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new Archbishop of Canterbury - I wonder what that will mean to us all? Although it's a long article, we thought you might be interested to read about the new man (p11).

Also, though Christmas is long past there's a report about Christmas at St Giles (p27) and a photograph. Do read about all the clubs meeting at St Giles; why not go along and perhaps make new friends? We're sure you will be warmly welcomed.

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When Jesus was baptised by John in the river Jordan he was blessed by the Holy Spirit and a voice came from heaven saying 'You are my Son whom I love; with you I am

well pleased.' The Holy Spirit is essential to baptism because it equips us; it sends us out to be active and dedicated

disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. The first

thing that happens after Jesus baptism is that the Holy Spirit sends Jesus out into the wilderness. The word used is lead. Jesus was led by the Spirit.

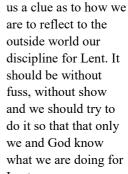
The time of Lent is upon us and are we ready to be led out into that metaphorical wilderness as we accompany Jesus in his trials and temptations through Lent?

Are we ready to commit ourselves to a discipline for Lent either giving up or taking up or taking on something extra during Lent that will strengthen and support us in our journey of faith not just through lent but in our Christian life after Lent has finished?

Lent is a time of reflection, fasting and prayer – it is modelled on the story from Matthew's gospel chapter 4 where Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. The bible tells us

that 'After fasting 40 days and 40 nights, he was hungry' a perfect understatement.

It may be an understatement but does give



what we are doing for Lent.

What we do need to advertise however is

Ash Wednesday service Wednesday 13th February at 7.30 pm

Everyone is welcome to join us and mark the start of the days of Lent.

Our Lent groups will take place again in each others homes. It is not just an opportunity to learn more about our faith but a time of fellowship and growing together as a church. This year there will also be an afternoon group for those who do not want to come out in the evenings.

Whatever we decide to do for Lent may God bless your endeavours and give you strength to persevere.

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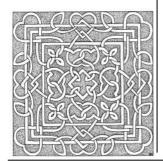
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Ash Wednesday

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. But why 'Ash' Wednesday? The reason has to do with getting things right between you and God, and the tradition goes right back to the Old Testament.

In the Old Testament, the Israelites often sinned. When they finally came to their senses, and saw their evil ways as God saw them, they could do nothing but repent in sorrow. They mourned for the damage and evil they had done. As part of this repentance, they covered their heads with ashes. For the Israelites, putting ashes on your head, and even rending your clothes, was an outward sign of their heartfelt repentance and acknowledgement of sin. (See Genesis 18:27: 2 Samuel 13:19: Job 2:8. 30:19; Isaiah 58:5; Jeremiah 6:26; Jonah 3:6)

In the very early Christian Church, the yearly 'class' of penitents had ashes sprinkled over them at the beginning of Lent. They were turning to God for the first time, and mourning their sins. But soon many other Christians wanted to take part in the custom, and to do so at the very start of Lent. They heeded Joel's call to 'rend

your hearts and not your garments' (Joel 2:12-19). Ash Wednesday became known as either the 'beginning of the fast' or 'the day of the ashes'.

The collect for today goes back to the Prayer Book, and stresses the penitential character of the day. It encourages us with the reminder of the readiness of God to forgive us and to renew us.

The Bible readings for today are often Joel 2:1-2, 12-18, Matthew 6: 1-6,16-21 and Paul's moving catalogue of suffering, "as having nothing and yet possessing everything." (2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10)

The actual custom of 'ashing' was abolished at the Reformation, though the old

name for the day remained. Today, throughout the Church of England, receiving the mark of ashes on one's forehead is optional. Certainly the mark of ashes on the forehead reminds people of their mortality: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return..." (Genesis 3:19)

The late medieval custom was to burn the branches used on Palm Sunday in the previous year in order to create the ashes for today.

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The Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God,
You hate nothing that you have made
And forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts
That we, worthily lamenting our sins
And acknowledging our wretchedness
May receive from you, the God of all mercy,
Perfect remission and forgiveness;
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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105th Archbishop of Canterbury

It has been 10 years since we last had a new Archbishop of Canterbury. Here we introduce the man

The Right Reverend Justin Welby, Bishop of Durham, will be enthroned as the 105th Archbishop of Canterbury in Canterbury Cathedral on 21st March. Dr Rowan Williams retired at the end of December, after ten years as Archbishop.

Bishop Welby admits: "To be nominated to this post is both astonishing and exciting. It is something I never expected, and the last few weeks have been a very strange experience. It is exciting because we are at one of those rare points where the tide of events is turning, and the church nationally, including the Church of England has great opportunities to match its very great but often hidden strengths.

"I feel a massive sense of privilege at being one of those responsible for the leadership of the church in a time of spiritual hunger, when our network of parishes and churches and schools and above all people means that we are facing the toughest issues in the toughest place."

So – what is the new Archbishop like? Where

does he come from?

Born in 1956 in London, the Right Reverend Justin Welby was educated at Eton College and Trinity College. Cambridge, where he studied history and law. For 11 years - five in Paris and six in London - he worked in the oil industry, becoming group treasurer of a large British exploration and production company. He focused mainly on West African and North Sea projects. During this period he became a lav reader at Holy Trinity, Brompton in London, having been a council member at St Michael's Church in Paris.

His father's family were German Jewish immigrants who moved to England to escape anti-Semitism in the late 19th century, and integrated quickly. His British ancestors, on his mother's side, include several clergymen.

A major influence both on Justin and his wife Caroline was their experience of personal tragedy. In 1983 their seven-month old daughter died in a car crash in France. Six years later in 1989, after sensing a call from God, Bishop Justin stood down from industry to

train for ordination.

He took a theology degree at St John's College, Durham, in which he focused on ethics - particularly in business. He has since published articles on ethics, international finance and reconciliation. His booklet. 'Can Companies Sin?', drawing on his experience in the oil industry, evolved from his dissertation at theological college. He has frequently said that the Roman Catholic approach to Christian social teaching, beginning with the encyclical of Leo XIII's Rerum Novarum, up to Pope Benedict XVI's Caritas Veritate, has greatly influenced his social thinking.

For 20 years, Justin Welby's ministry has blended deep devotion to his parish communities with church work around the world. especially in areas of conflict. After being ordained Deacon in 1992, he spent 15 years serving Coventry Diocese. His curacy was at All Saints Chilvers Coton with St Mary the Virgin Astley, in Nuneaton. In 1995 he became Rector of St James. Southam, a small market



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Between 2000 and 2002 he also chaired an NHS hospital trust in South Warwickshire.

In 2002, he was made a Canon of Coventry Cathedral, where he ran the reconciliation work based there. With Canons Andrew White and Stephen Davis, he worked extensively in the field in Africa and the Middle East. He has a particular interest in Kenya, the DRC and Nigeria, where he was and remains involved in work with groups involved in conflict in the north. In the Niger Delta, he has worked on reconciliation with armed groups.

He met with religious and political leaders in Israel and Palestine, and on one trip to Baghdad reopened the Anglican Church with Canon Andrew White, shortly after the allied invasion. In 2006 he also took responsibility for Holy Trinity Coventry, the main city centre church, as Priest-in-charge.

When he left Coventry, he was installed Dean of Liverpool on 8 December 2007, replacing the Right Reverend Rupert Hoare. Liverpool Cathedral is the largest cathedral in England. Its local area, Toxteth, is among the most deprived in north-west Europe. During his deanship, he brought the Cathedral into much greater contact with its local community, working with asylum seekers and in partnership with neighbouring churches. The Cathedral also hosted events from a TUC rally to royal services. Over his four years, during which he also continued to work on reconciliation and mediation projects overseas, the Cathedral's congregation increased significantly.

In 2011, Justin Welby returned to the place where his journey towards becoming Archbishop began: on 2 June 2011, he was announced as the new Bishop of Durham, taking over from the Right Reverend Tom Wright. He was enthroned at Durham Cathedral on 26 November 2011, and drew parallels between Liverpool and Durham – noting both the struggles and the enduring spirit of the two places.

On 9 November 2012, the Right Reverend Justin Welby was announced as the 105th Archbishop of the See of Canterbury.

An expert on the politics and history of Kenya and Nigeria, he has lectured on reconciliation at the US State Department. In the summer of 2012, he was asked to join the Parliamentary Commission on Banking Standards.

His interests include French culture, sailing and politics. He is married to Caroline, who studied Classics at Cambridge, where they met. They have two sons and three daughters.

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Slithers of Gold

This is one of my favourite hymns which I would like to share with you. Both the music and words are written by John Bell of the Iona Community and those of you who listen to 'Thought for the Day' on Radio 4 will have heard his voice.

It is a lovely hymn to sing at the beginning of the day, the year, or indeed at the start of any new venture. It tells of the eternal presence of God with us to help and encourage. Like a lot of hymns which draw on what might be called a Celtic tradition, it concentrates on the Trinity, not the easiest concept to understand however!

Whenever I sing this hymn I am reminded of singing it at the 9am service in Iona Abbey. The huge east window there looks over the Sound of Mull, and either the sun is blazing through or the rain and wind are lashing at the glass. More often than not it is 'glory in grey' rather than 'slithers of gold', as is normal for the Western Isles!

Today I awake and God is before me. At night, as I dreamt, God summoned the day; For God never sleeps but patterns the morning With slithers of gold or glory in grey.

Today I arise and Christ is beside me.

He walked through the dark to scatter new light.

Yes, Christ is alive, and beckons his people

To hope and to heal, resist and invite.

Today I affirm the Spirit within me

At worship and work, in struggle and rest. The Spirit inspires all life which is changing From fearing to faith, from broken to blest.

Today I enjoy the Trinity round me, Above and beneath, before and behind; The Maker, the Son, the Spirit together They called me to life and call me their friend

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All you need is love

ebruary is few people's favourite month, but it does contain a favourite date. Halfway through the month, on the 14th, it's Valentine's Day. It is, of course, beloved of the greeting card industry, but also of millions of romantically inclined men and women, otherwise totally sane, who take the opportunity to post a message of love in the hope that it will be reciprocated.

As the card is meant to be anonymous, this can lead to all manner of tricky misunderstandings, but (as we have observed before) hope springs eternal, and many a teenage heart has missed a beat or two on the morning of Valentine's Day. And for all I know, there may be millions of couples all over the world who owe their happy marriages to one of these heart-strewn. beribboned cards with their doggerel protestations of undying love.

Few of those who send or receive them realise that February 14th is actually the feast day of St Valentine. That's hardly surprising, as we know very little about the person the day commemorates. In fact, there were two Christian martyrs of that name, both living in

the third century, one a soldier and the other a bishop. No one has ever successfully found any link at all between either of them and courting couples and their desperate hopes.

The most likely explanation of the association of this date with hopeful lovers is a very old tradition (at least as old as Chaucer) that birds begin to pair on February 14th - St Valentine's Day. As they noisily go about choosing their mates, young men and women pursue a rather subtler, if more circuitous route to the same end.

Whatever its provenance, Valentine's Day at least reminds us of the irresistible force of love. 'Love changes everything', as the song says - or, as the Beatles put it, 'All you need is love'. The problem then becomes interpretation. In English the one word 'love' covers everything, from sexual intercourse to motherly care, from close friendship to a lifelong partnership. Happily, the Greeks have more than one word for it.

So the New Testament is able to establish that eros (sexual attraction), philadelphia (friendship) and agape (sacrificial love) are distinct qualities, yet all are



part of the mysterious and wonderful chemistry of human love in its fullest sense.

'All that I am I give to you', the couple say to each other in the wedding service. What a thing to promise! And yet what a testimony to the deepest possible understanding of the love of God for us, and (in our better moments) of human love in all its tenderness. commitment and unselfishness. So physical attraction plus true friendship plus self-giving love add up to - well, everything that the Bible means when it says that 'those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them'(1 John 4:16). Happy Valentine's Day!

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After he was baptised Jesus returned full of the Holy Spirit and was led by the Spirit into the desert where he was tempted by the Devil for forty days. In all that time he ate nothing, so that he was hungry when

it was over.

The Devil said to Jesus, "If you are

God's Son, order this stone to turn into bread." But Jesus answered. The scripture says, "Human beings cannot live on bread alone."

Then the Devil showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world. "I will give you all this power and all this wealth, it has been handed over to me and I can give it to anyone I choose. All this then will be yours if you worship me." Jesus answered,

> *`The scripture says,* your God and

> Worship the Lord serve only him.

Then the Devil took Jesus to the Temple and said to him, "If vou are God's Son, throw yourself down from here. For the scripture says, 'They will hold you up with their hands so that not even vour feet will be hurt on the stones."

But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

READ Luke 4: 1-13

THE DEVIL SAID: "I will give you power and wealth if you

JESUS REPLIED: "Worship the Lord your God and serve only him"

worship me"

read Deuteronomy 6:13



WE LEARN: Put God first Worship only Him



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THE DEVIL SAID: "If you are God's Son, order this stone to turn into bread."

JESUS REPLIED: "Human beings cannot live on bread alone."

read Deuteronomy 8:3



WE LEARN: Read the Bible Learn God's word.

THE DEVIL SAID: "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down, the scriptures say God will take good care of you '

JESUS REPLIED: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

read Deuteronomy 6:16



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Mothers' Union

At the time of going to press we are eagerly looking forward to our New Year's Lunch on 17th January. Our next meeting is on 6th February when we shall have the AGM and some surprise activity!

MU is a very worthwhile Christian organisation that does tremendous work both home and abroad. The meetings usually start with a very short service which is followed by a speaker and refreshments. We have quite a few new members so if *you* would like to 'swell the ranks' why not come and give us a try! You will receive a warm welcome.

Anne Marshall

Children's Society

Many thanks to everyone who supported the two Christingle Services which were both very well attended. The collections amounted to £1,100 of which nearly £1000 was gift aided bringing the final total to a magnificent £1,340 for the Children's Society. Extra special thanks to all the committee members and husbands who gave up precious time on Christmas Eve to make these Services such a success.

Anne Marshall

Men's Supper Club

At the January meeting we welcomed a new member, the Revd Rick Ormrod, who has recently taken up the post of Methodist Minister in Bramhope.

The speaker was Graham Ironside, assisted by Graham Firth as 'technical advisor'. Graham outlined the history of TV broadcasting starting with the BBC to the plethora of channels (including satellite) now available. In a most interesting Power-Point presentation, he referred to the people involved, particularly those associated with the Yorkshire Region of ITV, where he had worked in a senior managerial role for some 30 years.

The speaker at our next meeting on Thu 14th February 2013 will be Malcolm Beer. The title of his talk is 'The Ripon Cathedral Music Foundation'. He is joint author of a book that traces music at the Cathedral from the year 657! Please inform Brian Ridsdale (0113 267 3293) by Sunday 10th Feb. if vou wish to attend. As always, guests and potential members will be most welcome.

Fred Archenhold

Women's Fellowship

On Wednesday 9 January it was a cold frosty evening but inside the Church Hall it was cosy and warm when 48 members and our friends from the Methodist Church sat down and enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Maureen Clancy and her team.

We had humorous readings by Mary Cook and Joanne based on the Twelve Days of Christmas. Rosemary played the piano and we sang some jolly winter songs and joined together in a hearty rendition of Auld Lang Syne. A very enjoyable evening. Rosemary and I and the Committee wish all our members a Very Happy, Peaceful and Healthy New Vear

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 12 February at 8pm - our AGM.

Joanne Dawdry

Circle Dancing

The participants of our annual 6 days at Rydal Hall have now become "Our New Year Family".

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We had our usual mixture of dancing in the barn, and singing and playing music in the Old Kitchen. We also had the same ritual of writing down all the things we wished to leave behind from the old year so we can start afresh in 2013. Then had a ceremonial burning of the shreds in the fire in the Bar. It feels really good, and better than making a lot of wishful resolutions.

We had very little fresh air as it poured down nonstop. One day it was so torrential that the waterfall was a spectacular raging torrent – the most impressive that the staff had ever seen!

Luckily on New Year's Day the weather improved enough to tempt us out. A group of us drove to Little Langdale and walked to the Cathedral Cavern. The entrance to it is by tunnel which was rather like a narrow underground lake. It was worth wading through it, as we emerged into a huge cave with an obelisk-like pillar in the centre, disappearing upwards. The acoustics were tremendous. and our voices echoed round as we sang a few songs.

We ended our expedition with hot chocolates at the

nearby Three Shires Inn. Lovely!

Joan Peart

Open House

There's a 'happening' at St Giles every 3rd Wednesday afternoon between 2 and 4pm. Did you know?

A group of friendly people meet very informally in the hall to chat, do crafts, play beetle or perhaps listen to a recital. There are always home-made cakes and tea too - just to help the chatting along.

Open House has been operating for many, many years as an off shoot to Mothers' Union and it still has a very loyal following today.

If you fancy making new friends or catching up with old ones why not give Wendy Fudge a ring on 281 7754 and join in this fellowship. And transport can be arranged too!

Walking Club News

The walks in February will take place on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, that is the 14th and the 28th. The former will be the Walking Talking Group's walk and the latter the Pub Walking Group's walk. Both are morning only walks of

not more than five miles finishing in time for lunch, the main difference being that the Pub Walking Group finish at a public house for a meal before our return to Bramhope. In both cases we will meet in the Old Lane public car park adjacent to the tennis courts in time for a 9.30am departure to the starting point of the walk.

Ken Ball 2673772

We need you only twice a year!

QUESTION: "Do you put out the cups *on* the saucers while preparing to serve coffee after the Sunday service or do you pile the saucers up on the side?"

ANSWER: "It's up to you!"

And we do mean it. Where would we be without the volunteers who provide us with coffee every Sunday morning? But they need reinforcements. Many of the people on the rota are doing many other jobs as well, eg Lay Assistants, welcome, screen and sound boards, etc so if you feel you could lend a hand to administer the refreshments WE NEED YOU! If we get enough volunteers it would be only for twice a year.

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PS Men are particularly good at this task!

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year the women's world day of prayer has been prepared by the women of France and is entitled 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me'.

This year it is to be held at St Giles Church at 1.45pm on 1st March 2013 and will be followed by refreshments in the hall.

This service is open to everyone (not just the ladies!) and always proves to be a very moving, worthwhile one.

Christmas at St Giles 2012

Once again our Christmas services and events proved to be very popular with a great many people - approx 1500 people crossed our threshold during this period!

The church looked particularly fine thanks to our flower ladies and the advent candles were as lovely as ever. Thanks must also be given to Mr Perkin for the lovely Christmas Tree again this year and, of course those who man-handled it into place and decorated it. (If anyone would like to take charge of the hall Christmas tree in 2013 then please contact me (Gill Pinches). The tree and decorations are stored at church so it is just a matter of putting it up at the beginning of Advent and storing it away again after 12th night.)

After the Toy Service (as reported in January) came the **Messy Church** Christmas party. What a party! There were lots of games, noise and fabulous food and I think everyone went home exhausted.

It was a wonderful way to celebrate the very successful Messy Church phenomenon every third Sunday of the month, here, at St Giles.

The Nine Lessons and Carols service was a particularly touching service with the augmented choir really adding that extra dimension to the proceedings. It was great to see youngsters singing and they looked to be enjoying themselves too. The service was followed by mulled wine and mince pies which

were equally appreciated.

It was particularly rewarding to welcome **Bramhope Primary School** (yrs 3-6) into the church for their Christmas Service. The children took part in the service both reading and singing. They had a drink and biscuit in the hall before walking back to school, crocodile fashion.

Christmas Crafts on the Saturday morning before Christmas was heaving with parents, children and helpers. There were bags to decorate, table decorations to make, buns to ice, cards to make, to name but a few of the crafts on offer. Helpers certainly were in need of their cuppa when everyone went into church for a short service but it was great to see approx 70 children enjoying themselves.

On Christmas Eve we held the two **Christingle Services** - once again to a well packed church. Packed being the operative word! The new lighting certainly helped to add atmosphere and a fantastic sum was raised for the Children's Society.

Our Midnight Communion and Parish Communion on Christmas Day were much more quiet, almost sober

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affairs in comparison and it was wonderful to welcome lots of visitors who were staying with family or at the two Bramhope hotels for the Christmas period.

Epiphany was celebrated in a different way this year and I believe that the Christmas cake and port after the Evening Service was much appreciated.

An awful lot of work went into the planning and organising of all the Christmas season and thanks must be given to Janice for all she has achieved. But of course, the myriad of helpers were not inconsequential either. From preparing the church to clearing up after each event, everyone joined in and thank you everyone for that!

Gill Pinches

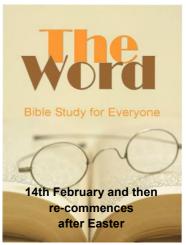
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National Nest Box Week started in 1997. As more trees have been cut down in recent decades, birds have lost their natural homes, and can struggle to raise a family. Putting up a nest box is a great way of helping them. Response has been so positive that nowadays there are between five and six million boxes across the UK.

Don't worry if you've never

put up a bird box before. Visit the website to find lots of tips on how to get started, as well as information on how to build/buy the box. and what to do then. Different types of boxes attract different types of birds. Small holes in nest boxes will attract blue tits, great tits, nuthatches and house sparrows. Large boxes with holes will attract starlings, greater spotted woodpeckers and even little owls. An open fronted box will attract robins and pied wagtails. Very big boxes attract, amongst others, kestrels, jackdaws and tawny owls.

Marion Skirrow



adopting a box in one of seven regions across the country. During the breeding season conservationists carefully monitor the boxes, and report on the birds who have moved in. Nest boxes can be as big as a kennel, and require expert installation. Sometimes eggs are laid and young are reared. Sometimes a box set up for barn owls has another family move in, instead: tawny owls, little owls and kestrels have become happy lodgers. The nests of all birds of prey are protected, and barn owls have additional legal protection. Visit: www.hawkandowl.org

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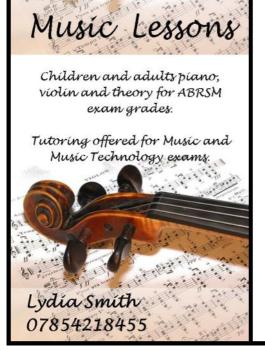
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A look back in time at previous St Giles Reviews

years ago

The Vicar, in his letter, discussed, in depth, nuclear disarmament. This was to be discussed at the General Synod. As he said disarmament should be equal on both sides, with control over nations capable of making nuclear arms. But the problem unfortunately continues, now with Iran and North Korea on the scene.

And the letter by



'Theophilus' discussed the Falkland's war – 30 years ago. Let us pray that this history does not repeat itself.

Philip Sunderland was looking for more members to join the Evangelism
Committee. This committee met 2 or 3 times per year and were interested in all parish matters including Good
Neighbour Schemes, house groups and overseas groups.

Linking with this, the new Cruet, used in the Christmas Communions, had been donated in loving memory of **Nina Sunderland**, Philip's daughter.

The Men's Supper Club were looking forward to a talk by Dr Tovey, director of the Yorkshire Region Blood Transfusion Service.

The Senior Youth
Fellowship had raised
£33.00 in aid of the
Leukaemia Fund by singing
carols round the village.

Jean Jackson reported that £120.00 had been raised in aid of the Children's Society at the Christingle Service, during which the children had performed a Nativity Play.



80

children attended the party in January in which **Chris Ball** and **Catherine Ward** won prizes.

The Lent Meetings were to begin in the Church Hall in the middle of February.

Janet and Bill Cunliffe

Warden's **Blog**

have survived my first Christmas as churchwarden! Not that I did a particularly 'pro-active' job. I seemed to be playing catch-up all the time.

The one thing that truly struck me was how many people were involved. There are 'millions' of jobs in the church that are quietly undertaken year in, year out, and the whole place wouldn't function without them. The people who do these are the unsung heroes and we should all be aware of how much people contribute. Thank you.

People often say to me 'You do such a lot' but actually you only notice what I do because I have stuck my head above the parapet. Lots of people do just as much.

And my New Year's Resolution for 2013? To delegate! If you want a job SEE ME! And I'm particularly looking for IT savvy people who might like to take on some advertising/publicity work. Might that be you?

Gill Pinches

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7.30pm Holy Communion (CW)

Thursday 14th Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am

Sunday 17th FIRST OF LENT

8.15am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) with Healing Ministry

2.00pm NO Messy Church as half term Choral Evensong

6.30pm

Thursday 21st Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am

Sunday 24th SECOND OF LENT

8.15am Holy Communion (CW) 9.30am Together Communion (CW)

6.30pm Choral Evensong

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Sunday 3rd THIRD OF LENT

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6.30pm Choral Evensong

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