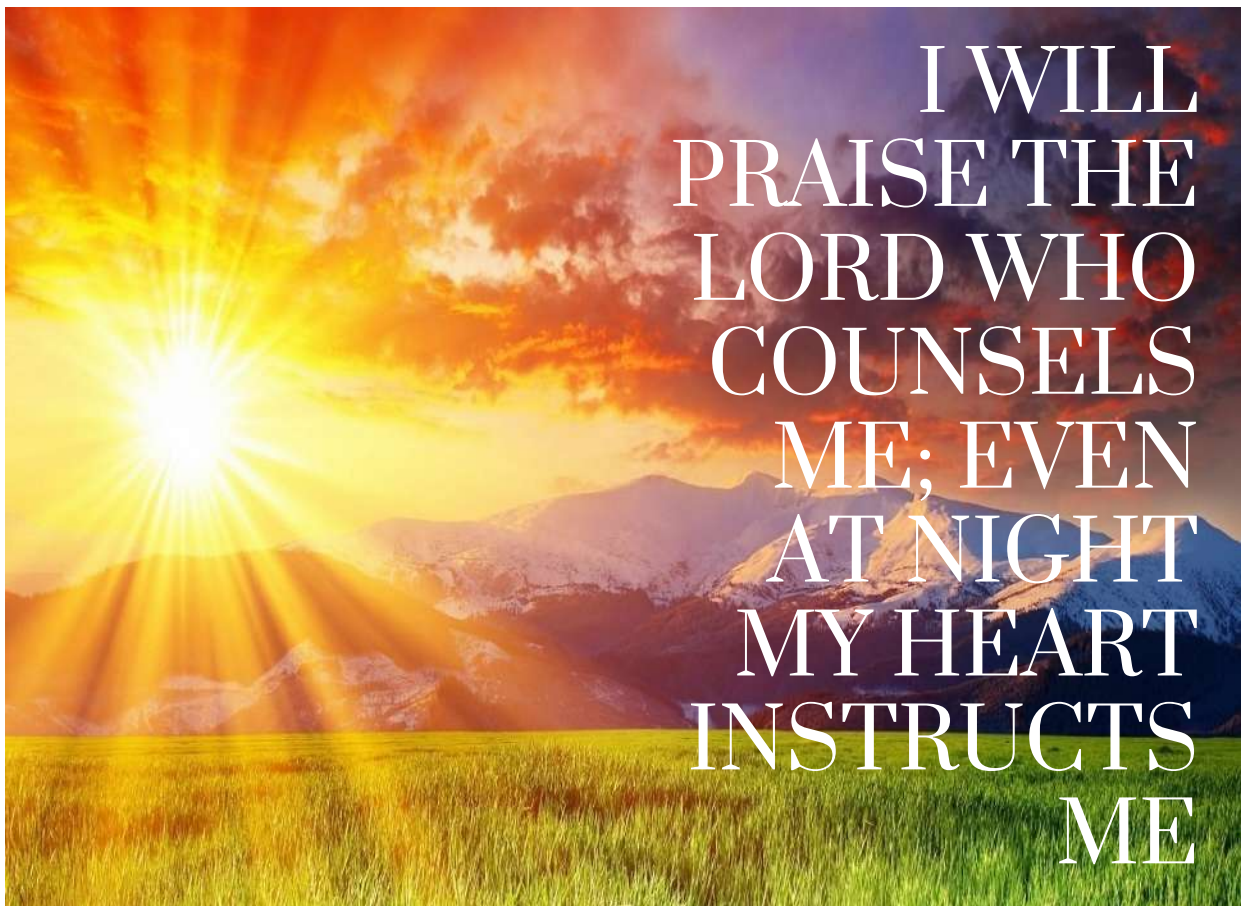


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Parish Information

Baptisms

Baptisms (also called Christenings) are held around the Parish throughout the month. Please come along to the morning service at the church of your choice, and you can talk about booking a date that works well for you and church. Godparents must have been baptised themselves and be prepared to attend a baptism preparation session with the parents.

Funerals

Every parishioner has the right to a service in church, followed by a committal.

Marriage

You can marry in a CofE Church of your choice if certain criteria are shown to be met.

If you would like further information or to book a funeral, wedding or a baptism, please attend at one of our churches or see the contact details at the rear of the magazine

Magazine Deadlines

Please send any material for the magazine to your local assistant editor (see contact details at the back) or magazine@stthomasstluke.org.uk.

	February	March	April
Deadline for material	19 January	16 February	16 March
Publication date	29 January	26 February	26 March

My plans for you

Although of course we will heartily wish one another a Happy New Year, we have to be honest and realise that for very many the future in general, and the new year in particular, holds a great deal to be feared. War, energy costs, inflation, we've all just come through a nasty pandemic. The future looks very frightening indeed.

So it did for the Israelites in the time of Jeremiah. Exiled to Babylon, surrounded by their enemies and by false prophets, there was nothing whatsoever for them to look forward to.

And yet, in Jeremiah 29:11-13 we read this promise by God to His people: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find me when you seek Me with all your heart." Because of our faithful God, we can truly say: Happy New Year!

Nigel Beeton

When your troubles are great
And you fear so much
When you've gone to a land far away;
When all those that you love
Are far out of touch
And you're scared of the night and the day.



*"I know," says the Lord, "of My plans for you,
"Plans for good not for ill – you will see!
"Your future and hope in My plans for you
"When you pray, and you call out to Me!"*



When the darkness surrounds
And the night is long
When the storm's blowing hard on your door;
When your bones ache with pain
And you feel so wrong
And you really can't take any more.

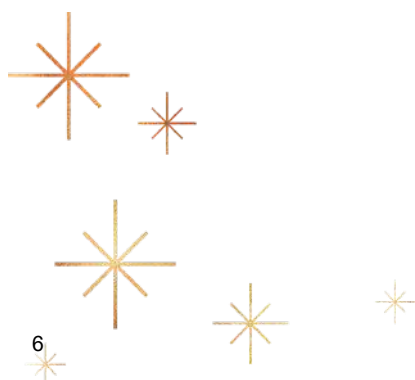


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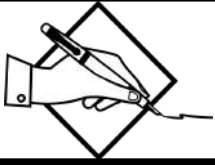
When your world has gone wrong
Though you've tried so hard
And the ends never seem quite to meet;
The betrayal of friends
Leave you deeply scarred
And it all seems to end in defeat.

*"I know," says the Lord, "of My plans for you,
"Plans for good not for ill – you will see!
"Your future and hope in My plans for you
"When you pray, and you call out to Me!"*

When you seek you shall find
If you search for Me
You be sure that I will do My part;
You know I will be found
And I'll hear your plea
When you search with the whole of your heart!



*"I know," says the Lord, "of My plans for you,
"Plans for good not for ill – you will see!
"Your future and hope in My plans for you
"When you pray, and you call out to Me!"*



A Letter from Helen

Let me start by wishing everyone a blessed 2023

We start the New Year with the season of “Epiphany” where we will be looking at a theme of “Overflowing – Year of Generosity: Our Generous God”.

We have a 4 week sermon series starting with:

- The Visit of the Magi: God’s gift – our worship
- Baptism of Jesus: Immersion in the generosity of God
- Wedding at Cana: A kingdom of overflowing generosity
- Jesus, Simeon and Anna: The joy and cost of participating in God’s generosity



Some really interesting topics for worship and things to ponder on as we start this New Year.

Many people will have started 2023 with resolutions to change things for the future. I would encourage people not to give things up but rather take up something new. Have you got a talent that you haven’t yet used? We are always looking for musicians and singers for morning worships. The pantry and outreach events are looking for helpers especially with the new warm spaces. And even something as simple as joining a church cleaning rota every few months can help. There are lots of jobs to be done and all present the opportunity to meet new people and to serve our God in new and exciting ways.

It is more Blessed to Give than to Receive: the more we Give, the More God Blesses!

Let this year of generosity bless all our churches in 2023.

Helen Weavers

Parish News



A massive congratulations to Eth Yates who was commissioned as Local Mission Leader at St Peter's on 4th December. We thank God for the gift that Eth is to us all in Wigan South and pray that she continues to be guided in her service.

Magazine Costs

Much of the production of the magazines is done by a network of amazing volunteers who gather information, print and deliver each edition. However, understandably, there are also elements of the production of these magazines which incur a cost.

We have seen a recent increase in the costs associated with the production of the magazine and this is something that is to be reflected in the price of the magazines. Therefore, the price of the magazines going forward shall now be 70p. As always, copies of the magazine shall always be available on line for you to view.

We also recognise that December - when we prepare the January magazine - is such a busy month (which is a wonderful problem to have!) and January, much quieter, and therefore we shall be reducing the number of editions to 10 a year. This means all important information shall be given in advance in bumper December and July editions, allowing for a winter and summer break. This shall also hopefully mean those printing and delivering the magazines shall not have to do so in the worst weather!

We very much continue to encourage and welcome contributions from everyone to the magazines so please do get in touch. And thank you to the wonderful volunteers who get them out the door every month!

Services in January

Sunday 1st	<p>10.00am: Holy Communion 10.30am: Holy Communion 10.30am: Morning Worship 10.30am: Worship Together 11.00am: Family Worship</p>	<p>St Aidan's St Peter's Holy Trinity St Thomas' St Luke's</p>
Wednesday 4th	<p>10.00am: Holy Communion</p>	<p>St Aidan's</p>
Thursday 5th	<p>9.45am: BCP Holy Communion</p>	<p>St Thomas'</p>
Sunday 8th	<p>9.00am: Holy Communion 10.00am: Sta's4all 10.30am: Morning Prayer 10.30am: Holy Communion 10.45am: Worship Together 11.00am: Holy Communion 4.00pm: Evening Prayer</p>	<p>St Thomas' St Aidan's St Peter's Holy Trinity St Thomas' St Luke's St Aidan's</p>
Wednesday 11th	<p>10.00am: Holy Communion</p>	<p>Holy Trinity</p>
Thursday 12th	<p>9.45am: BCP Holy Communion</p>	<p>St Thomas'</p>
Sunday 15th	<p>9.00am: Morning Worship 10.00am: Morning Worship 10.30am: Morning Prayer 10.30am: Morning Worship 10.45am: Holy Communion 11.00am: Family Worship 6.30pm: Evening Prayer</p>	<p>St Thomas' St Aidan's St Peter's Holy Trinity St Thomas' St Luke's St Thomas'</p>

Wednesday 18th	10.00am: Holy Communion	St Aidan's
Thursday 19th	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Sunday 22nd	9.00am: Holy Communion 10.00am: Beacon Christingle 10.30am: Café Church 10.30am: Holy Communion 10.45am: Worship Together 11.00am: Family Worship	St Thomas' St Aidan's St Peter's Holy Trinity St Thomas' St Luke's
Wednesday 25th	10.00am: Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
Thursday 26th	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Sunday 29th	10.30am All Wigan South Service	Holy Trinity

A date for your diary:

A concert will take place at Holy Trinity church on Friday 10th March 2023 given by Wigan Ukulele Band.

Tickets £7 including refreshments.

Tickets available mid January from

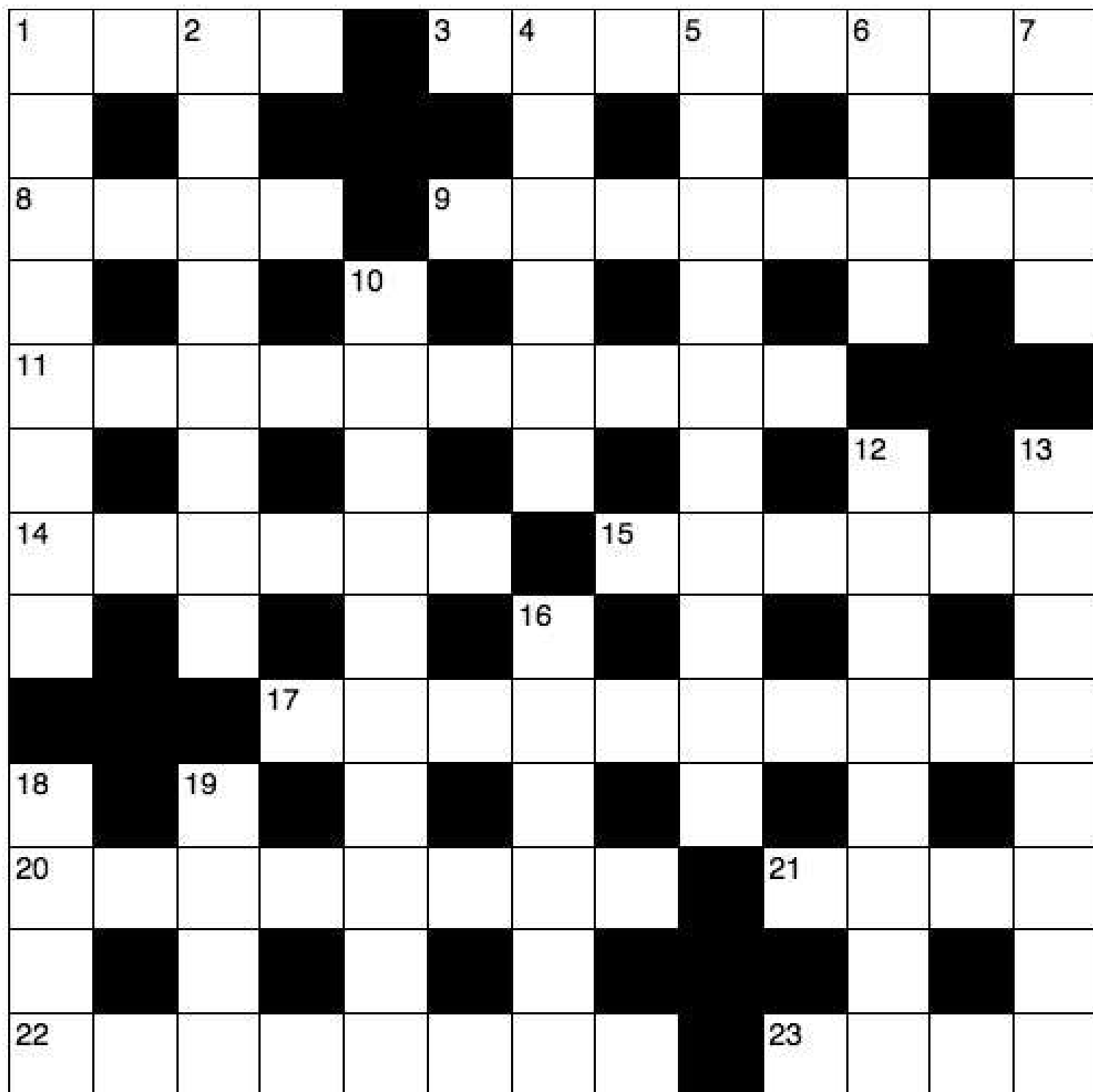
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or from any Committee member.

Please come along for a lively evening.



Crossword



Answers on page 16

Across

- 1 'Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a — began to crow' (John 18:27) (4)
- 3 Fetters (Job 33:11) (8)
- 8 Perform on a musical instrument (1 Samuel 16:23) (4)
- 9 Paul describes it as 'the third heaven' (2 Corinthians 12:2-4) (8)
- 11 Loyalty (Deuteronomy 11:13) (10)
- 14 Hens? Me? (anag.) (6)
- 15 Not visible (Matthew 6:6) (6)
- 17 Predicted site of the final great battle (Revelation 16:16) (10)
- 20 Jacob's youngest son (Genesis 35:18) (8)
- 21 One of Zophar's eleven sons (1 Chronicles 7:36) (4)
- 22 For example, London, Paris, Rome (8)
- 23 United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (1,1,1,1)

Down

- 1 Favourite church activity: Fellowship round a — — — (3,2,3)
- 2 Divinely bestowed powers or talents (8)
- 4 Pile together (1 Thessalonians 2:16) (4,2)
- 5 Comanded to justify (John 8:13) (10)
- 6 Timothy's grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5) (4)
- 7 Killed (Psalm 78:34) (4)
- 10 One of Graham Kendrick's best-known songs, — — King (3,7)
- 12 Indecency (Mark 7:22) (8)
- 13 Unceasing (Jeremiah 15:18) (8)
- 16 He prophesied 'the abomination that causes desolation' (Matthew 24:15) (6)
- 18 British Board of Film Classification (1,1,1,1)
- 19 Pans (anag.) (4)



CAN YOU HELP WRAP UP WIGAN?

As the weather turns colder, we are inviting supporters and businesses to help vulnerable families and individuals facing crisis this winter. With the cost-of-living crisis, rising energy and fuel bills, increasing food prices and rising inflation the winter months are looking bleak for many families and individuals in our borough. The harsh reality is many people will be cold, hungry, or destitute as they are plunged deeper into poverty.

We urgently need your help so families and individuals can stay warm and fed in Wigan. Can you donate any of the following to support the most vulnerable members of our community?

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Light! Sunbursts of light!

Our Team Rector, Neil, sees the Christ light of hope burning brightly across Church Wigan even through a difficult winter.

Taking place during the darkest days of the year, the ancient tradition of Advent has always drawn on images of light and darkness, recalling Isaiah's prophecy of great 'sunbursts' of hope for those living in shadow and the Fourth Gospel's poetic description of Jesus as an unquenchable light. Advent is a bright candle in the gloom of our present difficulties, and its focus on Christ's Second Coming, when he will usher in the new creation where there will be no more sickness, or tears, or even death, helps us remain watchful and hopeful even when circumstances seem to point only to disappointment and defeat.

Certainly, the Advent imagery of 'light! sunbursts of light!' illuminating the deep shadows of our current situation is apt for us in Church Wigan this winter. The cost-of-living crisis is already tightening its fearful grip on many; yet our pantries, 'Warm Spaces' and diverse hospitality offered by the church are blessing a host of neighbours both young and old. The desperate legacy of Covid in the church has been, generally, to wither Sunday attendance and traditional sources of income; yet where the church is reaching out to its neighbours in practical demonstration of God's love, there is more growth than we've seen for a long time. Moreover, income for ministries such as our 'Lifted' social justice network and Wigan Next Generation has been staggering. Light is shining brightly despite the darkness.

Difficult days are ahead, for sure. The Right Buildings Review has begun and while it is desperately needed, it will inevitably bring us some heartbreak and lament. But let the stories of hope stir up our faith that God will be with us on our journey through the shadows.

January Holy Days

6th January: Gold, frankincense and myrrh for the infant Jesus

Epiphany is also known as 'Twelfth Night', or the last night of the Christmas festival. According to the song, it is also the day when that over-enthusiastic 'true love' of yours dumps no less than 78 presents on your doorstep, among them a dozen leaping lords of the realm and a final partridge – to go with the 11 you have already been given.

In many parts of the world, 6th January is celebrated as Christmas Day. As we Western Christians are packing away our tree, the Greek Orthodox world and Catholic Spain are giving presents and celebrating the wise men, or magi. For what better time to give presents to each other, than on the day the wise men presented gold, frankincense and myrrh to the infant Jesus?

What do we make of these presents? Gold is for kingship, proclaiming a royal child. Frankincense carries a feeling of worship about it: it was used in the temple worship and indicated access to the presence of God. Frankincense is thus for worship and incarnation.

The third gift, myrrh, finds its place at Calvary. After the crucifixion, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea prepared Jesus' body for burial, using myrrh as an embalming fluid. Thus, when the wise men visit the baby Jesus, the shadow of the cross already falls across the crib. But myrrh is also symbolic of love, so you could say that the third gift is about adoration as well as death. And Christ's death on the cross is for love of the Church, His bride.

As for the magi, they were not Jewish grandees, but foreign Gentiles. And so it was clear, from as early as the manger in Bethlehem, that Jesus was not just the Messiah for the Jews, but the Saviour of the whole world.

1st January: The naming of Jesus

Matthew and Luke tell how the angel instructed that Mary's baby was to be named Jesus - a common name meaning 'saviour'. The Church recalls the naming of Jesus on 1st January - eight days after 25th December (by the Jewish way of reckoning days). In Jewish tradition, the male babies were circumcised and named on their eighth day of life.

For early Christians, the name of Jesus held a special significance. In Jewish tradition, names expressed aspects of personality. Jesus' name permeated His ministry, and it does so today: we are baptised in the name of Jesus (Acts 2:38), we are justified through the name of Jesus (1 Cor 6:11); and God the Father has given Jesus a name above all others (Phil 2:9). All Christian prayer is through 'Jesus Christ our Lord', and it is 'at the name of Jesus' that one day every knee shall bow.

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Cock. 3, Shackles. 8, Play. 9, Paradise. 11, Faithfully. 14, Enmesh. 15, Unseen. 17, Armageddon. 20, Benjamin. 21, Beri. 22, Capitals. 23, USPG.

DOWN: 1, Cup of tea. 2, Charisma. 4, Heap up. 5, Challenged. 6, Lois. 7, Slew. 10, The Servant. 12, Lewdness. 13, Unending. 16, Daniel. 18, BBFC. 19, Snap.

Wise Men Seek Him

'A cold coming we had of it. Just the worst time of the year. For a journey and such a long journey.' (Journey of the Magi, T.S. Eliot).

In this poem, T.S. Eliot imagines the journey of the Magi to worship Jesus, as told in Matthew 2. This story is at the heart of our celebration of Epiphany, as we remember the astrologers from the East following a star to find the baby:

'Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the One who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.' (Matthew 2:1,2).



The Magi provide a powerful picture of the journey we make in searching for God in our lives. Like them, it requires time and effort (they travelled for months) and will not always be easy! As they followed the star, so we are called to pursue God's light in our lives.

What does this say to us at the beginning of a New Year? Are we ready to go deeper in our relationship with God? Are we looking for new ways to use our time, treasure and talents for Him? It is a great time to offer these things to Him, and like the Magi, commit ourselves to pursuing Him. His light, through prayer, worship and His Word, will be our guide on the way.

T.S. Eliot used the imagined journey of the Magi to reflect on his own spiritual journey. It reveals the pain and doubts he experienced on his long and troubled journey to find the light of Christ. He describes finding Christ as a 'hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death'. Are we prepared to make this journey for ourselves?



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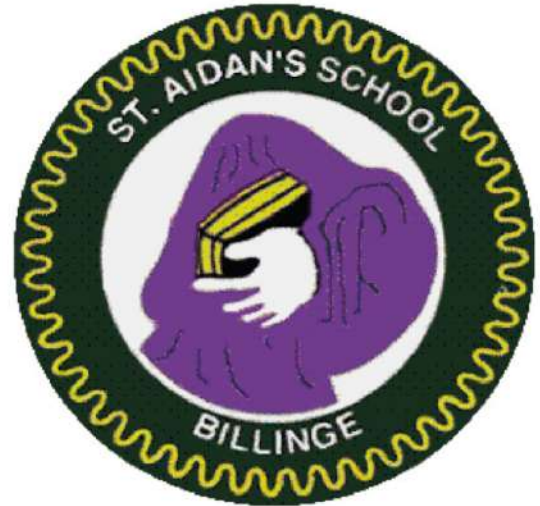
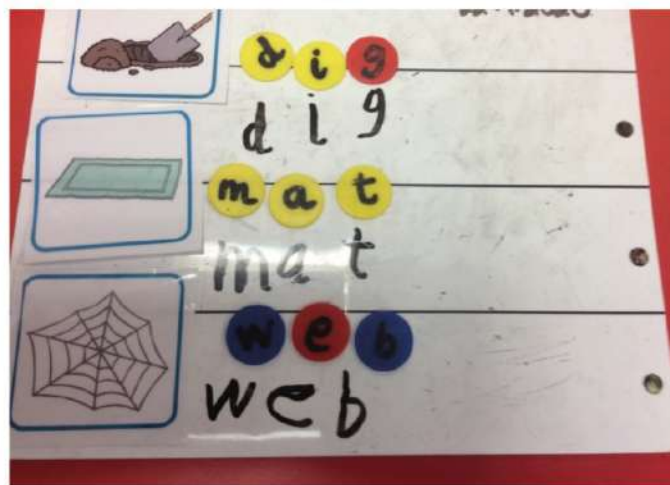
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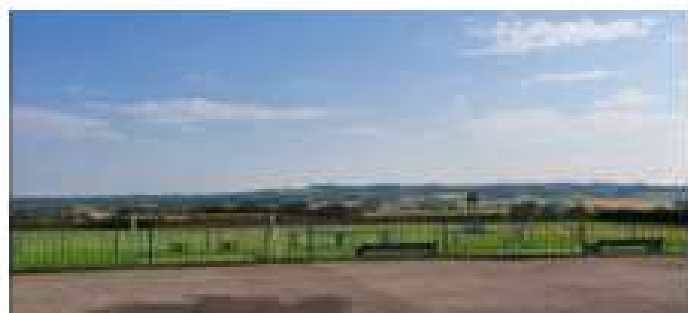
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COMMON MISUNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT THEIR ROLE



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FROM THE SIDE AISLES



FRIENDS WHO ONLY ORDER CHIPS
AT A RESTAURANT



PERSONS MADE UP ONLY
OF SIDES



BACKING DANCERS FOR
LITURGICAL ROUTINES

News from our churches

Sunday 1st	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 8th	10.30am 4.00pm	Sta's4all in school No morning service in church Evening Prayer
Sunday 15th	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 22nd	10.00am 4.00pm	St Aidan's Beacon Christingle Evening Prayer
Sunday 29th	10.30am	All Wigan South Service at Holy Trinity
Wednesday 4th	10.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 18th	10.00am	Holy Communion

2nd Sunday 10.30am Sta's4all will held at St Aidan's School. There will be activities and worship for all ages, particularly the young at heart.

The rescheduled visit from the representative from Compassion UK, Phil Briggs, will be at our Communion Service on 5th February.

K4C (Kids 4 Christ) this month will be on Wednesdays 11th and 25th January, starting 10am - for pre-school children with their carers. This operates on line. If you want an invitation to join this please email harrywareing@talktalk.net

We had great fun at Sta's4all in December, when we met in church, and the puppets told us the Christmas Story.



On January 8th we are meeting as usual at St. Aidan's School, will be exploring the Visit of the Magi to Jesus. 10.30. Refreshments, craft activities and worship for all the family, whatever your age!

Beacon: Our service on January 22nd will be our annual Christingle Service. You will be invited to contribute today to the Church of England's Children's Society. Christingles will be distributed at the service.



The Friendship Group will not be meeting during the next two months, when the weather is likely to be bad. This will resume in March. Look out for details on the February magazine.

Church Committee: St. Aidan's Committee meets alternate months and the next meeting is on January 19th. If you wish to raise any issue for our meeting please contact Grant Dixon (Health and Safety), Joan Roberts (Finance), Barbara Goulden and Peter Hughes (Assistant Wardens) or Helen Steele (Reader).

St Aidan's School



This last term in school has been very busy with nativity plays, piano concerts, whole school pantomime and our PTA Christmas Fayre.

We would like to thank everyone who came to the Christmas Fayre we raised over £2500.

It was nice to watch our children in EYFS and KS1 performing their nativity play. For some children it was their first 'live' performance due to covid restrictions. We have some great actors and actresses! It was lovely meeting our parents and welcoming them into school.

We watched a pantomime by Altru Drama – Charlotte's Web. We all had a great time and there was lots of laughter and fun. Thank you to our PTA for funding the event.

Our Year 5 children have participated in St Helens Chamber – Ready, Steady, Green. This programme is to highlight children about climate change, resilience and future career choices. They met 'Hydro Hero' the first custom built hydrogen waste vehicle.

Year 6 children have completed 'Learning to work' programme by St Helens Chamber. The programme is designed to give young people an opportunity to learn about themselves and explore career opportunities available for them when they leave school.

We hope that all our friends and families have had a lovely Christmas and we wish you all a very Happy New Year.

David Milligan (son of Kath Milligan) is setting up a Music School for children from all of the Billinge primary schools. The Parish Council are supporting this initiative with a venue. David needs to raise more money to purchase equipment. This charity has been chosen to receive the donations from the large charity Christmas card in church. At the time of going to press donations had not closed. The amount raised will appear in the February Magazine. A big thank you to all who have contributed to this charity.



Christmas Market at the Mason's Arms on Sunday 4th December was a great success. It was lovely to chat to so many people.

A great time was had by all at the Christmas Tree Festival and it made a fabulous backdrop for the Candle-lit Carol Service – thank you to all who decorated a tree and to all who came along to enjoy the many events that took place at this time.



St Aidan's Emergency Prayer Group

Do you know someone in need of prayer support? Sickness, Anxious, unloved, bereaved, depressed? Prayer enables us to be encircled in love. This emergency prayer group will pray in confidence for your loved on. Ring Jennifer on 01942 537325 or Brenda on 01744 894528 to share the need.

Magazine Costs

Those who edit the magazine and who deliver to households give of their own time, but sadly, as we may have anticipated, the costs of producing our magazine have risen in the last year. The cost of paper has gone up by almost 50%, ink and electricity too has risen in price. We have no alternative but to increase the cost of printed copies to 70p and also the cost to advertise here.

This magazine for January is difficult to produce at the end of December, so as from next year we will revert to our previous practice of having a double issue in July and August and in December and January i.e. there will be 10 issues each year.

We ask those who wish to continue to have their magazine delivered pay £7 in January to your delivery person for the year 2023.

If you know that you no longer wish to receive a copy in this way, please let your delivery person know as soon as possible, so that we can reduce printing.

Remember that you can access the magazine for free by visiting our website each month : staidanbillinge.org.uk and click on updates/magazines

A big thank you to Joan Andrew and the team who print and deliver the magazines each month. It is not an easy job, especially in the bad weather! Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Don't forget that this is your magazine! If you would like to include any information or articles please submit them to Helen Steele by the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Also, I took on the coordination of entries as a last resort, so that the magazine was able to continue. I would like to hand this over as soon as possible to someone who has a little time and interest. It is a job that can be done from home with access to a computer or laptop and a few emails- in fact how this edition was done. Please, could you help?

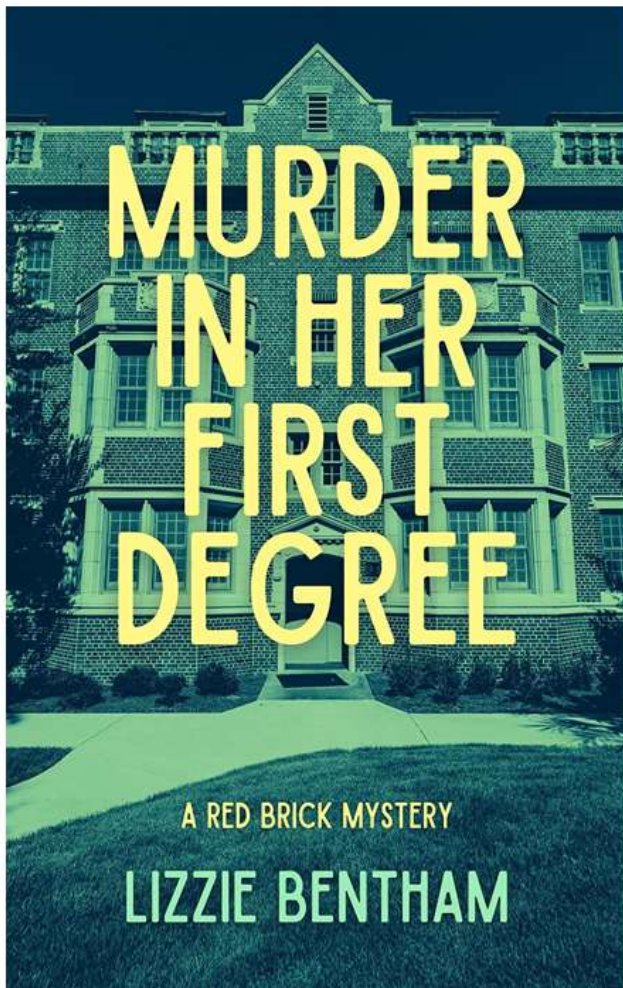
I would like to thank all those who sent cards, flowers, messages, and encouragement following my fall down a full flight of stairs in November. Although I had concussion and bruising, I praise God that He protected me and I had only one broken rib. It could have been so much worse.

Thank
you!

I would like to thank all those who also provided support and took on board the many activities at church in a very busy December schedule. It proves once again that St. Aidan's is blessed by a wonderful team of volunteers who frequently go the extra mile. I am told that a broken rib takes time to mend and am encouraged that I have been able to see small improvements over the last few weeks.

**Thank You
Helen Steele**

Gill Jones (nee Overend), who writes under the pseudonym Lizzie Bentham attended and was married at St Aidan's and her father is Rev Alan Overend. She has has written her first cosy murder mystery novel which is due for release soon.



A fast-paced, historical murder mystery set in 1930s Manchester...

It is 1934. Dorothea Roberts, a first year undergraduate at the Victoria University of Manchester, starts her academic career with a bang when she and her friends are drawn into investigating a shadowy spy-ring, after a chance encounter with a stranger on a train turns deadly. Members of the Women's Student Union Committee are dying off like flies and everything points towards there being a serial killer on the loose on campus. Dorothea must infiltrate the committee, while dealing with essay deadlines and her increasing feelings for the enigmatic Dr Hadley-Brown, before the killer strikes again.

Launch date: 15th of December 2022
Available to pre-order from
Dark Edge Press www.darkedgypress.co.uk
(paperback) and on Amazon (e-book)

Note from Treasurer

If you would like to make a donation you can do this on line, by bank transfer.

the account details are:

Sort Code: 60-24-02

Account number: 04035135

Please insert the name of the person you wish us to remember as the reference.

Cheques can be made payable to St Aidan's Parish Church, or cash donations in an envelope. These can be dropped off at 4 Alder Ave, Billinge, WN5 7PY. If you are unable to get out, please ring me on 01744 895151

If you wish to make an anonymous donation then we will respect that, just write Anon in name of giver and just write the name of the person you wish to be remembered. Please note that we never quote the amount given.

CAN YOU LEAVE CHURCH A GIFT?

The word finance for some Churches and their parishioners can be a real turn off as some may be concerned their monies will not go to their designated church under the new re-organisation. Giving to the church does remain a vital and essential part of our church life, it always has done and even goes back to when Jesus was alive on earth.

Over the past year, and in fact over the past 20-30 years, St. Aidan's has received legacies which have been used for the upkeep of the church and towards our mission and ministry. This has reminded us just how important these legacies are in our mission.

We have included this little reminder in the notices to encourage our church members to consider making a provision for a legacy to St Aidan's in their own wills.

I would be only to be pleased to advise in confidence. I am contactable on 01744 895151 or 07743408390

Donations & Remembrance



St. Aidan's Treasurer and Church Committee would like to acknowledge
with thanks the kind donations: -

To Church Funds:

In memory of Jack Boardman from Pat

In memory of Jack Boardman Rest in Peace Jack

Christmas memories of Ethel and Jesse Ashton
from John and Sheila Ashton and family

In memory of Loved ones GDF

Churchyard Fund:

In loving memory of Kathleen Winstanley from Phyllis Lee

In loving memory of family and friends at Christmas time
from Brenda and John Bridge

Flower Fund:

From Phyllis Lee



The Registers



Funerals or Burials of Ashes 'May they rest in peace'

7th December	Alf Highcock
13th December	Thomas Wilson
14th December	Kathleen Winstanley
14th December	Ray Goodban
15th December	Harry Barry Milnes
22nd December	Barry Connor

Holy Baptism 'We welcome them into the Lord's family'

4th December	Tommy Shane Sparrow
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Renewal of Wedding Vows 'All the days of their lives'

22nd December	Joan & Stan Oakes on their 50th wedding anniversary
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There may be more entries in the Registers after the magazine goes to print. These shall be included in the next edition of the magazine.

Memorials

Names of deceased loved ones whose ashes have been interred in the memorial garden can be inscribed on the large granite memorial stone. Entries on the stone cost £200. If the partner or other relative wishes to reserve an adjacent space this can also be arranged, the cost being the same as the original entry and with no further charge when the inscription is completed. In order to ensure that the reserved line is kept the date of birth of the person for whom it is reserved will be added. The fee/s must be paid before any inscription is added.

Anyone wishing to make use of this memorial should contact Barbara Goulden (894694). Please give details in writing and include a telephone number on which you can be contacted.

St Aidan's Remembrance Book

Applications for Entries to the Remembrance Book can be made by filling in the request form, which gives full details of how to go about it.

Fees for entries cost £10.00. Forms are obtainable from the back of Church with details of what to do and who to return the form to.

The Opened Book shows 4 days dates per view and the pages are turned on a regular basis according to that day's date. The Book is on Display in the Glass topped Cabinet, in the Prayer corner. It has a Hinged glass top, which allows people to turn the page or pages so that their entry can be viewed at any time. Please use the pair of white cotton gloves provided to turn the pages. If you turn the pages to see a particular entry please return it to the day's date before leaving. All the entries are written in the Calligraphic style of writing with the First Letter in colour.

Church Grounds

Please note that any enquiries about graves or the burial of ashes must go to our Assistant Warden Barbara Goulden on 01744 894694 or email - staidansbillingeveger@gmail.com. not the team who work to keep the graveyard tidy.

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Assistant Magazine Editor

Vacant

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