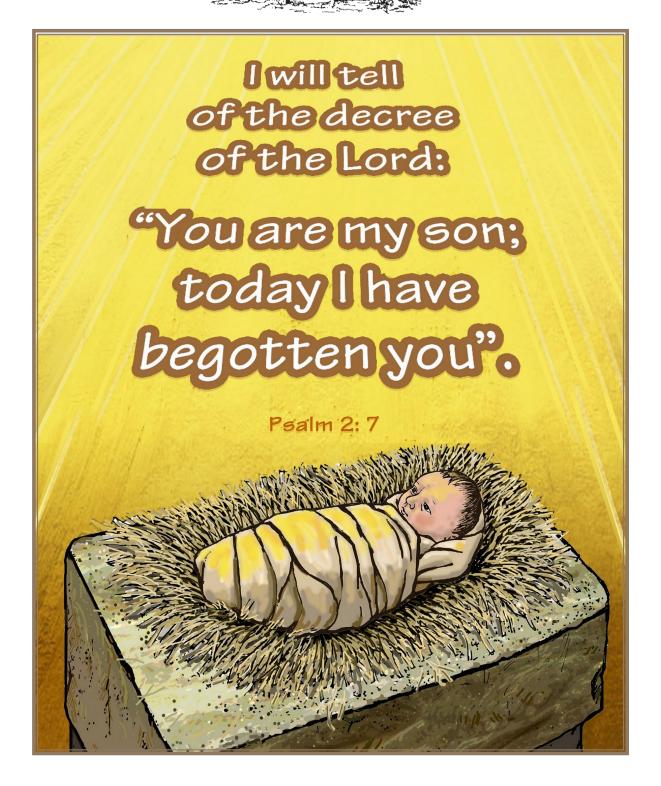
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Sunday 1st 18:30 Advent Sung Eucharist, the start of our looking forward to Christmas, refreshments afterwards!

Friday 6th 17:30 Carols, tower and tree lights switch on

Saturday 7th 12:00-15:00 Refreshments, raffle and a chance to meet Santa!

Tuesdays 3rd, 10th and 17th, at 20:00, Compline by Candlelight, a quiet and contemplative service

Saturday 14th at 13:30-14:30, a "Singalong with Vernon"! A really good chance to sing well-loved carols, and sound all the better for ensuing occasions!

Saturday 14th at 16:00, Family Christingle Service, a fun and family friendly service for all ages, please bring a donation for The Children's Society

Sunday 22nd at 18:30, Carols by Candlelight, a traditional organ-led service of readings and carols, followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Tuesday 24th at 15:30 and 17:00, Family Carols and Pop-Up Nativity, the earlier service is toddler-friendly, repeated at 17:00 for all the family

Tuesday 24th at 23:00 Midnight Mass. A traditional and majestic service of awe and wonder.



Wednesday 25th at 10:00, Christmas communion for all the family, please bring a favourite present to show!

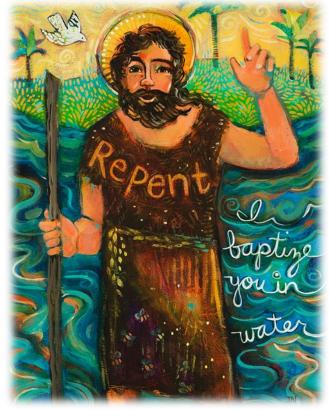
ADVENT

Advent is the season leading up to Christmas. We are focussed on the coming of Christ, his birth and his coming in glory at the end of time. Purple vestments are used at the Eucharist, the Gloria is omitted, flowers are absent, and our worship is re-orientated.

We offer you this reflective period of stillness, seeking and preparation amidst the craziness of the cultural countdown to Christmas. Advent is a season of expectant journey and of waiting

upon God. It is important to mark each week of this short but powerful season, and I do urge you to do everything you can to attend each celebration of the Holy Communion on Sundays so that we can journey together.

John the Baptizer is a central figure during Advent, we seek to attend to his words 'Prepare the way of the Lord' and heed his call to repentance. To help us enter this season, the Church building may look a little different. There are no flowers. Instead, we have a display of bare branches, a reminder that Advent is a kind of wilderness experience.



During this time, we are expectant and thirsty for God. Advent demands us to re-orientate ourselves against the usual norms; we 'look toward the east'. During advent we are invited to look beyond and away from ourselves.

Our visual focus will be an enthroned book of the Gospels at the east end of the Church, placed on a stand draped in purple cloth. This signifies the presence of Christ in his word, presiding over our gathered community.

Advent is a season of longing. It's a time when we recognize the truth of Romans 8:22: "the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now." The world is not right. Since Genesis 3, it never has been.

The headlines change in the newspaper, but the reality hasn't. This world is sin-sick and cries out for redemption. Our efforts to bring change always fall short. we may not have meant to mess it up, and our attempts to improve what's wrong make things worse.

We need a Saviour

It seems right to enter into the longing of those who patiently awaited the first coming as they clung to so many of the promises sprinkled throughout Scripture, just as we long for the second coming of Christ.

Advent reminds us that we have only one hope, and that is Jesus.

The end of the pandemic, the election of a new leader, or the latest material purchase will never give us what we're looking for.

We need the One who can not only satisfy our desires but set



the world to what it should be. Even as we long, we're filled with hope. Jesus is coming. Our longing for his coming will make his arrival even sweeter. Come, Lord Jesus!

The Revd Chris Bishop Vicar

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.

Baptism

Funerals

Edward Howsley
John Holt
Keith Holgate
Elizabeth Ann Griffiths



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)



Dianne Fox seeks your support for Doncaster Young Farmers' Annual Tractor Run Rally on Sunday 1st December. The cavalcade, raising money for charity, will be coming into Hatfield from the Stainforth direction at approximately 12.25 and onto Dunsville before completing the loop back to Barnby Dun Farm Shop. Bring flags, banners, scarves to wave – they will have buckets for donations, or you can donate online:

www.yellowwellies.org This is a charity working to address the attitudes and behaviours to risk-taking and poor mental health in the next generation of farmers.



A Message from The Revd. Fr. Chris Wroot

My name is The Rev'd. Father Chris Wroot, and I have been married to Sennette for 36 wonderful years. Our journey began at the Church of the Good Shepherd, where our shared faith and commitment to the church brought us together, and we were later married in that very same church. We have been blessed with two sons, Josh and Jacob, and our sister-in-law Sophie. Our family's joy has expanded with the arrival of our grandson, Teddy, who is 2 years old and who has quickly become the heart of our family, filling our lives with abundant joy and blessings.

The Church of England has been central to my life since childhood. Raised in a traditional Church of England family, my earliest memories are of Sunday School, where I began, at the age of six, to learn about God's love and the teachings of Jesus. My faith was further nurtured through my education at a Church of England primary and junior school, establishing roots that would shape my path forward.

I spent 38 years working for Doncaster Council. For the first half, I served as a Senior Child Care Officer, working with some of Doncaster's most vulnerable children. The following years were dedicated to serving as a Community Officer, primarily in Doncaster's most deprived areas, supporting families and, in the final decade, focusing on aiding the homeless and those in need around the city centre.

Eight years ago, I experienced a life-changing moment—a profound calling from God to serve in a new way. I began training as a Reader at the Sheffield School of Ministry, yet as I embraced this role, I continued to feel God's persistent call to ordained ministry. Through prayer and thoughtful discernment, it became clear that ordination was my path.

On June 29th of this year, I was ordained by Bishop Pete into the sacred priesthood. The day was filled with joy, emotion, and a deep sense of the gravity of this calling. As Bishop Pete reminded us during the service, I do not carry this calling by my strength alone, but through the grace and power of God. God has called me, and He will equip me for His ministry in the years to come.

I feel deeply blessed to serve within our mission area of Hatfield for the remainder of my curacy. The warmth and welcome that both Sennette and I have already received have made us feel part of this wonderful church family even before our official arrival.

As a priest, I am sacramentally led, believing that everything we do as the body of Christ flows through the sacraments. The sacraments are the heartbeat of our mission and evangelism, grounding and sustaining us in all aspects of ministry. I feel called to bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ through the sacraments, helping them to encounter His grace, love, and transformative power in their lives.

Looking to the future, I am filled with confidence and excitement. I am certain that, under the guidance of our Vicar The Rev'd. Chris Bishop, and with the support of our church community, I will continue to grow, learn, and serve in ways that honour God and our community.

May God bless you all.

Fr Chris Wroot



The Playing of the Merry Organ

I recall about sixty years ago, when I was a music student in Huddersfield, enquiring of a gentleman who was very much my senior and a lover of classical music, what his tastes were in organ music. His astonishing response was that he didn't like organ music at all; he considered it 'too heavy'. In time, I came to realize that many people find organ music 'heavy going' but, as an organ-mad teenager, I didn't understand how any lover of classical music could fail to be as enthusiastic about organ music as I was. Even for lovers of classical music, acquiring an appreciation of some organ repertoire is a process that may take a considerable length of time and require dedicated effort.

I do not delude myself by imagining that all members of the congregation like organ music or enjoy hearing me play. It is evident, however, that many do appreciate my efforts and, accordingly, I propose in future to include details of my concluding voluntaries in this magazine and on the weekly notice sheet. Some readers will know that I'm far more widely recognized as a composer than I am as an organist so it should come as no surprise that my own music will feature from time to time.

Since, in the autumn of 2017, I switched my attention as a composer to producing what I judge to be 'accessible' organ music (I had composed very little organ music before then), I have composed fifty-seven pieces for organ, thirty-nine of which are published. Most of the rest, along with a suite of eight transcriptions of music from Susato's *Danserye* (1551), have been accepted for publication and await release.

Concluding voluntaries for December are as follows:

December 1st, Advent 1: Sung Eucharist, 6.30 pm

Postlude on 'Helmsley': Vernon Hoyle (b.1948)

This piece is founded upon the well known tune sung to 'Lo, he comes with clouds descending'. The tune is said to have been adapted to the hymn by Thomas Olivers (1725–99) from a tune he heard whistled in the street.

December 8th, Advent 2: Sung Eucharist, 10 am

Fugue in G (BWV 576): Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

December 15th: Advent 3: Sung Eucharist, 6.30 pm

Sonata in C minor, first movement: *Allegro*: Giovanni Battista Pescetti (c.1704–c.1766)

Pescetti was a composer active in the field of opera both in Italy and in London. Then, during the last four years of his life, he was second organist at St Mark's Cathedral in Venice.

December 22nd: Advent 4: Sung Eucharist, 10 am

A Trumpet Minuet: Vernon Hoyle

This piece is subtitled 'A homage to Alfred Hollins'. Hollins (1865–1942) was a prodigiously talented English organist, pianist and composer who was blind from birth. His best known piece is his attractively tuneful Trumpet Minuet.

Carols by Candlelight, 6.30 pm

Toccata (Symphony No. 5): Charles Marie Widor (1844–1937)

December 24th: Christmas Eve: Midnight Mass, 11 pm

Chorale Prelude, 'In dulci jubilo' BWV 729): Johann Sebastian Bach

December 25th: Christmas Day: Sung Eucharist, 10 am

Festive Postlude on 'Mendelssohn': Vernon Hoyle

'Mendelssohn', the well known tune sung to 'Hark! the herald angels sing', is by Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47) and is adapted from his *Festgesang* Op.68, composed in 1840.

December 29th: Christmas 1: Sung Eucharist, 6.30 pm

Grand Choeur sur un Théme de Noël: César Franck (1822–90)

Vernon Hoyle

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Sunday Services FROM JANUARY 2025

Sunday Mornings Choral Communion @ 10am

Sunday Afternoons (1st & 3rd)
Cafe Church @ 4:30pm

Monthly Worship Night @ 6:30pm
As Advertised

They showed what was God's

They stuck to true love

Family grew great

And growth does remain

Man came on scene, woman no slouch.

Was searching for family
Indeed God gave one
Clarity I sought
And great way ahead
Doors then came open, unexpected ones.

Lots friends amongst tenfold

Lots gave great nods

Felt like a novelty

Never a stranger

Many did stand out with brothers and sisters.

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100 Club winners for December, and Vera's chatter

1st prize Jean Noble 2nd Prize Glenys Tonge 3rd prize Glynis Smith

Congratulations all of you and best wishes to all of Jean and Mike Noble's friends from them. They do not get out much these days, Mike has given up driving so excursions are a rare treat, I had a lovely visit catching up with them, enjoying a picture show of their beautiful grand and great grandchildren. Visitors are always most welcome.

We are now well into Christmas preparations, look out for the Parish Christmas card inside your next copy of the Thorne Times or being popped through your letterbox if you miss out on the Times. There are plenty of services to suit all tastes, so please make your choice and remember to come, bring friends with you and make it an event to start your Christmas celebrations.

I am really looking forward to the Christmas Tree Festival, the films chosen are all Christmassy and very varied, all have 3 clues included to help you out. Santa has dropped a hint he will be coming during the afternoon of Saturday the 7th to say hello, bring your camera and capture the moment. The following weekend our marvellous organist Vernon Hoyle is doing a Christmas sing along 1:30pm -2:30pm it is guaranteed to get you in the mood, refreshments will be available. There will be no need to rush off as you will be in the right place to join in with the Christingle at 4pm.

We have a new offering this year, Tuesday evenings 3rd, 10th and 17th at 8pm we will be saying Compline by candlelight. This is a short restful service to calm your mind before you settle down for the night. In the run up to the business of Christmas this is a must.

For some people Christmas is the only time you come to Church. We are really looking forward to welcoming you, please come, relax and enjoy the real reason for Christmas. I would love to promise a warm welcome, but I can't guarantee the heat if the outside temperature is minus something! So please wrap up warmly, be like me and wear more layers than an onion. Statistically you lose loads of heat from your

head so be a fashion leader and wear a hat, there are fabulous ones for sale at Imeldas, perhaps we should run a competition for the most beautiful hat? Or wrap up in one of those heated jumpers or throws. Comfort is so important if you are going to enjoy a service.

I am going to give my Christmas cakes another little drink now before starting my Christmas shopping list, how many days to go? See you all soon

Vera x

"Which one would you wear?"



Diary of a Youth, Children's and Families Worker

For the last two years I have either been ill in the lead up to December, during or in the aftermath! From full on flu to a severe chest infection, it hasn't been the best way to prepare for a busy month or to recover afterwards (and definitely not the best to lose my voice before the two Christmas eve services!!!). For that reason I took my first retreat last week after 5 years of serving as your youth, children's and families worker. I went off to Norfolk for three days with a group of other children's and families workers to rest, spend time with God and encourage each other.

What a blessing it was! But in a very children's worker kind of way! We ate a lot of cake, wore our slippers, went for naps, and played board games. Dungarees seemed to be the uniform of choice, and how to encourage our families to follow Jesus even more the topic of much dinner time conversation. I was very blessed to have 5 hours to spend with a "Working Group" of four other workers, where we could ask questions, deal with problems, and pray for each other. I leave feeling exciting and ready to support our youngest congregation members and community to come and get to know God even more. I also leave having ordered 100 mini Jesus' that may be hidden in random places over the next few months – if you spot one hiding at church just shout out really loud "I FOUND JESUS!!"

This leads me on to asking for your prayers! In my diary I have 8 extra schools services in church this December, 1 visit to Ash Hill Academy, 4 extra all-age services to prepare for and a Doncaster Youth Hub event on top of the usual groups and activities. What an amazing opportunity to reach people, but please pray for connections, energy and most of all for God to be with me and the team as we deliver these things. If you'd like to help at any of them do let me know – I can send you a list!

Finally – do sign up to take part in our Hatfield Monopoly Challenge for 2025 – a nice walk and a cuppa hot chocolate in church on the way round. What's not to love! Or sign up to help serve drinks in church if you don't want to walk. The weather got the best of us last year, but we still had some die-hard families that carried on in the rain. Praying it's a sunny winters day this time round.

God Bless – Rachel Youth, Children's and Families Worker Rachel.ridler@centenaryproject.org.uk





Christmas Tree Festival

Saturdays and Sundays 7th and 8th, 14th and 15th, 21st and 22nd, 10-4 on Saturdays, and 1-4 on the Sundays.

There will be a quiz to see who can guess most of the tree themes, which are all Christmas films!

There will be refreshments, and a raffle each weekend with a prize of a Christmas hamper!

The organisers need stewards to meet and greet, make drinks and most of all welcome people to our beautiful church, please sign the list in the church if you can offer an hour or two.

There will be a quiz to see who can guess most of the tree

The Friends of Hatfield Church Building Trust

We've been invited by our friends at Thorne Library to have a stall selling our pre-loved jewellery at their Christmas Fair on Friday 22nd November so we have gratefully accepted.

Our next event will be our <u>Coffee Morning at Hatfield Community</u> <u>Library on Sat 30th Nov</u> from 10am till 12 noon. Usual rules apply – drinks, cakes, raffle, Tombola and pre-loved jewellery but with Christmas jumpers & hats perhaps?

Good news from <u>easyfundraising</u>, <u>we've been paid £23.84</u> which our fantastic shoppers have raised by doing their online shopping via easyfundraising.org.uk, great job shoppers! Thank you all.

The Friends Committee will be sponsoring a tree at the <u>St Lawrence</u> <u>Christmas Tree Festival in Church</u> this December so please come along and see if you can identify which Christmas film we are depicting.

There should be another **Friends Newsletter**, with a gentle reminder to renew your subscriptions, popping through your letterbox by early 2025, watch out for it. Your annual subscriptions are our main source of fundraising so please stay with us and recommend anyone else to join us in our continual quest.

Season's Greetings

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 6QE. Tel 01302 842363.

Tina O'Hallloran



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

Each WEDNESDAY coffee after church at St Lawrence, Holy Communion at 10, coffee 11-12:00

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 14:00-15:00 at Methodist Chapel, Greens Road, Dunsville.

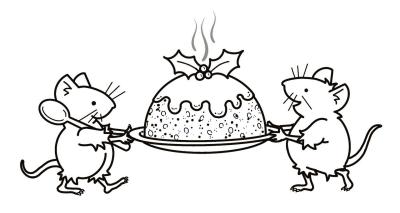
Each SATURDAY 10-11:30 coffee morning Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist church

3rd First Tuesday Garden Club 19:30 Hatfield Woodhouse Working Men's Club

5th First Thursday Stainforth History Group 19:00 Stainforth Methodist Church. This month is the easy-to-listen to Stephen Gay, with remarkable pictures of train journeys, it will be enjoyable even if you have no interest in trains!

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

Please see page three for other events across Christmas-tide.



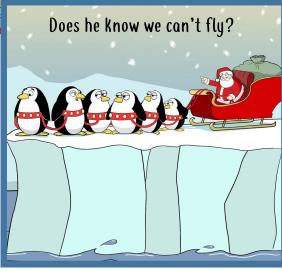


Can you find a Bible verse to fit these to-do actions? Answers to the editor please for January's magazine!

> Now what did I come up here For again . .



I have to take a picture of the presents under the tree for proof of delivery.



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THE CHRISTMAS TREE FAINTED





These ideas and more can be found on the website https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/

Buying planet -friendly gifts isn't as difficult as you might think – here are some tips to help you along the way:

- Look out for gifts that come with as little packaging as possible, or at least some you can recycle.
- Quality not quantity! A family Secret Santa means you don't have to buy for everyone.
- Why not put together a zero-waste kit? You could include a portable cup, a biodegradable lunchbox, or some wax food wraps.
- Make something yourself. You can choose your own packaging, and the personal effort makes a gift priceless! Cook up some fudge or make your own gin.

Tote bags are a fun gift and a great way to avoid plastic bags at the checkout.

- Give an experience
- Buy sustainable products.

If you are sending Christmas cards you can recycle last year's to make your own. Alternatively, send a eCard that raises funds for nature.

Then we come to wrapping our gifts.....

- Shiny wrapping paper is pretty, but it's not recyclable! The same goes for glittery paper. Use brown paper for a lovely vintage look or make sure your Christmas paper is plastic free.
- Sellotape is made of plastic but you can get brown paper tape or get creative with some ribbon or string. Better yet, go for a reusable option like a box, bag, or cloth.
- Don't forget your Christmas cards the same rules go for glittery and shiny cards. Watch out for the plastic wrappers too. Try to find cards

sold loose or packaged differently - or have a go at making your own! Save any Christmas cards and cut them up to use as tags for next year.



Thank you Glenys Mashford

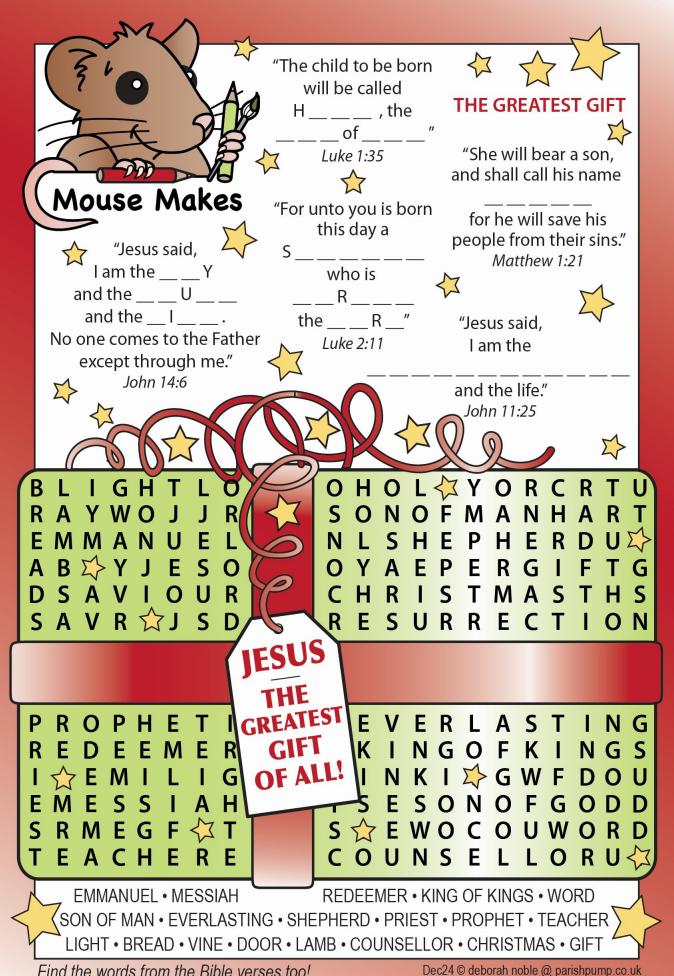
A shout out for mince pies please!

We will be pleased to invite people to the Carol Service on 22nd, but we'll need mince pies. Please



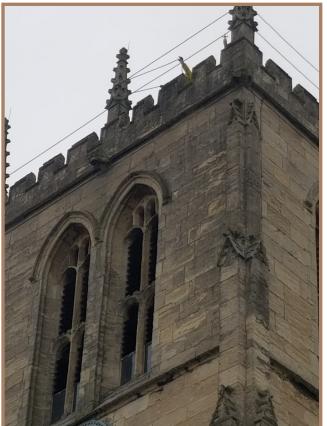
bring them into church securely packaged, whether home-made or not!

Many thanks for your hospitality



Find the words from the Bible verses too!





And last but not least...

Thanks to Terry for putting up our famous tower lights that we all love to see so much. This glimpse of a yellow arm is the most that could be seen of him!

Tower lights switch on is on Friday 6th December at 17:30, with a chance to sing carols and the switching on of the Christmas trees too!



Joining in on Facebook!

You can join Rev'd Gill on Tuesday and 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!



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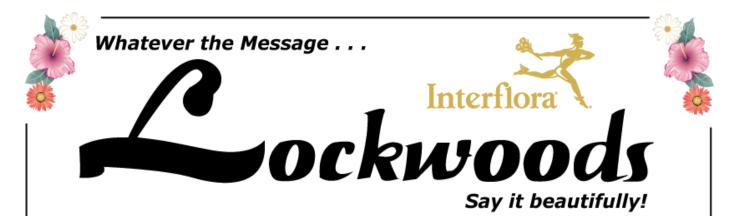
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10.00 Holy Communion followed by Open Church from 11.00 – 12.00, join us for coffee, chat, quiet prayer..... Well-behaved dogs are well-behaved owners!!

See page 3 for other services and events through December

Sunday 1st December 10:00 Café Church 18:30 Sung Eucharist

Sunday 8th December 10:00 Sung Eucharist

Sunday 15th December 10:00 Café Church 18:30 Sung Eucharist

Sunday 22nd December 18:30, Carols by Candlelight **10:00 Sung Eucharist**

18:30, Carols by Candlelight, with mulled wine and mince pies, but no church mice!





This is the QR (quick response) code for St Lawrence Church,
There is also a card reader in church for easy payments towards the mission and ministry of our beautiful church, and there is a facility for gift-aiding there too.