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Dear Friends,

As I write this it is just mid-way through November and this letter is for the December/January joint edition. I could, therefore, choose from a variety of topics including Advent, Christmas or New Year, as the magazine covers all of these seasons.

In church we are preparing for lots of different events for this period and life seems busier than ever.

I'm sure that most of us could benefit from concentrating on Advent as a time for serious reflection on our faith journey so far and actively resisting the temptation to jump ahead to the celebrations of our Lord's birth and New Year, surrounded as we already are by all the trappings of Christmas.

However, in our family lives most of us are probably already involved in future planning and preparations for the things ahead. Among them, no doubt, is the difficult task of choosing suitable gifts for friends and family.

Those who know me well know that my choices tend to be a little conservative – not quite socks and handkerchiefs, but not exactly adventurous and imaginative things either. To be honest my wife Alison is the one who comes up with the ideas for most of the things we give.

Christmas Nativity scenes nearly always include the visit of the Wise Men/Magi bearing gifts for the baby Jesus but the actual date for this is the sixth of January when we celebrate the Epiphany. If you thought choosing gifts for your family and friends was difficult

imagine having to choose what you would bring as a gift for the Saviour of the World!



The Wise Men, as any child can tell you, brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Perhaps not the first things you would think of as gifts for a child!

Theologians have puzzled for centuries why they chose these particular things. The consensus seems to be that they chose the gifts as befitting a King, Priest and Sacrificial Lamb.

Gold was the usual offering given by subjects to their king; frankincense (a kind of aromatic incense derived from tree sap) was used by a priest in the Temple; and myrrh (a bitter-tasting aromatic gum extracted from a thorny bush called “balsamodendron myrrha” used for embalming the dead) for one who would be given up to die. All three were among the costliest items available at the time.

Our gifts to Jesus do not need to be so extravagant but they do require just as much thought, and ultimately are even more costly. Obviously, we cannot give Jesus the usual wrapped-up present so what might he want from us?

Well, the truth is that I can't tell you because I don't know! We each have to work the answer out for ourselves. We are all unique, our circumstances are different and our talents and abilities are all different. So, therefore, our gifts to Jesus will be different too. They may be a mixture of gifts arising from our money, time and talents.

What I can tell you is that God will honour your gift if it is given from a thankful heart after prayerful consideration. I hope that we can all make the time to consider for ourselves what Jesus might want from us in 2020.

May God bless us and the work we do in his name: may you be granted a happy, holy and blessed Advent, Christmas and New Year.

Bob

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HARVEST

As usual, Lesley and her team of CEFAA Flower Arrangers [Brenda, Carolyn and Joy] did us proud with the glorious Harvest floral displays which this year were enhanced by the flowers arranged round the pulpit by children from our Sunday Club. We are so blessed to have such talented ladies willing to give so much time to ensure St Luke's is beautifully decorated with flowers and foliage throughout the year.



Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation

"Advent, like its cousin Lent, is a season for prayer and reformation of our hearts. Since it comes at winter time, fire is a fitting sign to help us celebrate Advent...If Christ is to come more fully into our lives this Christmas, if God is to become really incarnate for us, then fire will have to be present in our prayer. Our worship and devotion will have to stoke the kind of fire in our souls that can truly change our hearts. Ours is a great responsibility not to waste this Advent time." from, 'The Fire of Advent' by Edward Hays

Warrington West Concert Band

Wow! We were treated to the most wonderful evening of music performed by the musicians of Warrington West



Concert Band under the leadership of their conductor Ben Lloyd. The Band is a community ensemble consisting of brass, woodwind and percussion instruments. Musicians of all ages play in the band, some of them just learning their instrument, others who actually play professionally. Together they make the most glorious music. An appreciative audience heard a programme of music from stage and screen, with some classical pieces to showcase individual talents. Some of the pieces were very challenging, in particular a piccolo solo known to be notoriously difficult; Amelia, a fourteen year old cornet player featured in two pieces, she was amazing. Under Ben's leadership, the band has grown from just 15 payers to more than 50. He has introduced new and more challenging pieces of music and continually looks to improve overall and individual performance standards. He says, "I consider it an honour and a privilege to lead such a fantastic group of people who have such a high level of commitment and enthusiasm." We feel honoured and privileged that they come to play for us and we very much look forward to their next Concert.

Thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy the evening and a special thank you to those who helped serve refreshments, organise the raffle and clear everything away at the end of the evening.

FARNWORTH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**LOTS to report on, which
is wonderful!**

HARVEST CELEBRATION

We delighted to welcome the children to church to celebrate their Harvest Festival with us. Well done to everyone, especially the Ethos group who wrote the service and led it with such confidence. The choice of Harvest themed songs echoed the message of God's generosity and bountiful gifts; the children's beautiful voices soared filling the church with such joyful praise. It was fantastic! A huge 'Thank you' to the parents and carers for their more than generous donations to Foodbank. It is a sad fact that one in nine local families need the support of Foodbank to put food on their tables so these supplies will definitely help them. We always enjoy having the children join us in church.

RECEPTION children, their Y6 Buddies, teachers and teaching assistants came to a special 'Welcome to our church family' service on Thursday November 7th. You would not have known that the children have only been in school for seven weeks, the little ones were so confident in their speaking and singing. They sang, 'Our God is a great big God' and 'One, two, three, it's great to be me!' Proud parents, grand parents, younger brothers and sisters came along and enjoyed the service. Mrs Stillings spoke of how proud she was of them and all the staff. Rev'd Bob welcomed them and closed with a blessing. We hope to see everyone in church again soon.



REMEMBRANCE at Farnworth CE School

**There was a
special whole
school service
on Thursday
November 7th
when the
children**



gathered to pay their respects to those who had lost their lives in conflicts. On Monday November 11th, along with Mrs Stillings, Mrs Parr and Mrs Houghton, I was privileged to accompany a group of Y6 pupils to Victoria Park where we took our places, along with many others, who had gathered at 11am on the 11th month of 2019 to commemorate this special day. I was so proud to stand alongside those boys and girls; they were such amazing ambassadors for the school. In squally conditions, super smart in their school uniforms, they stood silently, tall and straight, their heads bowed as a member of the Royal British Legion recited the Kohima Prayer and a young girl bugler played the Last Post and Reveille. Afterwards they were invited to lay a wreath on the Cenotaph that had been made by the youngest children in school from Miss Dalzell and Miss Picton's classes. Before we left, we huddled together and prayed, thanking God for those who had given their lives so that we might live today and asking God to protect us and give us enough love and peace in our hearts to share. Thank you children; what we shared was very special. Sue

Our Director of Music Paul Delaney

You may not know but Paul is a writer and poet as well as our organist.

Johnny Johnson's lone Spitfire

**On the bottom of the English Channel;
lies a rusting, wrecked Spitfire.**

**Squadron leader Johnny Johnson's
still strapped in its cockpit's seat.**

**A handsome chap in those halcyon days,
a renowned and excellent flyer.**

**Brought down by the guns of a German ace,
a dashing, formidable feat.**



**Still tucked inside Johnny's pocket,
below his pilot's wings,
is an old, damp photograph,
of his fiancée, Charlotte Wright.**

A blushing and beautiful English rose.

Oh the pleasures true love brings!

**But Charlotte's heart was broken forever,
on that cruel, summer's night.**



**On the bottom of the English Channel,
lies a mangled Messerschmitt.**

**Oberleutnant Erich Hauptmann's
still strapped in its cockpit's seat.**

**A brave warrior, tall and blonde,
who possessed an inventive wit.**

**Brought down by the guns of an English
ace, an untimely, cruel exit.**

**Still tucked inside Erich's pocket,
sat below his eagle's wings,
is an old, damp photograph,
of his fiancée, Lara Faust.
Childhood sweethearts, hopelessly in love,
two sweet and innocent things.
But Lara's heart was broken forever,
on the night of that aerial jaust.**

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Your country needs YOU!

**'Your country needs you!' said the poster.
Just a piece of cardboard hanging on a wall.**

**Harry Malone marched past with his friends.
The long, and the short and the tall.**

**'Shall we join up and fight for our King?'
asked Harry, to his patriotic pals.**

**'If we can wear soldiers' uniforms,
we'll be chased around by gals.'**

**One by one, they scrawled their names,
signing their lives away.**

**Ink flowed through that golden nib,
on that fateful, life changing day.**

**The pals did train, at Salisbury plain,
over downs and English moors.**

**Battered by biting winds and rains
and Sergeant Majors' roars.**

Harry did meet a beautiful girl.

His uniform did the trick.

**A striking lass called Charlotte Brown,
with long, blonde hair so thick.**

**'Marry me please, when you come back home,'
said Charlotte, stealing a kiss.**

'Of course I will,' said her handsome beloved.

'My heart, well it bursts with bliss.'

**She handed her lover a lock of hair,
encased in a golden charm.**

'Tuck me away in your pocket,' she said.

'I will keep you away from harm.'

**Weeks passed by and Harry and pals
sailed on a boat to France.**

**His fiancée's voice and stunning face
performed a cinema dance.**

**Harry waited in his muddy trench
for his Captain's whistle to blow.**

'Fix your bayonets!' a voice cried out.

'Fritz deserves a show!'

**A piercing pitch punched the air -
a shrill but innocent sound.**

**And Harry's battalion went 'over the top'
by their generals' orders bound.**

**Harry and pals formed a line,
advancing through the mud.**

**Machine guns rattled and shrapnel flew.
And the earth was bathed in blood.**

**Harry clutched his golden charm,
housing his sweetheart's hair;
as he marched towards those Maxim guns
and into the devil's lair.**

**Three hot bullets strayed and sizzled
pounding Harry's chest.**

**And a soldier died for England
with his pals, who were the best.**

**Charlotte's hair is buried now,
deep under a farmer's field.**

**Safely hidden in her lover's pocket
but one day the earth shall yield.**

**Private Malone will be found one day,
along with his lover's charm.**

**Still together in that blood soaked field
on a peaceful Belgian farm.**



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from 'My favourite trainers!' published Sept 2016)**

MOTHERS' UNION

Chris led the October meeting starting with prayers and the hymn 'Through all the scenes of life'. Marjorie Blennerhassett, who also sings in St Luke's choir, was our speaker talking about people who have taught her important lessons in her life. She said how lots of parents today are glued to their phones and not interacting with their children. Marjorie's parents talked to her all the time about her surroundings, trees, plants and everyday events. They also pointed out dangers like the electric train lines. She spoke of teachers, good and bad who have influenced her and made her think about how to treat people. She had bosses whose bullish attitude was awful and she knew she would not treat people that way. She learnt to always read things through. Read the verses of hymns before choosing them for an occasion. An example was 'Abide with me'. Don't choose it for a morning service as its about eventide. Marjorie was entertaining, amusing and we all enjoyed her talk. She ended with a reading she really likes and has carried it with her for years. She asked Sue Connolly to read it.

**Not till the loom is silent
And the shuttle ceases to fly
Shall God unroll the canvas
And explain the reason why
The dark threads are as needful
In the weaver's skilful hand
As the threads of gold & silver
In the pattern He has planned**

Colleen led the November meeting and started with prayers. It was our craft evening and Carol Mather came

to show us how to make mini gardens. We all brought along a cup & saucer or dish. Carol brought along compost, gravel and plants. The plants used are sedums and sempervivums. They are very hardy but do not like getting their roots wet. We placed pebbles on the bottom then compost. The little plants were put in the soil and small pebbles round them. Carol brought along a box of decorations like small pieces of slate, buttons, shells and other oddments. We used these to decorate the pots. The plants are happy inside or out. You can use a variety of containers and let your imagination run wild. Children like fairy gardens that are popular at the moment. We all ended up with a delightful mini garden. Another success for Carol. She has been coming for several years and always brings something new for us to do. We are lucky that she has so many craft hobbies. Chris thanked Carol for all the effort she puts in to make an enjoyable evening.

Dec 11th Christmas celebrations. Daniel will play for us. There will be mulled wine, fruit juices, mince pies or biscuits plus tea and coffee. There will be a raffle.

Dec 12th Christmas meal at the college at 12-00 - £20.

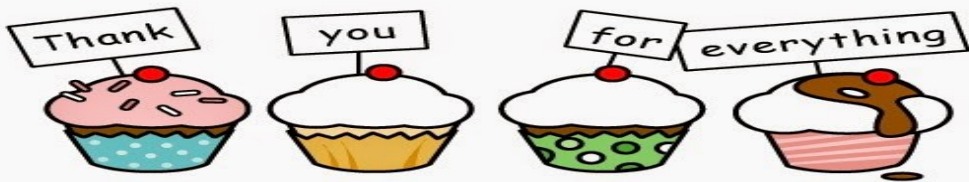
Deanery carols Dec 8th at All Hallows Allerton at 2pm

Colleen has a prayer station in church for the Mothers' Union. It will be there until 10th December. It is about Domestic Abuse. Marriage is a licence to love not hit. Any wedding photos can be put on the display.

Jan 8th meeting Revd Bob as our speaker.

Tea rota for Dec & Jan is the committee

On behalf of the committee I wish you all a happy Christmas and Peaceful New year. Rita Poole



A huge thank you to Lynn and Alan Keeling for organising another excellent quiz night. There were 11 teams taking part and there were only 20 points between the winners and the losers, well done Alan, don't how you do it. Also thank you to all who provided refreshments what a spread. £200 was raised for church funds and £240 was donated to the Alzheimer's Society.

A date for 2020 is Friday March 13th for the next one.

ALL SOULS SERVICES

We offered two services this year when families and friends could come to remember a departed



loved and each of the services was really well attended. There were readings, prayers and a quiet time for reflection whilst the John Lennon song, 'In my life' was played.

People valued the opportunity to come forward to light a candle and float a rose petal on water. Inevitably, tears were shed but there were also lots of smiles as people recalled special moments shared with their loved ones.

SERVICES	DECEMBER 2019	
Date	St Ambrose	St Luke
Sun 1st	09.00 HC	
	10.30 MP	10.30 HC
		12.30 Baptisms
Wed 4th		09.30 MP
Sun 8th		08.00 HC
	10.30 HC	10.30 MP
		16.00 Toddler Church
Wed 11th	10.00 HC	09.30 HC
Sun 15th	10.30 HC	10.30 All Age Worship & Sunday Club Nativity
	16.00 CHRISTINGLE	18.00 HC [BCP]
Wed 18th		09.30 MP
Sun 22nd	09.00 HC	
	10.30 CAROLS & COFFEE	10.30 HC
		18.00 9 LESSONS & CAROLS
Tues 24th		15.00 CHRISTINGLE 17.00 CHRISTINGLE 23.00 HC
	23.00 HC	
Wed 25th	No service	10.00 HC
Sun 29th	10.30 HC	10.30 HC

SERVICES	January 2020	
Date	St Ambrose	St Luke
Wed 1st	No service	No service
EPIPHANY Sun 5th	09.00 HC	
	10.30 MP	10.30 HC
		12.30 Baptisms
Wed 8th	10.00 HC	09.30 MP
Sun 12th		08.00 HC
	10.30 HC	10.30 MP
		16.00 Toddler Church
Wed 15th		09.30 HC
Sun 19th	10.30 HC	10.30 All Age Worship
		18.00 HC [BCP]
Wed 22nd	10.00 HC	09.30 MP
Sun 26th	09.00 HC	
	10.30 MP	10.30 HC
		12.30 Baptisms
Wed 30th		09.30 HC

**Wishing you a merry Christmas and a peaceful
New Year from the Editor.**

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Hi Everyone

Just a quick message this month as we are all very busy. The items needed are :



Small jars of coffee, Jam, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Potatoes, Fruit Juice (Long Life), Chocolate, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Sponge Puddings, UHT Milk.

Plus small items of toiletries- shampoo, conditioner, shower gel , deodorants for male and female clients would be much appreciated.



Christmas items are welcome but please give them early in the month so we can get them out to the centres in good time.

**Thanks for all your regular donations.
Lesley Howell**

SUNDAY CLUB

On September 22nd Sue Mitchell, presented the Child Friendly Church Award to Sunday Club children.



The Sunday Club children prepared flowers for Harvest guided by Lesley and Brenda and presented the ladies with thank you cards.



J.A.M. Crèche

Our J.A.M. Crèche [Jesus and Me Crèche] is proving very popular and many little ones take advantage of the books, toys and bible themed colouring sheets.



This little girl loved lining up all the animals to walk into Noah's Ark and she was so clever building the animal tower. Her baby sister loved that.

The Crèche is available to little ones and their families during every services. In the New Year, we will be submitting a bid to buy more resources.

REMEMBRANCE Along with congregation members, we welcomed representatives from our Uniformed Organisations, our Schools and Sunday Club to our Remembrance Service for 2019.

The service commemorates the contribution and sacrifice of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts. Names of those brave boys, men and women from our local Parishes of Farnworth, Cronton and Bold were read out, all 174 of them; someone commented at the end of that service that they found that quite a shocking number and it was very poignant to hear their names.



Members of our congregation also laid crosses at the altar in memory of their loved ones.

Our church looked absolutely stunning, decorated with arrangements containing many hundreds of poppies, all thanks to all the hard work and commitment of our super talented CEFAA ladies, Lesley, Brenda, Carolyn and Joy.

Thank you to Barry Horabin who liaises each year with the Royal British Legion to ensure that we have the wreaths, poppies and other appropriate Remembrance merchandise for sale.

INPUT for the Parish Review

If would be great if you wrote an article for the magazine. Send to fanworthreview@yahoo.co.uk by Jan 16th for Feb/March edition.





St Luke's Sunday Club

First two Sundays of the month and the fourth. (except August)

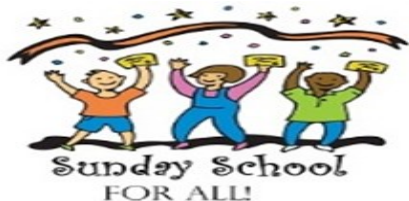


**September 8th 10.30am till 11.40am
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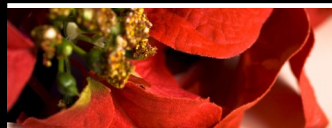
Please come and join us.



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Keeling on
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DEC	FLOWER ROTA	JAN	FLOWER ROTA
1	Advent	12	Mrs R Collins
8	Advent	19	Mrs J Edwardson
15	Advent	26	Mrs S Smither
25	Mrs J Hughes		



9 LESSONS and CAROLS

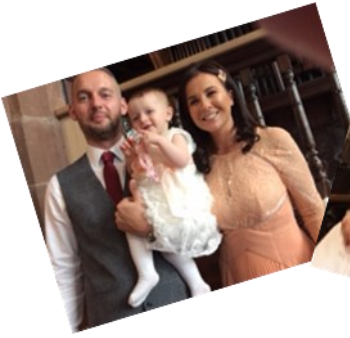
**Sunday 22nd
December 6pm**



Mince pies and mulled wine served from 5.30pm

BAPTISMS

We are always delighted to welcome families and friends to St Luke's to celebrate with and support the newly baptised. We are blessed that so many families living in the area choose St Luke's for their baptisms. Enquiries re Baptisms may be made through Lesley, our Team Administrator. Her contact details are on the back cover of the magazine.



Farewell Message

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to say my goodbyes through the pages of your magazine and, in so doing, to reflect upon my time as Headteacher at Farnworth CE Primary and the importance of St Luke's Church for me personally and to the school as a whole throughout this time.

I joined Farnworth CE Primary School in September 2011 and from the outset experienced a warm and open welcome from all at St Luke's; from the church wardens to the congregation I was genuinely made to feel that I belonged – this feeling has never abated. During my time at the school I have had the good fortune to work alongside four incumbents: Reverend Helen Morby, Reverend Helen Blackburn, Reverend Laura Leatherbarrow and, most recently, Reverend Bob Pearson. I valued the wisdom and spiritual guidance that each provided in their own inimitable ways and am deeply indebted to each of them for their support. Indebted too to the work of the Foundation Governors – Gillian Deans and Ann Mather – whose commitment to the work of the Governing Body has been truly appreciated by the rest of the Governors and me.

I am proud that in May 2016 the school received an outstanding SIAMs judgement and that we have been awarded two Church School Partnership Awards. The SIAMs report of May 2016 was clear about the strength of the relationship between school and church:

'Extremely strong links between the school and St. Luke's church facilitate dynamic spiritual and social development within school and in the wider Christian

community...The school worships in the parish church for major festivals and this enables children and their families to feel part of the wider worshipping community. Members of the congregation lead the children through the Experience Easter stations, playing an important part in the development of children's ability to reflect and pray. They also lead worship with Key Stage 1 using Open the Book.'

Indeed, Open the Book holds a special place in the children's hearts as it does in my own. It is wonderful to see how the children relish listening to and actively participating in the Bible stories which are brought to life through animated story telling and drama. I know the children really look forward to seeing the Open the Book team – both in school and out and about in the community – and I have loved hearing the various anecdotes of when these brief encounters take place. My final reflections turn to someone who holds a special place in the life of Farnworth CE Primary School and who, through her steadfast and selfless approach, has greatly enriched so many aspects of our work. Sue Smither has been my North Star throughout my headship and the school has been truly blessed to have her constant love and support for more years than she may herself care to mention! Thank you, Sue. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work in such a joyful and distinctive school community and to have shared this experience with people who are true servant leaders. Thank you all for helping me on my journey; I will miss you all and wish you every blessing for the future.

Jackie Stillings

	<i>Parish</i>	<i>Registers</i>	
Holy Baptism	Date	Name	
	6 Oct	Brooke Sienna Grace Tomlinson Bobby George Mc Iver Milo Joseph Stanners	
	27 Oct	Reign Grayson Kearney Charlie Jack Higgins Jessica Hamlett Mollie Ruth Hamlett	
	3 Nov	Jessica Ruby Dolan Eloise Rose Dolan Paul Stephen Dolan David James Dolan Rebecca Louise Dolan	
Funerals	Date	Name	Age
St Luke	13 Aug	Joyce Margaret Arnold	89
	8 Oct	Audrey Tull	86
	12 Nov	Betty Gilmour	96
Widnes crem	19 Nov	Tom Hughes	89
St Luke	22 Nov	Violet Whittaker	87



The Team Administrator would like to apologise to the family of Joyce Margaret Arnold for inadvertently entering the wrong surname in the Registers in the last edition.

Cronton Services in Dec and Jan all at 10.30



Dec 1st	Café Style
Dec 8th	Morning Prayer
Dec 15th	Christingle
Dec 22nd	Holy Communion
Dec 29th	Morning Prayer
Jan 5th	Café style
Jan 12th	Remembrance at the Cenotaph
Jan 19th	Café style
Jan 26th	Holy Communion

Treasurer's Report, General Fund period Jan-Oct 2019

Receipts £89,476.75 Expenses £112,577.78= Deficit £23,101.03

The contactless machine in church is starting to bring in more donations especially at Baptism services, where the younger generation do not carry cash. The machine is set at a minimum donation of £3 (price of a cup of coffee) but can be increased up to a maximum of £30. If you would like to make a donation this way next time you are in church the machine is located at the back of church during services, or ask a church warden for assistance. Thank you for your continuing support, but we do need to reduce that deficit next year as our reserves are running low. Yvonne Horabin (Treasurer)
PS : WE STILL ACCEPT OLD £1 COINS AND £10

2019 DECEMBER

1st 2 Corinthians 1-4

2nd 2 Corinthians 5-9

3rd 2 Corinthians 10-13

4th Acts 20:1-3; Romans 1-3

5th Romans 4-7

6th Romans 8-10

7th Romans 11-13

8th Romans 14-16

9th Acts 20:4-38; Acts 21;

Acts 22; Acts 23:1-35

10th Acts 24-26

11th Acts 27-28

12th Colossians 1-4;

Philemon

13th Ephesians 1-6

14th Philippians 1-4

15th 1 Timothy 1-6

16th Titus 1-3

17th 1 Peter 1-5

18th Hebrews 1-6

19th Hebrews 7-10

20th Hebrews 11-13

21st 2 Timothy 1-4

22nd 2 Peter 1-3; Jude

23rd 1 John 1-5

24th 2 John; 3 John

25th Revelation 1-5

26th Revelation 6-11

27th Revelation 12-18

28th Revelation 19-22

This set of readings completes the ‘Read the Bible in a Year’ challenge! Congratulations if you have managed to keep on track, you deserve a couple of days off!



A Christingle is made of an orange representing the world with a red ribbon around it representing the blood of Jesus. Fruits and sweets on 4 cocktail sticks which are pushed into the orange representing the fruits of the earth and the four seasons. And finally a lighted candle is pushed into the centre of the orange representing Christ, the light of the world.

Fabric report by Barry Horabin

Since our last Fabric Report a lot of developments have taken place. After almost two years of work and countless meetings we have had the sad news that our Grant application was not successful, mainly due to last minute demands for information from The Victorian Society and SPAB, that we only just made the deadline. Because this project was deemed to be contentious in the eyes of these societies questions were asked about the financial situation of the church and the need for such drastic alterations to such a beautiful medieval Church. All these questions have been answered and discounted. To our rescue came the Chancellor himself , His Honour Judge Graham Wood who attended a service of Holy Communion and part of a Baptism Service which impressed him and enabled him to see the need that we had. The visit was successful. He totally supported us. The Faculty was awarded and two days later it was despatched to Widnes and was duly forwarded to the Viridor Grant offices. Unfortunately most of the money for this tranche of funding had already been allocated and we will now have to apply after Christmas for the next window of opportunity in February. I am looking at this setback as a minor glitch in which has been to date, a very informative and educational experience but equally disappointing all the same. We still fully intend to re-submit our application in February and hope for a more successful outcome next time. We are meeting with Grants people from the council to form a strategy for re-submission and check for any details which may need to addressed.



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Once in a Manger

by Tom Krause

**Once in a manger, a long time ago,
before there was Santa and reindeer and snow,
a star shone down on humble beginnings below of a baby**



just born who the world would soon know.

Never before had there been such a sight.

Would the Son of a King have to suffer this plight?

Aren't there armies to lead? Aren't there battles to fight?

Shouldn't He conquer the world and demand His birth right?

No, this frail little infant asleep in the hay

would change the whole world with the words He would say.

Not about power or demanding His way,

but mercy and loving and forgiving...God's way.

**For only through humbleness would the battle be won
as shown by the actions of God's only true son.**

Who gave up His life for the sins of everyone?

Who saved the whole world when His journey was done?

Many years have now passed since that night long ago

and now we have Santa and reindeer and snow.

But down in our hearts the true meaning we know,

it is the birth of that

child that makes Christmas so.



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JANUARY 2020 READINGS

1	Luke 2 :15-21	2	John 1:19-28
3	John 1: 29-34	4	John 1: 35-42
5	Matt 2: 1-12	6	Matt 4:12-17,23 to end
7	Mark 6: 34-44	8	Mark 6: 45-52
9	Luke 4: 14-22	10	Luke 5:12-16
11	John 3: 22-30	12	Matt 3: 13 to end
13	Mark 1: 14-20	14	Mark 1: 21-28
15	Mark 1: 29-39	16	Mark 1: 40 to end
17	Mark 2: 1-12	18	Mark 2: 13-17
19	John 1: 29-42	20	Mark 2: 18-22
21	Mark 2: 23 to end	22	Mark 3: 1-6
23	Mark 3: 7-12	24	Mark 3: 13-19
25	Matt 19: 27 to end	26	Matt 4: 12-23
27	Mark 3: 22-30	28	Mark 3: 31 to end
29	Mark 4: 1-20	30	Mark 4: 21-25
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