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# A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year!

## FROM THE EDITOR

I don't need to say anything about this time of the year. Its Christmas. Enjoy. Check out the church calendar in the centre pages and also the Christmas events on Pages 34 & 35.

*Peter Chadwick, Magazine Editor*

### **Coffee Morning Plus** **on the first Saturday every month** **10am to 2pm**

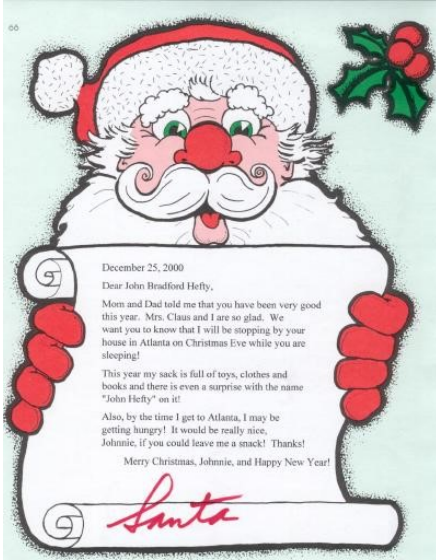


While out shopping on the first Saturday in every month, pop in to St Peter's for refreshments and a chat. Bring your friends and family.

Its cheap and cheerful and very casual. We always have a cake stall with some delicious home made confectionary, and we usually have a book stall outside, weather permitting.

**The next ones:**  
**Sat 3 December and Sat 7 January**

# Simon Says



Two letters written to Father Christmas, one child asks for writing paper and a surprise and the other child asks for a play station and £1000. Both children may see their dreams and hopes fulfilled. It does not seek much common sense though to realise which child has a realistic sense of the Christmas season and which child is likely to lose a sense of wonder quickest.

Disappointment is perhaps the greatest slayer of future hopes. Yet I would also like to say that to dream the impossible or at least the unreachable, by human hands or

endeavours, tend to be the building blocks of the strongest faith.

So, what about our prayer life in this advent season? I want to suggest that we need to remember those requests that seem unreachable. For us to dream dreams of God's kingdom and the coming of the Prince of Peace. To see today's world and the crises in the news and pray God into those situations and the people involved - a wish list for the future. St. Paul tells us to pray continually, Jesus tells us that our heavenly Father hears our prayers and acts.

How about restraining our list of demands with a hint of wonder? Again not that we should not dream dreams, but perhaps our advent prayer life should simply be that God will be close and perhaps even surprise us. Side by side the two children's requests seem out of balance and the former, just a writing set and a surprise would on Christmas Day seem to be overwhelmed by the presents received by the second.

I think that the first of the requests, down to earth and honest, would be the ones which are remembered and revelled in long after



the other gifts were received and forgotten. They seem to be more personal and more in the present. Likewise the simple prayer of asking God to be with us and simply surprise us, is not just asking or dreaming, but drawing closer to God the Father who is with us. For Christmas is about Emmanuel, God with us, perhaps that is where our yearning needs to be centred.

Christmas reminds us that we are not alone but part of something which holds and sustains us. Perhaps that is what can make all our other activities worthwhile and focused.

So as we struggle with shopping lists and invitations, it is good to be reminded that God is close to our lives. Christmas reveals the ties that bind us together, woven in the simplest way within our family. That is all the stronger because of Jesus' birth and presence in the form of a child.

Truly a gift to be welcomed, a surprise beyond all surprises and proof how very close God is willing to be to our humanity.



*Simon*

## Advent Study

During Advent and in the week before any particular Sunday there will be a short daily study available both in a printed weekly sheet and daily on our web site. Collect the sheet on a Sunday or log on to Huddersfield Parish Church on the internet and look at Advent through 'Impressions from St.Pete's'.



This process will be repeated in the season of Lent and is a good way of preparing for major festivals.

## Confirmation Celebration

Sunday 4 December we are welcoming our Diocesan Bishop – the Right Reverend Nick Baine to lead our worship and confirm candidate from Huddersfield Parish Church.

Please try and make this a day when you come to worship at St. Peter's a good, full congregation will add welcome and spirit to the occasion.

Please keep Mabi, Kudzi and Joyce in your prayers and perhaps reaffirm you own faith though the word and action of the confirmation service.



## Civic Services for Christmas



We have an array of different services through Advent and on into Christmas.

If you are available and are able to help steward or be part of a HPC presence at the events, please speak to the clergy and wardens offering help. There will be lists and rotas to fill in as December progresses.



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## Yorkshire Christian Joke

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Frank was walking down the village street and asked a passer-by, "Wot's donkey for?"

"Oh, we got it for t'vicar" was the reply.

"By gum!" said Frank, "tha's got a good swop there!"



*From the big book of Yorkshire humour*

**Q: Why does Santa have a garden?**  
**A: So he can hoe, hoe, hoe!**



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## Simon C's Spot

There will be an Advent Bible study at the curate's house on Mondays at 7:30pm, starting on 28th November.

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Sunday 18th December 10am is our all age nativity communion service. Do come and bring your friends, neighbours and family, put on a nativity themed costume and join in.

*For more info on any of these speak with Simon C.*

## Transport

Would you like to come to a church service, a fundraising or social event, but do not have accessible transport to get here? Please let the churchwardens, clergy or parish office know, and we will try to help whenever possible.

*Jane Bembridge, Pastoral Care Group.*



## How to become good looking



Two ounces of patience,  
A cup full of kindness,  
A pinch of hope.  
Add a bunch of faith to these,  
A packet of prudence and  
A few sprays of sympathy.  
A handful of the little plant called humility  
must always be added  
And a jar brim full of the spirit of good humour.



Season the mixture with good strong common sense  
And simmer down gently in the pan of daily content.

*Author unknown. Thanks Margaret Harris*



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## EXPENSES

<b>Parish working costs</b> (admin, caretaking, ministry expenses, staff and musicians . . . )	<b>£695</b>
<b>Church housekeeping</b> (heating, lighting, insurance . . . )	<b>£625</b>
<b>Parish share</b> (our share of diocesan and national church costs; paying for clergy, training and ministry . . . )	<b>£681</b>
<b>Giving</b> (our direct giving to Christian charities)	<b>£138</b>

**Total expenditure each week = £2,139**

## INCOME

<b>Collection Plate</b>	<b>£100</b>
<b>Planned giving</b> (envelopes, bankers orders)	<b>£605</b>
<b>Tax reclaimed on Gift Aid</b>	<b>£162</b>
<b>Pedestal collection</b>	<b>£113</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>	<b>£115</b>
<b>Investment from Property</b>	<b>£639</b>
<b>Sundry income</b> (donations, service fees ... )	<b>£114</b>

**Total income per week = £1,848**

We need an extra **£291 per week** to balance our books. This sounds like a lot of money, but we believe that when shared between enough of us, it is achievable.



# St PETER'S DIARY FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY

See also the Christmas events on pages 34 & 35

## DECEMBER

Fri 2	06.00pm	Mothers Union – Eucharist and Meeting
Sat 3	10.00am - 2.00pm	Coffee Gathering
Sun 4	<b>ADVENT 2</b>	
	08.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Confirmation and Sung Eucharist The Bishop of Leeds – Nick Baines
	03.00pm	Evensong
Tues 6	10.00am	Woodley School - Christingle
	7.30pm	Stewardship Group
Wed 7	10.00am	Huddersfield Area MU Prayer Vigil
	12.35pm	Holy Communion
	06.30pm	Huddersfield Funeral Home Memorial Service
Thurs 8	10.00am	U3A Carol Service
Sun 11	<b>ADVENT 3</b>	
	08.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
	03.00pm	Evensong
Mon 12	06.30pm	Cooperative Funeral Services Memorial Service
Wed 14	01.00pm	Town Carol Service
Sun 18	<b>ADVENT 4</b>	
	08.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Nativity and Sung Eucharist
	03.00pm	Lessons and Carols
	05.00pm	Hope Church Carol Service
Wed 21	12.35pm	Holy Communion
	07.30PM	PCC meeting at Vicarage
Sat 24	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	
	04.00pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass





Sun 25     **CHRISTMAS DAY**  
               08.00am Holy Communion  
               10.00am Sung Eucharist  
               03.00pm Evensong  
 Wed 28     12.35pm Holy Communion



## JANUARY

Sun 1        **CHRISTMAS 2**  
               08.00am Holy Communion  
               10.00am Sung Eucharist  
               03.00pm Evensong  
 Wed 4       12.35pm Holy Communion  
 Fri 6        01.00pm Mothers Union – Eucharist and Bible Study  
 Sat 7        10.00am - 2.00pm Coffee Gathering  
 Sun 8        **EPIPHANY**  
               08.00am Holy Communion  
               10.00am Sung Eucharist  
               03.00pm Evensong  
 Wed 11      12.35pm Holy Communion  
 Thurs 12   10.00am Pastoral Group  
 Sun 15      **EPIPHANY 2**  
               08.00am Holy Communion  
               10.00am Christingle and Sung Eucharist  
               03.00pm Epiphany Memorial  
 Wed 18      12.35pm Holy Communion  
 Sun 22      **EPIPHANY 3**  
               08.00am Holy Communion  
               10.00am Sung Eucharist  
               03.00pm Evensong  
 Mon 23      07.30pm Funding Group  
 Wed 25      12.35pm Holy Communion  
 Sun 29      **EPIPHANY 4**  
               08.00am Holy Communion  
               10.00am Sung Eucharist  
               03.00pm Evensong

**Sun 5 February \*\*\* Next issue of the Network Magazine \*\*\***

## NEWS FROM THE PCC

**Future plans.** A draft agreement has been reached with the developers wishing to purchase our car-park. The whole scheme is subject to detailed planning permission for the Kingsgate Leisure Scheme. The PCC has more detailed information if you wish to see it.

Planning permission is being sought for our car-park on the North wall and we are negotiating for funding from our usual grant sources. Representatives of the PCC visited Emley Church to see their new kitchen area. They are highly delighted with it with it and we could learn from their experience when planning our own alterations.

**Health and Safety.** Appointment to be announce soon.

**Choral Director.** We have a new Choral Director soon to be announced subject to completion of DBS checks.

**Mothers' Union.** Now meeting once a month with a Eucharist. See the diary (centre pages) and the clergy for more information on dates, venue etc.

**Finance.** We are negotiating a further three year contract with the Keys Restaurant. A new lease for the Aspley Carpets has been agreed and finalised. The church's annual donations to Christian Charities has been agreed. A review of the income and expenditure accounts to date shows the church will not survive on the giving only and needs the fund-raising to keep us going. See Page 17.

**Stewardship.** The recent recruiting efforts have produced a few more volunteers for hosting duties etc. Even more would be welcome.

**Pew Runners.** A group called, "The Pew Runners" has been formed to raise money for new (you've guessed it) pew runners for the church. We will be having a number of runs ranging in distance from 1 mile to 13 miles (half marathon). One of our events will be a relay around the church and gardens - each person or team will need to complete 5 laps. More details to follow. See Simon C.



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# *Huddersfield Parish Prayer Cycle*

Below is a prayer cycle, the left hand column for the streets, the activity and the people within the parish boundaries, whilst the right hand column are the street names of parishioners who are on the electoral role as well as addresses of friends, relatives and concerns. Please use each column during the two months of this magazine - there are 31 entries in each columns (one per day), please use the extras in the shorter months.

## **PARISH STREETS**

## **CHURCH ROLE AND CONCERNS**

1.	Springwood Avenue	Castle Hill HD4	1.
2.	Springwood Square	Cavell Square SR8	2.
3.	Springwood Street	Chapel Hill HD1	3.
4.	St Andrew's Road	Chatsworth Close HD5	4.
5.	St George's Square	Church Lane LN13	5.
6.	St George's Street	Church Street HD1	6.
7.	St Paul's Street	Church Street HX5	7.
8.	St Peter's Street	Church Tower View HD3	8.
9.	Stadium Way	Clement Street HD1	9.
10.	Station Street	Cleveland Road HD1	10.
11.	Temple Close	Cliff End Road HD3	11.
12.	The Shambles	Clough Drive HD8	12.
13.	Thistle Street	Coniston Avenue HD5	13.
14.	Threadneedle Street	Coronation Road NE16	14.
15.	Town Avenue	Cowersley Lane HD4	15.
16.	Town Crescent	Cross Church Street HD1	16.
17.	Town Place	Cross Green Road HD5	17.
18.	Town Terrace	Cross Lane HD4	18.
19.	Trident Business Park	Cumberland Avenue HD2	19.
20.	Trinity Street	Daisy Lee Lane HD3	20.
21.	Turnbridge Road	Dale Park Gardens LS16	21.
22.	Union Street	Dalton Fold Road HD5	22.
23.	University Road	Dalton Green Lane HD5	23.
24.	Unna Way	Dalton HD1	24.
25.	Upper George Street	Day Street HD1	25.
26.	Upperhead Row	Derwent Drive HD5	26.
27.	Venn Street	Derwent Drive HD5	27.
28.	Viaduct Street	Derwent Drive HD5	28.
29.	Victoria Lane	Derwent Way NG7	29.
30.	Vine Street	Dewsbury Road HD6	30.
31.	Wakefield Road	Dissington Place NE16	31.

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These happy elves need colour for Christmas

Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

A: Frostbite!

Q: What happened when the turkey got into a fight?

A: He got the stuffing knocked out of him!

Q: What do you call a cat on the beach at Christmas time?

A: Sandy Claws!

Q: What do you call an naughty reindeer?

A: RUDEolph!

**KIDS' CORNER**

# PUZZLE PAGES

1	9		4					
5			8		1	4		
7	4		6			1		
8							5	6
		9		1				7
3				7		9		
	3					8		9
								2
				3	9		6	



## Sudoku

Not too hard this one for Christmas. Enjoy.

**Try to fill in the missing numbers (013).**

Use the numbers 1 through 16 to complete the equations.

Each number is only used once.

Each row is a maths equation.

Work from left to right.

Each column is a maths equation.

Work from top to bottom.

Answers last issue (012):

$$6-13+5 \times 3 = -6$$

$$12+1-11 \times 8 = 16$$

$$14-16-9+15 = 4$$

$$2-10/4 \times 7 = -14$$

	/		x		-		29
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	/		+		+		31
-		-		/		+	
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-22		-10		25		41	



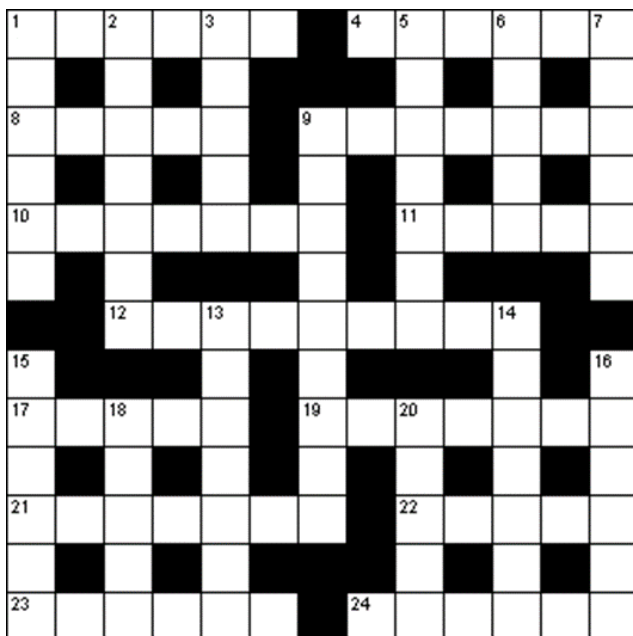
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### Across

- 1 Shout loudly (6)
- 4 Call off (6)
- 8 Freshwater fish of the carp family (5)
- 9 Devilish (7)
- 10 Stuck (7)
- 11 Wash in clean water (5)
- 12 Mocked (9)
- 17 Bring upon oneself (5)
- 19 Fishing vessel (7)
- 21 United in matrimony (7)
- 22 Drained of colour (5)
- 23 Momentary pain (6)
- 24 Quick look (6)

### Down

- 1 Interment (6)
- 2 Shoe material (7)
- 3 Different (5)
- 5 Naval rank (7)
- 6 Cathedral cleric (5)
- 7 Servile follower (6)
- 9 Devoted (9)
- 13 Beloved (7)
- 14 Marine mammal (7)
- 15 Fate (6)
- 16 Citrus fruit (6)
- 18 Welsh breed of dog (5)
- 20 Be of use (5)



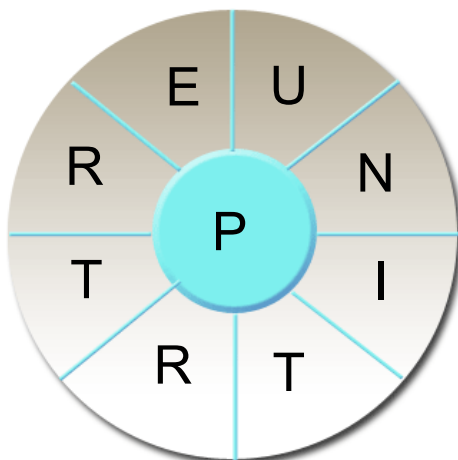
### Answers to previous crossword

**Across:** 7 Over the moon. 8 Agenda. 9 Python. 10 Embark. 12 Throne. 13 Emu. 14 Tremor. 16 Reared. 18 Cornet. 20 Climbs. 22 Entertained.

**Down:** 1 Long. 2 Hernia. 3 Attacker. 4 Help. 5 Doctor. 6 Announce. 11 Moreover. 12 Turncoat. 15 Minute. 17 Aliens. 19. Tarn. 21 Bade.

## WORD WHEEL

How many words can you make from the letters in the wheel? Each word must contain the hub letter. Can you find a 9-letter word and at least 10 other words of four letters or more avoiding proper nouns?



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Preserving ties that bind,  
Our memories build a special bridge,  
And bring us peace of mind.*

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# POP-UP SHOP



The dust has settled on this year's Pop-up Shop event and I thought it would be good to reflect on the week's work.

As before, the week captured everyone's attention with many of our congregation acting as salespeople. Others joined in as drop in visitors, others fetched and carried and others donated items to sell. The shop was absolutely full from the beginning and additional stock was brought over during the week, which meant that all week there were items of interest for our customers.

Can I say a massive "Thank You" to all those who were involved in any way in the week. The final total of money raised was just over £2,500, as we had some donations which were gift aided. This total is absolutely amazing and it goes without saying that we shall be running the shop again next year. In fact, people have been donating items already and Jane has been storing them in the cockloft!

We have had some really good publicity this year too. Bishop Jonathan came to the shop and coffee morning on the Saturday and was impressed with the whole event. In addition, early one morning the diocesan

communications officer came to film and report on the shop to illustrate the mission aspect of our work. This has been publicised in the diocesan newsletter too and I think we shall be talking about the experience in February at another Diocesan event.

This year the mission aspect of the shop's work has been really brought into focus. As a result of conversations during the week in the shop we have had three lovely examples of the benefit of these chats. A new member of the congregation has joined us at St Peter's and has appreciated our warm welcome. Sandie was invited to visit the ladies at Fartown mosque for Friday prayers, which she did and was made very welcome. Finally, a gentleman asked if he could come and polish the lectern. He came and did this on the last "working day", along with his wife and is hoping to do this job every month. Look out for him polishing on coffee mornings!

Overall, the result of our work has been fantastic. We have raised a huge amount of money for the church at a time when it is really needed, we have raised our profile in Huddersfield and last but not least we have been able to continue our very important mission role in the town centre. Give yourselves a huge pat on the back!

*Mike*



**Sandie and Sandra outside the pop-up shop**



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# Christmas 2016 Services & Events

Sat 26 November 10.00am – 2.00pm

### **Christmas Fair**

Stalls and refreshments, Charity Stalls, Children's Activities.

Sun 27 November 3.00pm

### **Service of the Advent "O's"**

Led by the choir at the start of the Advent season. Based around the ancient words of the "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." A time for reflection!

Sun 4 December 10.00am

### **Service of Confirmation**

A special service of commitment lead by the Bishop of Leeds—Nick Baines.

Wed 7 Dec 10.00am-2.00pm

### **Mother's Union Vigil**

Part of the Global Campaign 25 Nov - 10 Dec.

*"16 days of Activism against Gender Violence"*

Wed 7 Dec 6.30pm

### **Christmas Memorial Service**

*In partnership with the Huddersfield Funeral Home and Slaithwaite Funeral Service.*

For anyone who is grieving this Christmas time, this is a gentle service with an opportunity to light a candle to remember your loved one.

***Tree of memorial:*** throughout December a memorial tree is available in the church for you to record the names of loved ones.

Thurs 8 December 10.30am

### **U3A Carol Service**

Traditional Lessons and Carols. Choir and musical additions.

Sun 11 December 2.30pm

### **Huddersfield Philharmonic**

Special programme plus Christmas songs and carols.



Mon 12 Dec 6.30pm

## **Christmas Memorial Service**

*In partnership with the Coop Funeral Care and Mackness Funeral Care.*

Another opportunity for anyone grieving this Christmas time, a service of carols and space to remember your loved ones.

Wed 14 December 1.00pm

## **Town Carol Service**

*Organised for the town by the Huddersfield Society of Chartered Accountants.*

A free carol service for the town with the wonderful voices, organ & brass.

Sun 18 December

10.00am

## **Sunday Eucharist & Nativity**

3.00pm

## **Lessons & Carols - St. Peter's Choir**

Just before Christmas simple expressions of the season in words, action & music.

Sun 18 December 5.00pm

## **Hope Church Advent Carols**

A Traditional Service, with Brass Band and Seasonal refreshments.

Christmas Eve 4.00pm

## **Crib Service**

The simple telling of the arrival of the baby Jesus.

The crib scene is put together with the help of children.

Christmas Eve 11.30pm

## **Midnight Mass**

Traditional candle-lit worship welcoming the birth of Jesus.

Christmas Day

## **Christmas Worship**

8.00am Traditional quiet early morning Holy Communion.

10.00am Worship for all generations with Holy Communion & Carols.

Sun 8 January 2017

10.00am

## **Epiphany Christingle**

'A Light to Lighten the Gentiles' - using the Christingle as an image.

3.00pm

## **Epiphany Remembrance**

Service to mark twelfth night and those names left on the Christmastide

'Tree of Memorial'. An opportunity to remember loved ones departed recently or in years gone by.



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