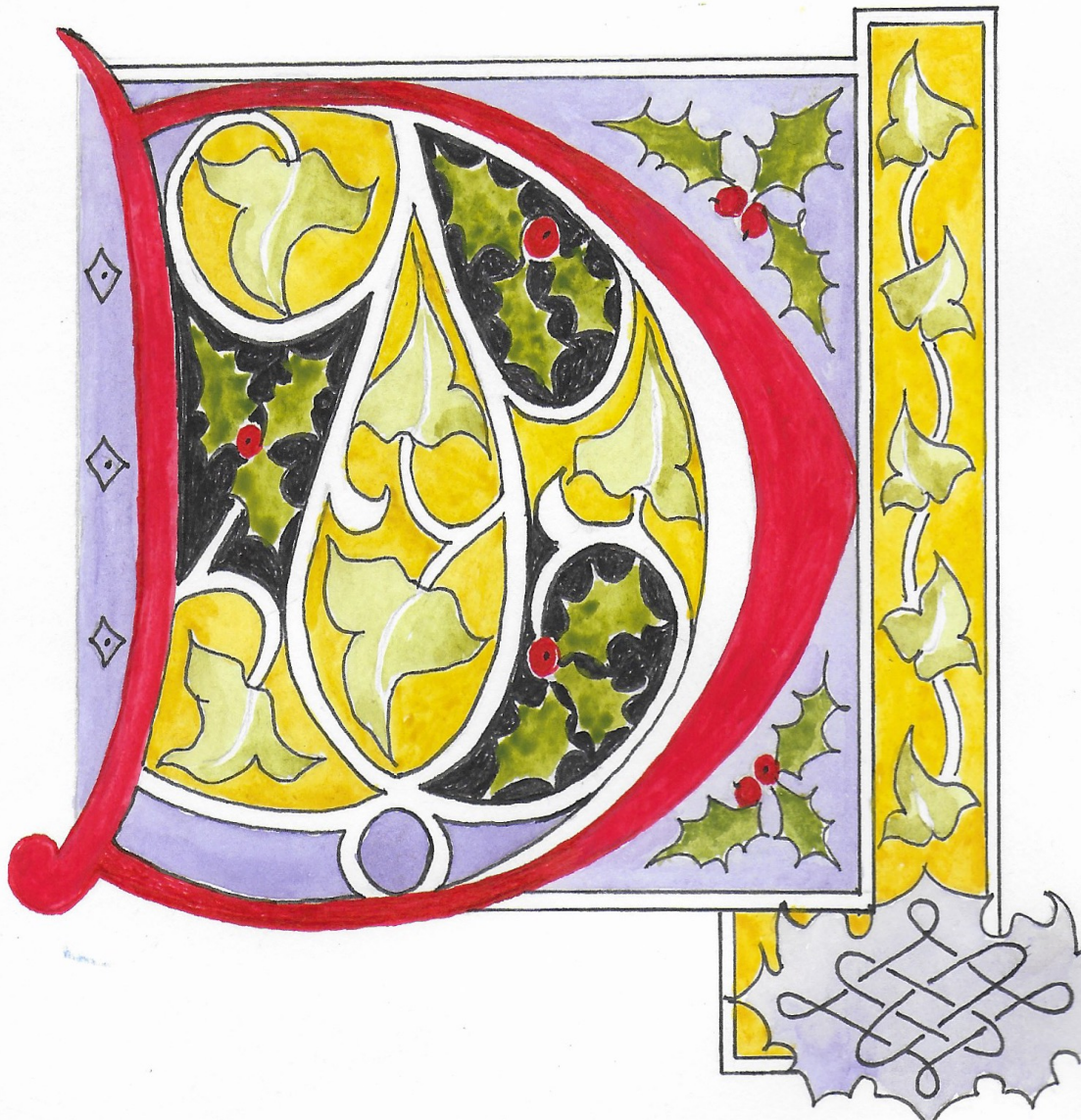


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Letter from Nancy

Dear All

I simply love Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. It is not only a vicar's busy time of year, but also a vicar's *joyful* time of year.

The answer to a hairdresser's December question (for people organised enough to book their Christmas hairdo back in August), "Are you ready for Christmas?" has a different dimension from anyone part of Church: Christingles, carol services, school services, Christmas Communion services, Epiphany services, Messy Church, Churches Together services, Candlemas.

The list is full of joy (and a lot of hard work and organisation). And we all know that it is not the whole story, because for many people Christmas will be a difficult time and the juxtaposition of sorrow and joy is the reality of our lives and the lives of millions of people around the world.

For me, experiencing joy comes out of knowing God's peace – a peace which passes understanding and transcends the turmoil of our lives. Jesus said "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

It is when our hearts are filled with God's peace that we can truly be open to the joy and hope and promise of Christmas. We experience the flowing of heavenly joy through the incarnation, as we celebrate the birth of a baby born in the manger, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Christmas starts with Christ. So too does peace and joy.

My prayers for you all for a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
Every blessing,
Nancy





Christmas – December 2023

Brian Reader comments on the front cover

**So here we are in December, the last month of the year.
Where has all the time gone?**

In December, as well as Christmas, we also have the season of Advent, and the start of the Christian year. We are now in Year B of our lectionary of readings and the gospels will mainly be taken from St. Mark.

But Advent is not just to prepare us for Christmas, as many think. The word 'advent' literally means 'coming' and as well as being a time of reflection on the coming of Christ into the world at His birth, it is also a time of preparation when Christians think about the second coming of Christ in Glory, and what they need to do to be ready for His return.

The Scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation, so our Advent readings will call us to be alert and ready to serve Christ, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world.



Ann's illustration for this month shows Holly and Ivy, which have been used to decorate homes and churches at Christmas since medieval times.

Holly, especially associated with Christmas time, is sometimes referred to by the name Christ's thorn.

Since medieval times the plant has carried a Christian symbolism, as expressed in the popular Christmas carol 'The Holly and the Ivy', in which the holly represents Jesus and the ivy represents His mother, the Virgin Mary.

With holly, the sharpness of the leaves help to recall the crown of thorns worn by Jesus; the red berries serve as a reminder of the drops of blood that were shed for salvation; and the shape of the leaves, which resemble flames, can serve to reveal God's burning love for His people.

"The Holly and the Ivy" is a traditional British folk Christmas carol and I hope we will sing it and many more carols this Christmas.

So, it only remains for me to wish you all, your families and friends, a joyful and peaceful Christmas, and a happy New Year.

COMING SOON

Focus on Advent

Thursday, 7th December, at 11.15am at St Oswald's

Here's a good opportunity for St Gregory's and St Oswald's to get together and enjoy a talk from an engaging guest speaker. Mary Hardiman is a former high school teacher, counsellor and writer who also volunteers for a charity which supports Death Row prisoners in the USA. This talk will follow a short Thursday morning 10.30am Holy Communion Service. All are welcome!

We would welcome volunteers to provide cakes and biscuits after the talk!

Special Meeting for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Thursday 18th January, at 7.30pm at St Christopher's

Revd Nancy has been invited to lead a Churches Together in Britain and Ireland service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th-25th January 2024), when St Oswald's will join with St Gregory's and St Christopher's.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024

Go and do likewise



This year the CTBI order of service has been put together by the churches of Burkino Faso.

Revd Nancy encourages everyone who possibly can, to come along. She says: "I think it is important to show our commitment to the other churches by having a good turn out when we worship together."

So please – put it in your diaries and come along!

No room at the inn? On the contrary!

This year one carol will be sung with particular poignancy.

It retells the message of angels, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favour rests” and continues:

*Yet with the woes of sin and strife,
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel strain have rolled,
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love song which they bring:
O hush the noise, you men of strife,
And hear the angels sing.*

The angels’ goodwill message will persist despite our clamour, for it proclaims God’s all-embracing and eternal welcome. Heaven’s doors are ever open: it is home for everyone. The final biblical vision is of an all-encompassing city: “On no day will its gates ever be shut... the glory and honour of the nations will be brought into it.”

Jesus, for whom there had been no room at the inn, taught that God’s kingdom is home for every race: “I say to you that many will come from the East and the West, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.”

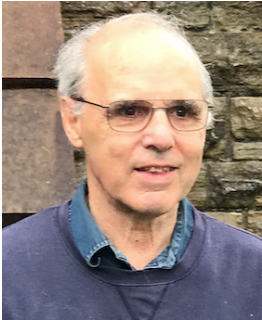
He reassured those anxious about the future: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms...”

No room for you? Don’t you believe it!



Music at St Oswald's

Chris Ward reports



Last month I wrote about the organ in St Oswald's and its role in church and community life. Indeed, the organ has played an important part during the past twelve months for church festivals and charity fundraising events.

On Good Friday 'Stainer's Crucifixion' was sung by the Capriccio Vocal Ensemble and friends as part of the Good Friday church Service led by the vicar.

This music is written for performance in parish churches, featuring tenor and bass soloists, a four-part chorus, and accompanied by a pipe organ. Although our church choir had sung some of the hymns before, such as 'God so loved the world' I don't think the complete piece had been sung in this church. It was a moving occasion.

More recently the Capriccio ensemble held a fund-raising concert on 4th November in church in aid of repairs to our organ under the title: 'Sure on this Shining Night', one of the many songs that were performed. We were also treated to extraordinary solo performances on both piano and organ. An enjoyable evening was had by all concerned, and which raised £708.40.

The week before, we had experienced a 'Saxtravaganza' by saxophone groups from the Macclesfield Music Centre, raising funds for the defibrillator in the Bollington Library. The church was filled with this unique sound of both classical and popular music played on saxophones of all shapes and sizes. The audience commented on the fantastic atmosphere. Jenny Thorpe, on behalf of the saxophone groups, said they enjoyed playing and she added "St Oswald's is a great space for performances". The concert raised £550.

We now look forward to the Nine Lessons and Carols service on Sunday 10th December in church at 3pm led by the vicar, with familiar Christmas hymns and traditional Bible readings. This year The Festival Choir will also be singing carols which put ancient melodies in new musical settings, or put simply, 'old words to new tunes'.



Our Carol Party

by Brian Reader

My memories of Christmas in the past would not be complete without mentioning 'Our Carol Party'.

I was brought up in Broadstairs, and as it was a healthy seaside town it was the location of many children's convalescent homes. In the mid-1930s, another resident, Edward Heath, then the Organ Scholar at Oxford, decided to raise money for the homes and formed 'Our Carol Party'.



It probably started with the choir from the local church but soon attracted choristers from all over the district. It was well organised, and in the days before Christmas the residents would be told in advance when they would be singing in their street, and they always carried an old fashion lantern as proof of identity. The carols were sung to a high musical standard and just before Christmas a concert would be given, and all the money raised would go to the homes.

After the war it was revived and my first memory of them was as a scout collecting money at the 1946 concert. They had a tradition of parading a Boar's Head to the carol of that name, but that year in was only a Papier-mâché imitation.

The next year, being a member of the Church choir, I joined 'Our Carol Party' and participated in the street carolling and the concert which had moved to the Grand Ballroom. Now they paraded a *real* roasted Boar's Head, with extra verses specially written, and also later paraded a flaming 'Figgy Pudding'.

The Twelve days of Christmas was another favourite with 'Ted' Heath, (who later became Prime Minister), singing the special way the 'Five Gold Rings' verse was to be sung. Each year we would have a different person to speak for

the fund raising, and one year we had the American Ambassador who asked for a silent collection, i.e. paper money. The concert would always end with Shaw's Fanfare for Christmas Day, followed by 'O Come All Ye Faithful', and everyone would go home happy.

However, some of the most memorable times were Christmas Eve when we joined a hired coach and visited some of the bigger houses in the area. 'Ted', would always be with us, and he ensured that we finished in time for us all to get back for Midnight Mass in our own Church.

I have always enjoyed singing carols and remember how singing carols at Christmas in different parts of the world has brought me closer to loved ones celebrating Christmas at home.

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My scary musical moments

by Jennifer Burdekin

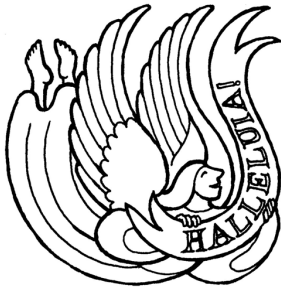
Having played *Eternal Father* on Remembrance Sunday, I was reminded with a shiver about another stroke of scary genius from my younger son.

You may remember that he got me to York Minster one Saturday for a birthday present, and then I was let loose on the Great Organ for an hour!

Delightful - when I had got over the shock. Yet another birthday later, and another phone call. "Mum, would you like to conduct the Brighouse and Rastrick Brass Band at a concert in Huddersfield Town Hall? In front of a Yorkshire audience in the home of brass band excellence?"

My answer was 'No thank you!!!' But they did let me go to the rehearsal rooms and have a conducted tour of the premises, and then conduct the full band in a piece of my own choice. So it had to be 'Eternal Father', with lovely memories of a first class trip.

I think my son has finally gathered that scaring Mum once a year is not such a good idea, for the presents have been much less scary!



The Spiritual Disciplines: Celebration

‘But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.’ (Luke 2:10).

As we conclude our series on the spiritual disciplines, this month we look at Celebration, which is very appropriate for this Christmas season. We are called to rejoice in God’s good gifts and celebrate His faithfulness. Jesus modelled celebration in his first miracle at Cana, when He turned water into wine, enabling the party to continue (John 2:1-12). Celebration helps us with the other disciplines, as it enables us to keep going through times of joy and struggle: ‘Without a joyful spirit of festivity the Disciplines become dull, death-breathing tools in the hands of modern Pharisees.’ (Richard Foster). We celebrate crucial moments in our lives with unreserved joy and thanksgiving and this shape our lives to be more like Jesus. Richard Foster offers a few helpful pointers to celebration in his book *Celebration of Discipline*. They may come in handy as you celebrate Christmas this year!

Singing and dancing: how can we rediscover what children do brilliantly, in our families or church? Can we plan to sing Christmas carols together this year?

Laughter: just as Jesus brought humour into His teaching, how can we laugh more? What does it mean to take ourselves less seriously and have more fun?

Imagination and creativity: how can we invest in our own creativity, as well as other people’s? - e.g. in painting, poetry, reading and other leisure activities? God gave us these things to enjoy! As we celebrate our own creativity, we are sharing in God’s goodness and joy.

Family events: we can use family celebrations and with Christmas approaching, there is the opportunity of putting God at the centre of our celebration. ‘So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God’ (1 Cor 10:31).

The story behind the hymn: O Come, All ye Faithful

Nobody knows who wrote this well-loved Christmas carol. It was originally a Latin Christmas hymn, 'Adeste Fidelis'. It seems to have first 'surfaced' in English due to a John Francis Wade, who lived in the 18th century, and who made his living copying manuscripts and, sometimes, music by hand. Wade was a Roman Catholic, and all services in the church at that time were conducted in Latin, and so he knew the language well.

The story goes that in about 1750 he slipped this hymn into a manuscript he was copying for the English Roman Catholic College in Lisbon, Portugal. 35 years later, in 1785, it turned up in the Portuguese Chapel in London, where it became known as the 'Portuguese Hymn'.

From there, the hymn 'travelled' across to the Margaret Chapel in London's West End. Young William Ewart Gladstone, who later became British Prime Minister, greatly appreciated the services at this church. He said that the congregation were "the most devout and happy that I have ever seen."

The minister at that time was Frederick Oakley, one of the leaders of the 19th century Oxford Movement, who was later to convert to Roman Catholicism. Oakley believed strongly in the power of religious symbols and fine music, and before he bade farewell to the Margaret Chapel, he introduced this hymn to the congregation. Having started as 'Adeste Fidelis', and been for a while 'The Portuguese Hymn', this hymn soon became known – and loved worldwide – as 'O Come, All Ye Faithful'.

*O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels.*

*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest...*

'Saxtravaganza'

Jenny Thorpe reports

"Great place to play in." "Wonderful building." "Fantastic sound." "Super space." "Great acoustic." These were just a few of the comments heard after the rehearsal and recent concert in St Oswald's.

Organised by Ian Stoner, a local First Responder, the "Saxtravaganza Concert" raised £550 to provide a defibrillator to be installed outside Bollington library.

Under the direction of Kyran Matthews, teacher and professional musician, the players form one of the many groups at Macclesfield Music centre (MMC), meeting every Saturday morning at The Fallibroome Academy. In addition to raising funds through donations, this concert was the first in a series to celebrate the Thirtieth Anniversary of MMC. Other events will be posted on the MMC website where you can learn more about the extensive musical experiences on offer on Saturday mornings.



The saxophone group of around thirty amateur musicians, in total, presented a musical journey ranging from classical pieces to accessible jazz, together with popular foot-stomping themes. The programme was interspersed with individual players and small groups and included one family's own arrangement of "Brideshead Revisited" played by them on the full range of saxophones.

One of the highlights of the programme was 16-year-old Matthew playing the virtuoso solo part in Alexandre Glazounov's Concerto for Alto Saxophone and Saxophone Orchestra.

Many thanks to St Oswald's, everyone who played, organised, and helped in anyway, and not least to the attendees who donated so generously. "Can we play here again" was the cry - we certainly hope so but not until we have refreshed our repertoire!!

What's on for children – all welcome!

By Christine Osbaldiston

St Oswald's Little Owls

Our baby and toddler group, now known as St Oswald's Little Owls, continues to meet every Tuesday during term time. This group of parents, carers, babies and toddlers meet 9.30am to 11.00am, refreshments are provided. Why not come along with your little ones for a brew and a chat?



Christingle Service

Sunday 3rd December at 4pm is our Christingle Service. The Christingles will be made in the morning, at the All-Age Service.



Visit from Santa!

On Tuesday 19th December we will be having a party for our Little Owls, which will include a visit from Santa!



Messy Church

On Sunday 21st January, at 4pm, there will be our next Messy Church. Come and enjoy some craft activities, games, and refreshments!

In late October, as an alternative to Halloween, we held a well-attended Messy Church/Light Party, with the theme being 'Jesus is the light of the world'. Some amazing Halloween-themed cupcakes were made by Jennifer Rowley.

And.... you are welcome every Sunday!

Our All-Age Worship on the first Sunday of every month is a short, informal service, suitable for both young and old.

CHUB COMPLETES A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

By Michael Burdekin



CHUB members enjoyed their last outing of 2023.

It is many years since the CHUB outings were started in Bollington by the Revd Cyril Barton, who combined a visit to a local church with interesting features with lunch at a local pub (hence the name CHUB), as well as the opportunity to chat with other local residents.



The Drum and Monkey, Alderley Edge.

The past year has seen visits to churches and hostelries at Lower Peover, Romiley, and Hathersage, with a final-end-of-season lunch at the Drum and Monkey Inn, Alderley Edge.

A total of 26 intrepid explorers cracked the problem of finding the Drum and Monkey, tucked away at the end of Moss Rose cul-de-sac.

We had been given a choice of four main courses and two sweets, to be made in advance, and were told that the meals would be served at 1-00 pm. The food came out, freshly cooked, bang on time, and served by a delightful friendly team of waitresses.



Our waitresses were delightful and friendly.

The menu included Fish and Chips, Steak and Ale Pie, Vegetable Chilli and Beef Cobbler – all scrumptious as shown by the collection of clean plates.

Meanwhile, conversations continued apace, learning about your neighbour's background, and exchanging views on activities in Bollington and elsewhere.

At the end of the meal there was a vote of thanks to organisers Derek Gascoigne and Joan Kendrick, who had helped seek out Churches of Interest during the year, and who had negotiated with the Drum and Monkey that day to provide an excellent choice of meals.

CHUB is an interesting and enjoyable activity – why not come along, meet some new friends, see an interesting historic church and enjoy a good lunch?

All in the month of ... December

It was:

800 years ago, on 25th December 1223 that St Francis of Assisi created the first nativity scene, in Greccio, Italy, after visiting Jesus' birthplace in the Holy Land. It proved enormously popular and inspired other communities to stage their own nativity scenes.

250 years ago, on 16th December 1773 that the Boston Tea Party took place in Massachusetts. American patriots boarded ships and threw chests of tea belonging to the British East India Company into Boston Harbour, as a protest against the British tax on tea.

200 years ago, on 23rd December 1823 that the poem *The Night Before Christmas* was first published (anonymously) in the Sentinel newspapers in Troy, New York. It was written by Clement Clarke Moore.

175 years ago – on 19th December 1848 that Emily Bronte, British novelist and poet, died of tuberculosis, aged 30. Best known for her only novel, *Wuthering Heights*.

100 years ago, on 6th December 1923 that Ramsay MacDonald became the first Labour Prime Minister. The General Election had resulted in a hung parliament, and the Labour Party had formed a coalition with the Liberal Party.

Also 100 years ago, on 31st December 1923 that the BBC broadcast the chimes of Big Ben for the first time, to welcome in the New Year. The tradition continues to this day.

80 years ago, on 22nd December 1943 that Beatrix Potter, children's writer and illustrator, died. She created animal characters including Peter Rabbit, Squirrel Nutkin, Mrs Tiggy-Winkle, Jemima Puddle-Duck, and many more.

75 years ago, on 10th December 1948 that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.

Also 75 years ago, on 24th December 1948 that the first Midnight Mass to be televised was broadcast from St Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

65 years ago, on 5th December 1958 that Britain's first motorway, the Preston By-pass, was officially opened. (It is now part of the M6 and M55.)

60 years ago, on 21st December 1963 that the Daleks made their first appearance on the British science fiction TV series *Doctor Who*.

50 years ago, on 21st December 1973 that the Geneva Conference opened in Switzerland, aimed at finding a solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict. No agreement was reached, but Israel signed a military disengagement agreement with both Egypt and Syria in 1974.

40 years ago, on 10th December 1983 that Polish Solidarity leader Lech Walesa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

30 years ago, on 10th December 1993 that Monkwearmouth Colliery in Sunderland closed down. It marked the end of more than 800 years of coal mining in the region.

25 years ago, on 10th December 1998 that the UN General Assembly listed anti-Semitism as a form of racism.

Also 25 years ago, on 10th December 1998 that the Palestine Liberation Organisation voted to remove clauses in its charter that called for Israel's destruction.

20 years ago, on 1st December 2003 that using a handheld mobile phone while driving became illegal in the UK.

Also 20 years ago, on 13th December 2003 that during the Iraq War, former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was captured by US forces.

10 years ago, on 5th December 2013 that Nelson Mandela died. This anti-apartheid revolutionary and politician had become President of South African 1994-99. He served as President of the African National Congress (ANC) 1991-97. Winner of the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize.

All in the month of ... January

It was:

700 years ago, on 8th Jan 1324 that Marco Polo died. The Venetian/Italian merchant, explorer and writer is best known for his book *The Travels of Marco Polo*, which details his travels along the Silk Road in Asia.

200 years ago, on 8th Jan 1824 that Wilkie Collins, British novelist was born. Best known for *The Woman in White* and *The Moonstone*, which is regarded as the first modern British detective novel.

175 years ago, on 13 Jan 1849 that the Colony of Vancouver Island was established. It became part of Canada in 1871.

150 years ago, on 25th Jan 1874 that Somerset Maugham, British playwright, novelist, and short story writer, was born.

125 years ago, on 20th Jan 1899 that Clarice Cliff, British ceramic artist, was born.

100 years ago, on 10th Jan 1924 that Columbia Pictures, the American film studio and production company, was established.

Also 100 years ago, on 21st Jan 1924 that Vladimir Lenin, Russian Communist leader, died. He was the architect and first head of the Soviet Union.

Also 100 years ago, on 22nd Jan 1924 that Ramsay MacDonald became Britain's first Labour Prime Minister.

Also 100 years ago, on 26th Jan 1924 that the Russian city of St Petersburg was renamed Leningrad. Its name was changed back in 1991.

80 years ago, on 17th Jan to 18th May 1944 that the WW2 Battle of Monte Cassino, Italy, took place. This Allied victory was regarded as the hardest-fought and bloodiest battle of the war, with around 250,000 casualties.

Also 80 years ago, on 23rd Jan 1944 that Edvard Munch, Norwegian artist, died. Best known for *The Scream*.

75 years ago, on 10th Jan 1949 that RCA launched the 7-inch 45-rpm vinyl record, commonly known as the single.

Also 75 years ago, on 26th Jan 1949 that the 200-inch (five metre) Hale Telescope at the Palomar Observatory in California was used for the first time. It was the world's largest optical telescope until 1976, and it is still in active use.

65 years ago, on 12th Jan 1959 that the Motown record label was founded in Detroit, Michigan by Berry Gordy.

60 years ago, on 11th Jan 1964 that the US Surgeon General published a ground-breaking report which concluded that cigarette smoking caused lung cancer and chronic bronchitis.

Also 60 years ago, on 13th Jan 1964 that Bob Dylan's album *The Times They Are A-Changin* was released.

50 years ago, from 1st Jan to 6th Mar, 1974, a three-day working week was introduced in the UK, in order to conserve coal supplies (used by power stations) during a miners' strike.

40 years ago, on 22nd Jan 1984 that the first Apple Mackintosh computer went on sale.

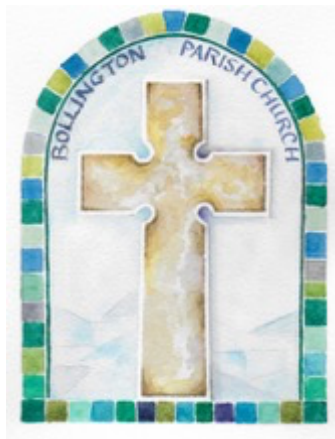
25 years ago, on 1st Jan 1999 that the euro officially became the new currency in 11 European countries.

15 years ago, on 3rd Jan 2009 that the cryptocurrency Bitcoin was launched.

Also 15 years ago, on 20th Jan 2009 that Barack Obama was inaugurated as the 44th President of the USA.

Book of Remembrance for December

4th Dec	Alice Lea
4th Dec	Jack Fidler
5th Dec	Noel Mayers
6 th Dec	Diana Kathleen Reader
6th Dec	Derek Joseph Moss
6th Dec	Marion Holmes
7th Dec	Ida Bowden
8th Dec	Jane Hannah Oldfield
9th Dec	Wilfred Whitehurst
10th Dec	Ann Taylor
12th Dec	David Albert Allen
12th Dec	Ewen Cameron
13th Dec	Edith Pye
14th Dec	Harry Needham
15th Dec	Alfred Goodwin
17th Dec	Maud Sutton
18th Dec	Evelyn Mear
20th Dec	John William Greensmith
21st Dec	Emily Horrox
22nd Dec	James M Glass
23rd Dec	Gordon Coley
25th Dec	William Osbaldiston
26th Dec	Harold B Dixon
27th Dec	Stella W Glass



From the Registers

Funeral: 25th October - John Baker

Baptism: 5th November - Nevaeh Grace Capes

Donations

In Memory of Stella Gascoigne – from Derek and Family

In Memory of Peter Jackson – from Barbara and Family

Book of Remembrance for January

2nd Jan	William King
2nd Jan	Jean Hatton
3rd Jan	Ronald Hugh Wilson Smith
3rd Jan	Elsie Clayton
3rd Jan	Vera Marie Parry
4th Jan	Joan Ottley
6th Jan	Isabella Alderson
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11th Jan	Ruth Spooner
12th Jan	John Peter Williams
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19th Jan	Ethel Heathcote
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24th Jan	Norah Wallworth
24th Jan	Walter James Hargreaves
25th Jan	John Heathcote
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31st Jan	Emily White



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Worship in December and January

Sunday 3rd December - **ADVENT SUNDAY**

9.15am Parish Communion

10.30am All Age Worship & making Christingles

4.00pm – **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**



Sunday 10th December - 10.30am Parish Communion

3.00pm **CAROL SERVICE** with Bollington Festival Choir

Sunday 17th December - 10.30am All Age Communion

Thursday 21st December – **SING ALONG CAROLS 10.30am**

Come sing popular carols by request. Christmas story, refreshments.

Sunday 24th December – CHRISTMAS EVE

10.30am **ALL AGE NATIVITY CRIB SERVICE WITH CAROLS**

Christmas Eve 11.15pm **FIRST COMMUNION OF CHRISTMAS**

25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY

10.30am **Christmas Day Family Communion** - bring your presents!

Sunday 31st December - 10.30am Holy Communion with carols

Sunday 7th January - The Epiphany - 9.15am Holy Communion

10.30am **All Age Epiphany service**

Sunday 14th January –10.30am Parish Communion

7.30pm **Quiz night to raise funds for Church at The Poachers**

Thursday 18th - 7.30pm **Service for Christian Unity at Pott Shrigley**

Sunday 21st January - 10.30am All Age Communion

4pm **Messy Church**. All children with carers welcome!

Sunday 28th January – **Candlemas - Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

10.30am Parish Communion