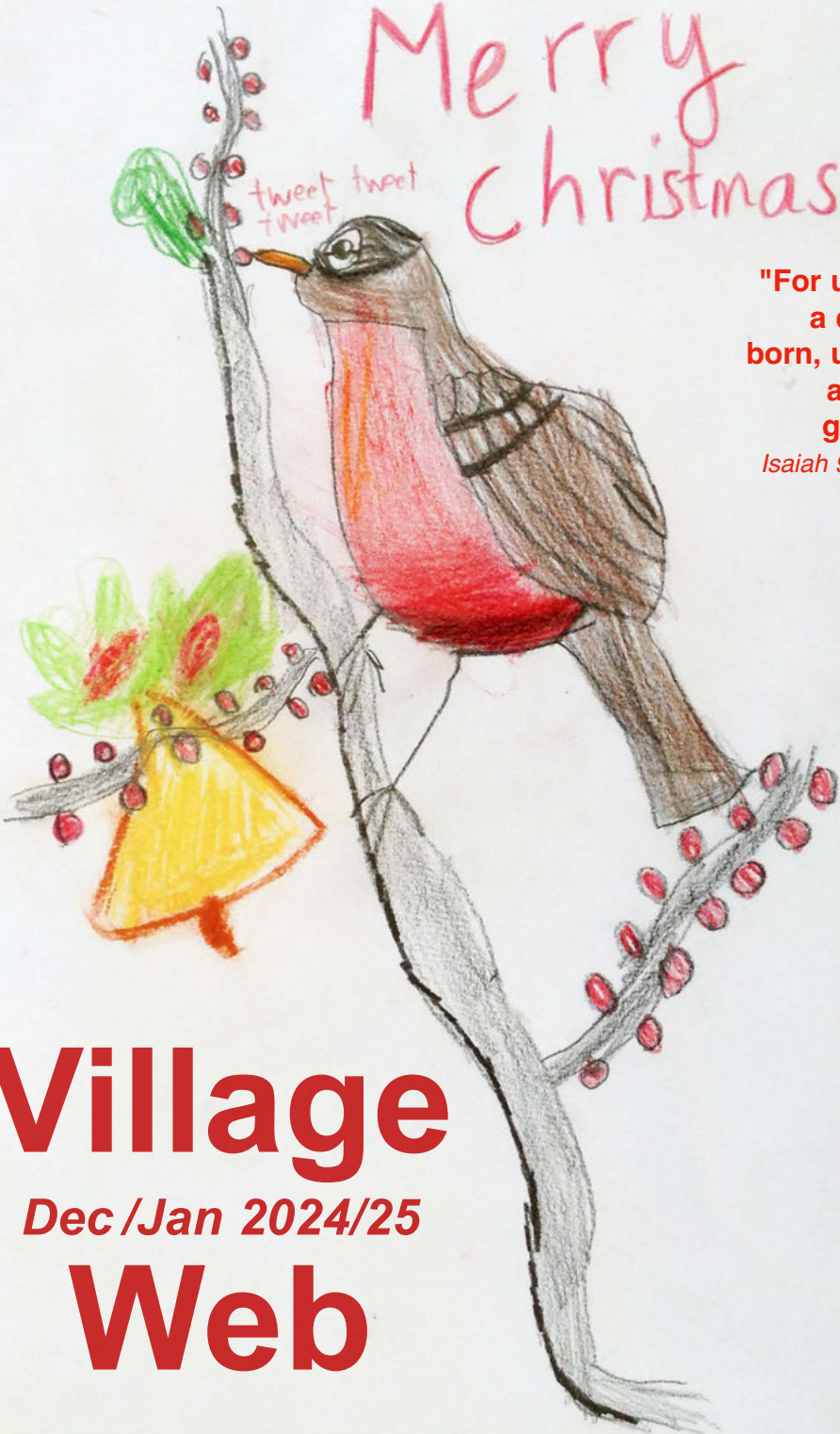


Merry
Christmas!!

"For unto us
a child is
born, unto us
a son is
given..."

Isaiah 9:6 (KJV)



Village

Dec/Jan 2024/25

Web

Crib Service

2pm on Christmas Eve
St Swithun's, Great Chishill



Please join us to take part in a simple retelling
of the Nativity Story.

Children, please come dressed as shepherds,
sheep, angels or wise men, to play your part in
the story

**18 January 2025 - final date for submission of
articles for the February edition**

Front cover picture by Albert, Chrishall Primary School



The Parish of the
Icknield Way Villages

December Services

Sunday 1 Advent Sunday

- 9.00am Holy Communion with carols at St Nicholas **Little Chishill** SG8 8PA
11.00am Family Café Church at **Chrishall Village Hall** SG8 8QL
6.00pm **URC** Advent Service led by Sue Fender

Sunday 8

- 9.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity **Heydon** SG8 8PW
6.00pm Carol Service at St Nicholas Church **Elmdon** CB11 4LT

Saturday 14

- 3.30pm Carol Service at Holy Trinity **Heydon** SG8 8PW

Sunday 15

- 9.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas **Elmdon** CB11 4LT
11.00am Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church **Chrishall** SG8 8QU

Saturday 21

- 6.00pm Great Chishill 9 Lessons and Carols Service at the **URC**

Sunday 22

- 9.00am Holy Communion at at Holy Trinity Church **Chrishall** SG8 8QU
4.00pm Carol Service Hamlet Church **Duddenhoe End** CB11 4XN

Tuesday 24 Christmas Eve

- 2.00pm Family Crib Service at St Swithuns **Great Chishill** SG8 8SB
11.30pm Common Worship with Holy communion at Holy Trinity
Heydon SG8 8PW

Wednesday 25 Christmas Day

- 9.30am Christmas Service at St Nicholas **Little Chishill** SG8 8PA
10.00am **URC** Family Service led by Revd Sue Fender.
10.45am Carol Service at St Marys **Strethall** CB11 4XJ

Sunday 29

- 10.00am Common Worship with Holy Communion Hamlet Church
Duddenhoe End CB11 4XN

Service details, diary events and more at www.icknieldwayparish.blogspot.co.uk



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January Services 2025

Sunday 5

- 9.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas **Little Chishill** SG8 8PA
11.00am Family Café Church at **Chrishall Village Hall** SG8 8QL
6.00pm **URC** Communion Service led by Revd Sue Fender

Sunday 12

- 9.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity **Heydon** SG8 8PW
11.00am Common Worship with Holy Communion at St Nicholas
Elmdon CB11 4LT

Sunday 19

- 9.00am Holy Communion at Hamlet Church **Duddenhoe End**
CB11 4XN
9.30am **URC** Morning Service led by Revd Sue Fender
11.00am Family Worship at Holy Trinity **Chrishall** SG8 8QU

Sunday 26

- 9.00am Holy Communion at St Marys **Strethall** CB11 4XJ
11.00am Family Worship at St Swithuns **Great Chishill** SG8 8SS

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What makes Christmas?

What was the most memorable Christmas you've ever had?

Two Christmases come to mind for me.

The first was over 40 years ago, up in the Yorkshire Dales where my parents had recently moved to. At the head of Nidderdale there is a little church that offers a spectacular view down the dale.

My parents, brothers and I joined the small congregation to celebrate midnight communion on Christmas eve. As we did so, unbeknown to us, an inch of snow fell. When we emerged that Christmas morning, the sky had cleared and the moon risen. The view of twinkling household lights amidst the glistening snow was simply breathtaking. We just stood there in awe.

In contrast, I was dreading a Christmas a few years later.

I was single and had been living in Ethiopia for 18 months, working as a water engineer in rural communities through the local church. Ethiopia is a wonderful country but for foreigners, it can seem very strange. Their Ge'ez calendar is based on the ancient Coptic calendar, which is seven to eight years behind our Gregorian calendar. And being predominantly Orthodox, Ethiopia celebrates Christmas when we celebrate the wise men bringing gifts at Epiphany, on January 6th. So December 25th is just another regular working day.

I had just moved to a new location down-country with yet another tribal language I didn't speak, I didn't know anyone well, and it was very hot. The thought of "In the bleak midwinter" just made me feel more isolated. There was zero chance of snow and not a Christmas tree in the whole country. 'Christmas' had every potential to be a disaster, and a very lonely one.

But the local church kindly suggested I travel to the capital where a few other Western expat missionaries also faced the same prospect of a very unusual time, culturally.

So we focussed on what Christmas was really about, and it was of the best Christmases I had (before getting married I hasten to add!).

However, I am very aware that for some – perhaps you - Christmas can be a time of great loneliness. There may be fractious

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relationships. And it can be very stressful with so much going on. On which note, in times of stress, are you a bull, rabbit, chicken or swan?

- Perhaps you become decisive: bish, bash, bosh. But in doing so, you become like a bull in a china shop: more aggressive than you'd like.
- Maybe you become inactive: freezing like a rabbit in the headlights.
- Perhaps you panic: running around like a headless chicken, stressing everyone else out.
- Or maybe you have an inner peace: moving forward purposely in response to the challenge, calmly and serenely, like a swan swimming against the flow.

Most likely, you fluctuate between all four depending on a multitude of factors. Having just moved house last week (hoorah!) I certainly sampled the spectrum at pace!

Yet Christmas can be – indeed is meant to be - the most wonderful time of year.

By definition, Christmas is all about God being with us. One of Christ's key names is Emmanuel: "God with us". And in 'mass', we re-connect with God and with each other. Walls that divide are removed; communion becomes a genuine reality.

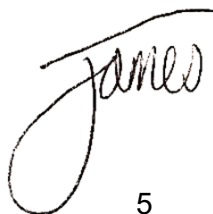
So if you spend Christmas without family or friends, you're not alone. God is with you.

If you spend Christmas stressed, surrounded by family and friends, you're not alone. God is with you.

And with God being with us, we have all that He is – genuine peace, like that swan. A living presence that is full of those twinkling lights of wonder. And abundant love.

So it is my most sincere prayer that you will truly have a most wonderful Christmas, knowing God's presence with you; a Christmas full of peace and love.

With every blessing

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the text "With every blessing".

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Treasure Island Tracks



We were intrigued by the selection of our guest for this issue of The Village Web. A wonderful mixture of works and an ingenious book selection to supplement The Bible and the works of Shakespeare; but can you guess who our castaway is? Answer on page 23.

Treasured Tracks

“Under the Boardwalk” *The Drifters*

The words ‘When the sun beats down’ bring back happy memories of 1964 when we, the lucky generation who didn’t have a care in the world, lived for the moment.

“Have I The Right” *The Honeycombs*.

Another one from those halcyon days. This actually reached #1 in June 1964 but I have chosen it because I had a (very brief and very chaste) relationship with the drummer Honey Lantree.

“Whiter Shade of Pale” *Procul Harem*.

Moving on to 1967 and memories of dancing in dimly lit nightclubs with the girl you assumed would (but invariably didn’t) become the love of your life.

“Der Tag; der is so Freudenreich” *Bach choral BVW605*. ‘This Day is so full of joy’.

My bride-to-be walked up the aisle to this in September 1971.

“Shall I compare The to a Summer’s Day?” *Shakespeare’s sonnet #18*

read by Peter O’Toole to Jody Whittaker from the film ‘Venus’. Something to make me cry.

“Three Kings from Persian Lands Afar” *Peter Cornelius*. Sung by Hugo

Herman-Wilson and the choir of King’s College Cambridge conducted by Stephen Cleobury. I must have something to bring out at Christmas and it doesn’t get any better than this.

“I know that my Redeemer Liveth” from *Messiah*. Sung by Sylvia McNair with The Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields conducted by Sir Neville Mariner. This will restore my faith when it lapses and I fail.

“Ashokan Farewell” *Jay Unger*. Played by Mark O’Connor & Kelly Hall-Tompkins. The reasons I have chosen this are private, but I’m allowed that.

Book

The Shifts and Expedients of Camp Life. W.B. Lord & T.B.A. Baines
Published by The Royal Geographical Society

Seven hundred pages of useful information for the castaway including everything from making a fire to how to brand a camel.

Luxury

My bedroom (in which, very conveniently, a box containing my lifetime’s photographs are kept) *and bathroom*.

One disc

Messiah

Christmas Treats

Tractor drawn Carolling a tour around our villages, courtesy of Robert’s expertly driven tractor drawing a luxurious shoot trailer decorated with Christmas lights, accompanied by a semi professional group of musicians assembled specially for the evening. Join the carollers at Elmdon war memorial at **6.30pm on 19 December** or meet us as we stop to sing at both our pubs and ‘village green’...donations to Headway, our parish charity of the year. Drinks at the pubs gratefully received !

Carol Services guaranteed to kick-start the festive season. Our choirs will delight with descants as each church hosts a service of lessons and carols. *See the inside back cover*.

Crib service Christmas Eve a real life tableau of the Holy Family, a host of excited children the familiar crib scene and even more familiar carols, who can resist? St Swithun’s, Great Chishill at **2.00pm**.

Midnight Service Christmas Eve at Holy Trinity, Heydon at **11.30pm**...the chance to sing the final verse of Oh Come All Ye Faithful, as we gather to celebrate in candlelight.

Christmas Morning throngs of happy people of all ages join together to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. You will feel so pleased you

dragged yourself out of your Christmas pyjamas and donned your Christmas sweaters to get to church for 9.30am. Return home feeling spiritually lifted, having acknowledged the best gift of all. More details on pages 1 and 2.

Grants available in times of need

One of the joys of being the Rector is to chair several charities which are set up to help in times of need.

The Fiske Perry Charity has a parish-wide remit "in relieving generally or individually persons resident in the parish ... who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress by making grants of money or providing or paying for items, services or facilities calculated to reduce the need, hardship or distress of such persons".

So, for example, at this time of year assistance may be needed with winter fuel or general cost of living, or school uniforms.

Please do either contact me or one of the trustees below in strictest confidence for further information or to make an application - a brief email request will suffice initially.

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Heydon Films

Prize or near prize winning films you might not have seen, or classics you might like to see again, this winter; second of four -

Friday 10 January – *Cinema Paradiso* (1988): a successful film director recalls his boyhood friendship, soon after the end of WWII, with the aging local projectionist, from whom he inherited his love of film but also the advice to seek his career beyond the provincial confines of his Sicilian home.

Multi award winner, Italian with English sub-titles, 2 hrs 4 min.

Entry: £5.00 for wine and cake – all proceeds to Heydon Church funds.

Location: Mission Hut, 14 Chishill Road, Heydon. Time 7.30pm for 8.00pm.

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Your local pharmacist can offer you advice and guidance on the best treatment for you. They are available on every high street and in supermarkets, with many open in the evening and at weekends.

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Whilst we are closed, if you need urgent medical assistance please use the NHS 111 service. If you have an emergency that poses an immediate threat to life, please ring 999.

Thank You

An enormous THANK YOU to all the talented musicians and singers who have generously shared their time and gifts during our church services and tractor carolling this season. We are truly grateful for your hard work, commitment, and the incredible music you share with us all. Thank you for sharing your talents with our community!

A
Wonderful
Christmastime

A feel-good festive feast of Christmas classics, presented by the professional choral ensemble **Cor Meum**, conducted by **Jamie W. Hall**

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... and what better way to get the snowball rolling than a light-hearted evening of seasonal favourites in exquisite vocal technicolour! It's a Christmas movie in musical form, with stars, angels, and jingle bells galore, along with a visit from a certain Mr Dickens (you'd be a Muppet to miss it!)... The weather outside may be frightful, but inside we'll have a delightful evening, with plenty of opportunities for singing along!

Friday 6th December, 7.30pm – St Swithun's, Great Chishill

Tickets £15 unreserved, available from Jamie or by emailing cormeumchoir@gmail.com

Adoration of the Magi

This painting is one of Saffron Walden Museum's early acquisitions. It is an oil painting on canvas and it stands at approximately 4.5 metres high and 3 metres wide.

The painting is by Ramsay Richard Reinagle (1775-1862), an English portrait, landscape and animal painter.

Reinagle was a pupil of his father, Philip Reinagle, also a painter, and he followed his style. He exhibited at the Royal Academy in London from as early as 1788 before studying in Rome and Holland. He returned to London and painted panoramas of cities such as Rome, Naples and Paris, as well as making copies of Old Masters.

Reinagle painted three copies of religious paintings by Paul Raul Rubens, the Flemish painter – *The Crucifixion*, *The Adoration of the Magi* (the museum's painting) and *The Entombment*. Reinagle's copies were exhibited in Pall Mall, London in 1819 and a review of the exhibition in *The New Monthly Magazine* described them as having "as much of the spirit, power, glow and unction of Rubens' style as we could have well expected in copies".

In about 1842, *The Adoration of the Magi* was bought by William Davidson for £13, on behalf of Francis Gibson, a member of the Quaker Gibson family of Saffron Walden. In 1843, it was presented by Gibson as a gift to the town museum.

Initially the painting was displayed in the museum but it was attacked by vandals. It was restored in the 1880s.

In 1943, an agreement was made with Holy Trinity Church, Chrishall that they would take the painting on a long-term loan and display it in the church.

By the early 1990s the painting was beginning to deteriorate. It had been hung too close to the wall, and some of the paint was flaking off.

Julie Crick, a picture restorer based in Linton, carried out a thorough restoration relining & restretching it and patching the flaking paintwork. She also added the gold leaf surround.

The painting is still on display in Holy Trinity, Chrishall so why not go along and see the painting in all its glory!



Brenda Turl 1951 – 2024

Brenda's husband Tim writes :

On the 12th October we lost our beloved Brenda after a 4+ year battle with the effects of Alzheimer's disease. I lost a wonderful wife, and our offspring lost an adoring mother and loving grandmother! Brenda was born in S Wales, one of 5 children, and after a very successful school and university education she became a chemistry teacher in Jamaica . On her return to England, after a 4 year period, she switched into the Computer industry and became an expert in this field.

After our meeting each other in 1980 and marrying two years later, we moved to Chrishall in 1989 and quickly settled into this lovely village, where we have lived for 35 happy years. We have made many great friends here, and whilst we brought up our 3 lovely children Brenda involved herself in numerous pastimes including school governor, teaching assistant, choir member, pilates participant, and WI member, etc.

Throughout our married life we went on many exciting and exotic holidays around the world, but Brenda's greatest joy in the last few years was her (now) 6 grandchildren who range from age 2 to 10. Her face would light up when she was approached by her 'little darlings' as she was known to call them. Brenda was always so good natured and happy, never complaining or questioning even when her disease was considerably diminishing her actions and her thoughts! Brenda passed away in the Arthur Rank Hospice in Cambridge, surrounded by all her family. She was peaceful and pain free at the end! The turnout of over 160 at her funeral, most of whom commented on her caring nature, her 'fun' personality, her endearing and constant smile, and her devotion to her family, showed just how popular she was.



Wednesday 11 December

and

Wednesday 8 January

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St Swithun's Great Chishill



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All Welcome

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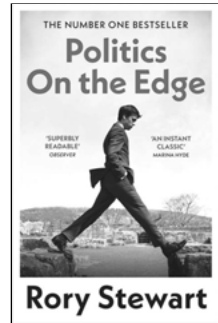
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Food for Thought

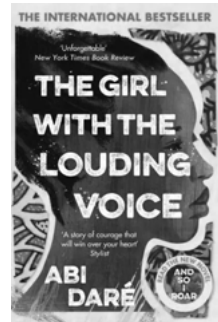
Politics on the Edge *Rory Stewart*

Retitled in the US as 'How Not to Be a Politician'! This is a very personal account of the author's years in politics, it describes his experiences as an MP, in various ministerial positions and his Conservative leadership bid. Well written and absorbing. A fascinating (disturbing?) insight into the Westminster machine.



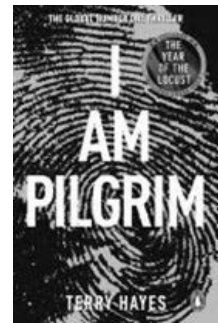
The Girl with the Louding Voice *Abi Daré*

Powerfully written in the first person, with language cleverly reflecting the growing maturity of the main character as she finds the strength to speak for herself. Powerful and unforgettable; following a young girl in Nigeria, sold as a commodity aged 14. This moving story highlights the inequality and utter hypocrisy so many face in the modern world.



I am Pilgrim *Terry Hayes*

On my shelf for ages before I dipped into it and was instantly hooked. A pacy, exciting and absorbing thriller, albeit with some distasteful scenes and quite a few plot contrivances. Written by a screen writer, it's easy to imagine this will make a great film!



Home Fire *Kamila Shamsie*

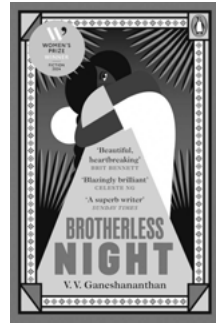
I read this in one sitting. My notes describe it as disturbing and illuminating. A modern take on Sophocles' Antigone.



Brotherless Night V V Ganeshanathan

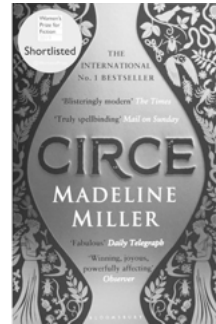
Written in the first person, a young Tamil woman grippingly describes life as civil war literally explodes around her.

‘It doesn’t matter if you cannot imagine the future, still, relentless, it comes’.



Circe Madeline Miller

Based on Homer’s Odyssey, though the eyes of Circe a character barely mentioned in the original. A neat reframing in a feminist guise. The prose runs on smoothly, it is easy to get lost in this modern version of an ancient tale!



and finally... anything by Elif Shafak!

Burns Suppers

A Burns supper is a celebration of the life and poetry of the poet Robert or Rabbie Burns, widely regarded as the national poet of Scotland. The suppers are normally held on or near the poet's birthday, 25 January, known as Burns Night. The first supper was held at Burns Cottage by his friends, on 21 July 1801, the fifth anniversary of his death; it has been a regular occurrence ever since. Burns suppers may be formal or informal. They typically include haggis (a traditional Scottish dish celebrated by Burns in *Address to a Haggis*), Scotch whisky and the recitation of Burns' poetry. See back cover for details

Burns' Address to a Haggis:

Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,
Great chieftain o' the puddin'-race!
Aboon them a' ye tak yer place,
Painch, tripe, or thairm:
Weel are ye wordy o' a grace
As lang's my airm.

Which roughly translates as:

Nice seeing your honest, chubby face,
Great chieftain of the sausage race!
Above them all you take your place,
Belly, tripe, or links:
Well are you worthy of a grace
As long as my arm.



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- Dewi Sant (St David) was born in AD 500 to St Non, just south of the city and baptised in Porth Clais nearby. Following a religious upbringing, he was ordained a priest, working locally at first before travelling to England, Brittany and even Jerusalem.
- A monastery was founded by Dewi Sant in AD550, where St David's Cathedral sits today. It was sacked many times by Viking raiders.
- The cathedral that now stands proudly dates from the 12th century and is the final resting place of St David. It is built of local stone from nearby Solva - hence its colour, and has an unusual wooden vaulted ceiling, emulated in King's College Chapel, Cambridge.

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- The establishment of the Commonwealth of England under Oliver Cromwell was felt enormously in St David's with the cathedral being decimated by Cromwell's forces - roof lead was stolen and stained glass smashed. Repair of some two hundred years of neglect and vandalism was put right from 1793 and continues to the present day.

St David's attracts people holidaying in the coastal plain above the wild cliffs and rocks of Pembrokeshire, enjoying walking and coastering, as well as throngs of pilgrims to the Cathedral.

The external architecture is something to behold and is surpassed only by the beauty inside. It is hard to believe that it was once in a state of such disrepair that the tower was in danger of collapsing. The unusual slope of the nave floor, put down to early subsidence, enhances the feeling of looking up to the altar and inner confines.

In our recent stay, we managed to get along to an evensong service with full choir which would have been special in itself. However, it was no ordinary evensong as we had stumbled into a service with Bishop Dorrien attending to receive a copy of the St John's Bible Heritage Edition that has been gifted to 299 places around the world, including Canterbury Cathedral, Lambeth Palace, The Vatican, Buckingham Palace and St David's no less.

The Bible is a beautifully crafted illustrated edition reminiscent of the type of work of centuries ago. For further information on this Bible, and St David's Cathedral please follow the links below.

Visiting this part of Wales, and St David's in particular, will not disappoint. It will be well worth the long drive.

Bill Jones

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Brenda Turl

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School News

It is approaching Christmas again and with that comes school Nativity plays and carol concerts to prepare and perform. We all learn about the Christmas story in our RE lessons and ask questions to delve deeper into the theology.

Reception children ask why people perform a Nativity play. (I have asked this myself when we are half way through rehearsals!) They discover the way stories have shaped our lives as Christians and how this story has changed the world.

Gifts are the theme for year 1 and 2. Why was Jesus given as a gift to the world? And What gifts would we bring to the baby Jesus today?

The first enquiry asks us to think about what needs saving in the world and what it means to turn back to God. The second question prompts us to think about how we see Jesus in the world and in our lives and what symbols would demonstrate that.

The older children ask, What is the most significant part in the Nativity? (To which the children in KS1 will always say the part they played in the show!) It is easy to assume Jesus will be their answer, but we have had some super discussions in the past about why it is the shepherds or Mary. And Year 5 and 6 ask, Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born?

I think we will all have special moments or events that kickstart that Christmassy feeling in us. In Worship Team we spoke about this and for Wil it is when the Carols and Christmas songs come on the radio. Imogen likes seeing presents appear under the tree and loves giving gifts to her friends and family and Oliver said when they get the decorations out to put up at home he feels "Very Jolly, Jolly, jolly!"

We send our best wishes to you all this Christmas and hope you can find some peace amongst the bustle to enjoy the wonder of the season.

Fiona Dyer

Teacher

Our Treasure Island guest this month is Michael Gaine of Elmdon. Michael and his dear wife, Penelope, moved to Elmdon 51 years ago to a home they shared with their two sons. Amongst many acts of service, Michael was the founder of MMMs, who still gather to clean Elmdon church before every service.

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CAROL SERVICES 2024

Chrishall

Sunday 15 December 11.00am
With the Parish Choir

Elmdon

Sunday 8 December 6.00pm
With the Parish Choir

Great Chishill

Saturday 21 December at URC
6.00pm
With the Chishill Voices

Hamlet

Sunday 22 December 4.00pm
With the Parish Choir and Nativity

Heydon

Saturday 14 December 3.30pm
With Royston Town Band

Little Chishill

Sunday 1 December 9.00am
Communion Service with carols

Strethall

Wednesday 25 December 10.45am

**We shall be collecting items for Jimmy's at all our Carol services.
Toiletries and other non-perishable goods would be very welcome.**



Parish Tractor Carolling Thursday 19 December



Once again, Robert Smith has kindly offered to pull a trailer around our villages and pubs for our annual carolling. We will have musical accompaniment and singers. A warm welcome at every stop, this has become a firm favourite in the parish. Please bring a torch and warm clothes and join in at any stop. Carol sheets will be provided.

6.30pm meet at Elmdon to sing, departing by trailer from outside the church.:

7.00pm call at The Pheasant

7.30pm stop at the Heydon triangle,

8.15pm gather round the tree at The Red Cow,

8.45pm, Elmdon, returning full of bonhomie and festive cheer!

All timings are approximate!

We shall be collecting for our Parish Charity of the Year: Headway. Our thanks to our village pubs for graciously hosting the carollers

If you would like to travel on the trailer, please contact Mel Chandler (838289) or the church office (837272).

Join us to celebrate

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