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There's lots about the New Year, of course, this month as well as Epiphany (p9), the naming of Jesus (p9) and an article about St Paul (11).

We love funnies too! And this month with all the wintry weather we need them. Have a laugh at 'Life on the front porch' (p13), how to run your diary (31) from the ever funny Uncle Eustace and on the same page 'Icy weather'.

May we take this

opportunity, as a new year begins, to thank all those involved in the magazine, those who collate all the information, send in articles, proof read, distribute and collect subscriptions. SGR provides St Giles with at least £2500 per annum and is well worth producing.

Hope you agree

Gill & Marion

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2000 or so years ago the wise men had a big event marked on their calendar too. The star that shone in the night sky told them that it was time and that a new King had been born. Some



theologians think that it must have taken years for the wise men to arrive in Bethlehem, a long and arduous journey on foot or by camel.

I was recently in Israel and one of our party decided to have a go at riding a camel. I can assure you it did not look comfortable even for the 5 minutes that she tried it out. So the wise men must have thought the journey was absolutely necessary.

The wise men sought the one who had come to be King so that they could worship Him. I

wonder how much out of your way you will go this year to worship Him?

Some say that you don't need to go to church to be a Christian. 'I can just as well be a Christian at home'. Well what a lot you miss if you bypass by your local Christian community. You miss

- Community – the loving support and care of fellow Christians. A home where you are always welcome. It also gives you the opportunity to serve and share your life experience with your fellow Christians.
- Communion – the sharing of bread and wine with other Christians fortifies and prepares us for going out to be Christians in the places where we live and work.
- Commitment – worship in your local church is the opportunity to offer to God your commitment to Him through worship. Glorious hymns and songs of praise sung with others lifts the heart and mind to God.

You don't have to travel for years on camel or on foot. You can worship the King right here in your local parish church of St Giles. We welcome everyone. The warmth and love of your local church is available to you every time you join us for worship of 'the one who is born king of the Jews'. Jesus, Messiah, Emmanuel, God is with us at all times in all places and all circumstances.

May God Bless you with the knowledge of His presence in 2014

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James and Suzanne Molyneux

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Diary for January 2014

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|----|-------|---|
| 7 | Tues | Circle Dancing 7.45 pm |
| 8 | Wed | Toddler Praise 10 – 11.00 am |
| 8 | Wed | Luncheon Club 12.15 pm |
| 9 | Thurs | Pub Walking Group 9.30 am |
| 9 | Thurs | Men's Supper Club 6.30 for 7.00 pm Rob Oates "Life at Leeds Rugby" |
| 15 | Wed | CATS 9.15 am NEW friendly meeting point for Carers and Toddlers |
| 15 | Wed | Open House 2.00 – 4.00 pm |
| 15 | Wed | Alpha 10 at 7.30 pm |
| 16 | Thurs | Mother's Union 12.00 for 12.30 pm New Year Lunch |
| 22 | Wed | CATS 9.15 am NEW friendly meeting point for Carers and Toddlers |
| 19 | Sun | Fair Trade Stall 10.30 am |
| 19 | Sun | Messy Church 3.00 - 5.00 pm |
| 20 | Mon | PCC Meeting 7.30 pm |
| 21 | Tues | Circle Dancing 7.45 pm |
| 22 | Wed | Women's Fellowship Christmas Party 7.30pm |
| 23 | Thurs | Walking Talking Group 9.30 am |
| 26 | Sun | Activities for under 7's during 9.30 am Service |
| 29 | Wed | CATS 9.15 am NEW friendly meeting point for Carers and Toddlers |

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The naming of Jesus

It is Matthew and Luke who tell the story of how the angel instructed that Mary's baby was to be named Jesus - a common name meaning 'saviour'. The Church recalls the naming of Jesus on 1 January - eight days after 25 December (by the Jewish way of reckoning days). For in Jewish tradition, the male babies were circumcised and named on their eighth day of life.

For early Christians, the name of Jesus held a special significance. In Jewish tradition, names expressed aspects of personality. Jesus' name permeated his ministry, and it does so

today: we are baptised in the name of Jesus (Acts 2:38), we are justified through the name of Jesus (1 Cor 6:11); and God the Father has given Jesus a name above all others (Phil 2:9). All Christian prayer is through 'Jesus Christ our Lord', and it is 'at the name of Jesus' that one day every knee shall bow.

Have you ever wondered where the name 'Jesus' comes from?

The name Jesus is a transliteration of a name that occurs in several languages. It is of Hebrew origin, 'Yehosua', or Joshua. Or there is the Hebrew-Aramaic

form, 'Yesua'. In Greek, it became *Iĥsoûs*, and in Latin it became 'Iesus'.

The meaning of the name is 'Yahweh delivers' or 'Yahweh rescues', or 'Yahweh is salvation'. No wonder the angel Gabriel in Luke 1:26-33 told Mary to name her baby Jesus: "because he will save his people from their sins".

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Epiphany

On 6 January we celebrate Epiphany - the visit of the wise men to the baby Jesus. But who were these wise men? No one knows for sure. Matthew calls them 'Magi', and that was the name of an ancient caste of a priestly kind from Persia. It wasn't until the third century that they were they called kings - by a church father, Tertullian. Another church father, Origen, assumed there were three - to correspond with the gifts given. Later Christian interpretation came

to understand gold as a symbol of wisdom and wealth, incense as a symbol of worship and sacrifice, and myrrh as a symbol of healing - and even embalming. Certainly Jesus challenged and set aright the way in which the world handled all three of these things. Since the eighth century, the magi have had the names

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The Conversion of St Paul

January is a month of the beginning of great things!

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He was a Jew, born as 'Saul' at Tarsus, and brought up by the rabbi Gamaliel as a Pharisee. A devout, fanatical Jew, Saul persecuted the Christians, and watched with satisfaction the first Christian martyrdom, the stoning of Stephen. Then on his way to Damascus Saul

had a vision of Christ that stopped him, literally, in his tracks. He realised that this Jesus whom he was persecuting was in fact the Messiah for whom he had longed.

Saul changed overnight. He took a new name, Paul, and became an evangelist for the cause of Christ. He became a leader in the early Church, and his special calling was as an apostle to the Gentiles. He wrote many epistles to the young churches he founded - and thus, inadvertently, wrote a great part of the New Testament.

Life as the greatest apostle was hardly full of perks: he was stoned, beaten, mobbed, homeless, hated, imprisoned, and finally martyred.

Tradition has it that he was beheaded in Rome during the persecution of Nero in AD 64, and buried where the basilica of St Paul 'outside the walls' now stands. His mighty faith in Christ has kindled similar belief in many millions of people down the centuries.

A New Year Prayer

Sovereign Lord, here we are at the gateway of another year. A gateway we have to go through, leaving behind all the events and memories of the old year – all of that now known and recorded and part of our history.

Here we are, with no choice but to step out into the unknown, into the uncertainty of the future. But while we may not know what lies ahead, we thank you that we can know who lies ahead, if we put our trust in Jesus. He promises to be the Way, the Truth and the Life for all time. Thank you that no matter what this New Year may bring, we do not move into it or through it alone. You are already there, as you were in the beginning.

So in this and every year we say, Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we walk forward with confidence and in faith. Amen.

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What will bring you happiness in 2014?

What do you currently have, or what could you get this year, that will be most likely to bring you happiness?

The answer? Increase and deepen your friendships. According to last year's official report on national well-being, having friends brings people far more happiness and well-being than simply owning things.

"Friends are more important and necessary than mere possessions. Rather than valuing that new car and the

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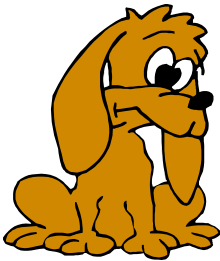


other trinkets and baubles you build up, the things that are important are the friends." So says Paul Green, of Saga.

The Office for National Statistics found that feeling part of a community was the key to happiness, and has a markedly positive impact on people's well-being and health. Proverbs agrees: "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." (Prov. 17:17)

Life on the front porch

On the first day, God created the dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years."

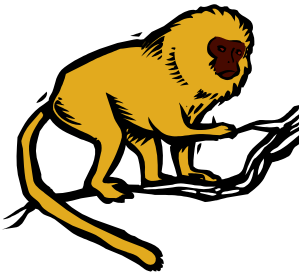


The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"

And God saw it was good.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span."

The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years?"

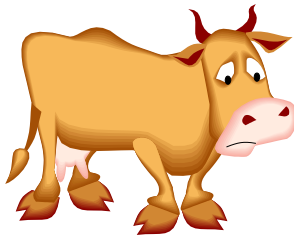


That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?"

And God, again saw it was good.

On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."

The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How



about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?"

And God agreed it was good.

On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years." But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave



back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay" said God, "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren, and for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you.

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One of the horses was blind. Even so, his owner had chosen not to have him put down, but to instead provide him with some help. He had attached a small bell to the halter of the other horse. That way the blind horse could always know where his field companion was.

The blind horse stayed near to his sighted companion, and followed the sound of her bell, wherever she went.

Like the owner of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems that leave us feeling helpless. Instead, he watches over us and even brings others into our lives, to help us when we are in need.

Sometimes in life, we are the blind horse, being helped along by someone sent to us from God. At other times,

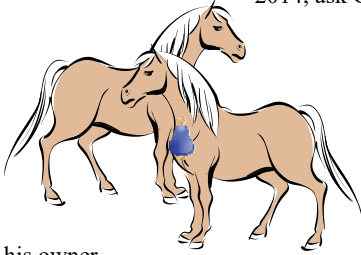
with other people, we are the guide horse that others can lean upon, to find their way. As you look forward to

2014, ask God to send

you whatever help you need this year, as well as the

grace and stamina to be the help that others may need. The Bible urges us to 'bear one another's burdens'. (Gal. 6.2)

Joan Payton



Christmas Past

The world has put the crib away
The season's passed, we're moving on.
The story of the Saviour's birth
Has had its place, but now has gone.

How sad that we so soon forget
That through His Son God came to earth,
To live as man and die as such
That we should know the second birth.

He took our sin and conquered death,
In love He laid His glory by.
The cross endured for all our sakes
Was 'born that man no more may die'

The infant who once lay on straw
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Growing as a Christian

- The Options are Endless

We have reached that time of year when resolutions and fresh starts are all over the media and a frequent part of conversations. As we welcome the arrival of 2014 we look forward and think about where we'd like to be this time next year. This year we should congratulate ourselves as we've been thinking about moving forward in our Christian faith for months!

Think back three months and to when the first article appeared and you set your goal. How has it developed over the last few months? Are you still as motivated to take action and make a change? However, if you're reading this and thinking



you're stuck or things haven't moved forward as fast as you had hoped, don't be disheartened because this month's article could just be for you. I'm hoping it will provide an additional boost to action.

Let's start by making a bit of a list. Just write down all the possibilities for action you see to achieving your goal and don't worry about whether they are realistic at this stage. Now add those



actions that you would undertake if you had unlimited resources and you could do anything you wanted. Think about what an expert in this area or a prominent faith leader might say if you asked them for advice and add these ideas to your list too. Can you think of someone who has a different style to you? If so add what they might do to the list. Finally if I could give you a pill which contained all the courage and insight you needed, what would you do then? Write it down!

There's such a lot to consider so take your time. Put down the list and return to it later on if you like, as that might

also bring on fresh ideas. Once you are ready, start to rate all these options from 1-10 according to interest and then practicality. Give some thought to the benefits of these options and star the ones which you think are most beneficial.

How do you feel about choosing an option to act on straight away? Which suggestion are you most drawn to? If you are hesitant just pause and remember how great it will feel to succeed and move forward in faith. Remind yourself of why it was important to start this in the first place. Use your fellow Christians as support and act now!

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ADAM =man
ANDREW =strong man
AMOS =burden bearer
ANNA =gracious
BENJAMIN =son of the right hand
EVE =to breathe
ELIZABETH =fullness of God
ESAU =hairy
DEBORAH =bee
DANIEL =God my judge
DAVID =beloved
GABRIEL = man of God
GAD =fortune
HANNAH =gracious
ISAAC =laughter
JESUS = God is saviour
JOSEPH = increase
JOSHUA = saviour
MATTHEW =gift of God
MOSES =deliverer
NAOMI =beautiful
NATHANIEL =gift of God
PAUL =small, humble
PETER =a rock
PHOEBE =bright, pure
JOHN =God is gracious
PRICILLA =ancient
RUTH =friend
SARAH =princess
SHEM =name
STEPHEN =crowned
TAMAR =palm tree
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TIMOTHY =valued of God

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Children's Society

We raised almost £900 for the Society in November. Some committee members (& Ken!) stood outside Marks & Spencer in Moortown with collecting boxes and raised £369.30. The evening at Crabtree & Evelyn raised £265.24 and the stalls and sale of soup at the Box Opening raised £253.31. Boxes to be emptied are still coming in so the final total will be in the February magazine. My grateful thanks as usual to the team of counters; regulars Jim, Ken, Neil and Philip and newcomers, Kirsten, Catherine and Sara who all smile their way through piling up all those pennies! Many thanks to all of you who supported these events.

Anne Marshall

Mothers' Union

Elaine started the December meeting by thanking everyone who had brought goods for the Christmas Appeal for St. George's Crypt and Leeds Women's Refuge. Also many thanks to Nancy Aydon who for many years has provided fresh flowers for the Leader's table in memory of her mother. Committee members will take over this job as Nancy is

no longer driving. Elaine then read out a letter sent to all Branches from Ros Dobbin, our Diocesan President, with up to date news about the new Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales which will come into being at Easter 2014 and how MU is embracing the changes and office leaders are already having meetings. This letter is on the MU notice board for you to read. MU are holding a big Summer family event in Seacroft next year organised by the Diocesan Chaplain Fiona, and all branches will be asked to collect items for activities and offer practical help on the day.

We then had an Advent Carol Service with hymns, readings and meditations led by Jonathan Slater which reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you Jonathan.

Our next meeting will be the January lunch on Thursday 16th 12pm for 12.30 in the Church Hall cost £12. There is a choice of menu this time so make sure you let June know your choices.

Anne Marshall

Women's Fellowship

A very happy and healthy New Year to you all. We look

forward to seeing you at our 'Christmas Party' on Wednesday, **January 22nd. at 7.30pm**. Please note this is **not** the date on your membership cards. Maureen Clancey, our caterer, has another evening arranged in her home village!

We had a lovely evening for our carol service last month and were able to give £265 to Wheatfields. Our thoughts this year are on refugees and the homeless. We remembered in readings and carols that the baby Jesus was not only born on a makeshift bed away from the family home but soon became a refugee himself when the Holy Family had to flee to Egypt to escape the wrath of King Herod.

Thank you to the readers, the ladies who decorated the church, the ladies of the choir and all the others who contributed to the enjoyment of the evening.

Next month is our Annual General meeting. Please give some thought to the election of the committee. Our two Leaders, the Secretary and the Treasurer have all done several more years than are required so we need to all show our thanks to them for the time they have given by

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thinking about their replacements.

Rosemary Cysarz

Circle Dancing

When we meet to dance together, we try to be aware of what is happening in the rest of the world.

The BBC news last weekend reported an uprising in Kiev because the politicians want to maintain a close connection with Russia, whereas the majority of people want their allegiance to be with Europe. So I took the music for Ukrainians Chorovod with me on Tuesday, and we did the dance that evening. The music is very typically Russian – beautiful and rich and haunting. All the movements are also typically Russian. It is done in a smooth glide, as though everyone has casters under their feet. 3 times during the dance, we do an elaborate bow down to our waist after raising our right arm to chest level to hold our many strings of beads in place. It is slow and formal and thoughtful, just like the people are.

This is the nearest we can get to putting ourselves in the shoes of the Ukrainian people, metaphorically

speaking. We begin to think how they think, and feel the restrictions of their lives. It enables us to understand them and their culture so much better, and empathise with them.

Before we go home, we blow one of the candles out, to send some love and our support and healing to them, and hope for a quick resolve of the problems facing the country.

The churches will be saying their prayers for them. This is our way of saying a prayer for the same reason, but in movement instead of words.

If we were dancing next week, I would be taking the music for the Soweto Earth Dance for Nelson Mandela.

Joan Peart

Messy Church

As we go to print we are anticipating a fun Christmas Party at Messy Church. Fun, games and food to celebrate the Christmas season.

Next Messy church will be on Sunday 19th January at 3pm.

Philippines disaster

The UNICEF collection, at St Giles, in aid of the Philippines disaster raised £135 in 10 minutes!

On behalf of the estimated 5 million children in need of aid after Typhoon Haiyan hit leaving mass death and destruction in its wake, THANK YOU! My heartfelt thanks to all who gave so much, so generously and spontaneously after the morning service. In all my many years of collecting for UNICEF, I have never experienced such generosity.

May the children in the Philippines have access to clean, safe water, food and essential medicines to enable them to survive and develop. May everyone at St Giles be blessed in the coming year with peace and happiness in a typhoon-free part of God's world. Thank you again.

Jean Weatherill

Approximately 30 years ago we were living in Reading, had 2 children, aged 2 and 4 and were members of St Nicolas church, Earley. My husband was often aboard for 2-3 weeks at a time and both sets of parents lived a distance away. I relied on the support of friends and between us we set up a toddler group in the church hall. We worked together to collect toys for our start up and were dismayed to have them all destroyed in a fire the night before we began! But we rallied round and the show went on. And looking at

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St Nicolas' website, it's still going—Noah's Ark at St Nics. Back in those days we took it in turns to make the tea etc but then, as Mums, many of us were at home and not working.

How things change. Today, Mums are probably only at home for 6—12 months and then go back to work. They don't have the opportunity to cement those friendships in the same way. Other carers need the opportunities to meet other carers and grandparents need help and support too.

That is why, when we heard that our Mother and Toddlers Group were having problems finding leaders to help run the group and would probably close, we, as a church, wanted to help.

The Toddler groups at the Methodist church and in Pool have already closed and so we recognised that this was something St Giles could do for the Community.

Hence CATS has been born

(Carers And ToddlerS).

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Dads, Child minders and Grandparents.

Of course there's a rota involved and if you feel that you could spare a couple of hours on a Wednesday morning, during term time only, to help, then let me know. Or if you could take over the management role that would be even better! Thank you

Gill Pinches

office Roy would keep an eye on monitors transmitting pictures from various cameras. He once observed a young man get to his knees and propose to his girlfriend on the Minster steps!

Led by Brian Ridsdale on the piano, we ended the evening in traditional style by singing carols.

The first meeting in 2014 will be on Thursday 9th January when we welcome Rob Oates, Corporate Director, Leeds Rhinos, who will speak about 'Life at Leeds Rugby'. Please contact Brian Ridsdale (0113 267 3293) by Sunday 5th Jan to book.

Fred Archenhold

Men's Supper Club

A lovely Christmas meal was enjoyed by over 40 of our members at the December Meeting.

Speaker Roy Pawsey, spoke about his personal experiences of doing the 'Nightshift at York Minster'. Following his retirement, Roy volunteered for the 'Church of England Police Force' at the Minster.

Armed with a large bunch of keys and with two 60W lamps providing eerie shadows, he patrolled the Minster against a background of weird noises as the central heating pipes cooled and warmed. In his

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It's probably because I'm just a Grumpy Old Man, but I do find it hard to see the point of 'celebrating' New Year. For me, the event has all the stupendous excitement of the milometer in the car clicking over from 39,999 to 40,000. It isn't the solstice or equinox. Nothing actually happens. It doesn't commemorate anything, except that we're all that much older, that much nearer a pension or the great retirement home in the sky.

Nevertheless, whatever the weather, New Year always sees vast crowds on the streets of our great cities, cheering, getting drunk and dancing in the fountains of Trafalgar Square. Dark men for some obscure reason carry bits of coal into neighbours' houses, and people who have no idea what the words mean, sing 'Auld Lang Syne'. So what is it that they're celebrating?

Surely not the gloomy events of 2013. Surely not, either, the remorseless tread of time. I suspect in fact most of them have simply turned up for the party, or perhaps it's not 2013 at all that they have in mind, but the new year, 2014 - hope triumphing over experience.

Of course the gloom of 2013

was lightened by personal highs - the birth of a child or grandchild, perhaps, a marriage or a new friend.

So is it stupid, or pointless, or even wrong to celebrate the New Year? No, of course not. Time is too serious, too important for us to take it lightly. The Old Preacher in the Bible assures us that 'for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven'. He sees the passing of time as part of the way the Creation works - 'God has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into our minds' (Ecclesiastes 3:11). Humans, in other words, have an understanding of past, present, future: we live in a world with tenses. And he has done this 'so that all should stand in awe before him'. Time, a gift of God, is awesome, and its passage deeply significant.

No reason, then, not to mark the passing of the old year and the birth of the new one, but every reason to recognise that we too are part of the process, carried along by time's tide but not helpless to make choices. Some of those choices may change us, or our families, or our neighbours during the

coming year. Some may eventually change the world.

In God's purpose, there is no reason at all why 2014 has to be like 2013. Let the old year go, with all its memories, joys and hurts. And turn to the new one with faith and prayer and - yes - hope. For



myself, definitely no freezing fountains, excess alcohol or lumps of coal. But even this Grumpy Old Man will raise a glass, say a prayer, and watch the clock tick past midnight into a brave new year.

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First: buy the smallest diary you can find: large blank pages only encourage you to fill them with too many appointments; the smaller the page, the easier it can be made to appear that your days are fully booked.

Second: make sure that it is of a size that will conveniently fit into any pocket. When dates are being arranged for subsequent meetings, you can theatrically start going through jacket, trouser and overcoat pockets. By the time you discover it was in your briefcase all along, all the dates will have been fixed and no one will notice you never got any of them.

Third: adopt your own private code for bookings. This means that any parishioner looking over your shoulder and seeing "1.30pm PLS" or "7.30pm

WTD" will assume you are attending important church meetings. The fact that they mean "Post Lunch Sleep" and "Walk The Dog" will be known to you alone – although do have alternative possibilities for your acronyms should you ever be challenged. My congregation know I am assiduous in attending the "Pauline Letters Seminars" and my membership of the "World Theology Directorate" is of many years standing.

Fourth: Record everything in pencil so that once you return home, you can rub most of it out and can then deny you knew anything about those meetings you were supposed to attend – and to prove it, you can show the blank page in your diary.

Fifth: Put someone else's address inside your diary. Should you ever have to resort to the ultimate act and need to lose it, you do not want some Good Samaritan returning it to you from the churchyard compost heap.

So you see, your days of flip charts and group discussions were quite wasted – and I would gladly have presented my course for half their price.

Your loving uncle,

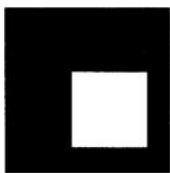
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A highways agency warning said anyone travelling in icy conditions should take a shovel, blankets, sleeping bag, extra clothing, including a scarf, hat, gloves, 24 hour supply of food and drink, de-icer, rock salt, torch, tow rope, petrol can, first aid kit and jump leads.

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years ago

Raymond discussed the making of New Year Resolutions which could be used to affect one's personal life, the workplace and one's spiritual life.

For how long did **Len Watkinson** organise the Electoral Role? He sent out 350 forms in 1984 and has only just this year handed over to **Jean Weatherill**.

The Scottish Dance class were advertising for more members. The enticement was a nightly fee of 50p per night.

Derek Mumby reported that the Parish Dinner held at the Parkway Hotel on the 102nd dedication of St Giles had Frank Schofield, the headmaster of Hilton Grange School, as the speaker. To those new to Bramhope, Hilton Grange 30 years ago was not a modern housing estate but a Dr Barnado's Home with which St Giles had much contact.

The Men's Supper Club were looking forward to a talk by Andy Anderson on the History of The Electricity Supply in Yorkshire. Perhaps this could be currently followed by a talk of costings!!

Thanks were given to **Jean Kendall - Smith** and **Peggy Grisdale** for organising the choir at the Women's Fellowship Carol Concert. Jean and Peggy were also in the choir in this year's Women's Fellowship Christmas Carol concert.

The need for church gardeners was also a problem 30 years ago. In 1984 the magazine requested the need for more volunteers to do church ground maintenance.

Do parishioners know when worshippers began to use the side door from the car park into church? Perhaps it was in 1984 when the PCC made a very heartfelt plea for people to use the side door from the car park into church to keep the heat in church. Was this the first time?

Bill & Janet Cunliffe

And just for your information Nick has recently renewed the draught excluder round the main door to help keep in the heat today!

Warden's Blog

My New Year resolution? Well, it's to get organised! I must also not put off today what can be done 'later' and I must learn to say 'no' without feeling any remorse or guilt.

I am trying. Honest. (Very trying!!)

So, tick—I have done the Pew News rota, CATS rota, done the magazine, done my duties at church. No, not done lots of other things. With luck those concerned will hear from me soon. I hope that I shall be up to date by the APCM.

In the meantime I have to thank God for allowing me to do this job. Yes it's hectic and sometimes rather frustrating but I wouldn't miss it for the world. As a new year begins we all try harder and I promise that's what I'll do. Thank you for all your support, especially my 'partner in crime', Mary, my fellow deputy church-wardens who get me out of scrapes and, of course my long suffering husband, Nick!

Happy New Year!

Gill

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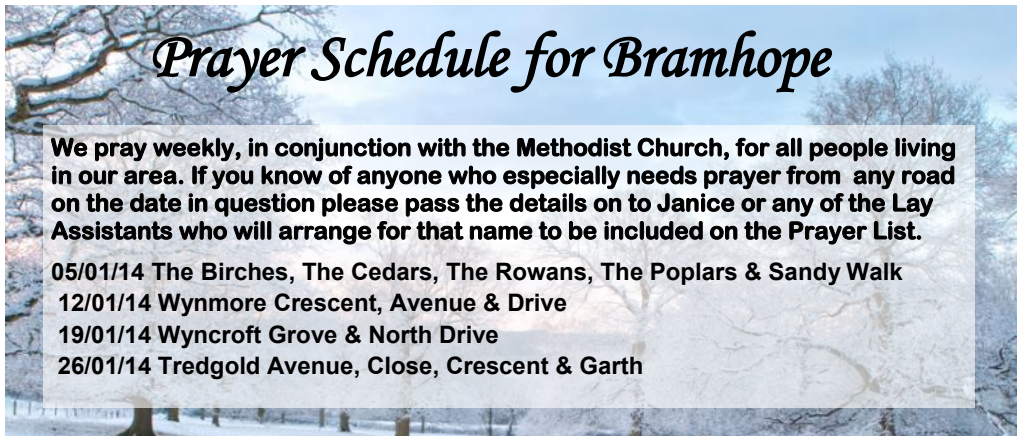
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Church Services for January 2014

Thursday 2nd **NO 10.30am Holy Communion Service**

Sunday 5th **SECOND OF CHRISTMAS**

8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Parish Communion (CW)
6.30pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday 8th 10.00am Toddler Praise

Thursday 9th 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)



Sunday 12th **BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

8.15am Holy Communion (CW)
9.30am All.together Service
6.30pm Holy Communion (CW) with Healing Ministry
Thursday 16th 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)



18th to 25th January WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Sunday 19th **SECOND OF EPIPHANY**

8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Parish Communion (CW)
3.00pm Messy Church
**6.30pm United Service for Christian Unity
at The Methodist Church**

Thursday 23rd 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)



Sunday 26th **THIRD OF EPIPHANY**

8.15am Holy Communion (CW)
9.30am Together Communion (CW)
6.30pm Choral Evensong

Thursday 30th 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

FEBRUARY 2014

Sunday 2nd **PRESENTATION OF CHRIST**

8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Parish Communion (CW)
6.30pm Choral Evensong
Wednesday 5th 10.00am Toddler Praise
Thursday 6th 10.30am First Thursday Holy Communion
(BCP)

