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A hand-drawn illustration of a busy city street scene. The scene includes several buildings of different heights and styles, a bus, a car, a person walking, a person sitting on a bench, and a person standing. Numerous arrows point to various locations in the scene, each labeled with the word "HERE". The labels are placed at various points: on the left building's windows, on the bus, on the car, on the person walking, on the person sitting on the bench, and on the person standing. The drawing is simple and sketchy, with a focus on identifying different parts of the environment.

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The place to share our  
**Christmas  
Presence?**

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*Dear friends,*

Back in April, we had a visit from Rev'd Kevin Watson, Moderator of Yorkshire Synod and, at the time, Moderator of the General Assembly. He spoke with us about the challenge to shout 'Glory to God in the High St' – with the need to be forever present in the context of the world around, not just on our terms, in our places of worship, or when it suited us.

His visit coincided with the Granny's Attic Shop that St Andrew's were holding in the centre of Whitley Bay and at the time many felt positive about his message feeling the Church was doing that. While the financial injection has been enough to balance St Andrew's through the year, expressions of intent from a number of regular shop visitors are yet to translate into church attendance.

But eight months on, with the shop a distant memory and with the frantic shopping period of Christmas looming, I wonder whether St Andrew's is doing enough to have a presence in the High Street.

At the time of year when Christmas is shown by mass spending, emphasised by 'Black Friday' sales, God is a long way from the High Street. Christ – the gift of Christmas – came to a lowly girl and a carpenter who had to spend the night in a stable. But our shopping culture

emphasises the need to spend ever increasing sums to prop up our consumer environment. Never is God's presence in the High Street more needed than at this time of year – being a counter cultural experience for people to approach God at Christmas and without needing to pay a penny.

Last Christmas, Gary and I visited Berwick-upon-Tweed one day and found that Churches Together in Berwick had opened a shop called 'Christmas Presence' on the High Street. Everything they offered was free – gift wrapping, tea and coffee, 'make your own tree decoration', children's activities, quiet space – and they shared information of their services and their Church activities. It was a true presence of Christ on the High Street, sharing God without cashing in from it, and offering something of God's love to the world that needs to see and experience it.

As the Christmas consumer dash intensifies through December, it falls upon Christians to place Christ at the centre of our celebration and to share the story of our faith and the importance of the season. As we prepare for 'Immanuel' – God with us – it falls upon us all to share the story of God's presence as we celebrate 'Glory to God in the Highest'.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew". The script is cursive and fluid, with a large 'M' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'w'.

What do elves learn in school?  
The Elf-abet!

HUGH JACKMAN ZAC EFRON MICHELLE WILLIAMS REBECCA FERGUSON ZENDAYA

**Hugh Jackman leads an all-star cast in this musical which is filled with 'showstopping performances'. Inspired by the story of P.T. Barnum, the film follows the visionary who rose from nothing to create a mesmerising spectacle.**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2.00pm**

# THE GREATEST SHOWMAN



**All profits from the Film Club are in aid of  
church funds and charitable works.**

## **Before the paling of the stars**

Before the paling of the stars  
Before the winter morn,  
Before the earliest cock crow,  
Jesus Christ was born:  
Born in a stable,  
Cradled in a manger,  
In the world his hands had made  
Born a stranger.

Priest and king lay fast asleep  
In Jerusalem;  
Young and old lay fast asleep  
In crowded Bethlehem;  
Saint and angel, ox and ass,  
Kept a watch together  
Before the Christmas daybreak  
In the winter weather.

Jesus on his mother's breast  
In the stable cold,  
Spotless lamb of God was he,  
Shepherd of the fold:  
Let us kneel with Mary maid,  
With Joseph bent and hoary,  
With saint and angel, ox and ass,  
To hail the King of Glory.

***Christina Rossetti***

*Submitted by Jim Farley*

What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet? The Christmas alphabet has Noel.



## *ADDRESS at the Church Meeting on 18th November*

What is the job of 'Churches Together in Whitley Bay'?

We're very fortunate in Whitley Bay to have a wide representation of the churches in the area. The meetings are regularly attended by approximately 20 people from the Roman Catholics, Baptists, Methodists, Congregationalists, URC, Salvation Army, Society of Friends, Anglican, Acorn Church, Bay Church and so on.

We hear from the appropriate representatives who make up the activities which occur in and around Whitley Bay: Street Pastors, the homeless, SWEP (Severe Weather Emergency Protocol) SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education), Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Christian Aid Week, church presence in the Murton Gap Housing Development, Spiritual Care training, Summer Activity Lunches – the list is endless – we in the meetings exchange our church community activities.

However, at the last meeting of the clergy this question was posed: what is our vision for the future, which way can we move forward as an ecumenical group?

And this is where you, as a church community, come in – I know I've pounced this on you, but I would like you to give it prayerful consideration. How do we engage with the Whitley Bay community as Christians? If you have any suggestions, ideas or an inspirational way forward please share it – either with me or Matthew.

At our next Churches Together in Whitley Bay gathering in February we'll gladly verbalise any ideas you give us.

**Valerie Taylor**

How did Mary and Joseph know that Jesus weighed 4.2 kg?  
Because they had a weigh in the manger





Unfortunately Harmony Choir has had to cancel the Concert planned for Thursday 13th December owing to the illness of the Musical Director, Reg Chapple. We wish Reg a speedy recovery.

We look forward to various festive events this month. On **Friday, 14th December at 7 pm** a Community Carol Service, with refreshments afterwards, takes place to which all are welcome. The afternoon of **Monday 17th December at 2 pm** sees our annual Afternoon Carol Service which is especially for those who find difficulty in attending the usual Sunday morning services but all are welcome.

**Carol Singing in the area** – the Activities Team (and anyone else who would like to come along) will be going out carol singing around the area on **Thursday 20th December from 6 pm** and as usual we will be raising money for the Great North Air Ambulance. The following night, **Friday 21st December**, a **Longest Night Service** takes place at 7 pm.

Lastly, but not least, tickets at £10 are now on sale for the **New Year's Eve Party on Monday 31st December, 9 pm.**

Once again we have been asked to help to make up Christmas Gift Bags for vulnerable homeless and disadvantaged young people who are looked after by Depaul UK in North Tyneside.

This year we have been asked to donate 60 tubes of Pringles. A collecting box is available in the Reception Area to receive the donations or, if preferred, monetary donations can be given in lieu.

*Michael Spicer*  
*Church Representative*

What is the best Christmas present ever?  
A broken drum - you can't beat it!





We are once again seeking from church members suggestions of charities, preferably with a local or personal connection, to receive the 10% charity money which will be raised from the social events held during 2019 (to be presented in early 2020).

Nominations to me, with some background information on the charity if possible, by the end of December please following which voting papers will be issued early in 2019.

A reminder that the charities chosen for the current year and to be presented with cheques in early 2019 are: Motor Neurone Disease Association, Macmillan Nurses and Alzheimer's Society.

*Ray Hammond*

## A prayer for those who live alone

I live alone dear Lord; stay by my side. In all the daily needs be thou my guide. When I am feeling low or in despair lift up my heart and help me in my prayer.

I live alone dear Lord yet I have no fear,  
because I feel your presence ever near.

Amen.

.....  
Dear friend,

If I had a flower for everything you made me smile or  
laugh at, I'd have a garden to walk in forever.

*Submitted by Christine Clarkin*

What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?  
Claustrophobic

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you all for attending my final service on 4<sup>th</sup> November, my 86<sup>th</sup> birthday, and after 30 years as a minister, 17 of them at St. Andrew's. I have been reliably informed that 101 people received communion. Thank you too, for attending the lunch, and thanks to those who prepared it.

A big 'thank you' for the very generous cheque (£1,245), and for the many retirement and birthday cards, and presents. (I have received a large bottle of whisky but there is no name attached. If the donor would either give me a ring or have a word with me at church, I will be able to write my letter of thanks.)

I am sure I have not deserved any of this, but 'thank you' and God bless you all.

*Douglas*

Many thanks for all my lovely cards on my 90th, especially on Remembrance Day. It certainly was a wonderful day thanks to Matthew and crew. Also for my lovely bowl of flowers and presents. Thanks also to Catriona and support to make that day very special. My sincere thanks to all involved.

*Derek Lowdon*

I wish to thank all the members and friends who attended the memorable Thanksgiving Service for Sheila, on the 30th of October. The large number gave enormous support to myself and the family, both on the day and later - and the singing during the service was inspiring.

Many, many thanks to you all.

*Paul Hartley*

Poppies from the "Haul for Hope" display that was the centrepiece of the Remembrance and Reconciliation Festival are available in the church for a small donation each for anyone that would like some. Money from donations will be split evenly between Royal British Legion and Peace Pledge Union.

How do you know when Santa's in the room?  
You can sense his presents.

**If anyone finds  
even the large print  
hymn books/orders  
of service difficult  
to read, and would  
like hymns,  
responses, etc. in  
this font and type  
size, please see  
Jean Jackson**

Why is Christmas just like a day at the office? You do all the work  
and the fat guy with the suit gets all the credit.

## Advent: 'the coming'



It is so easy to become caught up in the bandwagon in the preparations to celebrate Christmas, to fill this time of Advent with parties, endless to-do lists, queuing and shopping, it is all too easy to worry about all that needs to be done and is still to do.

Advent: 'the coming' is a time of preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth to hear the story of angels, shepherds and wise men coming to the little town of Bethlehem to worship a baby born in a stable, wrapped in strips of cloth lying in a manger. That was the story of 2000 years ago. Now we wait, watch and listen for Christ's coming again. Our Lord wants to come into our lives and this makes Advent a time of challenge for Christians. In the dark winter months, we are challenged to watch, wait and listen for and perhaps find it in unexpected places. In the darkness are those who live on the margins of society: the huddled figures in shop doorways; those who live each day with mental and physical disabilities; those who have no space to have their voices heard and those who believe they have no value in society. This is the challenge for Christians at Advent to watch and bring healing; to wait for the unexpected and stretch out our hands; to listen to those whom no one will listen to. This is Advent: the coming of Christ anew into our lives.

The 3 stages of man: He believes in Santa Claus.  
He doesn't believe in Santa Claus. He is Santa Claus.

At this Advent time Holy God, we offer our prayers:

Holy God before us, beside us, within us, it would seem the world has captured this Holy season pushing the hope and joy of Your coming to the edges of our lives and we fail to see the true story of Christmas as it is now.

Holy God this Advent help us to watch for you, to wait for the unexpected and to stretch out our hands to those in need. Help us to listen to those whom no one will listen to. May we receive Christ into our lives anew.

Holy God, there is no place without you; help us to recognise your presence in the dark places, the difficult places of our lives; even as we sing of your glory in the light.

Amen.

*Chris Polhill 2016 adapted.*

*Submitted by Hopes for 2020 – Hope 4 Team*



## Hope 6 — Budget

| Month           | October | Year to date |
|-----------------|---------|--------------|
| Income          | £6,296  | £93,036      |
| Expenditure     | £7,739  | £88,384      |
| Surplus/Deficit | -£1,443 | £4,652       |

Why did the child's grades drop after the holidays?  
Because everything was marked down!

**58 Society 2nd meeting – 29th October 2018**

‘Harold’s War’, a talk given by Alison Houston on her family history research focusing on the history of her Grandfather, Harold Clayton.

Harold was born in Keighley, the youngest of seven children. He had a grammar school education, was very musical, becoming the church organist at the age of twelve. He was 19 years old when he signed up for the Special Reserve for six years. The initial training was fun – the real thing was very different. In 1915, near Ypres, he suffered a serious chest wound and was missing for three days. He ended up in Tynemouth to recuperate. He returned to fight in the battle of the Somme in July 1916.

After being wounded for the third time, he returned to England. He was married in 1918, was promoted to lieutenant and eventually demobbed in 1919. In December 1919, his son was born. He got a job working down a mine, but in 1920 was motivated to do more duty, heading to Ireland on his 24th birthday. Sadly, he was the victim of an IRA ambush during the Clon Finn Outrage, was severely wounded and died two days later. His funeral was a political event but with full military honours. He was buried in a war grave in Preston Cemetery. Harold’s wife wanted to put up a headstone, but it was not allowed as it was not a military killing. Alison felt this was unjust, but eventually the War Commission agreed to provide a headstone. Harold’s wife had to go to Dublin, to fight for compensation. She was given £3,500, to the children and a pension for life.

Harold’s story has been made into a history project – ‘What was Harold’s War like’ that was reported in the Keighley News. 37 members and visitors enjoyed this very interesting talk. Richard Varley gave the vote of thanks.

Santa's elves are just a bunch of subordinate Clauses.

### **58 Society 3rd meeting – 12th November 2018**

‘African Adventures’ with Ann and Ray Hammond took us on their recent holiday adventures to South Africa and Kenya. They illustrated their talk with some interesting photos including some beautiful views and close up shots of the wild animals.

In South Africa, they spent several days in Cape Town, where they sampled lots of different types of food and saw fur seals swimming in the harbour. They also went to Robben Island where the maximum security prison for political prisoners is located. They went on the cable car, which rotated up and down, and saw a lot of African penguins, as well as visiting fifteen vineyards in three days! They then travelled to the Savanna Private Game Reserve, staying in a lovely farmhouse and went On Safari. The game drivers were superb and the animals were used to the jeeps so were close up to them.

In 2017, Ann and Ray visited Kenya, staying in a 1960’s colonial house in Nairobi. They enjoyed visiting the coast and Sand Island, before travelling to Biji Camp, which was very basic and quite primitive. They had to sleep in tents near the river, where there was little security. It was nerve racking. An elephant walked through the camp past their tent and seemed quite at home! Each day, the game drivers took them to different locations, including Mudanda Rock, a famous view point, and Crocodile Point, but there were no crocs! There was a tourist point on the river, where the crocs came out of the river, but stopped to order! They visited the Dame Daphne Seldrick Orphaned Elephant Village. These orphaned elephants are eventually released back into the wild but bring their young back to the orphanage to show them off. Sadly, Ann and Ray had just heard that Biji Camp had been washed away in the recent floods.

I bought my son a fridge for Christmas.  
I can't wait to see his face light up when he opens it.



Before returning home, they went back to Nairobi, where they visited Karen Blixen's house/museum. The film, 'Out of Africa', was based on her book and was filmed nearby.

Forty three members and visitors enjoyed Ann and Ray's talk.

The next meeting is Monday, 26th November at 7.30pm. The speakers are Hilary East and Hazel Graham, talking about 'Cobles, Creels and Clogs'.

***Celia Purves***

You may have come across Gift Aid in connection with Museums, Charities and in our Church offertory.

It is a government scheme where, if a taxpayer makes a donation to a charity, the charity can then claim back from the Inland Revenue an amount equal to 25% of the donation. This represents the amount of tax which has been paid on the amount donated.

We already have 56 people in the congregation who are part of the scheme and who last year donated a total of over £23,000. This meant that over £5000 was able to be claimed back for the Church through the scheme.

If anyone else [who pays income tax at source, including on pay and pensions] wishes to join, please contact Kevin Ames. There is no need to change what you are currently giving, but it means that he can make a claim on this, and increase the amount by a quarter for Church funds.

***Kevin Ames*** (as given at last Church Meeting)

Which of Santa's reindeers needs to mind his manners the most?  
"Rude"olph

A reminder for Newstand subscribers that the annual payment will shortly be due, and I shall be grateful if you will arrange for the money to be paid to your distributor, or to myself if you normally pay me direct, before the end of January, please.

The annual payment for 2019 remains at £6.60, i.e. 11 issues at 60 pence, plus 1 issue free (or a combined issue in the summer – will be confirmed in May/June edition).

Should anyone else wish to change from monthly to annual payment and have their copy of Newstand delivered to their home, or a reserved copy put in the pigeonholes, please contact me.

Thank you.

*Carole Mallett*

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|-----------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| January   | 23 December  | 16 December  | 17 December   |
| February  | 27 January   | 20 January   | 21 January    |
| March     | 24 February  | 17 February  | 18 February   |
| April     | 31 March     | 24 March     | 25 March      |
| May       | 28 April     | 21 April     | 22 April      |
| June*     | 26 May       | 19 May       | 20 May        |
| July*     | 30 June      | 23 June      | 24 June       |
| August*   | 28 July      | 21 July      | 22 July       |
| September | 25 August    | 18 August    | 19 August     |
| October   | 29 September | 22 September | 23 September  |
| November  | 27 October   | 20 October   | 21 October    |
| December  | 24 November  | 17 November  | 18 November   |

\* may be combined June/  
July or July/August edition

What goes "oh oh oh"?  
Santa walking backwards.

## Remembering sadness and loss at Christmas



Christmas time can be difficult when we have sadness in our life. We can feel disconnected from the joy and happiness of the festivities, or can have a sense of loss or emptiness. In a season of great joy, there seems to be little space for sadness and grief.

The *Longest Night Service* (also known as a “Blue Christmas” service) is an opportunity to come together in a simple, reflective service to remember those known to us who have died, and to recognise our sadness and our loss. Whether that be a recent bereavement – or one long past – we remember those dear to us and take time to be in God’s presence in our vulnerability.

White stars are available to write the names of those who we may want to remember at this time. These might be the names of those who have died, or the names of family, friends – or even ourselves – whose sadness we want to mark in this service.

Our *Longest Night Service* takes place on Friday, 21st December at 7pm, lasting about 45 minutes. The Church will be open for reflection from 6.30pm. Light refreshments will be available afterwards.

You are invited to complete one or more stars, either before the service or on the day, and we will add them to the stars we have collected. Cards are available to give to friends and neighbours who might be interested in being involved – either by writing on a star, or by being present. Stars are available on the memorial table at the back of the Church, or by asking Matthew.

Who is never hungry at Christmas?  
The turkey - it's always stuffed!

# ST. ANDREW'S 100 CLUB

## October Draw

91 numbers went into the draw on 28<sup>th</sup> October.

The Winners were:

|     |        |                  |         |
|-----|--------|------------------|---------|
| 1st | No. 95 | Dawn Rudd        | £136.50 |
| 2nd | No. 76 | Peter Sayce      | £68.25  |
| 3rd | No. 21 | Derek Stembridge | £22.75  |

£227.50 was given to Church funds.

The "100 Club" is a fund raising activity for Church funds. Each member pays £5 per month and the money is allocated as follows:

50% to Church funds

50% towards prize money

A monthly draw is held at a Church event or on the last Sunday of the month during morning coffee.

If you are interested in joining the "100 Club", please contact:

***Kathleen Hopper (2522345)***

Two snowmen in a field, one turned to the other and said  
"I don't know about you but I can smell carrots!"

## DEATHS



- HARTLEY** Sheila, aged 79 years,  
on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018.  
Committal at Whitley Bay  
on 30<sup>th</sup> October followed by  
service at St Andrew's, conducted by  
Revd Dr Matthew Prevett.
- MALLOCH** Joyce, aged 95 years,  
on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018.  
Service and committal at Whitley Bay  
on 6<sup>th</sup> November,  
conducted by Revd Gordon Connacher.
- BATES** George Anthony (Tony), aged 93 years,  
On 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018.  
Service and committal at Whitley Bay  
on 8<sup>th</sup> November,  
conducted by Revd Dr Matthew Prevett.
- BROWN** Mavis Doreen, aged 82 years,  
on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018.  
Committal at Whitley Bay  
on 16<sup>th</sup> November followed by  
service at St Andrew's, conducted by  
Revd Dr Matthew Prevett.

What kind of motorbike does Santa ride?  
A Holly Davidson!



*The names of those we remember  
this month are*

*George Charlton*

*Cynthia Workman*

*Robert Smith Niven*

*Alistair Fraser*



## Northern Synod Prayer Diary

|    |  |
|----|--|
| 2  | Advent as we prepare for Christmas. PCM and the work of Mozambique Council of Churches Independent Churches' Representative, Dr Mark Bonnington.   |
| 9  | The work of Ministries and Development Committee and its convenor, Revd Hilary Collinson; St Columba's URC, North Shields; St Andrew's URC, Monkseaton; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett; Human Rights Day (10 <sup>th</sup> ). |
| 16 | Stamfordham LEP (Methodist/URC), Revd Harold Stuteley (Methodist); Bellingham LEP (Methodist/URC); Falstone & Kielder URC; Wark LEP (Methodist/URC); Deacon Anne Taylor (Methodist).                                   |
| 23 | St John the Evangelist LEP (Anglican/Baptist/Methodist/URC), Kingston Park, Newcastle. Christmas Worship across the Synod.   |
| 30 | PCM, their retired ministers and those newly appointed to posts with PCM. Northern Divisional Salvation Army Commanders, Majors Denis and Olive Lomax.   |

## Monthly Duties

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| <b>Elders</b>   | Vestry: C.Mallett<br>Reception: C.Fenwick<br>Communion: L.Cooke |
| <b>Stewards</b> | J.Jackson, J.Hooper   |
| <b>Flowers</b>  | Kathleen, Ann S & Catriona                                      |

## Weekly Duties

|                       |   |                  |
|-----------------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Sun 02-Dec-18</b>  | Readers: K.Hopper, I.Ord<br>Prayers of Concern: V. Taylor             | Organ:<br>Pete   |
| <b>Tues 04-Dec-18</b> | Prayers: Matthew  |                  |
| <b>Sun 09-Dec-18</b>  | Readers: Unif. Orgs. S.Clark<br>Prayers of Concern: H.Hall            | Organ:<br>Helen  |
| <b>Tues 11-Dec-18</b> | Prayers: Ann  |                  |
| <b>Sun 16-Dec-18</b>  | Readers: Jnr. Church, P.Hartley<br>Prayers of Concern: Worship Leader | Organ:<br>Alex   |
| <b>Tues 18-Dec-18</b> | Prayers: Una  |                  |
| <b>Sun 23-Dec-18</b>  | Readers: K.Ames, C.Lynch<br>Prayers of Concern: Una Ketteridge        | Organ:<br>Pete   |
| <b>Tues 25-Dec-18</b> | Readers: C.Fenwick, B.Burgess<br>Prayers of Concern: Worship Leader   | Organ:<br>Pete   |
| <b>Sun 30-Dec-18</b>  | Readers: M.Walton, S.Pine<br>Prayers of Concern: A.Cooke              | Organ:<br>Hymnal |

## Newstand Dates

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
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**Open Door Coffee Mornings**  
every Tuesday and Thursday  
from 10am to Noon

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Dec 2018 / Jan 2019**

A short **Act of Worship** is  
held in the Church Foyer  
every Tuesday at 9.30am

|              |    |   |                              |
|--------------|----|---|------------------------------|
| Sunday       | 2  | Praise Service; Praise Team   | 9.30 am                      |
|              |    | Prayer Group  | 10.30 am                     |
|              |    | (Advent 1) Communion Service;<br>Rev'd Dr Matthew Prevett                     | 11.00 am                     |
| Tuesday      | 4  | Worship Group Meeting   | 7.30 pm                      |
| Thursday     | 6  | Elders' Meeting   | 7.30 pm                      |
| Friday       | 7  | Friendship Club Christmas Lunch <u>1.00 for</u>                               | 1.30 pm                      |
| Sunday       | 9  | (Advent 2) Children's Christmas Festival Service;<br>Rev'd Dr Matthew Prevett | 11.00 am                     |
|              |    | Messy Church  | 3.30 pm                      |
| Monday       | 10 | Fifty Eight Society Christmas Dinner – <i>Note Time</i>                       | <u>7.00 pm</u>               |
| Friday       | 14 | Community Carol Service   | 7.00 pm                      |
| Sunday       | 16 | (Advent 3) Communion Service;<br>Rev'd Dr Matthew Prevett                     | 9.30 am                      |
|              |    | Morning Worship; Rev'd Dr Matthew Prevett                                     | 11.00 am                     |
| Monday       | 17 | Afternoon Christmas Service;<br>Rev'd Dr Matthew Prevett                      | 2.00 pm                      |
| Thursday     | 20 | Carol Singing in the area   | 6.00 pm                      |
| Friday       | 21 | Film Club – 'The Greatest Showman'  | 2.00 pm                      |
|              |    | Longest Night Service   | 7.00 pm                      |
| Sunday       | 23 | (Advent 4) Morning Worship; Mrs Valerie Taylor                                | 11.00 am                     |
| Monday       | 24 | Carols by Candlelight;<br>Rev'd Dr Matthew Prevett                            | <u>11.00 for</u><br>11.30 pm |
| Tuesday      | 25 | Communion Service; Rev'd Dr Matthew Prevett                                   | 9.30 am                      |
|              |    | Christmas Day Family Worship;<br>Rev'd Dr Matthew Prevett                     | 10.30 am                     |
| Sunday       | 30 | Morning Worship; Dr Ann Sinclair  | 11.00 am                     |
| Monday       | 31 | New Year's Eve Party  | 9.00 pm                      |
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| Sunday       | 6  | Praise Service; Praise Team   | 9.30 am                      |
|              |    | Prayer Group  | 10.30 am                     |
|              |    | Communion Service; Rev'd Dr Matthew Prevett                                   | 11.00 am                     |
| Monday       | 7  | Fifty Eight Society – 'Queen Victoria'  | 7.30 pm                      |
| Tuesday      | 8  | Executive Team Meeting  | 10.00 am                     |
| Thursday     | 10 | Elders' Meeting   | 7.30 pm                      |
| Friday       | 11 | Friendship Club   | 2.00 pm                      |