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Sharing the Love of Christ, the Light of the World, with the people of Ewell

THE CHALLENGE OF 2010

It's 2010.

Past history, present events, future developments are way beyond the control of governments. International organisations flutter impotently in the face of burgeoning populations readying themselves to devour the world's resources.

In this scenario we Christians are fortunate.

We don't have to maintain that what we are doing is Right, Good, Ethical, Fair or Decent. All we have to do is follow Christ and be ready to admit to being sinners when we leave where He leads.

When asked what our philosophy is, the three words - Faith, Hope, Charity - usually engage the most angular questioner. Faith in God, Hope for Humanity, Charity for Everybody.

Most enquirers find our faith in God almost as difficult as their own faith in sex and celebrity; raise their eyebrows at our assertion of Hope; and agree that Charity (Love) is A Good Thing, even for enemies (however difficult for noisy neighbours).

Since time began the poor of the earth have been without any material hope whatever. Now the cannibal capitalists look at their grandchildren and wonder.

And so to Love.

But first back to Sin. Sin binds us, blinds us, deadens us, deafens us, divides us and multiplies. We are so self-centred, it divides us from one another, and even from ourselves. We split internally. Sin is

Schism and, if not dealt with, quickly becomes Cynicism.

Cynicism dismisses Faith, doubts Hope and looks askance at Love.

Christian love, however, envelops every sinner as a mother envelops a sick child. Today we Christians have to envelop a whole world that is on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

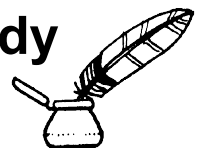
Let us be clear. Christians in Britain have to be responsible for all Britons just as Jesus was responsible to his Father for everyone of us.

Mercifully, we dwell in the truth that "My Yoke is easy, My burden light!" Good thing, too! Otherwise our project would not only seem, but actually be, ridiculous.

The Holy Spirit sees a clear way through the tangle of all our misfortunes and confusions. The only limit to His effectiveness is our readiness (or unreadiness) to be alert to his leading.

We start from a good base- the Anglican Communion worldwide, the Church of England, the Diocese of Guildford and St Mary's Ewell - with daily Bible Reading and Prayer. Without these last two, no navigation system is going to work. With them, the sky's the limit.

**We wish everybody
a Happy New Year**



The Vicar writes

It's a New Year. Until 1752, the New Year in England began on 25th March. Surely, I think, that can't have felt right? A January 1st New Year just seems to fit perfectly, but I suppose that's only because we're so used to it. As one year draws to a close, Christmas and New Year's Eve celebrations come in swift succession, seemingly to crown the year past. Then, right there in the middle of winter we begin a new year and look ahead to what the coming months will bring. If that helps us see beyond the cold weather and long nights of the winter-- so much the better! I'm not quite sure why the switch was made from 25th March to 1st January, but I think it worked out pretty well.

I've never been one for New Year's Resolutions, as such, but few of us can resist thinking about the year ahead, wondering about what it will bring. At the Vicarage, I hope we will continue to settle in and to get to know the area better. As I look ahead to 2010, I am also excited by the possibilities for St Mary's. I'm still new in the parish, of course. I will be coming up to my first Lent, first Easter, first village fair, and so on. But I'm also hoping that in this year, the whole church will together think about how we continue to grow and move forward. There are some particular priorities that are starting to form in my mind. I want to look at how our church welcomes different age groups, where we do well and where we could improve. I think we do well at communicating what we do in the local community, but we could probably do even better, and I wonder if we need to take stock of all the ways we get the message out. I think we need to take a firm hold of our church's finances, to provide support for everything we might want to do in the future. And there are no doubt other priorities we'll discern together as the year wears on. One of the great riches we have as a church are the ideas inside the heads of everyone associated with St Mary's. Already, as I've begun visiting people in the parish, I've heard all kinds of suggestions, ideas, fresh outlooks on parts of church life. What are your ideas? Where can we grow, what can we do better? We won't be able to use every idea, but the more ideas we have to work with, the better!

When our forebears celebrated New Year on the 25th March it was, of course, early spring. There would have been many signs of growth and new life all around. That compares to our January New Year where we have to imagine the coming Spring and the new growth it will bring. Which kind of a new year is it for St Mary's this year? Can we already see signs of growth starting to blossom? Or are we still at the stage of imagining them, while they germinate underground? Each of us will have a different view, but I am still keeping my options open. I think it's important we don't convince ourselves too early what the coming year will bring. God often has the habit of surprising us. I look forward to discovering with you

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SUNDAY AT ST MARY'S

0800 HOLY COMMUNION

0930 SUNG EUCHARIST

The Wayfarers and the Sunday School meet in conjunction with this service, and there is a Creche provided in church.

There is coffee in the church hall between the 9.30 and 11 o'clock services on Sunday mornings, to which all are welcome, and especially newcomers and visitors.

1100 MATTINS

(Usually replaced on the third Sunday in each month by a Sung Eucharist using the Book of Common Prayer)

1730 EVENING PRAYER

Usually a simple said service, but sometimes Choral Evensong.

Occasionally there are variations from this pattern; details are given in this paper, on the Notice Board or on the Weekly Notes available on Sundays.

ON WEEKDAYS

Morning and Evening Prayer are *usually* said at 9 am and 5 pm Mondays-Thursdays, in church. See the Weekly notes or phone ahead to make sure. The Eucharist is celebrated on Tuesdays at 10 am, in the Parish Room (entry through the door on the Church Street side of the Church).

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CHURCHWARDEN'S SURGERIES

The churchwardens normally hold two surgeries each month. Please see the calendar on the back page for details.

what lies in store for St Mary's in 2010, and how we can, with God's help, make it a year of growth and flourishing.

JANUARY IN CHURCH

We keep the feast of the Epiphany slightly early on Sunday 3rd January, when the Wise Men finally arrive at the Crib. The following week, 10th January, we celebrate another epiphany which is the Baptism of Christ, when Jesus is revealed as Son of God. From 18th - 25th January we share the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with Christians of many traditions and churches. Throughout, we shall be looking at how God reveals himself in our own time and in our own lives.

Finally, at the end of the month, 31st January, we celebrate Candlemas, or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, when Jesus was brought as a child to the Temple. On that Sunday, the 9.30am Sung Eucharist will be particularly aimed at all ages, and we will be reminded of our own baptism, and we will welcome many who have recently been baptized at St Mary's.

Taking a quick peek ahead to February, Valentine's Day is a Sunday. At the 11am service of Choral Mattins, we will be particularly thinking about marriage, and hope to see many who have been married at St Mary's in the congregation.

Your friend and Parish Priest

Russell Dewhurst

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Don't you know how much I love you?

Don't you know how much I love you?
 Don't you know how much I care?
 Don't you want Me always with you,
 every day and everywhere?

How I long to draw you to Me.
 How I long to share your life.
 Will you let Me come and touch you,
 ease away the tears and strife?

Will you let Me come and heal you,
 come and free your life from sin?
 Will you open wide the doors
 of your heart and let Me in?

Don't you see it's what I died for,
 to bring you life and set you free?
 Will you set aside your old ways,
 turn, and put your trust in Me?

Then we'll tread the road together,
 no longer will you walk alone;
 and I'll teach you all about me,
 take your hand and lead you home.

A Parody

Shall I compare you to a summer's day?
 This Surrey summer in two-thousand-nine?
 Rough winds have killed the darling buds of
 May,
 And caused the sulking sun to cease to shine.

Shall I compare your sparkling long-lashed eyes,
 Those most expressive eyes of cornflower blue
 Compare them to our English summer skies,
 Those summer skies of dreary, cloudy hue?

Why do you want this summer to go on?
 Why don't you pray for troubled days to cease?
 This wet and brooding darkness to be gone
 And leave you with a welcome sense of peace?

Ignore this foolish jingle. But I swear
 I'll find a better verse in Go Compare.

PM

(Apologies to WS)

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LETTER FROM IAIN McKILLOP

Dear Friends at St. Mary's,

Many thanks for your continued support as I train for ministry.

It's been one of the busiest years of my life, trying to balance my training with teaching, painting and organising exhibitions.

The course highlights this year have been the Old Testament lectures and study of Liturgy. However, there is never enough time to learn everything you want to do. There are SO many topics I've had to put aside to follow up after lectures end, and so many books and ideas still to digest.

Part of this year's course was a placement at St. Columba's House, Woking, where I learned a lot about leading retreats and quiet-days. It was a bit daunting leading one in Lent with a group of nuns who had more years of spirituality behind them than this guy could dream of, but they were very supportive! Advent takes me to North Holmwood to lead another.

Our Summer School this year was in Bristol, experiencing different city ministries, often in very needy and deprived areas, with challenging groups, but where the authenticity of faith was tangible. It made me think deeply about what our faith has to offer to people in desperate situations, where spiritual platitudes are inadequate. Expressions of 'Church' and worship have to be so different to offer true Christian life to people.

From January to Easter I have another placement, at Holy Trinity, Guildford, which again offers a very different experience of ministry. A big, active, city-centre church with a very different congregation should teach me a lot (and challenge my sermons!).

Art has partly had to go 'on hold', though not entirely, as I'm planning two big commissions – another altarpiece for Gloucester Cathedral, and mural panels for a church in Wiltshire. I had a wonderful time in Lent when I was Artist in Residence with the Community of the Resurrection in Mirfield, Yorkshire. I'm going back there in the Spring to lead a course on Christian Art. I'll also be Artist in Residence at next year's Three Choirs Festival.

Other exhibitions this year were with the Bible Society at the Christian Resources Exhibition, then a Christian Art Festival in Kingston upon Thames and a Retrospective in St. Columba's for its rededication. The last was the most fun, particularly as both our Archbishops, Canterbury and York, were at the opening. (That was more fortuitous than planned, as they were attending a conference there; but it sounds good, doesn't it, and they said nice things about the paintings!)

I painted a triptych at Mirfield, which will be the centrepiece of my Guildford Cathedral exhibition next Lent (13th February – 11th April). The exhibition theme is "Imaging the Invisible: Using Art to Explore Belief" – rather a lot to take on! You're all invited to the opening - Sat. 13th Feb. 11.00-2.30.

Mission and Ethics are our main teaching themes for next year. I love studying, but I'll be so glad when I don't need to write more essays and can study for myself! All being well (though I feel I still need to learn so much), I will be ordained Deacon in Guildford Cathedral on 4th July. I hope that many of you will be able to join us there. Thanks SO much, once again for your continued support of me during my training.

Iain McKillop

ST. MARY'S GIFT DAY – 21 NOVEMBER 2009



Gift Day is an opportunity for all to donate to external worthy causes, and this year our four charities were Queen Elizabeth Foundation (opportunities for people with disabilities), Barnabus Fund (hope and aid for the persecuted Church), Church Housing Trust (new beginnings for homeless people of all ages), and Help for Heroes (support for the wounded in the Armed Forces). The four charities fitted well into the External Affairs criteria of international work, a locally based charity, mainline church work, and a national charity. This year there was also the opportunity to meet our new Vicar, Russell Dewhurst.

St Mary's was suitably fitted out for the occasion, with a cake stall, a bring-and-buy stall, and two raffles, one for a Christmas cake, and a general raffle. The pews were taken over with publicity material showing the four charities at work. As an innovation this year, there was on-going piano music from our three soloists, Arthur, Reg and Barnaby. The sounds of Ivor Novello and Scott Jopling percolating from the Parish Room



gave a relaxed atmosphere to the proceedings, especially in the Café, where ample supplies of refreshments and mince pies were available and consumed! It was also good that a number of visitors felt welcomed enough to thoroughly partake in what was going on. The External Affairs Committee are always open to new ideas for future Gift Days, so if you have any brainwaves please let us know.

In spite of the gloomy economic conditions, it was pleasing that nearly £1,200 was raised for the four charities, and this despite the fact that the Churchyard colony of bees failed to perform this year, resulting in a lack of honey sales of £150. Once again, many thanks to all who contributed in any way to Gift Day, and also to those who donated so generously to the four charities.

JCS

SUGGESTED PRAYERS

Father, let me dedicate
 All this year to thee
 In whatever worldly state
 Thou wilt have me be.
 Let my glad heart, while it sings,
 Thee in all proclaim,
 And whate'er the future brings,
 Glorify thy name.

George Appleton

Teach us to abide in the Light of thy Eternity, in simplicity, in stillness and in peace; asking for nothing, seeking to understand nothing, but absorbed in that selfless adoration of thy Glory, which is the heart of prayer.

Evelyn Underhill

Prayer for this evening

Abide with us, O Lord, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent: abide with us, and with thy whole Church. Abide with us in the evening of the day, in the evening of life, in the evening of the world. Abide with us and with all thy faithful ones, O Lord, in time and eternity.

Lutheran Manual of Prayer

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: by the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence where we may be still and know that thou art God.

Anonymous (Christian)

Let there be love and understanding among us; let peace and friendship be our shelter from life's storms. Eternal God, help us to walk with good companions, to live with hope in our hearts and eternity in our thoughts, that we may lie down in peace and rise up to find our hearts waiting to do your will.

Anonymous (Jewish)

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ST MARY'S IN CONCERT

During 2009 there was an extensive series of musical events at St Mary's. Most were recitals on our splendid Father Willis organ. But at the end of the season there were two rather different events, which both attracted a large and appreciative audience in our church.

In October, St Mary's choir joined with choirs from local schools to perform "Jonah Man Jazz", together with individual pieces performed by each school. As at the similar event in 2008, it was a delight to see a church packed with "supporters" of the various choirs to enjoy a varied and lively evening. We were all grateful to our Director of Music, Jonathan Holmes, who master-minded the event, and to the music staff in the local schools concerned.

In November, came a fitting climax to the year. The year 1742 saw the first performance of "Messiah" in Dublin. On 14 November 2009, some 250 years after the death of Georg Frideric Handel, it was good to have the opportunity to hear the performance at St Mary's Ewell, of 16 numbers from his great oratorio.

Sir Thomas Beecham, whose affection for Handel's music was unbounded, once wrote "Since his (Handel's) time mankind has heard no music written for voices which can even feebly rival his for grandeur of build and tone, nobility and tenderness of melody, scholastic skill and ingenuity and inexhaustible variety of effect." These qualities were well realised in the excellent performance of this selection of "Messiah" pieces by the choir of St Mary's expertly conducted by Jonathan Holmes, whose light but firm control considerably enhanced the whole evening.

In addition to the main choruses, we were fortunate to have choir members able to undertake some of the best-loved solo pieces. Rachel Yelland gave us "O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion", and in the second half, "I know that my Redeemer liveth". From the junior section of the choir, Elizabeth Hum-

phries gave us a sensitive rendition of "And suddenly there was with the angels" and later joined with Jordan Hyams Parrish to sing "He shall feed his flock". Towards the end of the programme, Timothy Tomkins, who has recently moved to the Ewell area and joined the choir, sang the vibrant "The trumpet shall sound". Of course we all stood for the Hallelujah Chorus, and when the choir concluded the evening with the "Amen" chorus the large and appreciative audience agreed that it had been a moving and impressive performance. The choir had been expertly accompanied on the organ by David Stevens, who is shortly to become Assistant Director of Music at Newcastle Cathedral. (For the benefit of old-timers at St Mary's, this is Newcastle, England, since one of our earlier Directors left to become Director of Music at the Australian Newcastle Cathedral.)

The proceeds from the 2009 series of concerts will go to the Organ Fund to help maintain and enhance our splendid Father Willis. A key person in all this has been Arthur Mathews who not only helps to maintain the organ but also does the "front of house" work for the concerts - not least in persuading us to buy tickets! In addition he and Julia arrange for the interval refreshments including delicious savouries and sweetmeats which Arthur bakes. Indeed he is a man of many parts!

Plans are already afoot for the 2010 programme. This will start on Saturday, 6 February with- as they say - something completely different. First it will be a piano repertoire for two players. But to give it extra zest, one of the duo will be our Rural Dean, Stuart Thomas, who has been so helpful to St Mary's as the overall "Priest in Charge" during our recent interregnum. He will be accompanied by an eminent Brazilian concert pianist and teacher, Laurence Cesar Fiatti. We are told to expect pieces by Schubert and Debussy, together with Viennese Waltzes. See you there!

KF, NMH.



FATHER CHRISTMAS MADE HIS ANNUAL VISIT TO THE TODDLER GROUPS IN DECEMBER. THANKS TO THOSE WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE.

FROM THE PARISH RECORDS

HOLY MATRIMONY

A holy estate, instituted of God himself

- 21 November Timothy Giles Golding and Elizabeth Jane Larner
- 6 December Riaan Taljaard and Chantel Leech

FUNERALS

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

- 25 November Gladys Mary Stephenson, aged 103
- 26 November Millicent Doris Dicks, aged 88
- 7 December Mary Louisa Brewis, aged 98
- 8 December Margaret Errington Howard, aged 80
- 9 December Dorothy Selina Conn, aged 99
- 11 December Emily Theresa Rhodes, aged 95
- 14 December Douglas William Fowle, aged 87
- 15 December Mark Hampson, aged 49

THANKSGIVING DINNER



St. Mary's Social Committee arranged an evening with turkey dinner and entertainment on Saturday 28 November with a thanksgiving theme. The date was close to 'Thanksgiving' in the USA, as we wished to give thanks for our new Vicar and his wife and all that we have at St. Mary's.

We salute the ladies in the photo who served our 'Thanksgiving' dinner.

Below is Jonathan Gocher's Gilbert and Sullivan tribute, which we sang with Savoyard gusto and gratitude.

A WELCOME TO OUR NEW VICAR

When Richard left we had our fears
That the church would fall apart around our ears
So we cleaned the windows and we swept the floor
And we polished up the handle of the big west door
And we polished up the handle of the big west door

But it was very plain for all to see
We needed a new vicar here at St Mary's
But it was very plain for all to see
We needed a new vicar here at St Mary's

The Churchwardens sent out a questionnaire
They wanted your views on Richard Hanford's heir
They stayed up all night to get a statement planned
And they wrote up all your comments in a big round hand
They wrote up all our comments in a big round hand

They advertised in the Church Times to see
If we could get a vicar here at St Mary's
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If we could get a vicar here at St Mary's

Sunday mornings would have been so bland
If our friend Patrick Miller hadn't lent a hand
He was helped so much by Chris and Ray
And we were so grateful that they came our way
And we were so grateful that they came our way

And hats off to our readers Reg and Wendy
But we had to have a vicar here at St Mary's
And hats off to our readers Reg and Wendy
But we had to have a vicar here at St Mary's

Setting up communion was a massive task
We went to some good friends we hoped that we could ask
They helped out cheerfully without a word
Roger, John and Nigel and Maria Bird
Roger, John and Nigel and Maria Bird

But though their efforts were so very great you see

We still needed a vicar here at St Mary's
But though their efforts were so very great you see
We still needed a vicar here at St Mary's

So the Wardens worked to a tight deadline
It took some lengthy evenings and much red wine!
Through rain or shine or wind and storms
It took all week to read the application forms
It took all week to read the application forms

But helped by strong coffee and a drink or three
At last we had a vicar here at St Mary's
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At last we had a vicar here at St Mary's

So to churchmen all whoever you may be
From your tired churchwardens and the PCC
Many, many thanks for all your aid
We hope your labours will all be repaid
We hope our labours will all be repaid

So here we stand, glasses raised with glee
To welcome our new vicar here to St Mary's



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To welcome our new vicar here to St Mary's

MARGARET HOWARD

Text of the address given at the funeral of Margaret Howard on 8 December by Margaret's cousin, Jackie

I am overwhelmed by the number of you here today to pay your last respects to Margaret, who I know we will all miss so dreadfully.

She was my cousin and was especially close to my late mother. For as long as I can remember Margaret was always there at the major family events, and many other times in between. She would arrive in her beloved Morris 1000, having driven the 250 odd miles to Devon, full of energy and chattering nineteen to the dozen.

When we moved to Sussex we saw even more of her. After she retired she took a great interest in our children and particularly liked going to country shows with the family. I was surprised to learn how much she loved horses and that she used to help out at the local stables as a young girl. But then, Margaret never failed to surprise me.

She travelled all over the country, making so many friends along the way, and there didn't seem to be anywhere in Britain she hadn't visited. She could always tell us intriguing stories about where she had been and I have kept a large bundle of postcards that she has sent both to me and my late mother over the years, which I will always treasure.

She was a walking encyclopaedia and we used to tease her, saying she would make a great "phone-a-friend".

However, she was never boastful or overpowering, but was always humble - amazed that anyone could be interested in anything that she had to say.

After her stroke, we all worried about how she



would cope. She found it very hard and frustrating at times, but she overcame so many difficulties with the tenaciousness and determination that we knew and loved. Sadly, one of the things she missed most of all was driving and would take any opportunity to rant at the DVLA for not giving her back her licence.

Gradually she overcame her other problems and each time we took her out she could walk faster and further, so that, by early November, she was striding out around Richmond Park with us, enjoying the last of the crisp clear autumn days, her stick hardly necessary. I remember that day so well. Although she had been there so many times she had never before seen the view to St Paul's, and she was so thrilled and excited by it.

That is how I will remember Margaret. She was an inspiration and showed me how to make the best of every day. Her life was not always easy but I never heard her complain or say a bad word about anyone. She was kind and always thought of others before herself; she was tireless in her work for the community; and her active and enquiring mind was never dulled.

Margaret lived in Ewell all her life, in a house built by her parents, and will now lie with her beloved mother and grandparents in the church where she has always worshipped, in earshot of the bells which she used to ring and in the heart of the village which has always been her home.

Margaret was my cousin but, more important than that, she was my dear friend. I will miss her so much, but the happy times we have spent together will stay with me forever.

Goodbye, Margaret, and God Bless.

A READER WRITES

In the November issue I was interested to read the article "Wartime Padre".

The men on board the "Anselm" were part of a large draft of airmen; the other, and larger part being accommodated on "The Monarch of Bermuda".

I was one of six airmen sharing a two-berth cabin on Bermuda's E deck. The Anselm had left the convoy and diverted to Gourrock with engine trouble and was trying to catch us up on about our fifth day.

We felt, rather than heard, several thuds or explosions at about 6.30. We guessed that our escort was responsible and assumed there were depth charges being fired. We were not called to Boat Drill. We knew nothing more until we stopped off Sierra Leone to take on water and about 40 Rhodesians, survivors of the Anselm. They shared our table in the Mess, and remained with us to Durban.

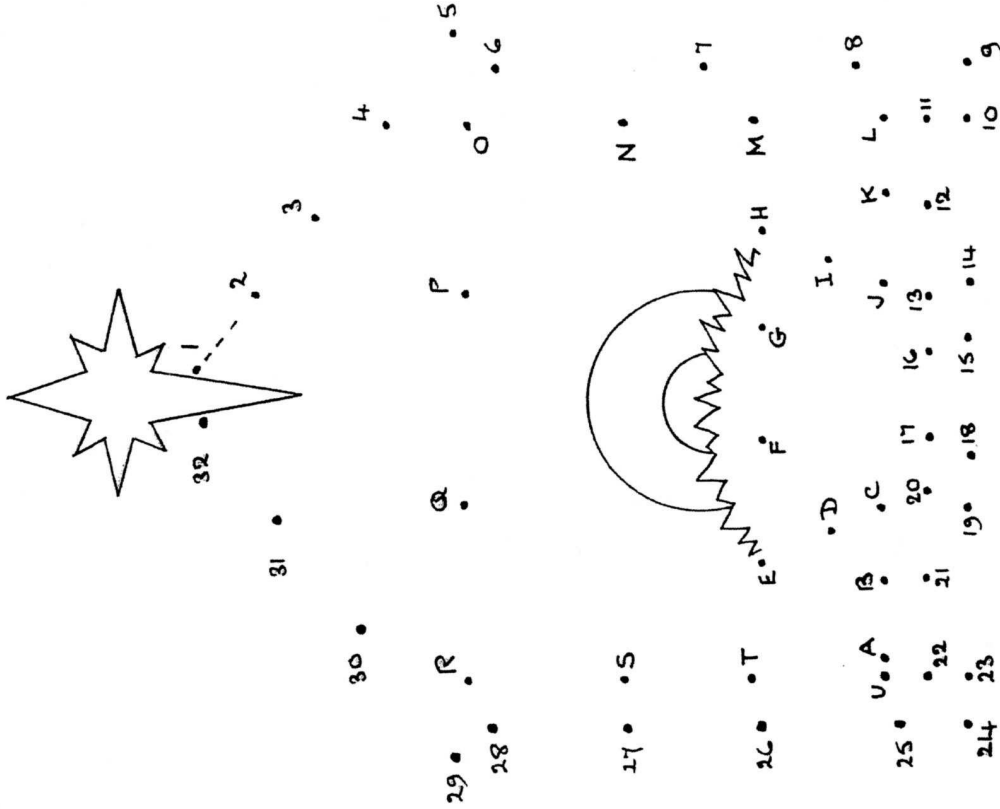
Padre Pugh is one of the George Cross holders listed in St Clement Danes, the central church of The Royal Air Force, and also has a plaque commemorating his sacrifice in the RAF Chaplains School in Hampshire.

Robert Furniss

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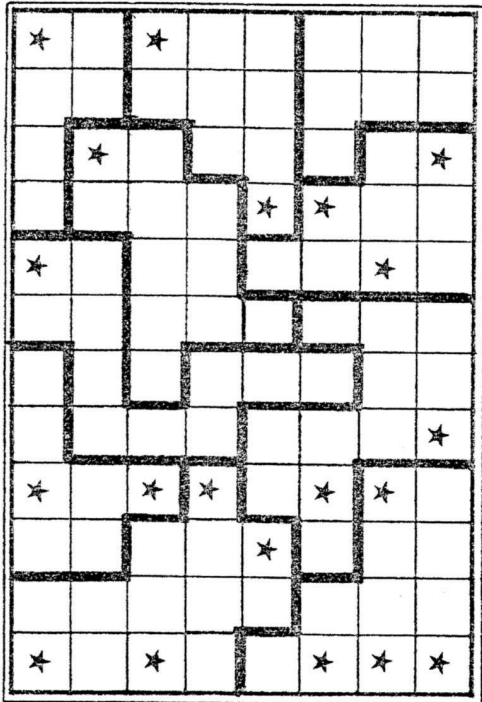
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25 December 2009, Christmas Day

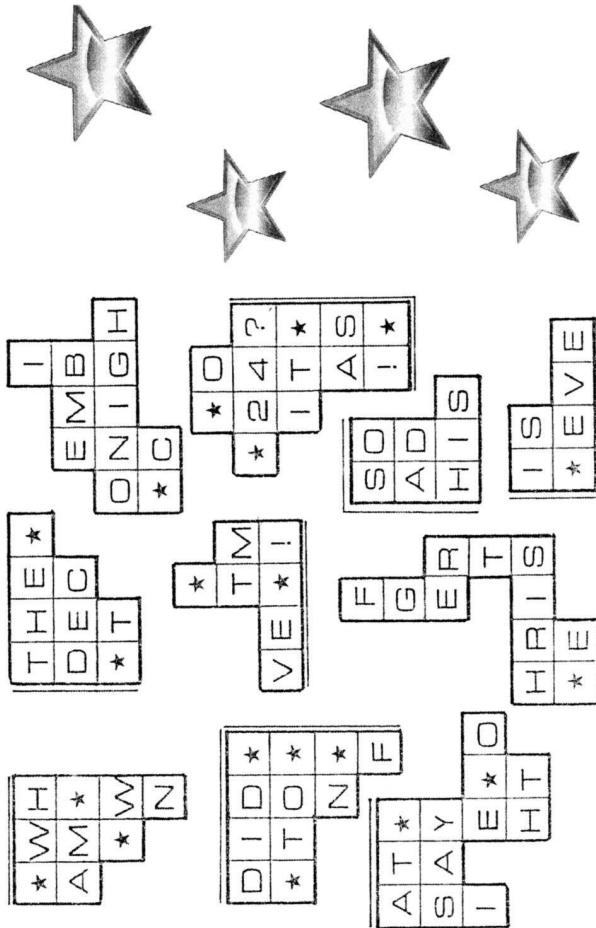


Join up the dots from 1 to 32, and from A to U

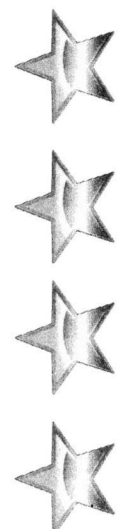
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Match the shapes and stars to fit the pieces in. Now read the joke across!



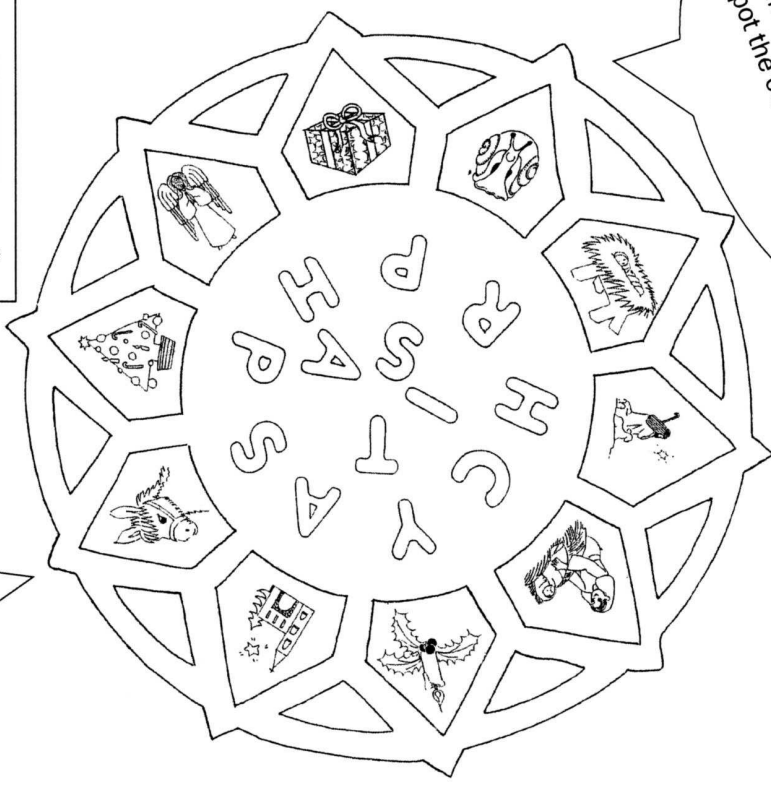
Jesus, please be with us,
All through Christmas Day.
Amen



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9 of the pictures in the circle are about Christmas. But can you spot the odd one out?



The jumbled letters in the circle should spell Happy Christmas but one's missing. Which one?

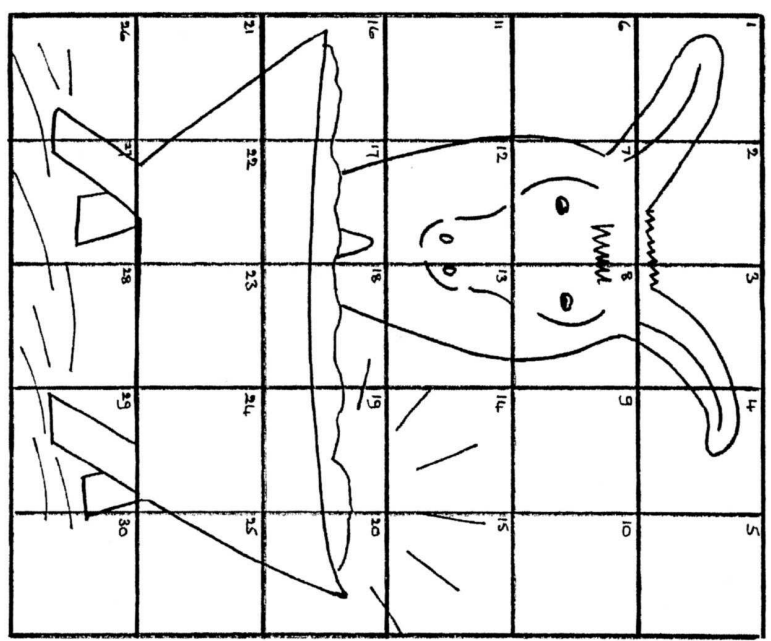
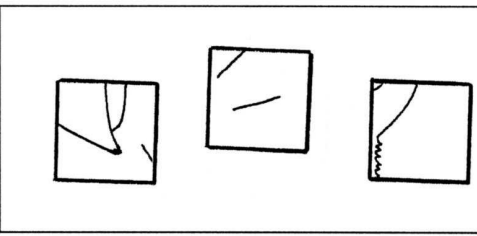
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Use the code to find out what Christmas present God gives us

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Here are three squares from the big picture. Which ones are they?

Clue!
Their numbers add up 36



There are five words hidden in the grid. Each one is cut into two bits. All have something to do with the picture. Can you puzzle them out??

ing	Ear	els
ven		Sing
Ang		Pea
ce	Hea	th

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Theologian W H Vanstone

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Calendar for January



- S 3 THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**
0800 Holy Communion
0930 Sung Eucharist with procession
1100 Choral Mattins
- T 5** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room
- S 9** 0930 Churchwardens' Surgery at "The Larder"
- S 10 THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**
0800 Holy Communion
0930 Sung Eucharist
1100 Mattins with Baptism
1730 Choral Evensong
- M 11** 2000 Meeting of the Website Committee in the Parish Room
- T 12** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room
- S 17 EPIPHANY 2**
0800 Holy Communion
0930 Sung Eucharist
1100 Sung Eucharist 1662 Rite
1730 Evening Prayer
- M 18** 0930 Communion taken to the Housebound
2000 Meeting of Children's Support Group
- T 19** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room
1100 Communion taken to "The Elders"
2000 Internal Affairs Meeting in the Parish Room
- W 20** 1930 Meeting of Estates Committee in the Parish Room
- S 24 EPIPHANY 3**
0800 Holy Communion
0930 Sung Eucharist
1100 Choral Mattins
1730 Evening Prayer
- M 25** The Conversation of St Paul
1200 Eucharist.
- T 26** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room
- W 27** 2000 Meeting of the Vicar/Churchwardens and Administrator
- S 31 CANDLEMAS**
0800 Holy Communion
0930 Sung Eucharist with All-age Talk
1100 Choral Mattins
1730 Evening Prayer

The **Parish Office** will be closed from Christmas Day till it re-opens on 11th January. When it re-opens in January there will be new opening hours, 9.30-12, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

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**WE MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY
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DO COME AND JOIN US

Have you received any Christmas presents that were "not quite right" or not to your liking?

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and

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