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Baptism of Christ - 13th January

**The United Benefice of
St Michael Lichfield, with St John, Wall**

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Reflections for January

When you read this, we will still be celebrating the season of Christmas because, by our tradition, it continues until the Feast of Candlemas [2 February]. We do this because we recognise that the season of Christmas only ends when we celebrate the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the Purification of Mary.

Thinking about Candlemas led me to remember that an alternative name for snowdrops is 'Candlemas Bells'. This was because historically, long before our modern debate about climate change distorting our seasons, snowdrops tended to appear as Candlemas was being celebrated. Their appearance was a sign that Candlemas had also arrived.

This led me to think about further about what else there is in our everyday lives that have been determined by our faith history. An example would be the phrase 'the weak go to the wall'. This is used nowadays in negative sense but historically in big churches and cathedrals, in days before churches contained seating for parishioners, at a sign of physical weakness or sudden indisposition, the weak were moved to the side of the church building where often there was a ledge on which people could rest. This phrase then is a reminder of church kindness and compassion from the past.

Equally we all know that if it rains badly on St Swithin's Day [15 July] it is likely to rain persistently for another forty days. Alongside this there is a belief that if the weather is unseasonably warm on St Martin's Day [11 November], this will herald a period of time known as 'St Martin's

Summer'. Both these traditional beliefs arise from the fact that our forbears had a thorough knowledge of the church calendar, and these two examples are what meteorologists would label as folklore forecasting, observations made over a long period of time during which a pattern had been observed.

On the recent church walk in Hednesford, we were incidentally informed about a long-standing hostelry in the neighbourhood known as the 'Cross Keys'. The 'cross keys' are the emblem of St Peter, to whom Hednesford's parish church is dedicated. This might be regarded as a coincidence but, in the centre of Lichfield, we have an establishment named 'The Scales' which, arguably, complements the dedication of St Michael's Church. This link is a possibility because one major heraldic symbol of St Michael is of 'the scales', in which the souls of the dead are weighed. Again another example from a distance is at Lytchett Minster in Dorset where there is an inn named 'St Peter's Finger'. This oddly named inn stands very close to the parish church of St Peter. The seeming tongue-twister of a name for the inn is because the church is actually dedicated to St Peter Ad Vincula, which draws its name from when St Peter walked away from his chains in prison, celebrated on 1 August; and the distortion of the inn name is just another sign of the inability of the English to cope with foreign words. The crucial reason for mentioning this example, however, is because we do know that there was a direct link between church and inn, with the latter selling what was known as 'church ales', a medieval form of church-fund-raising. This means that there could be similar links at Hednesford and Lichfield.

My four examples illustrate that our culture is permeated with a huge amount of evidence to confirm the Christian heritage which has literally influenced our botanical and meteorological observations, our language and our social institutions. This is how we are, and we need to appreciate how our Christian traditions and heritage have shaped our modern-day world, an understanding of which should give cause to celebrate and to re –affirm our commitment to our Christian spiritual ways and traditions.

Trevor James

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If you wish to pay me in church I am usually at the 10 am service.

Thank you to our teams who help to deliver the magazine through the year and those who collect the annual subscriptions.

If you are reading this magazine for the first time and would like to have it delivered monthly please contact the office or email me

brian@britcave.co.uk

Many thanks,

Barbara Homewood

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by
water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as
your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/common-material/collects-post-communions/epiphany>

Deadlines!

For FEBRUARY 2019 Magazine:
Deadline is
MONDAY 14th JANUARY
Contact David Bull

Pew Sheet:
7:30am
every Thursday Morning.
Contact Parish Office

CHILDREN'S SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

First Steps



Monday 14th January
10am St Michael's

Family Praise

Sunday 13th January
10am St Michael's



Come and join us at our ...

MESSY CHURCH

for craft, story, song and food on



SUNDAY 20th January

4.30 – 5.45pm

in St Michael's Church
Ages 0-11 yrs. welcome

TO EVERY DEAR MEMBER AND FRIEND OF THE CONGREGATION OF ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

As a family, Ray and I have worshipped together at S Michael's for just over 40 years and in that time it has become our spiritual home and family.

Through the pages of this magazine I must express my humble and heartfelt thanks for your constant love, prayers, friendship and support before, during and after the death of my beloved Ray, and which continues to uphold me and strengthen me. I have been completely overwhelmed by the volume of messages and cards received, and the presence of so many at his funeral. St Michael's is such a very special place and I give thanks for it.

Love and blessings to each and everyone of you.

Elizabeth and family



Parish Surgery

For Baptisms, Banns and Weddings, staff are available at the Parish Office in St Michael's Church, Church Street on the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings in the month by appointment only. Please telephone 01543 262211 or email office@stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk to make an appointment.

Regular Services and Worship in the Benefice

Regular Services at St Michael's Sundays

8:00am Holy Communion
10:00am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday

10:00am Family Praise

Regular Services at St John's Sundays

10am Holy Communion

Baptism @ 11.30am

4th Sunday

Other Services at St Michael's Sundays

1st Sunday 12:30pm

Holy Baptism

2nd Sunday 6:00pm

Holy Communion

3rd Sunday 4:30pm

Messy Church

4th Sunday 6:00pm

Choral Evensong

Tuesday

School Service

Wednesday

9:30am Holy Communion

Music in the Benefice

St Michael's Church

Wednesdays

6.30pm Girls Choir

7.15pm Other parts &
St Michael's Singers

Monday before 2nd Sunday

7:30pm Music Group

Prayer Group, St Michael's
1st Wednesday of the month
Contact June Frayn (264920)
Brenda Liptrot (251863)



Bells Practice

Every Thurs 7:30pm, St Michael's

Parish Surgery

Every 1st and 3rd Monday by Appointment from 6:30pm at the Parish office in St Michael's Church. Please call 01543 262211

Baptism

Preparation First Tuesday at
8:00pm at St Michael's

THE CHAD BLOG

Fulfilling an African dream

The Revd Nita Edwards was recently made an Honorary Canon in our link Diocese of Matlosane. Now retired, she talks about her relationship - so far - with the South African Church.



A throw away remark to the Revd Preb Michael Sheard in 2004 led to my being asked to represent the Diocese of Lichfield at the Inauguration of Tsogong (the Resurrection) parish church in the township of Ikageng as the Cathedral of the Diocese of Matlosane, and the Installation of its priest, the Revd Stephen Diseko (now Bishop Steve), as the Dean. It was the beginning of a long, life-enhancing relationship and the fulfilment of a childhood dream of working with the church in Africa.

When Lichfield Diocese celebrated the Year of Justice and Care in 2004 my parish, St James the Great, Clayton, hosted three guests from Matlosane with whom I still meet up when I am there. We hosted Bishop Steve on a couple of occasions and it was a very memorable occasion for those who were confirmed by him. The St Chad's volunteer Kgowe Moleme spent two weeks with us in 2016 and it is a great joy that he is now studying with a view to ordination.

In July 2007, I was present for the Enthronement of Bishop Steve as the second Bishop of Matlosane, and the welcome he received from his people as he entered the Cathedral was overwhelming. I have been privileged to be at many of the big services in the Diocese, including the 20th and 25th Anniversaries of the Diocese, many Annual Family



Days and Bishop Steve's Tenth Anniversary of Consecration. At the latter I was invited to join with the Diocesan Clergy – "because you are one of us" - as they gave their own thank you to Bishop Steve.

Part of the citation read at the service on Sunday 28 October said: "(Nita) fell in love with our diocese and its people, and since 2009 she has not missed a year coming here ... (This) has never been a holiday for her. She has conducted clergy and ordination retreats and led post

ordination training workshops. She has preached and presided in many parishes around the Diocese and held the fort when Holy Family, Jouberton was in inter-regnum... She was key in organising the first Sunday School team that came to train our Sunday School teachers, and in providing glove puppets for the second team. Nita has continued to do many things, mostly behind the scenes in the diocesan office, including helping us to tailor service booklets."

Inside the church before it was refurbished.



The people of St James' knitted literally hundreds of children's jumpers and raised money for two main causes, the first of which is the Sunday School Shoe Drive. Teachers identify needy children, and then, for around £6, a child not only gets a pair of good shoes, but can go to school and receive a year's education. The second cause was Matlwang church (main picture), which in 2011 was in dire need of renovation. The corrugated iron roof had holes and was held up by branches. Windows and the glass in the door were broken. The floor was earth, and when it rained it became mud! So, our 2012 Lent project was to raise funds for the renovation. It was a great joy in

November 2013 to be present at the consecration of the Church of Christ the King, Matlwang, and administer the sacrament to the people in their new church. You can just see the village water tower from the main road, and as I drive north, I look towards it and know that a little of the love of the people of Clayton and of my heart is in that village. The honour bestowed on me by Matlosane is as much for the people of St James' as it is for me.

The Honorary Canon citation ends: "In retirement the Diocese of Matlosane and its people remain very close to (Nita's) heart. This is the person the Diocesan Chapter has found fit and proper to be awarded the title of Honorary Canon of the Diocese of Matlosane.

Glory be to God."



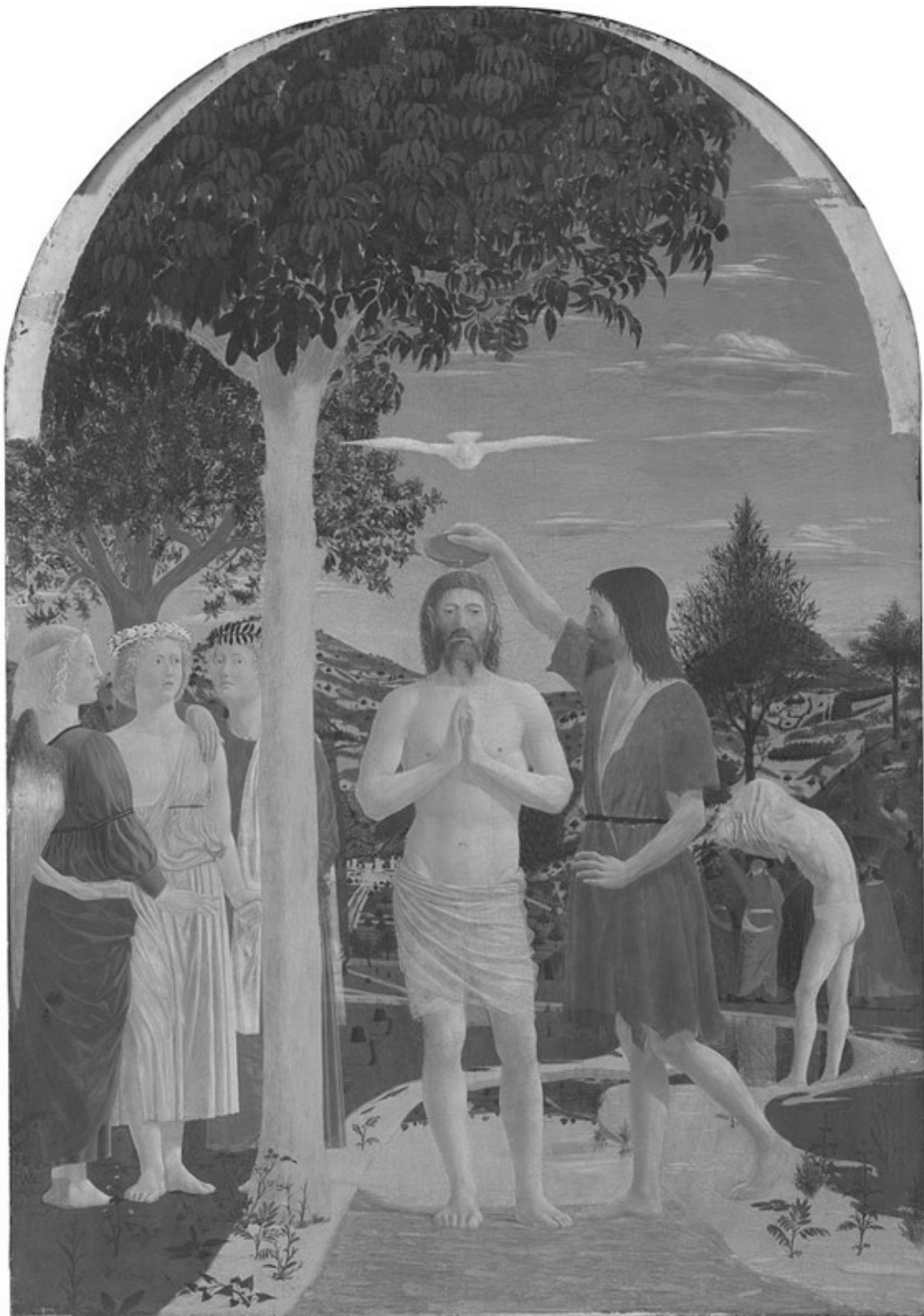
The inside of Matlwang Church after the work took place

Read more about Nita's adventures in Matlosane at her blog site.

<http://matlosanenita18.blogspot.com/>

FROM THE NATIONAL GALLERY

Full title: The Baptism of Christ
Artist: **Piero della Francesca**
Artist dates: about 1415/20 - 1492
Date made: after 1437
Medium: Egg on poplar
Dimensions: 167 x 116 cm



This panel was the central section of a polyptych, which is an altarpiece which consists of a number of panels, 'poly' meaning many in Greek. In the most popular form the main tier would consist of a central panel containing the figure of a saint or, more often, the Virgin and Child, and the side panels would contain figures of single or paired saints. Other, smaller panels might contain half-length figures of saints ranged above the main tier. The whole structure would be mounted on a predella, made up of small rectangular panels often with narrative scenes.

Most polyptychs have been dismembered and the surviving panels distributed between several museums and galleries.

This panel may be one of Piero's earliest extant works. Side panels and a predella were painted in the early 1460s, by Matteo di Giovanni (active 1452; died 1495). The altarpiece was in the chapel of Saint John the Baptist in the Camaldolese abbey (now cathedral) of Piero's native town, Borgo Sansepolcro. The town, visible in the distance to the left of Christ, may be meant for Borgo Sansepolcro: the landscape certainly evokes the local area.

The dove symbolises the Holy Spirit. It is foreshortened to form a shape like the clouds. God the Father, the third member of the Trinity, may originally have been represented in a roundel above this panel.

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/piero-della-francesca-the-baptism-of-christ>



UNITED BENEFICE WALKING GROUP

We invite you to join us on **Saturday January 26th., at 10.00 a.m., for our first walk of 2019.**

This will be a walk around our City, mainly focussing on 2 people, **Dr. Johnson and Chancellor James Thomas Law.**

On our walk, starting in the Church we will be looking at some of the **places buildings and monuments** associated with these 2 great men who did so much for our City. After leaving St. Michael's Churchyard we make our way to **Stowe Pool and then to Lichfield Cathedral Close. Coffee and biscuits (£2.25 each)** will be served by staff from Chapters in College Hall.

We then continue, via **The Market Square, to St. John's Hospital Chapel** where we will be given a talk about its history and beautiful features.

After this visit we make our way, via Beacon Park, to **Lichfield Cathedral.** At the Cathedral, Kay Martin will give us a short talk about the **Bethlehem Icons.**

The walk will end with **lunch at Chapters in The Close at around 1.45 p.m.,** where we will be able to sit together. Lunch orders will have to be booked a week before the date of the walk.

The total distance of the walk is **2.5 miles, on level ground.**

Please let me know if you would like to go on the walk as soon as you can. **Numbers will be limited to 30.**

I look forward to seeing you on what I am sure will be an interesting and enjoyable walk.

Ray Allen 01543 251654



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCHYARD

We look forward to a New Year and more work and activities in the Churchyard.

We continue work for our **National Lottery Awards For All Project**, details of which will be given in future editions of the Parish Magazine.



We resume our regular monthly **Working Party** sessions this month. We meet on **Saturday January 19th.**, from **10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** Refreshments of tea/coffee and cake will be provided during the Mid-Morning Break.

We hope to continue to clear brambles and other plants from graves and headstones. It is very rewarding to reveal Inscriptions and excellent art work on so many of the memorials. We have a fine collection of slate headstones in the Churchyard and it is great to be able to see and read what has been written and drawn.

There will also be pruning of ivy growing over the Churchyard Boundary Wall.

The Churchyard will be taking part in **Lichfield In Bloom in this year-** and we look forward to this annual event in July.

Do please join us at our Working Party. if you can. It is always enjoyable working together in our beautiful Churchyard.

Ray Allen. 01543 251654

LATE NIGHT LISTENERS

Dear Friends

'Tis the season to be jolly' - NOT. The first Saturday in December was a not a night a fair number of revellers in the city of Lichfield will remember in any positive way.

The night was wet and mild; office and group parties were the main reason for throngs of people to be staggering around the streets and pavements. Alcohol consumed in warm close environments has a cumulative impact once someone hits the cool breeze of the night.

We encountered a good few disturbed and disturbing situations.

On our first walk across the cobbled pavements we were beckoned to the car park by B&M by an anxious and very concerned member of staff from one the wine eateries. A couple of younger women had been asked to leave his venue as they were becoming boisterous and rather loud. The sickening sweetness of alcopop drinks had masked the vicious impact of the alcohol during a meal, but had hit the pair hard as their evening of Christmas frippery unwound. One of the pair became very distressed and we were asked by the staff member for our help. She clambered into her car and was about to drive off. We were able to stop her, but she became morose and inconsolable in the arms of her friend. She started to become hysterical and took up a sobbing and uncontrolled foetal position in the wet and dirty car parking space next to her car. Her friend managed to call her own father to collect the both of them. For the next 20 minutes the poor woman was in tears, what she yelled and cried about made little

sense. We learnt she had had cervical cancer and this was having a significant impact on her. Whether to cry or die seemed to be her only options. There was little we could do to console or help her as she sobbed her heart out. Listening to her rantings was upsetting to all those trying to support her. Her friend's father turned up after about 30 minutes and the pair were bundled into the car and off home. We prayed.

As a small break in the onslaught of misery, we had a lovely chat to a father who was out with fellow dads whose children were in an under 12 team. He had come over from Rugeley, was enjoying his kebab and was fascinated by what we were doing.

It was now 11pm and we were able to move our refreshments table to be outside the Little Dessert shop. 3 rough sleepers dropped by over the next 30 minutes and we handed out provisions. Their favourite sleeping spot had been fenced off and they were now exposed in a more open car park. One described how the lights would finally go off if you kept still for 20 minutes. They would welcome somewhere warm and safe over the winter.

Our next encounter with the over indulgence of drink was about to fall on us. A young lady had propped herself up against the wall outside the local kebab shop. After a few minutes she staggered over and slumped into one of our chairs. She seemed ok and was given a cup of tea. Her eyes were rolling and the tea was slopping over the edge of the cup. We took it away from her and she promptly started to be sick. We do have sick bowls, but wherever these were placed the unpleasant gush of smelly puke seemed to be projected elsewhere.

She said she was part of a group who had been in Walkabout and had left her friends in there. She had drunk excessively, was in no fit state to get home. She refused to ring anyone to help her get home and would not tell us her name.

About 45 minutes later some people she knew from a local sports club recognised her. They tried to rouse her and to get her to ring her mother. This was all in vain for a good few minutes. One of her friends said she was 17 - how on earth was she allowed into any venue? It was obvious she was not willing to ring her mother as she was meant to be staying with a friend. As time rolled by, her friends managed to get hold of a responsible adult who came and picked her up. We hope she and her friends will learn from this experience.

Bobby, our favourite and extremely effective local security officer, was at hand to help us. He provided a bucket of water and we sluiced away the vomit from our area. Bobby has a calming presence that disarms most vocal and unpleasant individuals.

Our final unsettling customer was brought over by a doorman from a local pub. The chap was in his 60s and had been on a works do. He said he was rich, not in money but in his family. This façade dropped after a few minutes when he revealed his sister had been murdered recently and he started to sob his heart out. The drink had put his broken heart into overdrive and he just carried on repeating the sad story over and over. We worked out he was staying locally and he insisted he knew how to get there. We attempted to help him to his destination, but he took us on a meandering route in the wrong direction. After a short while we retraced our steps and pointed him in

the right direction that he now recognised. Please pray for him.

We had visits from regulars, but our pleasant encounters with them were overshadowed by our interactions with those whose lives were made worse by the effects of drink.

The visible Police presence in the City was negligible between 10.30pm and 2am; there were no BID officers on duty. I don't claim to be a proficient and expert assessor of 'risk', but I would have thought a weekend in December with an audience-catching fight night being televised would have raised a good few markers that a proactive rather than reactive presence would have been necessary.

As Late Night Listeners we will do our best for our community, but we are a group of volunteers who, more often than not, are rather near to retiring age. We needed to be there and our services made a significant difference to the well being of a number of people on the night.

We walk with God's guiding hand - a challenging night. Save for 2 extra volunteers stepping up to the mark, we would not have been out at all. Our initial team had been reduced to 2 with the sickness of other Listeners. If you are a local member of a church, we really need your help and support. It's not always easy to be out there at night and conditions can be testing, but it's really important that we are there. Do join for a taster evening and make a positive difference by showing God's Love in a very simple way.

Rick Hill

St. Michael's Film Club

1. Wonder

(113 min. Cert PG. Drama 2018.)

Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson star in this moving story of their son, Auggie, born with facial differences

**Monday January 7th.
1.30pm start
in St Michael's Church**

Refreshments £2.50 from 1.00pm.

St. Michael's Church

All welcome.

Contact: Parish Office 01543 262211

2. Book Club

(99 min. Cert 12. Comedy/Romance 2018.)

Diane Keaton and 3 friends rediscover romance and the best is yet to come!

**Mon February 4th. 1.30pm start
in St Michael's Church**



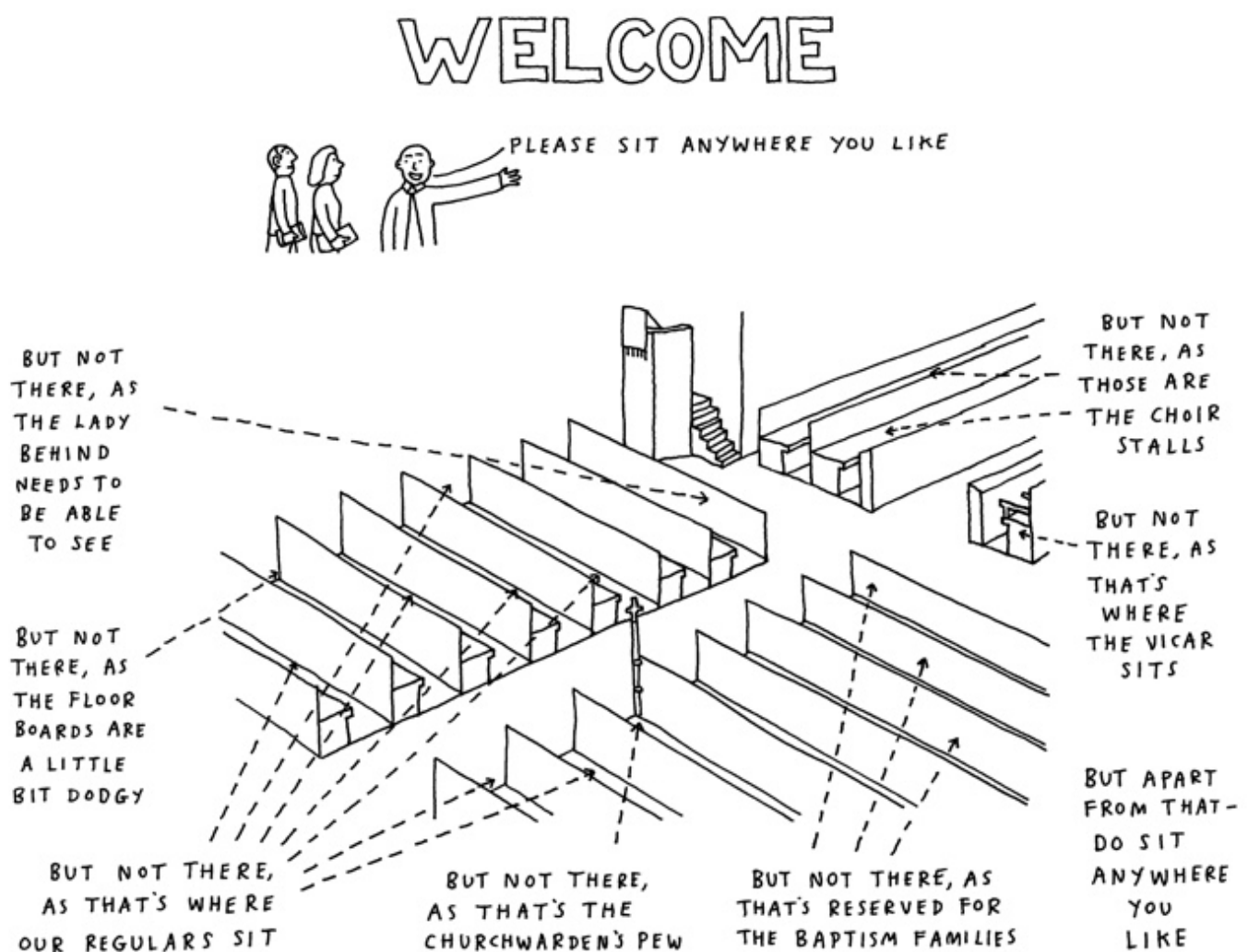
Review of Mamma Mia, Here We Go Again

I got a message from Alison while in Delhi on my final day in India asking if I was going to the film club on the 3rd. I thought, great! as long as it's not that Mamma Mia 2 film!! Ha Ha! I only found out that it was indeed THAT film on the morning of the 3rd! Then horror of horrors Margaret asked me to do the review. I prepared for 2 hours of corniness and great actors making themselves look ridiculous! I was more into thrillers and horror films than romantic comedy 10 years ago but I thought I would give it a chance.

However, I soon found myself enjoying it. The story line was better and I could relate to the newly graduated Donna setting off to find freedom and adventure in 1979 as I was doing the Hippie Trail from Kathmandu in that year! During her escapades Donna meets 3 guys, Harry, Bill and Sam who breaks her heart, and she ends up pregnant not knowing who is the father (the storyline of first film) She has her daughter Sophie and brings her up on the beautiful Greek island of Kalokairi.

Five years after the events of the first movie and a year after Donna's death Sophie is preparing for the Grand Opening of Donna's hotel which had been her dream. She has invited her 3 fathers and is upset as 2 have declined and she has split up with her boyfriend Sky who has chosen a job in New York over joining her on the island. Her mother's friends Tanya and Rosie arrive and Sam is already there. However, eventually Bill and Harry get their priorities right and turn up, Sky arrives deciding he wants to be with Sophie and Sophie

announces she is pregnant. The party is a big success, challenges are solved and everything turns out well. The acting is excellent and there are lots of amusing and emotional moments. The music by ABBA is amazing and there is lots of singing and dancing. It was very nice to see Cher make an appearance as the estranged grandmother, Ruby. It is a feelgood movie, it keeps you absorbed, brings back good memories and I am sure everyone lived happily ever after!



CartoonChurch.com



At the end of November Elizabeth arranged a Reflection for Advent which she led with the help of some of the committee members. The theme was “let there be light”. From darkness, confusion and chaos God always brings us back into the light.

We hosted a Deanery Advent service at the beginning of December and are currently preparing for our Christmas party. Instead of exchanging gifts we plan to have a collection for the Mother’s Union literacy project.

Thanks had been received from Darwin Court for our contribution to the knitted and crocheted poppies we had made to be used as part of their W.W.1 commemoration service.

It seems a long time to our next meeting, the A.G.M. on January 28th 2019 but it will no doubt arrive sooner than we realise.

Happy New Year from M.U

LICHFIELD WILDLIFE GROUP PRESENTS



A TALK BY Dr PETER THOMAS

Tuesday February 5th

At Wade Street Church Hall

Frog Lane, Lichfield WS13 6HL

At 7:45

Admission £3:50 (under 16s free)

Under 18s must be accompanied by a responsible adult

Contact 01543 257812

The Lichfield Wildlife Group

After all that Xmas indulgence, start the New Year with a winter bird walk.

Join the Lichfield Wildlife Group at Croxall Lakes

On: **Saturday January 5th**
At: **10:00am**

Croxall Lakes is on the A513,
past the National Memorial Arboretum. WS13 8QX.

We will be led by Brian George.



Epiphany is a Christian festival on the 6th of January which celebrates the arrival of the wise men who came to see Jesus Christ soon after he was born.

WALL NEWS

Ramblings

I always like January because it is a new beginning. The old Roman god, Janus, from whom the name January comes, had 2 faces, one looking back and one looking forward. So January 1st is a time to take stock of the past and look forward to the future. We cannot do anything about the past, the present moment is all that we have, but we can lay down good foundations for the future. How can we do this? Let us thank God for all His goodness to us through the past years, ask His forgiveness for all the ways in which we have 'missed the mark' and pray that He will walk with us into the future.

This is true for us as individuals, but also true for us as a church. We think back to all those in the past who have laid the foundations for us today, literally in building the church we have, as well as spiritually in praying and leading our worship, and in all the unseen jobs which help the church and our community to function over the years. I see it rather like a relay race. The past generations have now gone and it is up to us to hand on the baton to the future generations. The big question is of course – where are the younger people to take on this task? So many churches are struggling with an aging and diminishing congregation. Let us pray that God will call others to commit themselves to come to church, to join the community there and to take their part in the Kingdom of God.

Christine Higgs

St Michael's Rota - January 2019

Sunday 8.00 am	6 January	13 January	20 January	27 January
Sidesperson	Sandy Baker	Martin Dewes	Sandy Baker	Brian Smith

Sunday 10.00 am	6 January	13 January Family Praise	20 January	27 January
Welcomer	Mary and Robert McAllester Jones	Brenda Liptrot	Anne Lingwood	Maureen Brand
Sidespersons	Judy and Mike Godfrey	Barbara Homewood Pat Toplis	Lynn and David Edge	Caroline and Ted Green
Reader	Mike Godfrey		Kay Martin	Caroline Green
Servers	Maggie Easton Kay Martin		Kay Martin David Shiel	Maggie Easton Phil Clayton
Communion Assistant	Ray Allen		Sheila Vaughan	Maggie Easton
Intercessor	Trevor James		Brenda Liptrot	Ted Green
Coffee	Caroline Green Brenda Eley	Alison Anketell Angela Burgess	Brenda Liptrot Shirley Trelfa	June Frayn Betty Lyne
Healing				TBA
Transport	Ray Allen	Betty Bradbury	Martin Dewes	Brenda Liptrot
Flowers	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

Sunday 6.00 pm	6 January	13 January	20 January	27 January
	No service	Communion	No service	Evensong
Sidesperson		Margaret Frean		David Shiel
Reader		Margaret Frean		Lyn Shiel
Communion Assistant		Phil Clayton		

Bible Readings

Sunday 6th January

Epiphany

[Gold or White]

Ephesians 3.1-12

Matthew 2.1-12

Sunday 13th January

Baptism of Christ

[White]

Acts 8.14-17

Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

Sunday 20th January

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

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1 Corinthians 12.1-11

John 2.1-11

Sunday 27th January

4th Sunday of Epiphany

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1 Corinthians 12.12-31a

Luke 4.14-21

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Numbers 9.15—end

1 Corinthians 7.17-24

Sunday 3rd February

Candlemas

[Gold or White]

Hebrews 2.14-end

Luke 2.22-40

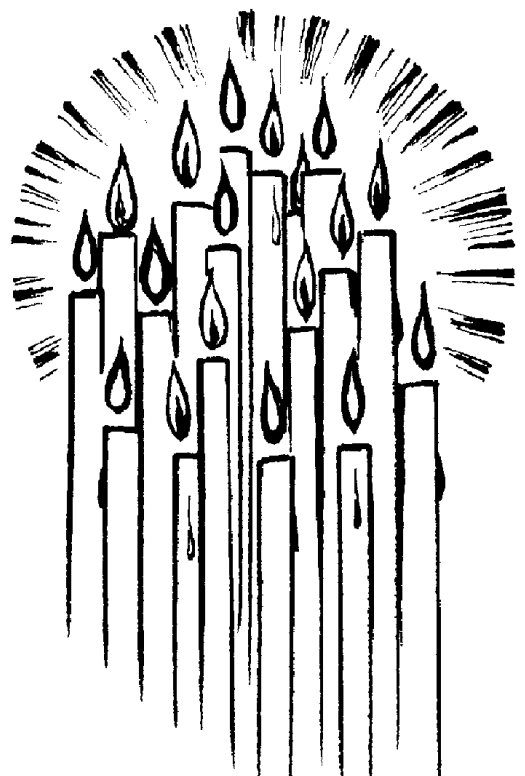
Sunday 10th February

4th Sunday before Lent

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1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Luke 5.1-11



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Baptism

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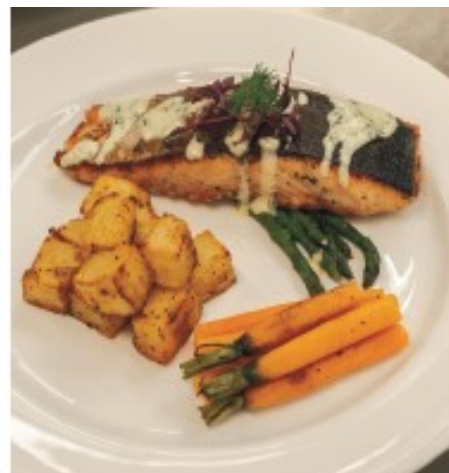
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