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Dear Friends

As the winter progresses we will begin to see the true impact of the cost of living crisis. After the trauma of the pandemic, we brace ourselves for yet more suffering.

One of the really wonderful initiatives which has come from this crisis is the Warm Welcome Campaign, which is partnering with thousands of organisations to enable warm spaces to be available for those who need them. I am delighted that St Paul's is able to participate in this scheme: there are times in the week when the main space of our church hall is not used, but the heating is on, so it has been a no-brainer for us to make that space available to those who need it.

It's a refreshing reminder that a lot of the church's outreach can be incredibly simple. And the same is true for individual acts of service. When we look at the great suffering and injustices of our world it is easy to feel helpless. What can I possibly do to stop war, or save the planet, or eradicate poverty? Sometimes it's the small act of kindness – the simple things – which can really make a difference.

In a few weeks' time we will hear again the story of a family for whom there was no room at the inn. St Benedict, in his Rule, instructs his monks that 'the stranger is to be welcomed as Christ himself.' May we, in our warm welcome this Advent and Christmas, find ourselves not only welcoming the Lord Jesus into our hearts, but also – in the person of the stranger – into our space and community.

With my love and prayers

Fr Daniel

Warm Welcome is available in the Church Hall every Tuesday between 2 and 5pm, and you can find a warm welcome near you at www.warmwelcome.uk. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Fr Pete.

Services in December 2022



ST PAUL'S CHURCH
WINCHMORE HILL

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are said publically Monday-Thursday at 9am and 5pm

The church is open for private prayer Monday-Thursday from 9am to 5.15pm

Day	Date	Observance	Time	Services	Prayer Intention
T	1				Prisoners
F	2				Those in fuel poverty
S	3				The Mothers' Union
S	4	SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT	8am 9.15am 10.30am 12noon	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist Holy Baptism	Our parish and its people
M	5				Those at sea
T	6	St Nicholas			Children's charities
W	7	St Ambrose	12.30pm	Eucharist	Altar servers
T	8	Conception of the BVM			Devotion to Mary
F	9				Uniformed organisations
S	10				HM Government
S	11	THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT (Gaudete)	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	12		2.30pm 7pm	St Paul's School Infant Christingle Kemble School Carol Service	Local schools
T	13	St Lucy	7pm	St Paul's School Junior Christingle	Our families and friends
W	14	St John of the Cross	12.30pm	Eucharist	Theologians
T	15		4pm	Living Nativity	Our care of creation
F	16				Local councillors
S	17				Enfield Foodbank
S	18	FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT	8am 9.15am 10.30am 6pm	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist and Sunday School Nativity Nine Lessons and Carols	Our parish and its people
M	19				Local businesses
T	20		5.30pm	Carols on the Green	Our local community
W	21		12.30pm	Eucharist	Victims of injustice
T	22				The elderly
F	23				Peace in Ukraine
S	24	CHRISTMAS EVE	4pm 5.30pm 11pm	Crib Service Crib Eucharist Midnight Mass	The joy of the Incarnation
S	25	CHRISTMAS DAY	8am 10am	Said Eucharist Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	26	St Stephen			The persecuted church
T	27	St John, Apostle and Evangelist			The spread of the gospel
W	28	Holy Innocents		No Eucharist today	Children
T	29	St Thomas Becket			The Archbishop of Canterbury
F	30				The homeless
S	31				Thanksgiving for the year past

Services times are subject to change. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

Contact the clergy if you would like to speak to someone regarding your spiritual life, or to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)

Christmas 2022 at St Paul's



Thursday 15 December

4pm Living Nativity *tickets required*

Sunday 18 December

Normal Sunday morning services

Children's nativity at 10.30am Eucharist

6pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Tuesday 20 December

5.30pm Carols on the Green

CHRISTMAS DAY

8am Said Eucharist

10am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 1 January

10am Sung Eucharist

Friday 6 January

6pm Epiphany Eucharist for all ages

CHRISTMAS EVE

4pm Crib Service

aimed at pre-school children

5.30pm Crib Eucharist

aimed at school-age children

11pm Midnight Mass

For more details visit

www.spwh.org/christmas



A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

O Lord of light and hope, help us to remember
that this time of waiting and excitement
is in expectation of your coming into the world;
that this time of Advent is a time for preparation.
not for the commercial greed that
Christmas has become,
but a time of listening for your voice
inviting us to the celebration
of the Christ Child's birth
at Christmas.





CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

*Daniel and Elise Sandham,
Pete and Ingridi Hopkins
and Christine Morton
wish you all
a happy and holy Christmas
and a peaceful New Year.*

FOODBANK EMERGENCY APPEAL



**For the first time ever,
foodbanks are giving out more
food than is being donated.**

During what threatens to be a very challenging winter, more people than ever will be forced to use foodbanks, so the reduction in donations is very worrying.

Our annual Christmas appeal for donations of special Christmas foodstuffs for the North Enfield foodbank is even more important than ever this year, so please give generously items such as tinned ham, tins of biscuits or shortbread, Christmas puddings, mince pies, chocolates, etc. All would be very welcomed. Please leave donations in the collection box in the church porch.

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The main Church Hall can be hired for weekend birthday parties.
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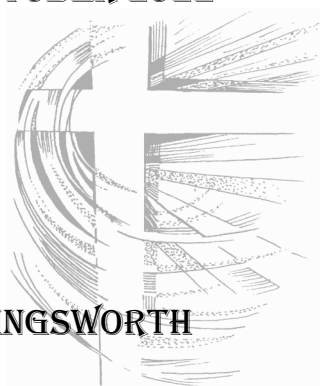
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9TH OCTOBER MAYA UBHA

FUNERAL

31ST OCTOBER PEGGY HOLLINGSWORTH



DECEMBER 2022 FLOWER ROTA

There are no flowers in Church during Advent.

23rd December The Flower Group will meet on at 10.30
to decorate the church for Christmas

30th December Adele Houldsworth

We would like to thank all of the ladies who helped with the
Remembrance Day wreaths and arrangements .

Our Flower Arranging Organizer, Adele Houldsworth, would be pleased
to hear from anyone who would like to join the team. Both experi-
enced flower arrangers and people who would like to develop their
skills would be very welcome. To contact Adele ring 020 8360 3676.



CHRISTMAS POST BOX

Our Christmas Post Box will be in Church between
27th November and 11th December.

No delivery service is offered, so please only post cards for
regular members of our congregation and write the recipient's
full name on the envelope.

Sorted cards can be collected from the cross aisle.
Please leave a donation in lieu of postage for our annual
charity, The Nightingale Cancer Support Centre.



Peggy lived in Shoreditch until the beginning of World War II, when she and her mother were evacuated to Bracknell. This was very different to the East End of London and it took her some time to get used to the country life. At first Peggy was a little afraid as she walked to school through a wood with her cousin, but she soon got used to it and learned to love the countryside. Peggy returned with her mother to their home in the East End after the war, but there was a surprise in store for her. One day she saw a man asleep in her mother's bed and ran to tell her, only to be told that it was her father! He had been away fighting in the war for so long that she had forgotten what he looked like.

Peggy inherited her parents' strong work ethic and studied hard at school and did well academically, but her ambition was to be an actress. This was not encouraged so, having worked as a switchboard operator for a while, she went to teacher training college and there made many lifelong friends. She began her teaching career at St. George the Martyr School in Inner London and stayed there for many years. She then taught briefly at St Andrew's School Southgate before returning to work in Inner London at St Clement Danes School, where she worked until she retired. She was an inspired and creative teacher and hundreds of children thrived and developed under her guidance.

Peggy was introduced to her future husband, Ken, by Brian Masters, who was then their parish priest but later became Bishop of Edmonton. Peggy and Ken had a shared love of travelling and sailing and were always happiest in the company of family and friends. They had one daughter, Sarah and the arrival of three grandchildren, Freddie, Jodie and Gaby, brought Peggy great joy in later life.

The family moved to Southgate in the 1980s and became members of St Paul's Church. In the following years Peggy served the church quietly and loyally in many roles including being our Christian Aid Representative and organising annual house to house collections, she helped to make our tapestry kneelers and, until recently, regularly repaired them. She was a flower arranger, helped with the parish magazine and she was a sidemen and a member of both the Prayer Group and the MU.

She will be missed by her many friends at St Paul's.

Advent Sunday began with a well-attended 'All Together' service at which the congregations from our usual two Sunday services worshipped together.

Immediately after this service everyone flocked into the Hall for the Scouts' annual Christmas Fair.



The Hall was soon buzzing with excitement as people enjoyed the Carol singing, games, stalls and, of course, refreshments. There were hot dogs, mince pies, mulled wine and delicious waffles that were particularly enjoyed by some of the younger members of our church family.

All of the money raised at this Christmas Fair will go to St Paul's annual charity, The Nightingale Cancer Support Centre. The Scouts will be making this donation in memory of Louisa Boon, a kind and generous Scout Mum and volunteer member of their Active Support Unit, who died recently.





On the afternoon of Advent Sunday, the St Paul's Trust held their AGM. This began with a talk by Flic Henry, a Trustee of the Nightingale Cancer Support Centre (and our annual charity). This gave us an interesting insight into the range of services offered by this local charity.



The talk was followed by a delicious afternoon tea, provided by the Trust Trustees, and then the formal AGM. The afternoon closed with some beautiful music and readings at our Advent Carol Service.



The Trust was set up as a charity in 1982 to provide funds to develop and maintain the fabric and amenities of St Paul's Church, the Garden of Rest and other Church buildings. Its most recent grant to St Paul's Church was £70,00 towards the cost of hall subsidence work

To find out more about the work of the Trust, why not talk to one of the Trustees (pictured right) one Sunday.



Since ancient times, trees have been part of many religions rituals around the world, however it is not certain how the modern Christmas tree came into being.

Many believe the tradition originated in Germany, thanks to St Boniface. Born and brought up in Devonshire, Boniface was sent as a missionary to Germany in the 8th Century to convert the pagan population to Christianity. There is a legend that, while in Bavaria, he came across a group of pagans preparing a sacrifice at an oak tree dedicated to their god, Thor. This was part of their Winter Solstice celebrations. Boniface grabbed the nearest axe and cut down the tree. The pagans expected their god, Thor, to strike him down dead, but nothing happened to Boniface so he called on them to accept that the power of his God was greater than theirs. It is said that immediately a fir tree grew in the oak's place (an evergreen to symbolise the everlasting love of the one true God) and that many pagans converted to Christianity and from then on they celebrated Christmas, not the Winter Solstice.

In Germany, as early as the Middle Ages, evergreen trees became part of a Christian celebration in December. Known as 'Paradise Trees', they were brought into houses on 24th December, the feast day of Adam and Eve, and hung with apples to represent the Garden of Eden. Over the years other decorations were added and it is said that in the 16th Century Martin Luther was the first person to hang lighted candles on the tree. By the 19th Century, 'Paradise Trees' had evolved into Christmas trees as we now know them and they had become a firmly established tradition in Germany. It was Queen Victoria's husband, Albert, a German Prince, who introduced this country to the custom of decorated Christmas trees in homes.

Another Christmas custom associated with trees was the burning of a Yule Log. This again began as a pagan custom, this time originating in Norway. Yule is the Scandinavian name for the Winter Solstice and, as part of their pagan celebrations, a large tree would be brought into the

house and gradually burnt during a period of twelve days at the end of December. This was when the days grew shorter and shorter and it was believed that the sun stood still but, if the Yule Log could be kept burning throughout the twelve days, the sun would be warmed up again and the days would grow longer. If the Yule Log was allowed to go out during these twelve days it was thought it would bring bad luck. As with many pagan customs, the Yule log gradually became part of the celebrations around Christmas but, with modern central heating, the nearest thing most of us will get to having a Yule Log is enjoying a delicious Chocolate Log Cake as part of our Christmas food.

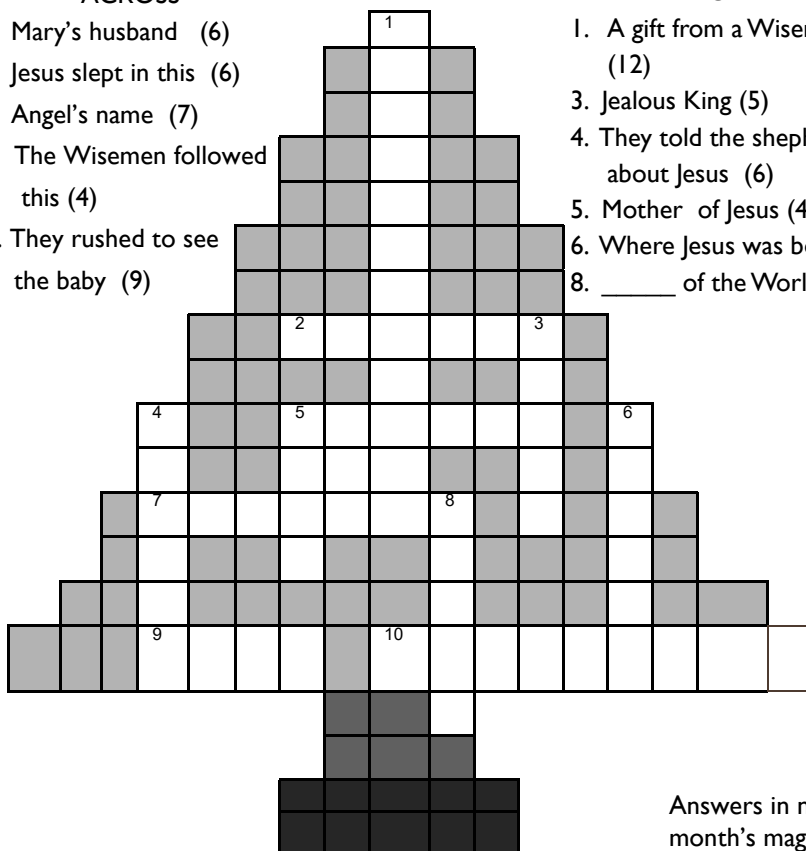
A CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD FOR YOUNGER READERS

ACROSS

2. Mary's husband (6)
5. Jesus slept in this (6)
7. Angel's name (7)
9. The Wisemen followed this (4)
10. They rushed to see the baby (9)

DOWN

1. A gift from a Wiseman (12)
3. Jealous King (5)
4. They told the shepherds about Jesus (6)
5. Mother of Jesus (4)
6. Where Jesus was born (6)
8. _____ of the World (5)



Answers in next
month's magazine.



Members and friends of our MU were busy getting ready for Christmas at two events last month. The first event was our regular monthly meeting on 17th November, when we all enjoyed a craft workshop organised by Theresa Davis. We made very professional-looking Christmas cards and reindeer decorations.

We also spent time packing shoe

boxes with presents for the local churches' Christmas appeal. (More about that on page 15.) To keep us in the Christmassy mood, we enjoyed mince pies and stollen as we created, packed gifts and chatted together.



A week later, on 24th November, we held our Christmas Pudding Party in the Hall.

There were thirty of us there that evening, mixing the ingredients and filling the pudding bowls to take home to cook, ready for Christmas



Day. We also provided pudding kits for people who preferred to make their puddings at home as a family activity.



Before the evening ended, everyone had the chance to make a delightful Father Christmas tree decoration to take home with their puddings.

A huge thank you to everyone who responded so generously to the two Enfield Deanery Christmas appeals this year.

The first appeal was for shoe boxes filled with small, wrapped gifts to be sent to Ukraine, Afghanistan and Pakistan, and also to refugee families around the UK. The response to this appeal was wonderful and we were able to donate over 20 shoe boxes filled with various items including clothing, toiletries, sweets, snacks, small toys, note pads, puzzle books and pencils.



The second appeal was for donations of Christmas food for hampers that are to be distributed to vulnerable and elderly people living locally in the Borough of Enfield. We were asked particularly for donations of small Christmas puddings, small Christmas cakes and stollen for the Christmas hampers. St Paul's responded with its usual generosity.

It is not too late to support another Christmas appeal as the Foodbank is desperately in need of non-perishable food donations. (See page 6 for more information.)

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