

# ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

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## New Year's Resolutions...?

*Maybe these thoughts for the year are  
less stressful to keep re-visiting!*

"Tradition is not the worship of  
ashes, but the preservation of  
fire" Vernon Hoyle 2024. Well  
maybe Gustav Mahler did say it  
first. Certainly one to ponder...

C.S. Lewis You are  
never too old to set  
another goal or to  
dream a new dream.



Charlie Brown You know how I  
always dread the whole year? Well,  
this time I'm only going to dread  
one day at a time.

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams,  
plundered and poisoned, our future, our dreams,  
Lord end our madness, carelessness, greed,  
***make us content with the things that we need.***

God of the poor, friend of the weak,  
give us compassion we pray:  
melt our cold hearts,  
let tears fall like rain;  
come, change our love  
from a spark to a flame.

Graham Kendrick

Any new beginning is forged from  
the shards of the past, not from  
the abandonment of the past.  
Craig D. Lounsborough

We must welcome the night. It's the  
only time that the stars shine.  
Michel Quoist

If this is God's world, there  
are no unimportant people.  
Rt Hon George Thomas



# Christmas & Epiphany

Dear friends, many thanks for all your best wishes, cards & presents that we have received at the Vicarage. I hope that as you read this, you have experienced a happy & holy Christmas.

In our Christian calendar the Christmas season (known as Christmastide) begins on December 25 and lasts for twelve days, ending on Epiphany (January 6). We will keep the Holy Day of Epiphany here at St Lawrence's on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> January at our 10am Choral Communion to which all are welcome!

We then enter into the season of Epiphany.

***“When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him.” Matt. 2:10-11***





Epiphany season is all about the 'showing forth' of Christ to the world. The themes of the season through our worship & scripture readings are; light, recognition, anointing, and our commissioning.

We are commissioned to go out into the world and to share Christ & his gospel of grace with all. This is our mission, it's exciting, and we do pray that our Church here in Hatfield would continue to grow and flourish under God. We are already seeing some promising signs of growth & renewal in the Church which I give thanks to God for.

The inextinguishable light of the Gospel has broken into the darkness of our world. Bethlehem's star led the Magi to Mary's son—the Creator of the stars and Saviour. And what a Saviour we have! **None** of us is beyond the reach, need, and riches of His grace.

We now feast every day on the eternal nourishment of the Gospel, the Good news. And we join the Magi in falling down with exceeding joy in deep & reverent worship, in the beauty of holiness.

Jesus is the Light of the World, the King of all Kings, the Lamb of God who has taken away our sin. Of the increase of **His** government and peace, there will be **no end**. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

***Through the Coming of Jesus 'The world has now become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever'" (Rev. 11:15)***

All history is **His**. The entire earth will be filled with His glory. He makes all things new, beautiful, and right. He is redeeming us, let us therefore rejoice and give him all the glory in 2025, which we pray will be a year of growth & revitalization.

The Revd Chis Bishop  
The Vicarage

# Arrangements for Baptism (Christening) and Weddings

St Lawrence would love to celebrate your special day with you and your family. The first step in arranging a Baptism or a Wedding is to attend one of our services. Please introduce yourself to Chris our Vicar, who will speak with you about the next steps.

These are joyful and life changing events! Both require making serious promises before God and some preparation will take place before a date can be set.

Another option for Parents is a 'Thanksgiving Service' rather than a Baptism. This is a great way to celebrate the gift of a child with family and friends for those who aren't quite sure about God, but would still like to thank Him for the gift of a new life! Thanksgiving Services can be booked directly with Chris our Vicar and don't require any preparation.

## Funerals

Susan Elizabeth Mary Bower  
Lavanna Grace Carpenter (aged 4)



Chris our Parish Priest is very happy to be contacted directly by email or phone to arrange a convenient time for any of the following;

- A conversation for spiritual guidance and advice
- The Sacrament of Confession
- House Blessings
- Visiting parishioners, especially the sick
- Ministry at the time of death (day or night)

Tel: 07946 118 230  
Email: [father.chris@outlook.com](mailto:father.chris@outlook.com)

# Disability Inclusion Group trip to Leeds and Christmas Market.

On Saturday November 30th, Sandra the chair of the above group, organised a trip to Leeds including the Christmas Market. 16 People were on the Leger minibus with Driver Alan. The sun was shining and the Drive to Leeds went quickly and soon we were being dropped off 10 minutes walk from Trinity Square. Everyone left the bus and disappeared. We made our way down passing buskers and Morris dancers. At Trinity Square there were food stalls and a few craft stalls. After a walk around we then headed to Millenium Square. Here we found a Galloping Carousel, Kiddie rides and Food stalls. A 2-minute walk further up, we saw an Ice Rink, Food Stalls and Kiddie Rides. My grandson and daughter went on a few rides before we decided to have a lunch break. After more walking and a trip into the Trinity Shopping Centre it was time to return to the bus passing the Morris Dancers again. Everyone was in a great mood and seemed to have enjoyed themselves. The drive home was again uneventful and soon we were dropped off at our drop off point, and every one left to go home.

*Tim and Sandra*

We are planning more trips in 2025 and would love ideas of where to go, and also a Christmas Trip 2025.

We have also joined Easy Fundraising, an app that every time you shop online gives us a percentage of the sale. It costs you nothing!

The website is [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://easyfundraising.org.uk). The page is [stlawrencedisabilityinclusiongroup](https://stlawrencedisabilityinclusiongroup)

Regards

Tim Beadle

Editor: it was a super trip  
Tim, many thanks to both  
of you!

My best bit was visiting  
the Art Gallery, and having  
coffee in their wonderful  
tiled hall!





*Editor: I subscribe to a wonderful online group called Parish Pump who provide items for church magazines. I use at least one thing most months, most cartoons, all crosswords, always Uncle Earnest and occasional poems are from there. Nigel Beeton is a favourite and he writes:*

It can be a bit gloomy after Christmas, so maybe we need a bit of January Jollity! When I was younger, I got my jollity in spades from those old hand-drawn cartoons that were a staple of television back then! I'm not sure that anything has made me laugh quite so much since!

## **The Cartoons of Old**

Didn't we love those cartoons of old?  
The faintly ridiculous stories they told!  
Of cats chasing mice, and dogs chasing cats  
Wile E Coyote and his Road Runner traps  
That never succeeded, or trapped him instead  
We laughed at disaster 'cos no one was dead!

Donald Duck, Mickey Mouse, or dear old Bugs Bunny  
There's nothing today that is nearly so funny!  
Dastardly, Muttley, in those great Wacky Races,  
Whose schemes always left them both sunk without traces;

Or Fred of the Flintstones, and Wilma, and Barney  
We laughed at their tales of prehistory blarney!  
The unending feuding of Tom and of Jerry  
Which always succeeded in making us merry!

Those hand-drawn cartoons made us rock like a jelly  
Who needed computers to bring us good telly?

By Nigel Beeton

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible  
*all about obedience*

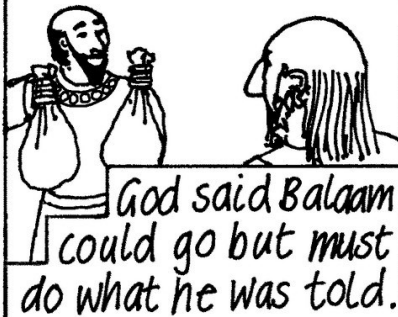
It can be read in the Bible in  
Numbers 22:2 to 24:25

The Israelites camped across the river Jordan from the kingdom of Moab. King Balak was sure they were going to invade.

Balak told Balaam he would pay him to curse the Israelites, but...



Balak asked him again.



On the way, Balaam's donkey saw an angel and wouldn't move.



The donkey was stopped by the angel again, and then a third time.



God let the donkey speak.



Then Balaam saw the angel...



King Balak was ready to pay Balaam.



Look, there they are. Now curse them.



Balaam tried to curse the Israelites but he could only say a blessing.



Again, Balaam could only bless, not curse.



A third time, Balaam could only bless.



I told you I had to say what God wanted me to say.





# A BIG THANK YOU

to all the individuals and local businesses who support our wonderful church: the people, the happenings and the building. You put into a box, you support an event, you RUN an event, you pass on a magazine, you tell people what's going on, you chip in when you come in, you care about St Lawrence.

Many of you are the general congregation, but so many of you are unknown so we can't say a personal thank you. But when you look at the church please be aware that without you the church might be in a very sorry state. Please be assured that our thankful prayers will include you.

**Do you like dancing?**

**Eaten too many mince pies?**

There is a dance is at Hatfield Woodhouse Village Hall on Wednesday 8th January at 8pm -10.45pm .

You'll be made very welcome, a great community event not to be missed.

*Editor: you don't need to dress like this!*





# Bishop of Norwich calls on UK Government to tax polluters to fund climate aid

The Bishop of Norwich, Graham Usher, has joined with Catholic Bishop, John Arnold, to urge the UK Government to ensure large polluters contribute more towards climate finance at COP29. Their recent joint letter calls for higher taxes on fossil fuel companies, to help support countries most affected by the climate crisis.

As lead bishops on environmental issues for the Church of England and the Catholic Church in England and Wales, Bishops Graham and John emphasised that climate-vulnerable nations face an “impossible price” to protect and rebuild their communities after climate disasters. The letter presses ministers to seek new public funding from the wealthiest polluters, rather than redirecting existing aid budgets.

The bishops’ call came ahead of the COP29 summit in Baku, Azerbaijan, where leaders negotiated new international climate finance targets. They argued that the cost should not fall on those who have contributed the least to climate change but are bearing its most devastating impacts.

Highlighting the urgency of grants over loans, the bishops noted that developing countries could otherwise face overwhelming debt. They also encouraged the Government to tax high-polluting activities by wealthy corporations and individuals, further pressing for sustainable and ethical funding to be prioritised in UK climate policy.

COP29 ran from 11-22 November 2024 and addressed how countries can bridge funding gaps for those on the frontline of the climate emergency.

From Parish Pump January 2025

*If you're particularly interested in the place of animals in the whole question of climate care look at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tbu4zrYn7Cc> where Bishop John explains more fully.*

# Music Matters

## Church Choir

I had hoped to have a choir in place by the end of September but this proved to be impractical. I'm still just as keen to recruit a choir, however, and now hope to have one in place by Easter. I hope the new pattern of services that begins in January will help in attracting more volunteers.

A handful of folk attired in cassocks and surplices does not in itself constitute a choir. Being a chorister involves far more than donning the garb and sitting in the Chancel. Accordingly, I'll not launch a choir until there is a realistic prospect of there being a regular turnout of at least a dozen singers, committed singers who know what they are about, in the choir stalls on Sunday mornings. And establishing a stable membership is not as simple as amassing a dozen names, or even twice that number, on a list. Not everyone who expresses an interest in singing in the choir will be able to attend every service and some have other important duties to perform at Sunday services.

Anyone wishing to be a member of the church choir should be willing and able to attend a **minimum of two-thirds of rehearsals and two-thirds of Sunday morning Eucharists**. Rehearsals, when they begin, will take place on Tuesday evenings at 6.30 pm. I shall begin compiling a new list in January. If you enjoy singing **and have the time to commit** to being a member of a choir at Hatfield Church, please add your name to the new list at the back of church.

## Come and Sing

Three successful Come and Sing sessions have taken place to date and I hope that these will continue on a more-or-less monthly basis. The next Come and Sing session will take place in church on **Tuesday**

**January 28th at 6.30 pm.** Everyone is welcome. No regular commitment is expected.

### **Concluding Organ Voluntaries for January**

**Sunday January 5th, Epiphany: Sung Eucharist, 10 am**

Choral Song: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–76)

**Sunday January 12th, Epiphany 1: Sung Eucharist, 10 am**

Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux (Messe pour les Convents): François Couperin (1668–1733)

**Sunday January 19th, Epiphany 2: Sung Eucharist, 10 am**

Fugue in B flat: Gustav Merkel (1827–85)

**Sunday January 26th, Epiphany 3: Sung Eucharist, 10 am**

Prelude and Fugue in G minor: Nicolaus Bruhns (1665–97)

**Vernon Hoyle**



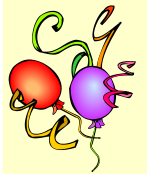
*“It’s worth getting to church an hour early to grab a pew by the electric socket! “*

*We don’t have many sockets at St Lawrence, we’d have to bring pre-heated cushions, And wear a hat of course !!*





Christmas  
at  
St Lawrence  
and in our  
homes!







*And we haven't even  
had the Carol Service yet!*



Thank you to all contributors,  
and Tina it's your 2014  
photo of the  
tower lights!





Each MONDAY coffee afternoon 14:00-15:30 Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist

Each WEDNESDAY coffee after church at St Lawrence, Holy Communion at 10, chat, coffee, light a candle, just sit quietly, 11-12.

Each WEDNESDAY coffee morning 10-11:30 at Stainforth Methodist

Each THURSDAY coffee morning 10-11:30 at Dunsville Methodist, Greens Road.

Each THURSDAY chair exercise group 13:30-14:30 at Hatfield Woodhouse Village Hall

Each SATURDAY 10-12 coffee morning Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist church

2nd Thursday Stainforth History Group 19:00 Stainforth Methodist Church (every first Thursday) You don't have to be a member to come to this friendly group, there's a remarkably small entrance fee to cover costs, and you will be made most welcome!

7th Tuesday Garden Club, 19:30 Working Men's Club at Hatfield Woodhouse (every first Tuesday)

11th every second Saturday coffee afternoon 14:00-15:3– Dunsville Methodist Church Greens Road

11th Saturday, coffee morning in the Barn towards church funds. The last coffee morning in the Barn was loud enough to feel as though it was pre-lockdowns, so come and make a noise!!

28th Tuesday 18:30-19:30 Come and Sing Session in church. Vernon will guide us through what might be coming up in church to sing during the following month.



# Your gift to **future generations**

**Every year, gifts in wills transform the lives of 1 in 6 young people we work with**, helping us to adapt and deliver vital support when it's needed so that young people dealing with abuse, exploitation, and neglect know they're not alone.

Right now, more than 2,000 incredible people have pledged a gift in their will to help future generations of young people hold onto hope. Will you join them?

To find out how you can stand alongside young people for years to come, go to **childrenssociety.org.uk/gifts-in-wills** to download your **free will guide** or request a copy by post. Alternatively, get in touch with our gifts in wills contact Tony Sparrow on **0300 303 7000**, **giftsinwills@childrenssociety.org.uk**.



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**The  
Children's  
Society**

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This is in the magazine because St Lawrence supports the work that The Children's Society does, and agrees with their ethos. Check them out on <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk> It's another way of giving.



# Diary of a Youth, Children's and Families Worker

## 2024 Youth, Children's and Families Ministry in Numbers

**1** "Pretend" Coronation acted out in church by Sheep Dip Primary Academy

**3** youth group members attending the Diocese's new Young Leader's Community

**4** Diversity and Inclusion in the Bible lessons delivered at Ash Hill Academy

**7** amazing opportunities for our Hatfield Heroes to join with other church youth groups this year at Breathe Deep, Hope Weekend, Wild Away Day and Doncaster Youth Hub events

**23** Café Church services delivered over the year for families to engage with church in a different way

**34** fun filled Little Lions sessions providing a space for young families to play and be supported

**100** sticker advent calendars given out free during December

**300** lunches provided through our Family Summer Club

**£737** raised through our Pre-loved Uniform Bank meaning that **OVER 1474** items of uniform have been saved from landfill and rehomed

**1500** backpack tags made and given out to our local Primary Schools in September

**Too many to count** – cuppa's given away in the churchyard, at toddler group, schools services, café church and holiday events and activities.



As with every year, none of this could happen with the help and support and a huge team of volunteers. I am so grateful for them all this year and how they have stepped up to different roles and responsibilities. Seeing children and young people grow in their faith and understanding is truly one of the most amazing things, and I want to extend the



invitation to join the team and be part of that to you all. Just get in touch with me in the New Year and I'd love to have you on the team.

In case the numbers don't do it justice, here is one story from the last year that just shows the impact this work is having here in Hatfield:

After running a youth group session on prayer and how we can chat to God about anything, big or small, I went home feeling dejected. None of the young people had listened. They'd made silly noises during the serious part of the meeting. How could I have got it so wrong! At the next session I was unsure as to whether

part two on "Listening to God" would go down any better, when one of the young leaders came to me. We were planning to run a workshop together at Breathe Deep and I asked her what we should do it on. She replied "We should do that chatting with God thing that we did last time, as that was really awesome! I loved how we can tell him about anything, like our favourite colour, and how we can chat to him like he is one of our friends". God had been working even if I hadn't felt or seen it immediately.

Please pray for our previous children and young people to really know God in 2025.

God Bless

Rachel – Youth, Children's and Families Worker

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# Ring out, wild bells

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,  
The flying cloud, the frosty light:  
The year is dying in the night;  
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind  
For those that here we see no more;  
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,  
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,  
And ancient forms of party strife;  
Ring in the nobler modes of life,  
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,  
The faithless coldness of the times;  
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes  
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,  
The civic slander and the spite;  
Ring in the love of truth and right,  
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;  
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

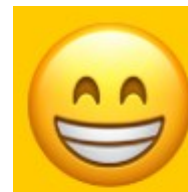
*The last verse, and others, makes a good Prayer for 2025, see page 25...*

By Alfred Lord Tennyson 1809 -1892, he had been Poet Laureate for much of Queen Victoria's reign, and is buried in Westminster Abbey.



# The Friends of Hatfield Church Building Trust

We hope that you have been into Church to look at all the Christmas trees, enjoyed doing the Quiz and guessed our tree's Christmas film correctly - [Tina kindly gave the name but the Editor has deleted it, there's still a weekend to go and that would give unfair advantage! Tina will add it next month.]



We thought that all the trees looked fabulous, making the Church an even more special building to spend time in.

On 6th December carols were sung, the beautiful Church tower lights switched on and the crowds headed over to Hatfield Community Library Christmas Fayre where we were selling our jewellery. Our sales came to £28.

We wish everyone a very happy and healthy new year 2025.

**Information** – You can become a 'Friend' for a minimum donation of £5 per year. These subscriptions are the backbone of our fundraising efforts with all funds raised going only to maintain, conserve and restore our wonderful Grade 1 Listed building and grounds. Anyone can join us. For more information and to pay Membership renewal fees please contact **Jean Singleton, Eastby, Cuckoo Lane**, Hatfield, Doncaster, DN7

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**hello@hatfieldstlawrencechurch.com***

# 100 Club and Vera's chatter

1<sup>st</sup> prize Mary Leggott

2<sup>nd</sup> prize Terry Gibbs

3<sup>rd</sup> prize Andrew Green

I am feeling a bit left out, all our winners this month bought their tickets from Terry Raper, will it be our turn next month ?

Is anyone else suffering from clock go back syndrome, have I invented something or does it have a posh title? I bet lots of you are unaware there are two 5.30's in a day but there really are and I keep meeting the first one! This morning my oven went on at 05.30 in readiness to make festive scones for the café church bake off. Why festive you may ask? Because that was Rachel's challenge, my scones contain cherries, dates, apricots, banana chips, cinnamon and nutmeg, they look ok but my taster-in-chief is still in the land of nod so who knows!

Another question: 36 of you came to Vernon's festive come and sing yesterday not to mention the six of us singing away while we decorated the Christingle oranges, it sounded fabulous we were all smiles at the end as was Vernon. So if you enjoyed it come to the next one Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm, I am sure Vernon will find us some great tunes to sing, my thanks to him and the very kind organ tuner who came at very short notice to tune "the beast" (Vernon's expression not mine) when it misbehaved in the run up to Christmas services.

Have you enjoyed the Christmas Trees ? Please let us know. Have you a brilliant idea for 2025? We need to continue fund raising to pay the utility bills apart from everything else. Do you know a celebrity who would come for free and draw crowds to the garden party or something else? Have you got time to join our fund-raising team or at least volunteer at an event, many hands make light work, dream big and achieve much. I am sure God is nudging someone to show off the talents he has given them.

So of course, I cannot finish without reminding you of the reason for the season. We are so blessed to have so many talented clergy people at our Church, we have services of all kinds to suit your needs: enjoy what gives you joy and avoid what doesn't but please tell us. The clergy are approachable and have a huge desire to fill our Church with the people of God so please talk to them.

I pray you will have a wonderful Christmas and be full of confidence and enthusiasm moving into 2025.

**Vera x**

## Word Search - Gifts of the Wise Men

What about their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh? One Victorian scholar has offered a possible explanation. He was the Rev John Henry Hopkins, an American Episcopalian minister, who in 1857 wrote the much-loved Christmas carol, 'We Three Kings of Orient Are'.

Gold, said John Henry Hopkins, was a gift that would have been given to a king.

Frankincense had traditionally been brought by priests as they worshipped God in the Temple.

Myrrh was a spice that the ancients used in preparing bodies for burial. If that is true, then you could say that the Wise Men, in choosing their gifts for this infant, honoured Jesus with gold because He was King of the Jews, with frankincense because He was to be worshipped as divine, and with myrrh, because He would also become a sacrifice and die for His people. The Wise Men were the very first Gentiles ever to worship Jesus. What faith they had!

Gifts

Gold

Myrrh

Henry

Sacrifice

Hopkins

Carol

Three

Kings

Orient

Worship

Temple

Spice

Bodies

Burial

Divine

Die

Gentile

Faith

Ancients

Frankincense

Honoured





Dianne Fox and Emily Lister would like to thank Hatfield residents who saw and came out to watch Doncaster Young Farmers annual tractor run come through Hatfield and return to Barnby Dun farm food shop.

Especially the family who made a banner saying,

"Farmers We Love You",

and the small group waving Union Jack flags near to Hatfield cricket club and nursing home. And all those who heard, they were very noisy!

It was great fun watching all the Christmas decorated tractors drive by, supporting Yellow Wellies, a charity helping young people involved in farming with their mental health.

Nearly one thousand pounds was raised on the day and monies still coming in.

Help support British farmers and buy local produce where possible and watch out for the little red tractor logo on produce.

It will be a different charity this year, thank you once again.



## Your prayer for 2025

An editor's "job" is often frantic, sometimes bullying (!), at times quite giggly, overall really enjoyable, but ALWAYS thought-provoking. How to choose what to put in, and what to leave out! With Parish Pump's support there is always too much copy to accommodate within that month.

When I chose the verse on the first page it was with ECO Church in mind. As I looked at the full lyrics which are printed opposite, I realised that there is no one verse more important than the others, they are all heart-felt pleas. Then I tried to chose a single "most-important" phrase, for me anyway. That was so very hard, but I found one. Which is your most important phrase here? Make it a prayer for 2025 and put it in your diary, by the kettle, on your phone, on the back of the bathroom door, where you will see it often, and pray it, throughout the year.



# Your prayer for 2025

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,  
Lord, in your suffering world this is our prayer.

Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace,  
sunrise to sunset your kingdom increase.

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,  
work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills,  
land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,  
voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

*God of the poor, friend of the weak,  
give us compassion we pray:  
melt our cold hearts,  
let tears fall like rain;  
come, change our love  
from a spark to a flame.*

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,  
cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share,  
peace to the killing fields, scorched earth to green,  
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams,  
plundered and poisoned, our future, our dreams,  
Lord end our madness, carelessness, greed,  
make us content with the things that we need.

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame  
until your justice burns brightly again,  
until the nations learn of your ways,  
seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

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Graham Kendrick



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### ***Joining in on Facebook!***

You can join Rev'd Gill on Friday mornings at 8:30 for a short Morning Prayer— 10 minutes, and on Saturday evenings at 9:30 for Night Prayer.

Go to the St Lawrence Hatfield page and try it out!



*Please ensure that copy for the magazine is with the editor by the 15th of each month, preferably in writing. This means that the magazine can be put together, printed and collated and in church by the last Sunday in each month, and to be delivered by the time of the first activities in the month.*

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# Worship times

Each Monday to Thursday Morning Prayer at 9:15 in church, on Fridays  
8:30 on Facebook

Each Wednesday 10.00 Holy Communion followed by Open Church from  
11.00 – 12.00 join us for coffee, chat, light a candle, quiet prayer.....

Sunday 5th January **Epiphany**  
10:00 Choral Communion  
16:00 Café Church

Sunday 12th January **Epiphany 1**  
10:00 Choral Communion

Sunday 19th January **Epiphany 2**  
10:00 Choral Communion  
16:00 Café Church

Sunday 26th January **Epiphany 3**  
10:00 Choral Communion

**This month's cover is from Parish Pump.** The editor would welcome any local photos that typify a month of the year to use as cover pictures, bearing in mind the proportions, and that they may have to be tweaked!



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