

**Hoole Parish Church
St Michael & All Angels**



St. Michael's Church

'Joy to the world! The Lord is come'



Christmas 2020

*Come and join us at St Michael's
to celebrate Christmas*



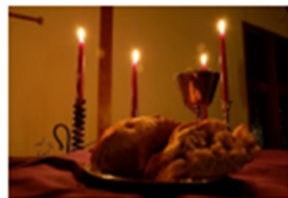
Sunday 6th December at 3.45pm
**TOY AND CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
IN CHURCH**

Sunday 20th December at 6pm
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT



**CHRISTMAS EVE
4pm CRIB SERVICE**

**and MIDNIGHT COMMUNION
at 11.30pm**



**CHRISTMAS DAY at 10.30am FAMILY SERVICE with
Carols and Communion**



St Michael's Mission Statement

To know Christ and Make Him Known

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ORGANISATIONS

Currently all church organisations apart from the flower ladies are “resting” due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Please watch out in this magazine or in the church porch for changing circumstances.

Sunday School

Sunday School – St Michael’s Club – begins at 10.30 in church and usually takes place every Sunday.

Leader: Mrs Liz Boland. Mobile: 07903 200204. E: lizboland@yahoo.co.uk

Flower Secretary:

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Hoole Church Ladies’ Group – meets 7.30, 3rd Tuesday, in Hoole Village Hall.

Leader: Mrs Erika Penrose.

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St Michael’s Men’s Fellowship – meets 7.30, 2nd Tuesday, in Hoole Village Memorial Hall.

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Church Website: <http://www.hooleparishchurch.com>.

Our **Facebook** page is called “**St Michael and All Angels Church Hoole**”.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

St Michael’s Church is open every day.

Opening times are:

**Monday to Saturday inclusive: 9.30am
to 4.30pm.**

Sunday: 8.00am to 4.30pm.

Coronavirus restrictions are in place.

CHURCH ROTAS

Please note that the only rota in place at the moment is that of the Flower Ladies to be found on page 20.

FROM THE RECTORY

It's going to be the strangest Christmas. Whatever we end up being allowed to do it won't be like normal. There is more fear and uncertainty around than most of us can remember. But precisely because things seem darker this year, the light can shine all the brighter.

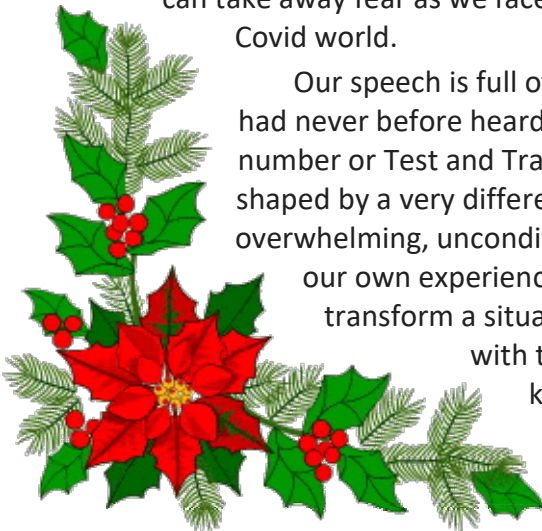
Here are two Bible verses about Jesus from the beginning of John's Gospel:

'In him (Jesus) was life and that life was the light of men... He came from the Father full of grace and truth'

Christmas tells us that despite all the chaos and pain we see around us, there is a God who made our Universe who is bigger than this life and at the same time loves each of us more than we can imagine. He sent his son Jesus to live on this earth like us, to transform the mess we live in and show through His death on a cross and rising again that death is not the end of the story. In Jesus was life and that life was the light of men.

In Jesus and in Him alone our lives can truly be transformed. He really can take away fear as we face all the uncertainties of our Covid world.

Our speech is full of new words and phrases. We had never before heard of social distancing or the R number or Test and Trace. But what if 2021 could be shaped by a very different word? – GRACE. Grace means overwhelming, unconditional kindness. We know from our own experience how even a little kindness can transform a situation. So imagine an encounter with the Source of unconditional kindness, of Grace – God himself. Grace is at the heart of God. And Jesus is full of it. By dying and rising to new life, Jesus can



offer us the forgiveness we need and a real hope for a certain future with Him.

This is the wonderful Good News of Christmas.



With prayers and best wishes
Rev Ann November 2020

St Michael's Sunday School was meeting each Sunday morning (except on days when Family Church met in the afternoon) at 10:30. Following the lifting of the current Covid lockdown on 2nd December we are expecting that we shall once again be able to start in church (obeying the social distancing rules), and then go outside to the tent in the churchyard for 20 minutes of Bible stories, games, crafts and fun. We shall then re-join the adults in church for the end of the service and refreshments.

All children, age 3-11 are welcome to join us. There are toys in the back of church for younger children, or they are welcome to come to Sunday School with an adult.

For more details about Sunday School, contact Liz Boland, Children and Young People's Worker on 07903 200204 or lizboland@yahoo.co.uk.

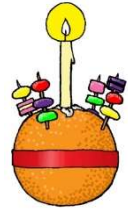
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, HOOLE

Parish Diary

Tuesday 1st December	7.30	Zoom Bible Study – Just 10: Honour Your Father and Mother
ADVENT SUNDAY	9.00	Holy Communion
6th December	10.30	Parish Communion
	3.45	TOY AND CHRISTINGLE SERVICE in Church
Monday 7th December	7.30	Bible Study/Growth Group – Just 10: Honour Your Father and Mother
Sunday 13th December	9.00	Holy Communion
	10.30	Morning Worship with Sunday School
Tuesday 15th December		Bible Study Christmas Social – To be confirmed
Sunday 20th December	9.00	Holy Communion
	10.30	Parish Communion with Sunday School
	6.00	CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
CHRISTMAS EVE	4.00	CRIB SERVICE
	11.30	MIDNIGHT COMMUNION
CHRISTMAS DAY	10.30	FAMILY SERVICE WITH CAROLS AND COMMUNION
Sunday 27th Dec	10.30	Morning Worship
Sunday 3rd January	9.00	Holy Communion
	10.30	Parish Communion with Sunday School
Sunday 10th January	9.00	Holy Communion
	10.30	Morning Worship with Sunday School
Sunday 17th January	9.00	Holy Communion
	10.30	Parish Communion
	3.45	FAMILY CHURCH LIGHT PARTY in Church
Monday 18th January	7.30	PCC meeting
Friday 22nd January	7.00	PARISH QUIZ if permitted
Sunday 24th January	9.00	Holy Communion
	10.30	Morning Worship with Sunday School

DON'T FORGET!

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Sunday 20th December in church at 6.00pm
- ✚ **CHRISTMAS EVE**
CRIB SERVICE at 4.00pm in church
MIDNIGHT SERVICE at 11.30pm
- ✚ **CHRISTMAS DAY**
Family Service with Carols & Communion
- ✚ **FAMILY CHURCH LIGHT PARTY**
Sunday 17th December in church at 3.45pm



Intercessions: Please let the Rector or Margaret Kirkman know of anyone you would like including on our prayer list by text or call 07786 543581.



A Christmas Prayer
By Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving Father,
Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
That we may share in the song of the angels,
The gladness of the shepherds,
And worship of the wise men.
Close the door of hate
And open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift
And good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing
which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.
May the Christmas morning
Make us happy to be thy children,
And Christmas evening bring us to our beds
With grateful thoughts,
Forgiving and forgiven,
For Jesus' sake.
Amen.





THEY MISSED HIM

THEY MISSED HIM! They were looking for a lion. He came as a Lamb, and they missed Him.

They were looking for a warrior, He came as a Peacemaker, and they missed Him.

They were looking for a king, He came as a Servant, and they missed Him.

They were looking for liberation from Rome, He submitted to the Roman stake, and they missed Him.

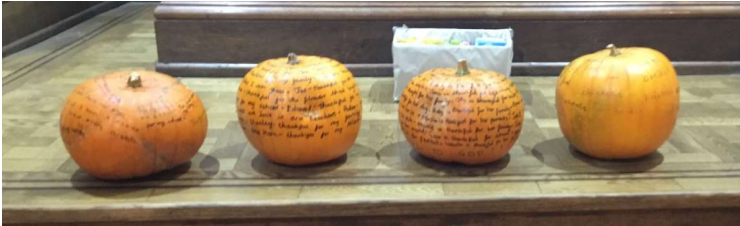
They were looking for a fit to their mould. He was the mould-breaker, and they missed Him.

Will you?



Hoole St Michael CE Primary School - Harvest Report

Years 5 and 6 had their Harvest service in church with Rev Ann and Liz Boland. Each class discussed what they are thankful for at this Harvest time and they decorated a pumpkin with their ideas. We had a Harvest Prayer Trail in school.



Quotes from the children:

Josh - "We looked at a picture of a flower with petals on it. We had to think of positive thoughts whilst inhaling and negative thoughts when exhaling. It helped me to focus more on my happy thoughts".

Theo - "We looked for natural things and discussed how we should be thankful for them".

Alysia - "We talked to God about all the good things we have. This helped us to appreciate them more".



Lego Church Report

By Leo Crossen, Age 7.



Hoole St Michael & All Angels Church invites you to join us for

LEGO CHURCH

LEGO ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

MINI CHALLENGES

STORIES



Sun 25th October

3.45pm

at St Michael & All Angels Church, Hoole

ALL WELCOME



On Sunday 25th October we went to Lego Church. It had a David and Goliath theme. First we did some activities in our pews, things like crosswords, word searches, mazes and colouring. We also designed our own Lego minifigure and watched movie clips from the Lego film.

The best bit was when we got to build part of the David and Goliath story, most people built David and Goliath, and others built David when he'd knocked Goliath out. The best builds won Lego prizes.

At the end we all went outside for refreshments, there were some drinks and lovely Lego cupcakes to eat. Overall Lego Church was great and I'd like to go again!



(See what's in the Children's pages starting on page 21, just before the adverts!)

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR LOVED ONES



Despite the torrential rain and the necessity for social distancing and masks, the church was full on All Saints Day of those wishing to give thanks for the lives of their loved ones and recall special memories in God's presence.

As the name of each person was read out, their relative or friend put a lighted candle

on the communion table to remember them. At the end of the service, everyone received a white rose in memory of their loved one.

During the service we read the passage from Hebrews which describes a great packed stadium thronged with people cheering on the athletes as they stream to the finishing line. The author compares the Christian life to being a runner in a stadium like that. It's not lonely. As we live the Christian life we are surrounded by a huge crowd of witnesses cheering us on towards the finishing line. These witnesses are simply all Christians who have gone before – our loved ones who are no longer with us on earth but are with their Lord and Saviour in heaven.

The passage tells us how to live our lives in the light of eternal truths. We are to keep our eyes or at least our imagination fixed on the finishing line, where at the centre of the great crowd of witnesses is our Lord Jesus waiting to greet you.



Mike Redshaw

Mike Redshaw was born on 22nd November 1960 in Gisborough, North Yorkshire: the third child of his parents Joyce and George. He lived in Yorkshire until attending Welbeck Defence College then continuing on to the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. After completing his training, Mike was commissioned into the Royal Engineers; during this time he met Lisa and they were later married here at St Michael's Church in 1985.

Mike's military postings took him to Northern Ireland, Cyprus, Ascension and Germany. When his time within the Military was over, Mike studied Land Economy at Cambridge and then later founded his own company (Nolan Redshaw).

Mike was the proud father of three sons – Alexander, Henry and Charles who have all followed in their father's footsteps into the British Army (The Yorkshire Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery and The Royal Engineers).

Mike was a keen sportsman and historian, with a passion for Military and Roman history and archaeology.

Mike joined St Michael's Church after moving to Much Hoole where he became an active member of the church as a sidesman and on the PCC.

“God be with you until we meet again”



Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 8th November

About 100 members of the public gathered round the War Memorial for the brief wreath laying ceremony on Remembrance Sunday. It was a privilege to welcome the Bishop of Blackburn who conducted the ceremony and also to welcome our MP Katherine Fletcher who read a Bible passage on reconciliation. Representatives of the church, our two parish councils, the Scouts and our two Primary schools laid wreaths.

The churchyard with over 1000 poppies with the model soldier and the church porch with the wonderful poppy arrangements are all stunning reminders of the sacrifice of so many.



YOU HAVE A NEW TREASURER FOR THE CHURCH

Let me introduce you to Andy Smith. He has been approved and accepted by the PCC at our meeting on the 9th November and takes over the role from January 2021.

His claim to fame is he is the husband of Lynn Smith, she with the lovely voice in the choir. Who remembers her and Stan's rendition of a bit of Gilbert & Sullivan some "little" while ago at one of our Harvest suppers?

Anyway – here he is...

He is an ex-RAF chap and appears to be a bit of a whiz kid when it comes to spreadsheets and number crunching.



We shall be working together to produce the year end accounts for 2020 and I will become "assistant treasurer" for his first year in situ, after that, we shall see if we have frightened him off or not!!

His details will replace mine in the Church magazine from January 2021.

The PCC (including me) wish to extend a warm welcome to Andy and thank him very much for stepping forward to "have a go" at this very important role within the Church.

Please give him all the support you have given me which I have so appreciated.

Barbara Wood

Treasurer to the PCC (but only until 31st December 2020!)

Yippee!!

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

I am pleased to announce the appointment of a new independent examiner who has taken on the role in place of Michael Harrison (who carried out that role for a lot longer than I have been treasurer.)

He is Neil Calvert and is a member of a well-established firm called Rushtons Chartered Accountants based in Preston. Check them out on Google.

We are very grateful for their offer to carry out this role, at no charge. They are also placing an advert in our Church magazine which appears in this edition.



## WATER AID



Just a reminder that the Water Aid Appeal was launched at our Harvest Service on 4<sup>th</sup> October.

- The posters are up in the porch and in Church
- The jars are labelled and ready for collection.
- Look for the BIG BLUE BUCKET and pick up your jar.

All fully sterilised of course!

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CHARITABLE DONATIONS

You will recall it was announced that the collections at the Harvest services would be shared between two charities:

- Bishop's Harvest Appeal – Tearfund
- Penwortham Churches Together – The Foodbank

Each charity received £265 and the foodbank send their most grateful thanks for the continuing wonderful support from St Michael's both in money and harvest festival gifts.

We have donated £150 to the Royal British Legion, plus the cost of their wreath (£26). We had originally planned to donate the collection from the Remembrance Service but as this was cancelled the PCC reviewed that decision and the donation we made just about equates to the donations made at the wreath laying ceremony.

Our last batch of charitable donations for 2020 have been despatched to FOMO, Okorum Village and the Foodbank.

***** Please keep donating to the Foodbank –
the basket is in the porch*****

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## **WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADVERTISE IN THIS MAGAZINE?**

***Or do you know of any local business which might like to support us in this way?***

***We offer very reasonable prices for a decent circulation.***

***Please get in touch with the Church Treasurer for more information:***

***Barbara Wood on 07745 208617 or via email: [bw12252@hotmail.com](mailto:bw12252@hotmail.com)***

## 2021 REGULAR GIVING ENVELOPES

Yet another year is almost at an end, and what a year!

And here we go again; another box of new envelopes will be winging their way into church in December.

Jean Dewhurst is doing the honours of laboriously labelling them all up and getting them to you – thank you Jean – another valuable member of the treasurer's team who takes on this annual role for me.

Look out for confirmation of that on the Sunday pew sheets; pick up your box in December and starting using them in January.

Inside each new box of envelopes will be a tax status slip, some of you will have a new Gift Aid Form to sign.

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO ME IN JANUARY.**

This applies whether your tax status has changed or remains the same.

**I NEED TO KNOW.**

**Giving options available for you to consider:**

- Change from yellow envelope giving to regular giving or standing order if you come to Church fairly regularly
- Convert from regular giving envelopes to standing order if you wish.
- Not a donor to Church? Please consider it, if you love your God and your Church

It does not matter which method you choose, but please bear in mind that the Church has suffered financially in this year of 2020.

In order to survive, we have had to draw down over £15k from our savings account just to pay the bills, wages, expand our family church, carry out essential maintenance and continue to support our charities to name but a few. Unless there is a drastic change to the current situation we are in, our income does not look as though it will improve much in the near future.

**EVERY LITTLE HELPS!**



## AN APPEAL

This is where you come in – if you possibly can – please please consider increasing your donations to Church to any level that you can afford.

In an ideal world, it would be just lovely if our regular donors could review their giving annually especially if there has been no increase for a couple of years?

Please – perhaps you could consider it now?

Did you know that if every regular tax paying donor, increased their monthly giving by just £1 per week, that would mean an extra £3,380 (with GA that is worth £4,225) per annum.

If our non-tax paying donors were to do the same, that would mean an annual increase of £1,040.

Give it thought would you?

If you have any queries on anything, just get in touch by phone, email or in person (but keep your distance!!)

Many, many thanks in anticipation

Barbara

Barbara Wood  
Treasurer to the PCC Hoole Parish Church  
07745 208617 / 01772 387404

### **From the Parish Registers**

**The Departed – “As in Adam all die, so in Christ may all be made alive”**

We give thanks for the life of Neil Heywood, aged 77, of New Longton, whose funeral took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Interment followed in the churchyard.

## **A lovely acknowledgement from Elizabeth Swarbrick on behalf of Okorom Village**

“How lovely to receive the message from you about the money. I was speaking to Margaret in Uganda on Sunday and she was telling me of the programme they have started to help people through the days of Covid so be assured that the money will be put to good use. Thank you so much.

Sadly during the lockdown, the incidence of domestic violence against women and children has increased a lot and Margaret is one of those selected to go to a seminar and be trained to recognise it, counsel those concerned and help the family to be reconciled. She is the local “person to turn to” and is working hard. She is trusted and respected so much by the local community that she is helping to make a difference. The role played by St. Michael’s Hoole to enable this small community to develop and has produced so many branches, thank you just isn’t enough to express the gratitude which people have.

So once again, thanks and God bless you all and keep you safe and well.

Elizabeth”

**And from FOMO** – Grateful thanks have also been received from Keith and Mary Woodworth.



## **Greatest Need**

If our greatest need had been information,  
God would have sent us an educator;  
If our greatest need had been technology,  
God would have sent us a scientist;  
If our greatest need had been pleasure,  
God would have sent us an entertainer;  
But our greatest need was forgiveness,  
So God sent us a Saviour.

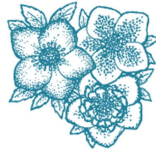
## **Church Flower Ladies**

The Church Flower Group is back in action – decorating the church on a weekly basis – many thanks again to our sponsors. The flowers were in place for the Much Hoole school service on the Friday morning. Huge thanks to Mr and Mrs Swarbrick for providing the sheaf for many, many years; Woods Farm shop; Burney's for their fruit and veg; Gore's for potatoes, plus all other donations. After the Sunday service baskets were made up and delivered to local people unable to attend (more so this year because of the virus). Tins, cans and dried food went to the food bank and all the remaining fruit and veg went to the kitchens at St. Catherine's Hospice - all sharing in the joy of Harvest.

Poppies were used inside and out for the Remembrance Service and were left in place longer this year enabling more people to be able to see them. We shall need more hand-crafted poppies for next year (sewn as well as knitted?) – watch this space!

Next is Christmas – we would normally all work together in church finishing off with tea and mince pie but because of the

virus we have to decorate our windows separately – but on entering the church we are all together in the spirit of the Lord. Julie.



## Ladies' Group

We would like to wish all our members a peaceful and happy Christmas. At the time of writing there appears to be a chance that families will be allowed to join together for a few days, which is good news for some. If you are on your own, we particularly wish you good cheer.

We are hopeful of seeing you all again in 2021 – maybe in the new village hall!

All best wishes from Erika and the Committee



## Flower Rota

| <u>Date</u>                     | <u>Arranger(s)</u>   | <u>Sponsor(s):</u>       |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec – CHRISTMAS | All Flower Arrangers | Pedestal: Mrs E Houghton |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> January        | Jean & Sue           | Les Smart                |

The other rotas have been suspended until the Coronavirus restrictions are lifted.

# Children's Pages

(But adults can enjoy them too!)

## The Christmas Story

Why do we celebrate Christmas? Lots of us love Christmas—the presents, the decorations and lights, the food, the time off school and more. But we're not just celebrating big dinners, decorations and new toys, we're celebrating the birth of a very special baby who changed the world.

An angel named Gabriel, was sent by God to visit a young lady named Mary. Gabriel went to Mary and said, "Greetings! God is with you! Do not be afraid, God loves you and you are going to have a baby. He will be called Jesus and he will be God's Son!" Mary was frightened and didn't really understand what the angel meant.



"How can this happen?"! Mary asked. When Gabriel reassured her, Mary said that she believed him and would do what God wanted. Gabriel left Mary.



Mary was engaged to be married to a man, named Joseph. The government said that everyone had to travel to the place where they were born, so that they could count all the people. Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem. It was a long journey.



When they got there, the city was very crowded and they couldn't find anywhere to stay. All the beds were full, and people were even sleeping on the floor! Eventually, Mary

and Joseph were shown a stable where they could stay.



That night, the baby was born. They named him Jesus, like the angel had told them to. Mary made a bed for him in the manger, where the animals usually ate their food from and he slept there.

Nearby, there were some shepherds sleeping on the hillside with their sheep. Suddenly a whole host of angels came to them and a bright light shone. They were very frightened. But the angel told them “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news for all people. Today, God’s son has been born. Go and visit him in Bethlehem.” Then, all the angels sang praise to God. They sang “Glory to God in the highest, and peace on the earth”



When the angels left the shepherds, they rushed off to see Jesus. They found him in the stable, just as the angels had said. They praised God and told everyone the met what they had seen and what had happened.

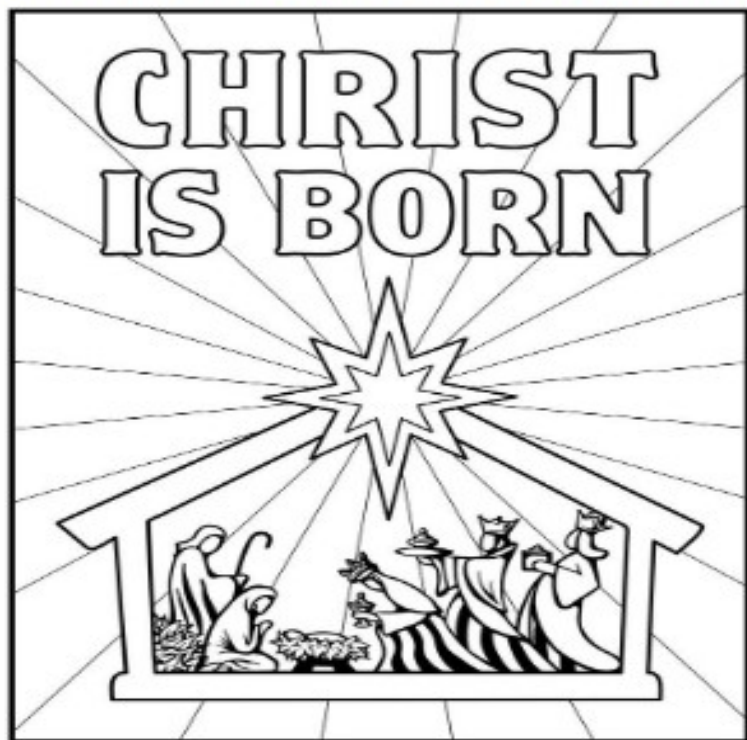
When Jesus was born, God made one of the stars in the sky shine brighter than all the others. Some wise men who lived in the east saw the star and knew what it meant—a new king had been born. The wise men set out on a long, long journey. First, they went to see King Herod, the king of Jerusalem. He didn’t know about a new king, and didn’t want anyone to be a king apart from him. He didn’t understand that Jesus was the King of heaven and earth because he was God’s Son. “I don’t know him,” Herod told the wise men, “Go and find him and then tell me where he is.”



The wise men left Herod and went to find Jesus. The star led them to the right place. When they saw Jesus, they bowed down and worshipped him. They gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. God knew that king Herod didn't want anyone else to be king, so God told the wise men to go home a different way and not tell Herod about Jesus. So they did.



Can you colour this picture of the nativity scene?



## NATIVITY WORDSEARCH

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## CHRISTIAN AID: Advent and Christmas Appeal

### Bringing Hope to Ethiopia



**Kawite by the pond**

prolonged, Kawite and her family struggled to make ends meet. She and her children walked five hours a day to collect water and the children often missed school.

Christian Aid and our local partner have worked alongside Kawite's community, helping them to build their own pond. This now provides a reliable source of water and saves Kawite and her family hours of time. It also means that they can irrigate their land and grow better food; and the children can go to school every day and have a good basic education.

As Kawite says:  
"The pond is not only for me. It has changed the life of this village."

This Christmas season, please help

Christian Aid to show kindness and bring hope and joy to another community like Kawite's, struggling in the climate crisis and living in fear of the coronavirus.

For further details, or to donate online, please go to:  
[christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christmas-appeals](http://christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christmas-appeals)

Thank you for any help you are able to give. Cath – 01772 613500

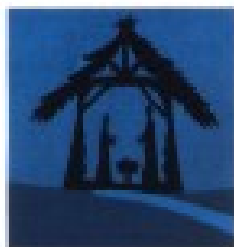






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**THE  
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*Thousands of Christmas services and events are  
taking place in churches all over the country.*

*Find your nearest and get involved at*

*[AChurchNearYou.com](http://AChurchNearYou.com).*

 THE CHURCH  
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***Come and join us at St Michael's  
to celebrate Christmas***



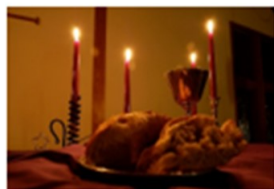
**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 3.45pm  
TOY AND CHRISTINGLE SERVICE  
IN CHURCH**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm  
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**



**CHRISTMAS EVE  
4pm CRIB SERVICE**

**and MIDNIGHT COMMUNION  
at 11.30pm**



**CHRISTMAS DAY at 10.30am FAMILY SERVICE with  
Carols and Communion**

