

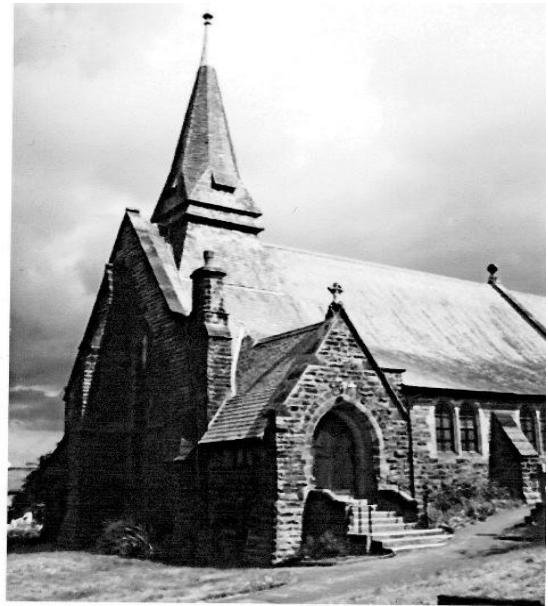
# Parish News

For the parishes of :-

**St Luke's Dunham  
on the Hill & Hapsford**



**St Paul's  
Helsby**



## December 2011

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# *Priest's Corner*

*"Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat,  
please put a penny in the old man's hat!"*

Yes, we are all surrounded by now with the busyness of preparing for Christmas. School plays, church and other organisations carol services, Christmas lunches with family, friends or work colleagues. But will it be different this year? Will the economic situation change the way we celebrate this very special Holy Day?

For some there will be no choice if their circumstances have changed, there might be less to spend on food and presents but I can hear many of our senior members of the community saying 'but we still had a good time together.' That can be very true – situations can very often be made so much better by the way in which we approach them. Very often that also means how open we are to accepting help and support from those around us, seeing the help offered as a love offering. Christmas is especially a time when we think about love and loved ones, indeed that is the motive behind the giving of presents – to show our love for one another as we remember the great outpouring of love for us all from God.

God's love is shown to us in Jesus Christ, the child, the Son of God, born into this world at Christmas. It is a Holy Day first and foremost, a day that has become a holiday when people rest [but not if you're cooking!], relax [but not if you are having all the family around] and reflect [but not if you don't make time to do so].

Unless we each make a positive effort to remember and reflect on the event we are celebrating then the whole purpose of Christmas will pass us by. It won't matter if we have had the most lavish time with lots of food and presents, we will be continuing our lives without recognising the most important gift that stays with us throughout our lives, the love of Mary and Joseph's beautiful baby boy.

Let's not forget the circumstances in which he came into the world. He was born in the most humble of places, a stable; his bed was a feeding trough for the cattle; his first few years were spent away from the family home because his life was in danger; he was brought the strangest of presents from complete strangers. So if your circumstances this Christmas are not what you would hope them to be, remember there is someone very close to you who had the very first Christmas in strange circumstances – and survived!

He went on to achieve great things in spite of opposition and poverty because he was guided through life by his Father, our Father, his God and our God.

That little baby Jesus wants to be part of our lives today; he wants to fill us with his love and guide us through each day – we just need to give him the space in our lives to do just that. So please do spare a little time in the run up to Christmas and during the Christmas period through to Epiphany, to reflect on the gift you have received from God. Let him show you a new way to live that will bless you in so many different ways and help you to show love to those around you who are having a difficult time.

***May your resting, relaxing and reflecting bring you great joy this Christmastide.***

***Reverend Margaret***

**St Paul's Charity Dinner at The White Lion**

Following the successful evenings out with friends, we are holding another fund raising event on

February 6<sup>th</sup> 2012

Details of menu and cost will be available soon.

# NEWS FROM ST LUKE'S

## DUNHAM-ON-THE-HILL

### Church Draw Winners for November 2011

1<sup>st</sup> J.Wilson  
2<sup>nd</sup> A. Neller  
3<sup>rd</sup> J.Whitlow

The annual Grand Draw will take place in the Village Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> November and will complete the 2011 draws.

The 2012 draw season starts in March 2012 and don't forget "You have to be in it to win it!" – so if you want to join contact Glenda Lyon tele: 01928 724499

### Thank you

John and Betty Whitlow wish to thank all their friends and neighbours for their help and kindness during Betty's illness and stay in hospital.

Thanks also for all their best wishes on our Diamond Wedding Anniversary – 60 years.

Thanking you again. John

### Christmas Gift suggestions

To your enemy – Forgiveness  
To an opponent – Tolerance  
To a friend – Your heart  
To a customer – Service  
To all – Charity  
To every child – A good example  
To yourself – respect

By American author Oren Arnold (1900-1980)

## **Christmas Services**

*Put **CHRIST** back into Christmas*

Come and join us

Bring family and friends to prepare for and celebrate

the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ

### **at St Luke's Dunham on the Hill**

December 18<sup>th</sup> Carol Service at 6.00 pm

Christmas Eve Crib & Christingle Service at 4.30 pm  
Christmas

Communion at 8.00 pm

Christmas Day Morning Prayer at 9.30 am

### **at St Paul's Helsby**

December 11<sup>th</sup> Carol Service at 6.30 pm

December 23<sup>rd</sup> Crib & Christingle  
Service at 4.30 pm

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at 11.30 pm

Christmas Day Christmas  
Communion at 10.00am

### **Delightful Treats**

How many 'treats' can you recognise?

All answers are names of chocolates or sweets

1. Refined people live here
2. Say it softly
3. Musical bards
4. A cluster of stars
5. Fallen fruit
6. An animal's drinking place
7. Wobbly infants
8. Toothless drink
9. Chocolate that falls like snow
10. Too good to hurry these
11. Father's painful toe
12. A meal in the fresh air
13. Witches practices this
14. Clever people
15. Edible fasteners
16. Far away planet
17. Dairy holder
18. A London bus
19. Pub game that will knock you over
20. Gravel under foot?
21. Gentle wave
22. Money making royalties
23. Be ---- and between
24. You can never find one when you want one
25. Alien transport
26. Ten cent pub
27. Made make your mouth water
28. A kind of reward
29. Sport for princes
30. You mustn't eat these too soon

Quizmaster (answers in February)

## ***The Philippines – a personal view (IV)***

By David Knipe

In this article I take a further look at religion in the Philippines.

My first visit to a Protestant Church was with Shirley and our friends Cielo and Jay. The church was the “Word for the World Christian Fellowship”. This church occupied two or three floors of a skyscraper office block in Manila’s business district. We arrived late and, like good church goers, crept onto the back row of the auditorium. The minister, way down on the stage, was already well into his sermon, and he went on for a further fifty minutes. The gist seemed to be that the blessings you got out were proportional to what you put in – and I got the impression that what you put in could be removed from a wallet.

When I next went to church with Cielo and Jay they took me to the “Lift Jesus Higher Church” which was a tiny bamboo and wood church next to Mavis’s birthing home in Antipolo. The hymns were projected onto a screen, some in English and some in Tagalog, the music was provided by local boys and girls on a variety of instruments. The sermon was long (very long) and about sin. Filipinos have a lot of stamina when it comes to sermons. I put folding money onto the plate and this, seemingly, entitled me to be photographed with the pastor and his wife.

The most noticeable churches in and around Manila are of modern design and are painted cream. They are churches of “Iglesia ni Cristo” meaning the Church of Christ. “Don’t get involved with that lot” I was advised “they know where you live!”

Zalde, a Filipino colleague I have known for many years, had recently married and had joined “The Church of God”. This church was founded by a man who had fallen out with, and left, the “Iglesia ni Cristo”. Zalde explained his church’s beliefs and practices: husbands and wives are equal; they live their lives in strict adherence to the literal word of the Bible; no member of the Church may attend a service in a Catholic Church because the Church of God does not recognise Saints and so it is against statuary.

(continued)

If your brother or sister were to be married in a Catholic Church, you could not attend the service, you could attend the reception, but not eat ! Women do not cut their hair, or wear make-up, they must wear long skirts and cover their arms. All this is to discourage inappropriate thoughts in men and thus avoid fornication. Similarly men must not dress in such a way as to encourage corresponding thoughts in women. It hadn't occurred to me before this, that I might, however dressed, be thought capable of encouraging inappropriate thoughts in women!

I went with Zalde to the "World Bible Exposition" held by the Church of God. This took place in the Araneta Coliseum, the huge arena where Muhammed Ali fought Joe Frazier in the "Thrilla in Manila" fight in 1975. The event was organised to allow people to ask questions about the Bible and have them answered. We arrived at 5:30pm and the evening began with singing and dancing by a choir and dance troupe all dressed so as not to raise inappropriate thoughts. Then the stage was cleared and a long table and several chairs set out for the Church Elders. The Church's founder was present, not in person, but projected onto a screen via a video link. The questions began – they were in Tagalog (the Filipino language) and so Zalde translated for me. The answers involved quotations from the Bible which were flashed onto the screen – again in Tagalog. Zalde had a bible with tagalong and English side-by-side, but by the time he had located the quotation and I had read it in English we were several questions behind.

One question was about the Mormon Church and the practice of having several wives – the Church of God is against polygamy, but I don't recall which biblical quotation was used to support the point. I don't suppose it involved Solomon. Then someone asked where the water went to when the tide went out. The founder appeared on screen, rotating a globe, and was clearly playing for time until the backroom boys found something on the Internet which could be shown on the screen to explain the relationship between the moon and the tides. (continued)

No biblical quotation was used to support this – can anyone think of one?

We left the Exposition at 9:40pm looking for somewhere to eat. The only place open was “Bamboo City” which served Chinese-ish fast food. The waitresses were young, wore make-up and short sleeved blouses and hot-pants. Poor Zalde must have been awash with inappropriate thoughts !

## **Impossible Pie**

4 eggs  
¼ cup margarine  
1 cup white sugar  
½ cup flour  
2 cups milk  
1 cup desiccated coconut  
¼ teaspoonful salt  
½ teaspoonful baking powder  
1 teaspoonful vanilla essence

Place all ingredients in a food processor or blender. Blend until mixed together. Pour into a greased 10 inch pie dish. Bake at 350°F / 180°C / Gas Mark 4 for 1 hour.

I came across this recipe more than 20 years ago in a Church Magazine. I have to admit to scepticism when I saw the lumpy mess in the food processor, and found it hard to believe that it would come out as it should; but sure enough, an hour later what came out of the oven was a pastry base, with a custard filling and a crisp coconut topping!

Sometimes our lives can look a bit of a mess, and it's hard to see how anything good is going to come out of them. That's when we need to draw on our faith and remember that God doesn't see us the same way that we do. It may seem to us that everything is all mixed up and confused, but he can sort all the ingredients out into their proper places - maybe not the way we were expecting or hoping for, but producing a good result nevertheless.

Judy Ford - with thanks to Margaret Archer of Stockton Heath Methodist Church.

# Come and Sing Carols at St Paul's!

Following on the success of the last three Christmas Carol Services we are making plans for *Christmas 2011*.

This year's carol Service will be on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm in St Paul's Church Helsby.



If you would like to join a singing group for Sun 11<sup>th</sup> December, please speak to Gary O'Neill (01928 723 327) or come to any of the rehearsals on Thursday nights in St Paul's Church. Everyone is welcome to come and sing, whatever your experience, and the weekly rehearsals follow the normal Choir practice [7.30pm. – 8.00pm]

*So please come along on the following Thursdays at 8.00pm:*

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

*And a final rehearsal on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00pm*

## Parish Profile



This month we introduce you to Eileen Cookson from St Paul's Church.

Eileen was born in the little village of Houghton between Nantwich and Bunbury. One of six children, they had two evacuees living with them, a granny who lived across the road also had two evacuees, all from Guernsey, and Granny's evacuees virtually lived with them.

One of her most vivid memories from those days was the vicar calling and her mother saying "For goodness sake get these animals out of here".- the household consisting of ten children, three dogs, three cats and two little pigs! All the children had jobs to do because there was no electricity, they had Tilley Lamps which you had to trim the wicks and fill them with paraffin.

At the age of five Eileen went to Spurstow School, a two mile walk away, before going on to Nantwich Grammar School at the age of eleven. The Spurstow School was a little school of thirty five pupils and two teachers – the Misses Bayliss, one aged 73 and the other 74, who ruled the school with a rod of iron! The pupils mainly came from three local families and there was also a class of evacuees from Guernsey who had brought their own teacher with them.

Eileen left Nantwich Grammar School at the age of sixteen, her father had bought a milk round, and all the family helped in this venture. Eileen became a member of Bunbury Youth Club, and the Young Conservatives because you were allowed to play on their tennis courts if you were a member of the Young Conservatives.

She later joined the Young Farmers where she met her husband, John. They were engaged for three years before getting married and moving to Lancashire where they raised four children, one son and three daughters – and they now have eight grandchildren.

The farm that John and Eileen had in Lancashire was in the centre of a housing development and they kept losing land for building houses. So, in 1967, they managed to get the tenancy of Hill View Farm in Helsby and later, in 1987, they were able to buy it off the Ministry of Agriculture. In 1997 they gave up farming and sold the farm before moving to Howey lane, Frodsham.

Eileen was christened, confirmed and married at Bunbury Church and continued to attend that church until 1980 before starting to attend St Paul's Helsby. Since retirement Eileen has become much more involved in the Church along with her other interests of playing Bridge, flower arranging, gardening and going on holiday. Her favourite hymn is "Morning has Broken" and she has fond memories of her children, still at primary school at the time, coming home and singing it.

Your roving reporter *Patricia Koler*

## ***Mother's Union Holiday on Hayling Island***



Nine members of the Mother's Union and four friends have just returned from a holiday on Hayling Island, Hampshire. We were picked up at home and transported to Chester Services at Hapsford where we boarded our coach.

The journey was very pleasant taking us through beautiful scenery, the trees looked magnificent with their green, gold, bronze and red leaves. The hotel, the Sinah Warren, was situated on a lovely site on the edge of the Solent near Portsmouth. We arrived at 3:15pm and were greeted with mulled wine and warm mince pies and our early Christmas and New Year had begun – then to our rooms (some overlooking the Solent) to un-pack and get ready for dinner!

Our evening meal was served at 6:45pm, with a carvery or meals from the kitchen served to your table, all cooked to perfection. Later we moved to the Pavilion for our evening's entertainment. There was a different show on each evening with resident artists who were so friendly, mingling with the guests when they were not on stage. We enjoyed four top class shows, with plenty of singing, dancing and wonderful costumes. One evening there was a magician who was marvellous, he never spoke a word, but was so clever. In between acts there was ballroom dancing and sequence dancing which we liked to watch even if we couldn't join in – some of the group could and did.

The second day, which was "Christmas Day" (with Father Christmas and a present for everyone), was a free one with lots of things to do. These included quizzes, talks on Antiques and Fortune Telling, Ribbon Crafting, Dancing lessons, beauty Demonstrations (one of the ladies had a facial and was made up by experts and she looked lovely). There was also a lovely warm swimming pool, which two of us used. The outside of the hotel was beautiful with walks in the woods, around flower beds or by the sea. It was a pleasure to see the many small yachts, all white and lovely on the blue sea. Also the fishing boats that went out early in the morning.

The next day was "Boxing Day" with a day trip to Chichester, visiting the Cathedral and the market then a couple of other places on the way back. Peter Jones, our driver, told us a lot of history about the places we visited. We returned ready for our dinner and some more entertainment. Our last day "New year's Day" was an outing to Portsmouth. Some of the group going to the Spinnaker Tower, others walking around the dockyards to visit various museums and to see the 'Mary Rose' and 'Victory' which was not open until 3pm so sadly had to be missed.

We had excellent food and plenty of choice – something for everyone. The staff were all very pleasant and helpful. It was a busy week but there was no pressure to take part in everything with plenty of time to relax with friends. A most enjoyable holiday and the weather kept fine – here's to the next one!

## **Christmas Carols – Health & Safety advice!!!**

- Lending Jesus “*a coat of fur*” is no longer appropriate wear for small infants. Faux fur or a nice cellular blanket should be considered as suitable alternatives.
- If you are “*Dashing thorough the snow in a one horse open sleigh*” then a full risk assessment should be carried out.
- To avoid offending those not participating in celebrations if you intend “*laughing all the way*” please laugh quietly so as not to be considered a noise nuisance.
- “*While shepherds watched*” should be avoided at all costs. The Shepherds’ Union now insists that appropriate seating arrangements are made for those watching flocks by night and given the inclement weather at this time of year they should be allowed to watch the sheep by CCTV cameras from centrally heated shepherd observation huts. Please also remember that if “*glory*” is to be “*shone around*” then shepherds must be provided with suitable goggles to cut out the harmful effects of UVA, UVB and Glory.
- “*Little donkey plodding onwards with your precious load*” Please remember the RSPCA have issued strict guidelines with regard to how heavy a load a donkey of small stature is permitted to carry. The guidelines also set out the frequency of feeding times and rest periods for the donkey over a four hour plodding period.
- “*Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer had a very shiny nose*” . Under the Equal Opportunity for All policy it is inappropriate for persons to make comment about the ruddiness of Mr R Reindeer’s nose or any other part of his body. Also failure to not allow Mr R. Reindeer to participate in the Reindeer games will be considered discriminatory and disciplinary action will be taken against those found guilty of this offence.
- If you come across three kings “*bearing gifts and traversing afar*” then please advise them that gifts of Frankincense and Myrrh are no longer appropriate as oils and fragrances may cause allergic reactions. If they are also “*Following yonder star*” they should be advised that alternative navigation facilities are now available that do not rely upon clear skies and also provide quicker routes and advice regarding fuel consumption.

***The Safety ‘Elf***

# The Parish Registers

## Funerals

### St Paul's

November 1<sup>st</sup> Susan Willoughby 70 yrs

November 9<sup>th</sup> Christine Lyons 77 yrs

November 22<sup>nd</sup> William Henry Harrison 91 yrs

### Walton Lea

November 4<sup>th</sup> Raymond Lee Smith 69 yrs

November 23<sup>rd</sup> Colin Richard Weale 73 yrs

November 25<sup>th</sup> Florrie Jones 97 yrs

*We believe that Jesus died and rose again; and so it will be for those who died as Christians; God will bring them to life, with Jesus. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Comfort one another with these words.*

*1 Thessalonians 4: 14, 17 – 18*

## Holy Matrimony

### St Paul's

November 12<sup>th</sup>

Sarah Jayne Johnson and Matthew James Venables

November 18<sup>th</sup>

Stephanie Karen Paterson and Russell John Smith

*Eternal God, give your blessings to these newly married couples in their hopes and in their dreams. May these come true through their faith in each other and their trust in you. Teach them how great is the joy that comes from sharing; how deep the love that grows with giving.*

*Amen.*

## Dates for Your Diary

- 7<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Coffee Morning at Liz Fowler's  
5 Hale View Road 10.00 am – 12 noon
- 11<sup>h</sup> December Nine Lessons and Carols at St Paul's  
06:30 pm. - followed by mulled wine and  
mince pies in the Church hall
- 16<sup>th</sup> December Chester City Band Concert at  
St Luke's Church 7.30 pm  
Pay on the door
- 18<sup>h</sup> December Nine Lessons and Carols at St Luke's  
church 06:00 pm.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> December Crib & Christingle Service at  
St Paul's 4.30 pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> December Crib & Christingle Service at  
St Luke's 4.30 pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> January St Paul's PCC in the Church Hall 7.30 pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> February St Paul's "Charity Dinner" evening  
At the White Lion Alvanley

Exploring Faith . . .

. . . begins again for another 4 weeks

If you would like to come along please do so even if you haven't been before.

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

Meet at The Vicarage at 7.30 pm – we usually finish between 9.00 pm and 9.30 pm.



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## Do you remember when . . . ?

Sometimes we forget events that have happened because in some ways life doesn't really change, the everyday running of things continues.

Many of you might therefore have forgotten that 13 years ago the Living of the Benefice of Helsby St Paul and Dunham-on-the-Hill St Luke was suspended. That has meant that instead of a Vicar, as Incumbent, you have had a Priest in Charge. The running of the parishes has been no different at all, everything has been as it was other than the status of the clergy and the benefice.

We have now been informed that the suspension of the Living has lapsed and the Living restored, therefore the Priest in Charge [namely Reverend Margaret] will become the Incumbent Vicar.

At some time, probably in the New Year, there will be a service to formally induct and install Reverend Margaret into the Benefice as Vicar. This service will be very similar to when she first arrived as Priest in Charge, but we hope that you will all come to the service to welcome her into your midst as Vicar!

Joan Langton

## TRIVIA QUIZ

1. What was the middle name of Frank Sinatra?
2. Name the dog in Punch and Judy
3. Do women dream in colour more than men?
4. What was the name of Roy Rogers' wife?
5. By what name is Frank Absalom better known?
6. Name one of only two nuts mentioned in the Bible
7. What is the world's largest bird?
8. Name one of the three Independent States in Europe
9. What percentage of people locked out of a hotel room are naked ?
10. Who was the sidekick of the Lone Ranger?

**(Answers in February)**

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## Collects for January 2012

### **January 1<sup>st</sup> Naming of Christ**

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **January 8<sup>th</sup> Epiphany**

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide us and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **January 15<sup>th</sup> Epiphany 2**

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **January 22<sup>nd</sup> Epiphany 3**

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

### **January 29<sup>th</sup> Epiphany 4**

God of heaven, you send the Gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **February 5<sup>th</sup>**

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

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Glance backwards now and then, my friends

But do not look too long.

The past is gone, the future waits,

Step forward with a song.

Who knows? Tomorrow's sunshine may

Be brighter than your dreams today

# Services in January 2012

<b>January 1<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>Naming of Christ</b>
St Paul	08.00 am	<b>No service</b>
St Luke	09.30 am	Morning Prayer
St Paul	11.00 am	Family Communion

*4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Worship at St Paul's 7.30 pm*

<b>January 8<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Epiphany</b>
St Paul	08.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
St Luke	09.30 am	Holy Communion
St Paul	11.00 am	Sung Communion
St Paul	6.30 pm	Healing Service

*11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Worship at St Paul's 7.30 pm*

<b>January 15<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Epiphany 2</b>
St Paul	08.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
St Luke	09.30 am	Morning Prayer
St Paul	11.00 am	Sung Communion

*18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Worship at St Paul's 7.30 pm*

<b>January 22<sup>nd</sup></b>		<b>Epiphany 3</b>
St Paul	08.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
St Luke	09.30 am	Holy Communion
St Paul	11.00 am	Sung Communion

*25<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Worship at St Paul's 7.30 pm*

<b>January 29<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Epiphany 4</b>
St Paul	08.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
St Luke	09.30 am	Holy Communion
St Paul	11.00 am	Sung Communion

*Feb 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Worship at St Paul's 7.30 pm*

<b>February 5<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>3<sup>rd</sup> before Lent</b>
St Paul	08.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
St Luke	09.30 am	Morning Prayer
St Paul	11.00 am	Family Service

# Collects for December 2011

**December 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Advent 2**

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him who is our Lord and our God.

**December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Advent 3**

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

**December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Advent 4**

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth-pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Day**

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise, as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God.



## Services in December 2011

### **December 4<sup>th</sup>**

St Paul	08.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
St Luke	09.30 am	Morning Prayer
St Paul	11.00 am	Family Service

### **Advent 2**

*7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Worship at St Paul's 7.30 pm*

### **December 11<sup>th</sup>**

St Paul	08.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
St Luke	09.30 am	Holy Communion
St Paul	11.00 am	Sung Communion
St Paul	06.30 pm	Nine Lessons & Carols followed by Mince Pies and Mulled Wine in the Church Hall

### **Advent 3**

***14<sup>th</sup> No Wednesday Worship this week***

### **December 18<sup>th</sup>**

St Paul	08.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
St Luke	09.30 am	Morning Prayer
St Paul	11.00 am	Sung Communion
St Luke	06.00 pm	Nine Lessons & Carols

### **Advent 4**

*21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Worship at St Paul's 7.30 pm*

### **December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

St Paul	04.30 pm	Crib & Christingle Service
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### **December 24<sup>th</sup>**

St Luke	04.30 pm	Crib & Christingle Service
St Luke	08.00 pm	Christmas Communion
St Paul	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass

### **Christmas Eve**

### **December 25<sup>th</sup>**

St Luke	09.30 am	Morning Prayer
<b>St Paul</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Family Eucharist</b>

### **Christmas Day**

***28<sup>th</sup> No Wednesday Worship this week***