

I want it, and I want itnow!

I always like it when the First Sunday of Advent is the first day of December, as it is this year. It appeals to my ordered and somewhat odd mind! It means that we get all the church preparation and build-up to Christmas in one month. Of course, shops and websites have been bombarding us for ages with the latest “must-have” foods and gadgets. It’ll soon be time for Easter eggs to appear.

The *Archbishop of Canterbury* is recently reported as saying that families should “show” love and affection, rather than try to “buy” it. He also admitted that he thought few people would listen to him. He went on: “I want to say something positive, which is God gives us his son Jesus Christ to give us life....a full and abundant life. Giving at Christmas reflects that generosity in a way that *shows* love and affection rather than trying to *buy* love and affection. You can’t buy, you can show it, and when you show, it comes back at you with interest.

“Save up for the Christmas budget, be sensible, don’t put pressure on your finances – don’t make your life miserable with Christmas. Share love and affection with reasonable gifts that demonstrate you really care for someone. That makes for the best Christmas you could ever have.”

Too much of our society is “I want it, “I must have it”, without a second thought about how “it” will be paid for. It’s even worse when those phrases are suffixed with the word “now”. What’s wrong with waiting? Surely, the idea of waiting makes the end product all the more worthwhile.

This season of Advent, which covers the first 24 days of December, is a period of waiting, reflection and preparation; waiting for the coming of Lord’s birth; reflecting on our thoughts and actions during the previous year; and preparing for the Lord’s coming again – at a time and place unknown to us.

To use a rather crude analogy (and apologies if it offends), it’s a bit like waiting for Ofsted inspectors in education; we don’t know when

they are coming, so we have to be prepared all the time; if an inspector came to see us, would **we** be ready for the Lord? Have a good Advent, and a happy and joyful Christmas – when it comes.

Alan.

Dates for December

Please refer to the Diary pages for details of all the Advent and Christmas services.

Please note that because of deadlines, the ***final day*** for receipt of material for the January edition is **Monday 16th December**. Any copy received after then will be held over until February.

Carol service dates in centres and homes in the town

Tuesday 10th December at Beech House at 2pm.

Thursday 12th December at Eagle House at 2pm

Monday 16th December at Victoria House at 7pm

Tuesday 17th December at the Willows at 6-30pm

*Wednesday 18th December at the Day Centre, Tofts Rd. at
11am*

Wednesday 18th December at Westbridge House at 2pm.

Singers are always welcome!

From the Bishop of Lincoln:

Dear Friends,

At its meeting at the end of September, the diocesan synod agreed that we should move forward together as a faithful, confident and joyful diocese.

While I hope that these three things – faith, confidence and joy – will help us to shape our common life as we discern God’s will for our diocese in the years ahead, they also seem to me to be very relevant for the season of Advent.

In Advent, we prepare for the great gift from God that is coming: the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we receive redemption from our sins and fullness of life.

This gift, freely given by God, is the source of our hope and the ground of our faith. It is also a sign of God’s faith in humanity, who loves us with a love that is far beyond anything we can imagine. In the life of Jesus, whose birth we celebrate at Christmas, that we see that love come down to earth and made manifest in ways that we can begin to understand.

In all the glitz and glamour of the Christmas season it can be easy to miss this.

It is this faith in humanity, summed up in the birth in the stable in Bethlehem, from which we can take confidence to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, walking in his way and following his example. In him, the love of God is there for all to see. Through him, God has shown us the pattern for our lives.

May God inspire us with joy as we await the coming of his Son, Jesus Christ, and may I wish you a blessed and a holy Christmas.

Bishop Christopher

Godly Play at the Wilderspin

In conjunction with the Diocese of Lincoln Education Centre, schools can now complement their visit to the Museum with a Religious

Education session within the context of one of the first Church Schools in Lincolnshire. Godly Play is a creative and imaginative approach to Religious Education, which invites children to enter into stories from Christianity and encourages them to connect those stories with personal experience. Sessions take place in a specially created "sacred space" and are led by trained volunteers from the Diocese. There is time for story, reflection, exploration and creative activities. They provide an opportunity to slow the pace, be amazed, wonder, reflect, respond creatively and share together within a safe place.

“Exploring one’s faith and spirituality is one of the most important journeys of our lives. It’s a life-long voyage of self-discovery. Godly Play is a wonderfully imaginative and encouraging way for children to relate to the stories of the bible and explore their own relationship with God, in a way they can understand and relate to.”

The Rt Revd Christopher Lowson, Bishop of Lincoln

The sessions are ideal for schools looking to include Religious Education in a whole day cross-curricular excursion, combining this Godly Play with one of the museum’s history topics. The cost per child is £1.50 to cover the cost of materials. The sessions last about 1hr 45mins.

For more details and to book please telephone the Museum's Education Service (01652) 635172.

FROM THE REGISTERS:

BAPTISMS:-

Nov 10 Summer Emma MARTIN daughter of Lisa Joanne & Scott Ian MARTIN

Eva Mae CLARK daughter of Vicky SHEPHERD & Shane Alan CLARK

Nov 24 Jasper Edward SMITH son of Amy Louise & Stuart Edward

SMITH

Tobias Solomon HAYWOOD son of Emma Marie & Andrew
James HAYWOOD

Marriage:

Nov 22 Arron Arthur YARD & Charlotte Ann DICKINSON

Funerals:-

Nov 11 Betty Doreen TYSON

Nov 12 Geoffrey HERRICK

Nov 13 Janet Mary DYSON

Nov 15 Holly SARGEANT

Nov 20 Sandra Mazel McCARTHY

Nov 22 Megan GOULDTHORPE

Nov 29 Koen ALLWOOD

Donations for Church flowers have been received in loving memory
of:-

Ted Skinner

Neil Huteson

Amy Norah Cook

Ernest Cook

Benjamin Watling

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE YOUR WINDOW

Do you remember the Christmas number 1 single of 1984—"Feed the World" associated with Bob Geldof and Midge Ure? This emotive song was released almost 30 years ago. Nothing much has changed in many parts of Africa to which the song refers, but would anyone really envisaged that this song could apply to England 2013 as we approach one of the most special events of the Christian calendar?

Earlier in the year, the Barton Area Food Bank had a visit from Bishop Sunday from Nigeria. This man had obviously witnessed hunger and

poverty in his own country, but he was amazed that in a small rural area like Barton and the surrounding villages, people were experiencing difficulty in feeding their family as well as juggling all the other bills for water, rent, gas and electricity. A small minority of people has always had this problem, but there are many others who are experiencing this for the first time, whilst still holding down a job. These are not people who choose to spend their income on lifestyle choices such as drink, tobacco and even drugs, but people who have never known this before in their lives. For them, to go back to the song, "It's a world of dread and fear." This is not being over dramatic, but true.

The need to down-size in rented accommodation has led to rent penalties until these scarce more suitable properties are found, together with some of the expense moving house costs.

Being part of the Food Bank this last two years has opened our eyes. One very well known person in the community recalled, as a child from a large single parent family, that they waited on Christmas Eve to go to the shops late to see what was left at a reduced price. Often there was very little, and that was forty years ago. Even now, people are waiting until about 9pm to see what perishable goods are being sold off in our local supermarkets.

Another person speaks of fuel poverty, that is gas and electric needed for lighting, heating, cooking, cleaning and personal hygiene, which we often take for granted. If this is on a meter, or needs to be topped up with a card or key, the tariffs are often much higher, and, going in to debit on a meter is even more costly. It must be terrible, depressing and demoralising to be in the dark on winter evenings, cold, eating cold food or not feeling clean and tidy. It can be a choice between eating and heating.

Those on benefits are often caught in a vicious circle. To apply for a job most often needs access to the internet. Limited free time is available at such places as the Local Link, but does everyone have computer skills in the first place? In a rural area, if you have very little money for travel costs, interviews can be a further problem. Failure to

attend interviews can incur benefit penalties. If a person tries to improve their skills through courses, they may find their Job Seeker's allowance cut, as they are not available for full time work. Where does it all end?

And so anytime, but especially at Christmas time, please don't just echo this song "well tonight thank God it's them instead of you" but please help us with your donations of food, toiletries or cash if you feel able. We shall use it thankfully and wisely.

You may contact the Food Bank on 01652 632512, 01652 632666 ,01652 632691 or 01652 632148.

MOTHERS' UNION NOTES

We opened our November meeting with the usual short service. We sang "There is a green hill far away" followed by a reading from Matthew 14 v 13-33 read by Sue Brumpton, Linda then led us in prayers. After the notices Linda handed over to Elinor Cartwright who was to speak about her trip to Israel in October 2012 with her son Paul. Elinor's first trip to Israel "to walk in the footsteps of Christ" was in 1978 with her husband Richard, and they planned to return 10years later but sadly Richard had died so that trip did not happen. So when her son Paul had to go there to work last October he took Elinor with him, giving her the chance to retrace her steps. Elinor went on to say how much everything had changed in those 35 years. It is now very busy and commercialised and full of American and Japanese tourists. It was wet and cold when she left this country but she landed in Tel Aviv with a warm 30 degrees reaching to 35 at midday!! Elinor spoke about all the places she visited, leaving the busy city to walk along the peaceful coastal path with fields of flowers on one side and water on the other. In Carmel the market had lots of stalls selling fruit, vegetables and cheeses. The church built on a hill in Nazareth is above the house of Joseph and Mary. There were lots of donkeys outside and the inside of the church was decorated with lots of blues and gold. Mary's Well was the only water supply.

On to Capernium which sadly is now all ruins. In Galilee the home of St Peter and the church on the rock there were lots of mosaics; one that stood out was of the loaves and fishes. Once again there were lots of sightseers who were not very reverent inside the churches, eating, drinking and being very noisy. Elinor went on to speak about her journey to Kasbah, Tiberias and Mount Tabor. Looking down from Mount Tabor one could see a fertile valley full of orange groves. It was very peaceful by the Sea of Galilee most of the towns being built on the hillside. Then on to Jaffa and Bethlehem passing the fields were shepherds were minding their sheep. There is a thick stone wall to pass through into Bethlehem which is closely guarded. At the Church of The Nativity there is a silver star surrounded by railings to stop people touching, this marks where Christ was born. This is said to be the oldest church in The Holy Land. On to the walled city of Jerusalem through the Jaffa gate. It is a very modern city with lots of large stores as seen in cities all over the world. It is divided into four, Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Armenian. A taxi took them up the Mount of Olives it being too steep and long to walk. At the top you are able to look across to Jerusalem. At the Garden of Gethsemane it is not accessible to walk over being surrounded by railings but the gardens are very well kept. At the "wailing wall" there is always a mass of people praying. Following the Via Rosa there are small shops along the way selling lots of memorabilia. The Holy Sepulchre church has a garden tomb and a cave with two chambers which Christians believe is the resting place of Joseph of Aramathea and where Christ's body was laid. Back at the apartment Elinor enjoyed sitting on the balcony at 5pm to watch the setting sun go down, this took 10 minutes.

There were lots of photos to look at of all the beautiful places Elinor had visited. Sue Brumpton thanked Elinor saying what a joy it was to hear about her journey and how blessed we were to have listened to her story.

B.S.

Dec 4th 9.30am Corporate Communion Reader Val Dukes

Dec 18th 2pm Christmas Carols and Readings

Flower Rota

Dec 25th Val Dukes

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR JANUARY 2014

Corporate Communion is on January 8th at 9.30am.

Our AGM is on January 15th at 2pm when subscriptions are due.
Thank you.



Art Market and Peter Pan at The Ropewalk

The Ropewalk's Christmas Art Market once again will take place over two days, Saturday December 7 and Sunday December 8. In all 38 artists and makers have been selected to take part in the event selling original handmade gifts, cards and artwork.

The Art Market also coincides with the opening weekend of our Studio Artists' Show and Christmas Show so there is bound to be something to tempt you to buy that extra special Christmas gift.

At Ropery Hall Duckegg Theatre Company, in partnership with The Ropewalk, present their brand new family musical, Peter Pan. Adapted from the J.M. Barrie classic by Haley Cox, with music by Phil Collingwood and designed by Nottingham Playhouse designer Sarah Elizabeth Lewis this show.

2nd-7th December, 16th-21st December 2013

In December Duckegg Theatre Company are previewing their brand new family musical, Peter Pan, a fresh, modern, musical (North Lincolnshire-fied) retelling of Peter Pan and recommended for ages 7 plus. The show follows A Level student and Tesco cashier Wendy Darling as she takes us into the timeless story of Peter Pan - second star to the left and straight on 'til morning! Throw in a misunderstood Captain Hook, a hot guitarist Peter Pan, a stropky Tink and a sprinkle of fairy dust (oh, and an awesome rock/pop soundtrack!) and you get a sparkling show guaranteed to get your toes tapping.

Tickets for the performances are £8/£6 concessions. The show runs 2nd-7th December and 16th-21st December. It starts at 7pm (with

2pm matinees on both Saturdays) and tickets can be purchased from the Ropewalk Box Office in person or by calling 01652 660380. They are also available from www.wegotickets.com.

St. Mary's Ladies' Group

Sharon Newton was our speaker in November and we were asked to take a blanket to put round ourselves for a relaxation session. We were given some breathing exercises to calm us all down and then spent about twenty minutes being talked through the relaxation to get rid of any stress and tension we may have. Sharon spends some of her time working in schools with children who have emotional and behavioural problems. There was also a second hand book stall which raised funds for the group.

Thank you to the Ladies (including Janet Petch) who brought cakes for the Bazaar stall. It raised £137.

Thursford was enjoyed by all who went!

December 3rd.- Jethro the Victorian Chimney Sweep

December 17th Christmas Buffet and entertainment by Alkborough Choir

The Children's Society

We would once again like to thank all our Box-Holders for their generous giving throughout 2013.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Box-Holder, please contact us on 634556.

A letter from the Children's Society was received on the 15th Nov. It is reproduced on the centre page.

Mike & Margaret Searle.

St. Mary's Bellringers

The bells were rung half muffled for Morning Service and the Service of Remembrance on Sunday 10th November.

Practice nights continue under the expert eye of George who can be very strict but makes learning fun. Please do come along and join us if you have a burning ambition to learn how to ring bells!

Linda and Rose replaced another of the old ropes, this time on the 7th bell - three down five more to go.

The following Quarter Peals have been rung recently at St Mary's, congratulations to all concerned.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Barton upon Humber, N Lincs

St Mary Sunday 20 October 2013 in 51 (16)

1260 Plain Bob Triples

1 Jenny Bennett 5 Linda Howden 2 Sue Thompson 6 Roger Lord 3 Hannah Guggiari 7 Andy Bennett (C) 4 Geoff Bryant 8 George Thompson First of Plain Bob Triples inside (2) Rung for the Civic Service and to wish Hannah Guggiari good luck in her new internship in London.

Beverley and District Ringing Society, Barton upon Humber, Lincs

St Mary Sunday 3 November 2013 (16-3-3)

1250 Lincolnshire Surprise Major

1 Sarah E T Dawson 5 Rodney H French 2 Sally Hewitt 6 Gary J Audley 3 Geoffrey Bryant 7 James E Blackburn 4 Helen J Audley 8 Robert H Jordan (C) Rung for the society's quarter peal weekend. (13 of 13)

On Sunday 17th November some of St. Mary's ringers rang 400 changes of Stedman Doubles to mark the tercentenary of the death of Fabian Stedman (1640 – 1713) who was a leading exponent of bellringing and published the first two books on the art. The famous

“principle” bearing his name is as popular amongst ringers today as when he composed it.

The same ringing was also dedicated to the memory of Koen Allwood, 15, of Barton-upon-Humber who tragically died in the town on 13th November.

On Saturday 16th November some of the St Mary's ringers attended, by invitation, a meeting of the West Lindsey Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers which was held in Scunthorpe at the Visual Arts Centre, formerly the parish church of St John. The 8 bells are still rung from time to time with the permission of North Lincolnshire Council and several of the Barton ringers were able to ring there for the first time.

Joan Barton

From Mission Field to Market Place, by Joy Velykorodnyy

Eight years ago, I was living and doing volunteer work in a small town, within sniffing distance of Chernobyl Nuclear Power Station. Today I am serving coffee in the Place in Barton's Market Place, and trying to demonstrate the love of Jesus to everyone who comes in.

So what takes a yellow belly, born and bred in Lincoln, to the wilds of Ukraine, and then to the backwater of Barton upon Humber?

From an early age, I felt drawn to the then Soviet Union. Stirred by the plight of fellow Christians in the persecuted church, I sensed a call to take Jesus to a people who had been taught there was no God; to be His hands and feet, to show His love and compassion, to bring His words and hope.

So, after studying at Hull University, I made my way to Kyiv, Ukraine, where I was to live for 5 years. At the end of that time, I got married and moved around as my husband's jobs took us from St Petersburg in Russia, back to Zhytomyr in Ukraine. I loved the Ukrainian people deeply, in a way that I can only explain as God's love flowing through me.

During that time, my world-view was challenged by an everyday sight. Let me explain... On the steps of many metro stations would stand old

ladies begging. Women who had raised their children, sacrificed for the motherland, worked their whole lives, would stand crippled and doubled over in pain, for hours on end, pleading with passers-by for the odd copper or two. Whilst driving past, in the latest cars, flashing exorbitant wealth were the 'Businessmen of the New Ukraine'. Living with this sight daily made me adamant that businesses could be run differently. Instead of being used to line the pockets of the very wealthy, surely some of that wealth could be ploughed back into society to benefit those at the rough end of what life handed out. This ideal remained at the background of my mind as life continued.

Circumstance and (I believe) the hand of God, brought us back to England, and led us in ways we would never have expected. From living back in Lincoln, we then moved to Sheffield, and when my husband got a job in Grimsby, I suggested we move to Barton, since it was pretty, and I had been through it on the bus in my Uni days. We fully expected it to be another temporary move, but something happened in our hearts very soon after moving in to Barton. We began to be very deeply moved to pray for the people of Barton. We sensed that same need to be the hands and feet of Jesus and show His love here, to a people who, for the most part, didn't care of Him or know of His great love for them. This sense of calling burned deeply in our hearts, and we prayed for opportunities to show His light.

When I noticed that my favourite cafe was for sale, we looked into the possibility of buying it, and against all the odds, took over a year ago. Our vision is two-fold: to run a businesses honestly and with integrity, ploughing any profits back into the community; and to be a window for the world, showing them what faith in Jesus looks like outside the church building. We want to create a safe place, where people can find acceptance and friendship; where they will have a chance to hear how special they are to God and how much He loves them, regardless of their opinion of Him. And over the year we have had many many opportunities to share Jesus with people who would never think of entering a church.

It hasn't been an easy journey. The current economic climate is making life difficult for all businesses, and then the usual problems of juggling family life and work. We have made mistakes and have learnt much. We would love your prayer and support as we continue to try to be a Light in the Market Place. Please pray for us, pray for our customers, for your neighbours who may never go to church, but who

are still important to God and who He longs to reach. We all, regardless of our denomination, want to see the Kingdom of God come in Barton upon Humber. Please stand with us in this vision.

Operation Christmas Child 2013

Our campaign for this year drew to a close on Sunday 17th November at our Shoebox Celebration Service. The service emphasised how God works through the shoeboxes, and how we should not underestimate the power of God in the 'little things' that we do. We prayed that God would meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the children who receive our boxes and their families who are living in desperate circumstances. We also watched a short DVD showing the journey of a shoebox, which demonstrated perfectly the impact which the shoeboxes have on the children and the transforming power which our simple gifts have. The boxes were then blessed as they prepared for the next part of their journey.

I'd like to say a big Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this years' appeal...your efforts enabled St. Mary's to send 170 gift filled shoeboxes – a very good effort which I am sure Rosemary would be pleased with!

I have been encouraged by the level of support and the individual contributions which people have made (in various ways) to this appeal. It is obviously a cause which many of us feel passionately about, and this has been reflected in the time, thought, care and energy which were put into preparing these gifts.

For me personally, it has been a learning curve...determining what works effectively, how we can draw on peoples' skills and talents, and how we can improve our appeal for subsequent years – it's given me a good foundation on which to build future campaigns. (I've already got a few ideas in mind for next year...if you have any, please let me know!)

Once again I'd like to thank you all for your support and contributions and thank Alan for our Celebration Service. The shoeboxes have now set off on their journeys, (ours are bound for Romania, Croatia, Serbia and Hungary), and we pray that each child who receives them may feel God's love.

Julia Wilson

[Thank you to Julia for her hard work and dedication. Ed.]

Over to you.....

There can be no doubt that you have heard this week about Hull's successful bid to be the City of Culture, 2017! Congratulations to them! This will no doubt bring in hosts of visitors, artists, things to do and see..We hope it is as much a success as in other cities.

Will attention be given to the many unemployed, homeless; the derelict buildings; empty shops? (of which there are many on the bus route into Hull).

This reminds me of a recent holiday when we visited the city of Tirana. One could observe a bustling, thriving city but on closer inspection behind the front row of modern buildings stood the dull breeze block, typically communist apartments. Poverty was still rife.

Most organisations strive to present a positive image of themselves but are they guilty of hiding their shortcomings?

Let us not hide behind the materialism of our society especially at Christmas and forget all those who are not as fortunate as we are.

S.W.

p.s. I attended the confirmation service at Gainsborough on Nov 24th where the Bishop of Lincoln officiated. It certainly reflected his message of our being a faithful, confident and joyful Diocese. What's more, his sermon began with a joke about him being too big for the village church pulpit where he had been preaching, he became so engrossed in what he was saying, he fell out! It continued to be laced with anecdotes of a similar nature!! However just before the 'Confirmation' he said, 'Now we have come to the serious part of the service.'

Confirmation

At a Confirmation service at All Saints', Gainsborough, conducted by the Bishop of Lincoln on Nov 24th, Donna Humphries, Joshua Humphries, Alicia Bennett and Freya O'Neill were confirmed. Because

of the tight deadline, we hope to publish a picture next month. Please continue to pray for them in their journey along the Way.

THE EDITORS WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

**E1W Christmas
Afternoon Tea**

And Festive Stalls St Mary's Church Hall Sunday 15th December 3.30pm

onwards

£4 per person



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Mrs Margaret Searle
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November 2013

Dear Mrs Searle,

I am writing to let you know that we are planning to contact your box holders in the next week to inform them about our work and let them know about an additional way they can give.

I know that your box holders are already extremely generous and we value their contributions greatly. Their generosity would, of course, not be possible without the commitment and work you put in to collecting, counting and banking their donations. I'd like to thank you so much for that support. Our box holders raise almost £2m across the country every year and this money is, and will continue to be, enormously important to supporting our vital work with vulnerable children in England.

The reason that we are contacting your box holders is that we have an urgent need to raise additional funds this Christmas. Mailing supporters is a very cost-effective way to communicate with people who may be interested in giving a donation, in addition to their box collections, at a time of great need.

And there is a great need this Christmas, when 5,000 children will run away from home. Children like 12-year-old Rosie, whose mother married a violent man after her father died. Unable to stand the beatings, she ran away last Christmas Eve. A group of older men approached Rosie offering her a place to stay and something to eat, but their intentions were different - I'm sorry to have to tell you that they wanted to use her for sex.

The police found Rosie and called The Children's Society. Our project worker, Claire, was there for Rosie and arranged somewhere safe for her to stay over Christmas. Claire arranged to meet with her and to help her start coming to terms with her experiences.

In time, Rosie decided that she wanted to go and stay with her paternal grandparents, who live in the same city. They had no idea what had been going on and were anxious to take Rosie in.

We already support over 1,000 children like Rosie in England, so this is also a valuable way to keep your box holders informed about the work that they are already supporting through their box collections.

Thank you once again for your support and commitment to our work.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Burne
Director of Fundraising & Marketing

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Sunday 1st Dec		Advent 1	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	2.30 pm		Service at The Willows
	4.00 pm		The Big Sing (Trinity Methodist)
	6.00 pm		Advent Procession by candlelight
Mon 2 nd	9.30 am		Toddler Time
Wed 4 th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist (MU Corporate)
	7.30 pm		Ladies' Group
Thurs 5 th	7.00 pm		Samaritans' Service
Fri 6 th	5.00 pm		E1W
	6.00 pm		Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 7 th	11.00 am		Lectio divina
Sunday 8th Dec		Advent 2	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	2.30 pm		Baptisms
	4.00 pm		Lindsey Lodge Hospice service
Mon 9 th	9.30 am		Toddler Time
	7.00 pm		Teaching Evening
Tues 10 th	2.00 pm		Carols at Beech House
Wed 11 th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	7.15 pm		Ministry meeting (Vicarage)
Thurs 12 th	2.00 pm		Carols at Eagle House
	7.00 pm		W I Carol service
Fri 13 th	5.00 pm		E1W
Sat 14 th	11.00 am		Lectio divina
	12 noon		Eucharist
Sunday 15th Dec		Advent 3	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	3.00 pm – 5.00 pm		E1W Christmas Tea (Hall)
	4.00 pm		Said Evening Prayer
Mon 16 th	9.30 am		Toddler Time
	7.00 pm		Carols at Victoria House

		Parish	News Deadline
Tues 17 th	6.30 pm		Carols at The Willows
	7.00 pm		Said Eucharist
Wed 18 th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	11.00 am		Carols at Tofts Road Day centre
	2.00 pm		Carols at Westbridge House
	2.00 pm		Mothers' Union meeting
	7.30 pm		Ladies' Group
Thurs 19 th	am		Home Communions
Fri 20 th	10.00 am		Castledyke School service
	2.00 pm		St. Peter's School service
	5.00 pm		E1W
Sat 21 st	11.00 am		Lectio divina
Sunday 22nd Dec		Advent 4	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	11.30 am		Baptisms
	4.00 pm		Christingle Service
Mon 23 rd	9.30 am		Toddler Time
Tues 24th		Christmas Eve	
	6.30 pm		Carol Service
	11.30 pm		Midnight Mass
Wed 25th		Christmas Day	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Family Eucharist with Carols
Fri 27th		John, Apostle & Evangelist	
	12 noon		Said Eucharist
Sunday 29th Dec.		Christmas 1	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist with Carols
	4.00 pm		Carol at St. Augustine's
Wed. 1st Jan. 2014		The Naming of Jesus	
	9.30 am		Said Eucharist

