting Parish Fellowship meal out
13	Sat	10am-12	Parish Centre	Bible Society mini Christmas Fair
15	Mon	Evening 7.45pm	St Nicholas' 12 Langley Rd	Bufs Concert St Peter's DCC meeting
17	Wed	7.30pm	Parish Centre	Reading Circle
19	Fri	9.00am 1-1.30pm 6.00pm	St Peter's St Peter's St Nicholas'	School Service Pre-School Party Christingle Service

WEEKLY EVENTS

Mondays	9.30am-11.30am	St Nicholas	Toddler Group *
	11.00am	St Richard's Room	Prayer Group
	6.30pm	Parish Centre	Children's Choir Club *
	7.30pm	Parish Centre	Choir practice
Tuesdays	7.30pm	St Peter's	Bell ringing practice
Fridays	9.30am-11.30am	St Nicholas'	Toddler Group *
	9.45am	St Andrew's	Prayer Group

* These activities are held in term-time only

For regular service times see p7; for Christmas services see p5