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Max Cross writes . .



Who do you follow?

In this, our first year back in Bedhampton may Suzy and I wish you a very merry Christmas. This year as a church we are playing a game we are calling #FollowTheStar with the children of Bedhampton. We are hiding stars around Bedhampton and challenging children to find as many as they can. There is a small prize for those who join in, and a grand prize draw for those finding ten stars or more. Details can be found at www.Bedhampton.church/christmas for those who want to play. It's a bit of fun and entertainment but behind it, of course, is a very important message for all ages. Who do you follow?

Social media and television are full of enticements to follow this celebrity or follow that star. However, is that the place we want our children or ourselves to take our lead in life from? A world which is all too often about image-obsessed, self-promoting and self-absorbed individuals; individuals who ask us to follow them so that we might buy their product, or pay homage to them. Or do we want more for our future generations? At Christmas, we are celebrating the fact that God himself came to this earth to save us and lead us towards true fulfillment. The birth of Jesus. Jesus who said, "Follow me." Jesus who said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." For me, that is who I would have myself and my children follow. A true saviour and leader who shows us that, now we know we are loved, we live our lives to the full by showing that same love to others. That sounds like the world I want my family to live in, that I would have Bedhampton be. I'll Follow That Star!

So at this the time of year when we celebrate the leader and saviour who said that all this is possible, let Suzy and me once again wish you the most wonderful Christmas. You are welcome to join us for the celebrations www.Bedhampton.church is the place to find out more. Now I am off to hide some stars.

Max Cross



P.S If you find a star you might want to help the children out and post a message on social media with something like, "Found, a #BedhamptonStar at the shops #FollowTheStar"; they may even share their prize with you!

PARISH NEWS

To all people who like to pray

'Pause and Pray'

Monday 3rd December

from 6 to 7pm

St Thomas Church, Bedhampton

St Nick's Flicks

**Tuesday 11th
December**

at St Nicholas Church
1.45pm for 2pm start

All are welcome, no need to book.
Contact the office for film details.

office@bedhampton.church



FAMILY NEWS



This month sees a special celebration for Stella and Brian Harris who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary, 60 years together.

We send birthday greetings to Sandra Matthews and to Peter Coe this month. Belated birthday wishes to Neville Quick last month.



Cover picture: "Jesus is born."

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A celebratory Christmas Lunch will be held at St Nicholas on Sunday 9th December.

Sign up on the list in Church or contact the Parish Office.



Bedhampton
Community Website
www.bedhamptonvillage.com

BEDHAMPTON CALENDAR 2018



The 2018 Parish Calendar is now available to purchase for £5, as are the packs of 6 assorted Christmas cards for £3.50. The large single Christmas card of St Thomas' in the snow is still available at £1.

2 different packs of 6 all occasion cards (12 pictures in all) of the flower arrangements at St Thomas' at £3.50 each.

All are available from the Parish Office or contact Jean O'Farrell on 023 9283 3284.

Christmas Services

Candlelight Carol Service

Sunday 16th December

With Bedhampton

Festival Choir

6.30pm at St Thomas



Nativity Crib Service

Christmas Eve

4pm at St Nicholas

Midnight Communion

Christmas Eve

11.30pm at St Thomas



Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion

10am All-Age Celebration

& Holy Communion

at St Thomas

All cash collections to the Rowans Hospice

The Christingle Service

Sunday 20th January

4pm at St Nicholas.

*All cash collections to the
Children's Society*



#FollowTheStar

Scouts

Christmas Post

Post boxes will be
in both churches
from December 1st.



Please label all envelopes clearly

Only post for the Parish of
Bedhampton for the elderly, disabled
or housebound members of our
community, can be delivered.

LAST COLLECTION:

Wednesday 19th December

Parish Carol Singing

Why not join the Cubs who will be singing
carols around Bedhampton on Tuesday 11th
December. Meet at St Nicholas 6.15pm.

Refreshments on return at 8pm.

*Quote: The hinge of history is on
the door of a Bethlehem stable.*

Ralph W. Sockman



Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust

Jean O'Farrell takes the bus on Portsea Island

www.hihct.org.uk

After calling at St Faith's and All Saints, near Commercial Road, it was on to St Mary's in Fratton, where I sat down for 5 minutes to remind myself of where I was due next. According to Hubbuck, St Mary's is the largest, noblest and historically oldest of Portsea churches, although the current church dates from 1887.



It was now 2½ hours since I'd left home and I had visited 9 churches out of my target of 13. I decided to change my original order and struck out from St Mary's up what felt like one of the longest roads in Portsmouth to St Wilfrid's in George Street. No chance to look around the only surviving (with St Faith's) mission church, as the Ride and Stride notice was tacked to the closed door of the church.

So on to Copnor Road where I picked up a number 2 bus which took me north to Battenburg Avenue where I found the delightful St Nicholas, apparently designed by a renowned Pub architect in 1930, although the vicar said she had no plans to open a bar in the church!



After a quick bit of lunch, I crawled through Copnor on a 21 caught up in the match day traffic for Fratton Park. Alighting by Hayling Avenue, I walked down to St Cuthbert's which was preparing for a Messy Church – narrow escape there! The bricks of this church were made from local soil. The chancel was damaged in 1941 and Hubbuck believes the replacement to be much less handsome. More crawling on a number 2 down to St James at Milton where I mingled with wedding guests and got my last visit initialed. St James (*pictured below*) was built 1910-1913 in memory of Bernard Wilson, a much-loved vicar of St Mary's. Then the trusty number 2 dropped me back home at 3.30.

So what did I learn?

1. Portsmouth is much bigger than it looks than when you are on a bus or in a car.
2. That there are some really lovely churches manned by lovely helpful people.
3. Always check your bus routes before venturing this type of exercise again!



Many thanks to those who sponsored me. I raised £300 to be divided between our Parish and HIOWHCT.

Jean O'Farrell

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Special Christmas Collections

On 16th December the Rev. Carol Gulley will talk on behalf of the Rowans Hospice as part of the Mission Charities.

The Rowans Hospice not only cares for cancer patients but also for life limiting illnesses. Patients can also be referred for respite care.

Sunday 16th is a way for us to give at our services for the upkeep of the Rowans which depends heavily on fundraising and donations. One never knows if we, or anyone in our family, may need to call upon them. Also the collection at the evening Carol Service at 6.30pm will also be donated to them as always.

Thanking you in advance for your support.

Ann Partridge

Church Warden and Ward Volunteer

Read more about the work of the Rowans Hospice at www.rowanshospice.co.uk



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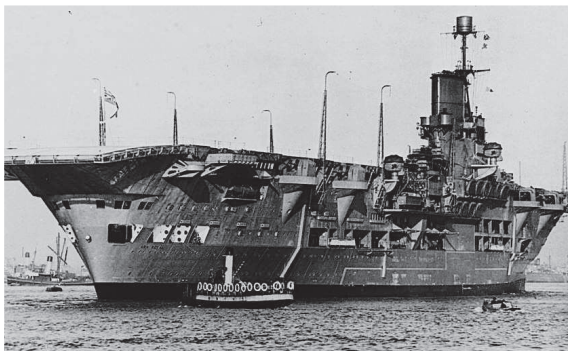
'In Flanders Fields the poppies blow'

Part 9 of a monthly series on the men of Bedhampton who lost their lives in World War 2 and whose names appear on the War Memorial in St. Thomas' or in the graveyard.

Thomas Ian Gay (1918-1941)

Lieutenant (Eng.) RN HMS Ark Royal

Thomas was born in about 1918 to Engineer Commander George Murch Gay RN and Olive Trounsell Gay (formerly Allen). With no evidence of his birth being registered in England, it is possible that his parents were based with the Royal Navy in Malta. A 1924 passenger ship's register lists the Gays returning to the UK from Malta. In 1933 Thomas' father died aged only 58 leaving Olive to raise her two sons, Thomas and his older brother George. In 1935 Thomas followed in his father's footsteps by joining the Royal Navy as a Naval Engineering Cadet. The Navy Lists published in the following years record his steady rise through the ranks; Midshipman (E), 1936, Sub-Lt. (E) 1938 and Lt. (E) by May 1940. By 1941 he was serving on HMS Ark Royal.



The Ark Royal was involved in some of the key naval operations of the early war years. She had been part of the Norwegian operations in 1940 and also in the hunt for and sinking of the Bismarck. In 1941 she played a vital role of keeping Malta supplied during the tiny island's courageous fight for survival. She also flew off sorties of Swordfish Torpedo Bombers to damage and

destroy enemy shipping supplying Rommel's army. The following account of an aircraft accident records the cause of Thomas's death on 1st August 1941.

'At around 0550 in position 40-00N, 06-30E, the Swordfish strike force arrived back over the ARK ROYAL and commenced landing.

The third Swordfish to land which was from 810 Squadron, piloted by Lt CM Jewell, was still armed with a 40lb GP bomb which had hung up. As the aircraft touched down the bomb detached, fell on the deck and exploded killing the pilot, the observer, Sub Lt L A Royall, and the TAG (Telegraphist Air Gunner). The bomb also blew a hole in the deck and killed four members of the flight deck party.

At the time of his death his mother was living at the White Cottage, Stockheath. Olive lived until 1971 when she died in Plymouth. Thomas' brother, George, had also joined the Royal Navy and like his brother, was a Lieutenant (E) RN by 1941. He died, also in

Plymouth, in 2002.

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Rev David Proud



Operation Christmas Child Shoe box Appeal

"The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to show God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the good news of Jesus Christ."

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Christmas Child Shoe Box appeal. Your shoe boxes are on their way. 30 boxes were collected ready to be delivered in time for Christmas. To see the joy these gifts bring, visit the website:

www.samaritans-purse.org.uk

Thank you. Kim

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Thank you to everyone who has a Children's Society house box. This year we raised a total of £1303 55p.

The Christingle Service will be held on Sunday 20th January

GIFTING DAY AT ST NICHOLAS

A REAL BLESSING

Rowena Cross of Esther Ministries led 25 eager participants through a practical and fun-filled day of discovering our gifts and skills.

A wonderful gifted speaker, she shared with passion her personal spiritual journey which was both inspiring and challenging. We were guided through several exercises and for some of us there were surprises as to the gifts that were revealed. We were then encouraged to leave the day with a specific plan of how our gifts could be put into action for God.



Vanda and Colin Hawkes

Gifting Day, It sounded like Santa might turn up early as we gathered together to have Rowena lead us through a day of discovery. We learnt instead these were the gifts or skills and abilities God has given us that we might use. Rowena's bubbly and fun approach belied the truly life-changing impact this day would have on many of us. Some of us came away surprised by the areas of life that we were enabled in, and have begun to ponder how we might use these gifts moving forward. If you missed the day, don't miss Church on 25th November and 2nd December as we try and bring a little of what we learnt that day to share with you.

Max Cross



WHO'S WHO?

PART II

A Verger (in brief)

Lock, stock & barrel

By Alec Matthews

On 17th September, 1999, having been asked by Cliff Blofield (remember him?) to join the Verger Team, I wrote to the Rector and Churchwarden stating that

I would be happy to join the team as a Relief Verger. Not long after this, I was it: **The Verger**, lock, stock and barrel. So, approaching 20 years on, and following Janice's article in the October magazine: WHO'S WHO : A VERGER (in brief), I would like to give you my aspect of the job.

Everything Janice has said about service preparation and bell ringing is how it is. But there are other, more nuanced, aspects which I would like to share with you. Basically, I can sum it up as 'mop and bucket'. Why? Because, although there are Stewards at main services to welcome and look after people, it's all the other things that a Verger does, from adjusting the sound to making sure there is water to drink, to replacing the toilet rolls to occasionally using the mop and bucket. A Verger is 'The Host' who makes sure people are comfortable – there is no more important or satisfying job to be had.

I have had some lovely Vergers in my team over the years: Keith and Janice Stott, Brian Harris and Terry Creswell. We have lost Keith (Bosun) and Terry, and Brian has retired, although he still helps.



One of the things I try to do is bring a bit of levity to the job. For example, knowing that the Groom at a wedding is always very nervous, I usually share a joke with him. On one occasion, I was adjusting the kneelers on the steps when I asked the Groom 'How wide is the Bride?' He looked at me in a quizzical way. When she processed into the church, she had, shall we say, an extremely full figure! I thought, "You idiot!" I don't always get it right and I have never used that gag again.

So there it is: making sure people are comfortable and that the service works; making people feel welcome and loved; and sorting out any difficulties that occur, from small things like a glass of water, to large things like a medical episode – the best job in the world.



Appreciative audience at ST THOMAS

When Derek Hasted brings his musicians to give a concert, he is always very entertaining, with detailed information about the music, interspersed with amusing anecdotes. At a recent concert, this was no different.

As Derek said, there used to be a fingerpost pointing to St Thomas that said "1123AD"; the Norman arch that enveloped the quartet called "fusion" went further back in time than modern music does.

Fusion is a quartet comprising Gilly Slot (flute, piano, harpsichord), Lisa Wheadon (classical guitar), Derek Hasted (classical guitar, alto guitar and banjo) and Claire Whiteside (double bass and clarinet). With music spanning 500 years, this family-friendly concert mixed lute music from 1500 (from the first ever book to include dynamics and articulation markings) with modern day classics.

As well as a raffle for Church funds there was also a surprise gift of a jar of herbs to an unsuspecting member of the audience. No you're right, you needed to be there to see how that introduced the next piece...

Visit www.derek-hasted.co.uk/fusion/ for our next concert



RAINBOW GUIDES

At the start of September Katy Honess and I reopened the 2nd Bedhampton Rainbow Unit. We both knew how long the 1st Bedhampton Rainbow waiting list was and felt that we should give more girls an opportunity to experience what Rainbows do. With the new programme being launched, now it was the best time to reopen the Unit.

We have 7 new girls who started at the beginning of the term and so far all have loved looking through their badge books and discussing with us what badges they may want to do. This term we have been looking at working towards the "Be well" badge and they have taken part in cheerleading, following instructions, learning about a balanced diet and making fruit kebabs.

We have enjoyed giving the girls these new opportunities and hope that this Unit will grow in time to be a path way for girls into the Guiding family.

Jade Armstrong

God in the Arts

Exploring symbols of the Christian faith as found in works of art.

'He gave us eyes to see them' - a Catalan artist's nativity in Barcelona

At the end of the year we see a sign that proclaims birth and new life: the crib of Christmas. In December, cribs will be set up in churches, homes, villages and town centres. It is a tradition that goes back to the nativity scene in a cave outside Greccio in Italy on Christmas Eve, 1223. St Francis of Assisi invited all the people to a service there to remind them of a truth they had either forgotten or neglected: that Love came down at Christmas. We are told that as they looked inside the cave and saw the crib with the ox and ass, St Francis prayed and took up the infant Christ in his arms. Christ was 'the peaceful, tender and loving brother,' a vulnerable baby needing affection and care.

The simplicity and the beauty of that nativity scene is portrayed in this 12th century painting by an anonymous Catalan artist in a museum in Barcelona. Cribs were often very elaborate and ornate creations, bejewelled and decorated with episodes from our Lord's life. Here the scene is ordinary with few details. The haloes around the heads of Mary and the Christ-Child may look a little odd, but the artist and



St Francis are at one in proclaiming a sign of life and love in this birth.

Each Christmas we are called to kneel before the crib with the animals and the shepherds. A 13th century Franciscan invites us to 'Gaze on the face of the babe with devotion...and delight in Him.' May we see the light of God's love in the new-born babe as we look into the crib, and may we delight to offer our hearts and lives in His service.

Rev Michael Burgess – Parish Pump

**He gave us eyes to see them
And lips that we might tell;
How great is God Almighty
Who has made all things well.**

BEDHAMPTON REMEMBERS

To commemorate a very special Remembrance Year, the service followed in traditional format with names of those lost in the first World War read out, the two minutes' silence observed and the Last Post and Reveille played by our visiting trumpeter, Toby Parrott. Retired Royal Navy Commander, John Prime laid the poppy wreath at the War Memorial.

The church was decorated with poppy flower arrangements, together with a display of knitted poppies from ladies of the parish and a lantern from World War I.



THOUGHTS ON CHRISTMAS CAROLS

It was 200 years ago, on 24th December 1818 that the popular Christmas carol 'Silent Night' was performed for the first time, at midnight mass at a parish church in Oberndorf bei Salzburg, Austria.

It had been written just a few hours earlier by teacher and church organist Franz Xaver Gruber, to lyrics by priest Joseph Mohr. (The lyrics were actually a poem Mohr had written two years earlier.)



HAVANT TREFOIL

The final 75th celebration was a Tea Party at the Marriott Hotel on Sunday 30th September. The Guide County Team wanted to show their appreciation of all the years' service performed by the members.

To start the afternoon a short talk was given on the New Programme for all sections and then, with lots of chat, we tried to solve 2 pages of dingbats and make a puppet from the old coloured sock we had brought with us. Three members from Havant made very good ones, which were photographed, with the help of needles, cotton, buttons, eyes and material supplied while the other 5 struggled. (This was not helped by the fact that we couldn't thread the tiny eye in the second needle!) Well that's our excuse for our dismal efforts!

The hotel staff served sandwiches, scones, cakes and tea and there was time to meet up with friends from across the area – from Liphook to Gosport and Emsworth to the Meon Valley, about 120 in total.

After all the thank yous and presentations we left having once again enjoyed the Fun and Friendship of belonging to the wonderful Guide Movement.

Elizabeth Hobbs



BEDHAMPTON FRIENDS OF GUIDING

What a success! Over 80 people, including children enjoyed a noisy, hectic but very enjoyable Family Quiz Night at St. Nicholas Church. Questions on Animals, Food, Literature, Places and Sport in 5 rounds of 10 questions were graded easy, medium and hard. The young children were very excited when able to answer a special question and waved their hands in the air as they didn't understand that the answers had to be written down. But everyone was very tolerant and it all added to a fun evening.

After 3 rounds, pre-ordered hot dogs were served with drinks and there were nibbles on the tables. Raffle tickets were bought and lots of chatter and running around by the children! When order was restored, the next 2 rounds were played and scores added up on a large sheet.

The two winning teams were handed prizes and it is hoped to find the third prize winners who had left the hall before the results were known.

A very big thank you to all who helped including Jenny, Mavis and Margaret in the kitchen, Marion and Pam on the Raffle, Peggy on the door, Chloe taking orders for hot dogs and Janet, Roy, Alec and John with chairs and tables, especially at the last minute as more places were needed, and other necessary jobs to make the evening a success.

Finally my thanks to everyone who attended and support Girlguiding in Bedhampton.

Elizabeth Hobbs



1st Bedhampton Scout Group

On 14th October our Beavers joined thousands of other Beaver Scouts from across Hampshire and beyond at Paultons Park and Peppa Pig World. A “hoot hoot” time was had by all and Adults did recover from prolonged exposure to the Peppa Pig Music.

The Cub Sixers joined other Cubs from the Havant district in the Sixers training day. Unfortunately it rained heavily all day but everyone eventual recovered from prolonged exposure to rain drops. Some of our Cubs also took part in the Havant district orienteering day which they successfully won by being the only team to find all 14 orienteering posts.

The Scouts have been working towards their platinum Chief Scout Awards whilst the Explorers had a “Taskmaster” evening and have also been making (and eating) Christmas Cakes.

We are about to enjoy fireworks and are gearing up for Christmas. The Scout Troup do an annual good turn by providing a free Christmas card service to the elderly or those with other mobility difficulties. The post boxes will be out in late November/early December.

The last collection will be on Wednesday 19th December.

www.1stbedhampton.com

Nigel Vosper
Group Administrator and Assistant Cub Scout Leader



The legacy of Miss Potter

Beatrix Potter, the children's writer and illustrator, died of pneumonia in Cumbria 75 years ago, on 22nd December 1943. Born in 1866 in Kensington to a well-off family, she had limited higher education but schooled herself to the extent that she could be described as a natural scientist.

She published her first children's book, *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, encouraged by friends including her former governess Annie Carter Moore. Some of the stories appeared first in letters to her friend's children. She eventually wrote 30 books - 23 of them for children.



The Manor Trust Charity Christmas Fayre

at The Elms, Bedhampton

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includes a tea or
coffee and a
mince pie

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The Bedhampton Poetry Group
will meet again next month.

PARISH CAROL SINGING



with 1st Bedhampton Cubs
and Scouts

Tuesday 11th December

6.15 pm until 8.00 pm

Start and finish
at St Nicholas

*Followed by soup
and mince pies*

***All proceeds to the
Children's Society***

BEDHAMPTON SUMMER SHOW

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during the winter months. We
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We will rock you, rock you, rock you.

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small infants, both due to risk of allergy
to animal fur, and for ethical reasons.
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**FORTHCOMING
EVENTS**



SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER, 7.30pm

Havant Symphony Orchestra
Oaklands School, Waterloooville,
Handel, Ravel, Vaughan Williams

SATURDAY 8th DECEMBER, 7.30pm

The Nelson Consort
Church of Holy Spirit, Southsea
Christmas programme

SATURDAY 15th DECEMBER, 7.30pm

Renaissance Choir: "Christmas"
St.Thomas' Catholic Church, Emsworth

TUESDAY 18th DECEMBER, 7.30pm

Solent Male Voice Choir "Christmas"
St Faith's Church, Havant

PUZZLE PAGE

Wordsearch Advent

The nearly four weeks leading up to Christmas is Advent. It means 'coming'. It refers to Jesus' first coming as a baby, but it also looks forward to a day when Jesus is expected to return in triumph at his 'second coming' to establish perfect justice and a new order of peace. Originally Christians marked Advent as a time when they refrained from excessive eating and drinking. Then Christmas Day reintroduced them to the joys of feasting. Christmas celebrations lasted for twelve days, with gifts exchanged as a climax at Epiphany (6 January).



Today, however, Advent is more likely to be associated with accelerating festivity, with the days following Christmas something of an anti-climax until 'twelfth night', on which decorations are removed. Many Christians worldwide are trying to revive the spirit of Advent by setting aside time to pray and address global poverty.

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Answers next month





On the last Saturday in October we held our annual Coffee Morning in St. Nicholas' Church Hall. We were pleased to welcome our own members, friends and Sheila, Norma and Pauline from the Diocese who were selling the Christmas Cards and Calendars and other goods on behalf of M.U. We also were able to chat to Karen who was selling cards on behalf of the Children's Society. Christine and Sheila manned the cake stall and Pat B and Jackie were in the kitchen.



We are pleased that Mavis is now so much better and has been able to join in with events during the latter half of the year. Ann was in charge of the raffle and Marion had brought the C.D. player to provide gentle background music.

There was plenty of chatter and this is one of the occasions when people can sit round the table and catch up and share their news and that of ex MU. Members. In December we will have our usual Christmas meal at the Castle Inn and January will be our AGM.

This year has flown by and we miss Myrna at our events. Our Holy Communion service on the first Wednesday is of great comfort to us and we have to thank the visiting clergy who have helped us so much in officiating whilst in Interregnum and helping fill the gaps whilst Max had other commitments. We have particularly enjoyed Clive Williams' sermons and it is wonderful to have Max to keep an eye on us. We are now looking forward to planning a programme for 2019 and details of this will be released soon.

Marion Machell

It may be Christmas, but does it meet Health and Safety....?!

While Shepherds Watched

While shepherds watched their flocks by night
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around.



The Union of Shepherds has complained that it breaches health and safety regulations to insist that shepherds watch their flocks without appropriate seating arrangements being provided. Thus benches, stools and orthopaedic chairs are now available. Note, the angel of the Lord is reminded that before shining his or her glory all around, he or she must ascertain that all shepherds have been issued with glasses capable of filtering out the harmful effects of UVA, UVB and Glory.

Dear Lord,

*So far today I am doing all right.
I have not gossiped, lost my temper,
been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish
or indulgent.*

*I have not whined, whinged, cursed
or eaten any chocolate. I have not
tweeted or contacted anyone on
Facebook to tell them I like them. I
have not used my credit card.
However, I am getting out of bed in a
few minutes and I may need your
help then. Amen*

*Seen by a parishioner in a newspaper
but attributed to michaelnoyes.com*

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MOTHERS' UNION DECEMBER

5th HOLY COMMUNION &
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From the Parish Registers



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Saturday 1st: Manor Trust Christmas Fayre
Monday 3rd: Pause and Pray, 6pm St Thomas
Sunday 9th: Christmas lunch, St Nicholas
Tuesday 11th: St Nicks' Flicks, 1.45pm
Tuesday 11th: Manor Trust Coffee, 10am
Tuesday 11th: Parish Carol Singing with Cubs
Meet at St Nicholas.
Sunday 16th: Carol Gully to speak on behalf
of the Rowans Hospice at both Churches
Sunday 16th: Carols by Candlelight 6.30pm
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SERVICES for DECEMBER

SUNDAY 2nd

(Advent)

St Thomas	8.00 am	Holy Communion 1662
St Nicholas	9.30 am	Morning Worship
St Thomas	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
St Thomas	4.00 pm	Compline

SUNDAY 9th

(Advent 2)

St Thomas	8.00 am	Holy Communion
St Nicholas	9.30 am	Morning Worship
St Thomas	11.00 am	Holy Communion

SUNDAY 16th

(Advent 3)

St Thomas	8.00 am	Holy Communion
St Nicholas	9.30 am	Holy Communion
St Thomas	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
St Thomas	6.30 pm	Candlelight Carol Service

SUNDAY 23rd

(Advent 4)

St Thomas	8.00 am	Holy Communion
St Nicholas	9.30 am	Morning Worship
St Thomas	11.00 am	Morning Prayer

MONDAY 24th

(Christmas Eve)

St Nicholas	4.00 pm	Nativity Crib Service
St Thomas	11.30 pm	Midnight Holy Communion

TUESDAY 25th

(Christmas Day)

St Thomas	8.00 am	Holy Communion
St Thomas	10.00 am	All Age Christmas Celebration

SUNDAY 30th

(Christmas 1)

St Thomas	8.00 am	Holy Communion
St Thomas	10.00 am	Joint Holy Communion

MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

Wednesday 5th	St Nicholas	9.30 am Holy Communion
Wednesday 12th	St Thomas	9.30 am Holy Communion
Wednesday 19th	St Thomas	9.30 am Holy Communion
Wednesday 26th		No service

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