

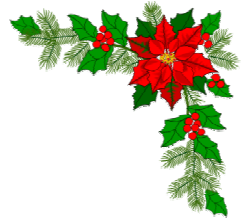
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## THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS



After the joy of celebrating the birth of our saviour at that first Christmas, what happens then? For many people, having worked hard, the following days may seem a bit of a let down. But Christmas in the church's calendar does not end on December 25th, for it is a whole season. In recognition of this, we are holding a somewhat different kind of service on the 29th December.

To start with we invite you to our Café Church, which will start at 9.45 am, where you can enjoy hot bacon rolls, a hot drink and other goodies.

Our morning service will depend **on you**. We would like as many of you as possible to take part in **Joe Carpenter and Son, an English Nativity**, which is a long narrative poem by Graham Clarke, which looks at the Christmas Story from the viewpoint of the characters who were involved, based on some of the mystery plays that our forefathers enjoyed. So for example, Joe Carpenter and his wife Mary, are surprised by the Archangel Gabriel otherwise familiar as the village postman:

Have you ever seen the like,  
An angel on a postman's bike!  
It passes all imagining,  
A blessed postman on the wing.

You can come with a costume to wear, or a prop to represent your part, or just a hat to wear, if you wish. **No one will have to learn any lines—you will have the script in front of you.**

So what part could you volunteer to read? Here they are:

Playmaster	The man in charge
Young Jack Shepherd	A Shepherd
Old Jack Shepherd	Another
Landlady	Landlady of the 'Royal Star'
Joseph	A Journeyman Carpenter
Mary	A Country Girl
Gabriel	A Postman Extraordinary
Host of Angels	<sup>2</sup> At least 4 children

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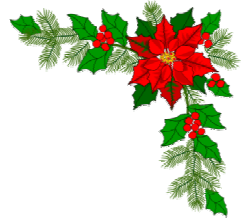
## THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS Cont. ...

Melchior, Caspar, Balthazar

3 Really Wise Men

Plus a Camel Driver, an Egyptian

And the Landlord of the Royal Star



So we hope you will come along, enjoy the fellowship of sharing a nice breakfast and participate or enjoy watching this alternative way of telling the most important birth in human history.

Andrew Wilcock



## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2014

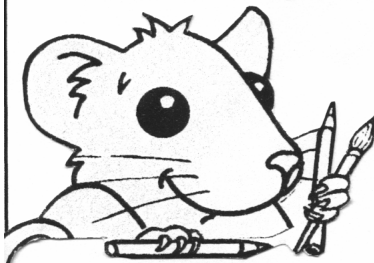
The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity always comes 'hot on the heels' of the very busy Christmas and New Year period and so it can take us by surprise a little. However, this year, our Christians Together in Fareham (CTinF) group of which we are a part, are marking the week 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> January with a 24/7 prayer event at The Community Church (above Café Imbizo) on West Street.

Just like last year, it is hoped that all the churches that are part of the CTinF organisation will play a part in ensuring that there is continuous prayer for one week beginning with a short act of worship on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm and concluding with a service of celebration on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7.30pm. Churches have signed up for 'slots' of time and our 'slot' at Fareham Methodist is on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 10.00 am to 2.00pm.

The Community Church who host the event, do a great job in providing refreshments, quiet music, written articles, candles, and other stimulus to aid us in our thoughts and prayers. In the new year there will be an opportunity to sign up for a 20 minute period (or more if you choose) so that we know that at least one person will be praying in our allotted time. Of course, the prayer room at the Community Church is open all of the week, day and night, so there is nothing to stop you popping in any day or time that is convenient for you. It is hoped that as many of us as possible will be able to attend the opening and closing acts of worship as we join together with our brothers and sisters in Christ across Fareham to pray for our church communities and the people of our town and surrounding area.



Claire



## Mouse Makes

### BIBLE NAME WORDSEARCH

- ABRAHAM =father of many
- ADAM =man
- ANDREW =strong man
- AMOS =burden bearer
- ANNA =gracious
- BENJAMIN =son of the  
right hand
- EVE =to breathe
- ELIZABETH =fullness of God
- ESAU =hairy
- DEBORAH =bee
- DANIEL =God my judge
- DAVID =beloved
- GABRIEL = man of God
- GAD =fortune
- HANNAH =gracious
- ISAAC =laughter
- JESUS = God is saviour
- JOSEPH = increase
- JOSHUA = saviour
- MATTHEW =gift of God
- MOSES =deliverer
- NAOMI =beautiful
- NATHANIEL =gift of God
- PAUL =small, humble
- PETER =a rock
- PHOEBE =bright, pure
- JOHN =God is gracious
- PRICILLA =ancient
- RUTH =friend
- SARAH =princess
- SHEM =name
- STEPHEN =crowned
- TAMAR =palm tree
- THOMAS =twin
- TIMOTHY =valued of God

Eight days after he was born,  
Mary and Joseph named their  
baby with the name the angel  
Gabriel had given them.

It was a special name  
for a very special baby..  
the name **JESUS**  
which means  
**GOD IS SAVIOUR**

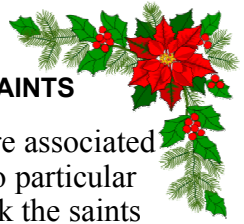
Read: *Matthew 1:21*  
and *Luke 2:25-38*



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Can you find all these  
bible names in the grid?

Does your name have a meaning?



## CATHEDRAL SAINTS

Some Cathedrals are associated with or dedicated to particular saints. Can you link the saints with the Cathedral?



**St WULFSTAN**  
19<sup>th</sup> January

St Wulfstan was Bishop of Worcester from 1062-95. He lived during the Norman Conquest of England and was the only Saxon bishop to remain under William the Conqueror.

Wulfstan was a caring and hard-working monk. He rebuilt the cathedral at Worcester, cared for the poor, and struggled to ease the harsh conditions imposed by the Normans on the Saxons. Unlike some priests, he baptised children of the poor without charge. It is said that he never turned away people asking for help.

Wulfstan fought the slave trade in Bristol (slave trading didn't just start with slaves from Africa but had been going on for centuries with slaves from England being sold to Ireland and North Africa).

Wulfstan died whilst washing the feet of 12 poor men during a service in the cathedral. He died as he had lived, serving God and caring for others.

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| St Giles      | Lichfield  |
| St Mungo      | Ely        |
| St Chad       | Durham     |
| St Etheldreda | Edinburgh  |
| St Cuthbert   | Winchester |
| St Swithin    | Glasgow    |



Did you hear about the man who took his car in for a service?

It got stuck in the church doors.

What's green, curly & religious?

Lettuce pray.



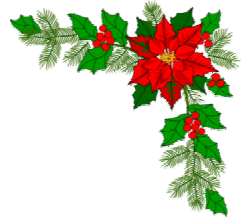
What lives in a sack and hangs around in French cathedrals?

The lunch-pack of Notre Dame.



Answers: St Giles at Edinburgh,  
St Mungo at Glasgow,  
St Chad at Lichfield,  
St Etheldreda at Ely,  
St Cuthbert at Durham,  
St Swithin at Winchester.

## THE WELL & THE RAINBOW CENTRE



The building owned by 'The Well' in West Street is now rented to a local charity, the Rainbow Centre. After a difficult few years the Well hopes that its rental income will soon allow it to start making grants to local causes and projects on behalf of the Christian Community of Fareham.

Like all charity shops the Rainbow shop relies on donations of stock from the public. It is therefore in the interest of the Christian community to ensure the success of the Rainbow shop, because not only does it support the fantastic work that the Centre undertakes with people suffering from neurological impairment (of children with cerebral palsy and adults with strokes or head injuries), but the rent that they pay provides the investment income from which The Well makes its grants. The trustees of The Well are therefore appealing on behalf of the Rainbow Centre for congregations in Fareham to support the Rainbow Centre with donations of stock to help give them a bumper Christmas. And when you drop off your goods for sale why not double your support by buying a Christmas present or two as well.

Paul Docherty & June Haye



## THE OLD AND NEW

The old has gone, the new has come,  
What difference will it make?  
Same old me, muddling on,  
Searching for meaning  
In the mess that is life.  
Always tired,  
Always aware that something,  
Something is missing.

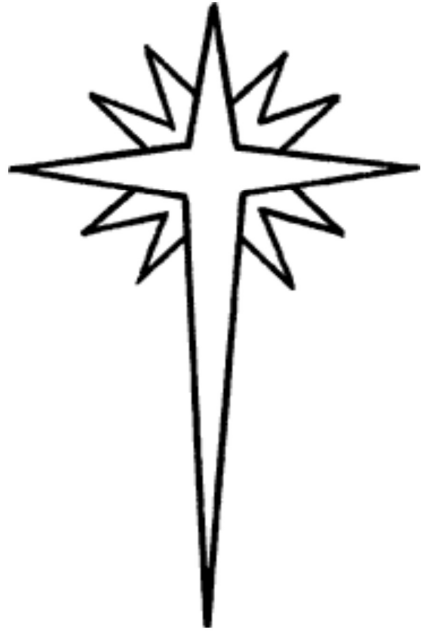
And Jesus says, Come to me,  
I will refresh you,  
Come to me,  
This year - today,  
Become a new creation  
And live!

The old has gone,  
The new has come

**Jesus makes the difference**



*By Daphne Kitching*



**N**IGHT  
OF  
MIRACLES

a cantata for Christmas  
by John Peterson

at

**Drayton United Church  
Havant Rd Drayton Po6 1PA**

**Sunday December 8th  
6.30pm**

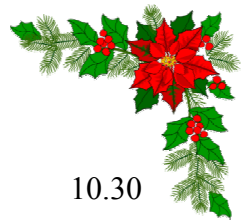


An evening of preparation  
for Christmas

with music presented  
by an augmented choir

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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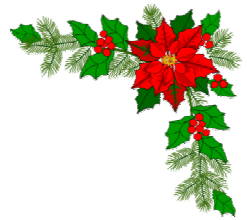
## DECEMBER

1st	Toy Service & Holy Communion	10.30
	Church Post Box available	
	Circuit Advent Service	18.00
3rd	Ladies Night - Christmas Craft @ Irene's	20.00
5th	Christmas Tree Festival	10.30
	Singing Group Practice	19.30
6th	Christmas Tree Festival	10.30
	Friday Lunch	13.00
	Badminton, Table Tennis & Table Football	18.00
7th	Christmas Tree Festival	10.30
9th - 21st	Display of Church Activities in Precinct	9.00
11th	Wednesday Fellowship Christmas Service	14.00
	Messy Church	16.00
12th	Messy Church Wash Up	10.00
14th	Trinity Pre School Christmas Fayre	10.00
15th	Nativity Service	10.30
	Sunday Lunch	approx 12.15
17th	Tuesday Morning Housegroup	10.00
	Ladies Night @ Mary's - Christmas Get Together	20.00
18th	East Fareham Housegroup @ Joan & Jeff's	19.30
19th	Service at Red House	14.30
	Singing Group Practice	19.30
20th	Badminton, Table Tennis & Table Football	18.00
22nd	Carol Service	18.00
23rd	Christingle Service	15.00
24th	Christmas Eve Communion	23.30
25th	Christmas Day Service @ URC	10.30





# REFRESHMENT ROTA



## DECEMBER

1st	Linda & Kevin Foster, Marilyn Woodrow
8th	Keith Sargeant, Peggy Long
15th	Brownies & Guides
22nd	Lynda Young , Elizabeth Wilcock
29th	Jean & Mike Petter, Anne Isom

## JANUARY

5th	Irene Russell, Tony Emberson
12th	Pat & Tony Pickering, Lynda Haydon-Jones
19th	Rosemarie Jackson, Margaret Boyd
26th	Sheila Dyer, Sarah Brooks, Meg Cox

## FEBRUARY

2nd	Margaret Temple, Sally Bland, Brenda Bennett
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Mini-Market every Monday 9.30 to 11.45 am  
(Not Bank Holidays)

Coffee Centre every Thursday 9.30 to 11.45 am

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Cont. ...

(All meetings at Church unless otherwise stated)

## JANUARY

5th	Morning Service with Holy Communion	10.30
6th	Property Committee	19.30
7th	Ladies Night	20.00
8th	Healing Prayer Group	10.00
	Wednesday Fellowship	14.00
	Messy Church	16.00
	Worship Consultation @ Manse	19.30
9th	Messy Church Wash Up	10.00
	Singing Group	19.30
13th	Outreach Committee	19.30
15th	East Fareham Housegroup @ Joan & Jeff's	19.30
16th	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins	19.30
	Singing Group	19.30
19th	Sunday Lunch	9 approx 12.15
28th	West Fareham Housegroup	10.00 / Ladies Night 20.00



## DOOR STEWARDS



### DECEMBER

1st	10.30	Sheila & Graham Dyer
	18.00	Bobby & Patrick Watson
8th	10.30	Janice Collins & Brenda Bennett
15th	10.30	Lynda Young & Mary Bailey
22nd	10.30	Bessie & Daniel Taabu
	18.00	Rosemarie & Tony Jackson
24th	23.30	Liz Haigh & Lynda Haydon-Jones
29th	10.30	Keith & Shirley Sargeant

### JANUARY

5th	10.30	Sheila & Graham Dyer
12th	10.30	Margaret & Bob Temple
19th	10.30	Rosemarie & Tony Jackson
	18.00	Eric Wheeler
26th	10.30	Linda & Kevin Foster



### FEBRUARY

2nd	10.30	Bessie & Daniel Taabu
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## FLOWER ROTA

### DECEMBER

1st	Shirley Sargeant
8th	Una Peters
15th	
22nd	Maggie Allingham & Bill Batchelor
29th	

### JANUARY

5th	Lynda Haydon-Jones
12th	
19th	Garry Bagshaw
26th	Edith Livingstone

### FEBRUARY

2nd	Mary Bailey
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## PRESS DATE

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