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The Parish Magazine for the parishes of
St Catherine and **Holy Trinity** Ventnor and **St Boniface** Bonchurch



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Morning Prayer

Tuesday at 9.30am and Thursday at 9.15am at Holy Trinity
Wednesday at 9.30am at St Catherine's
Friday at 9.00am St Boniface Parish Church

Midweek Services

St Catherine's - Wednesday - 10.30am Holy Communion
Holy Trinity - Thursday - 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday Services

Please see inside Link for details of Sunday Services

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Dear Friends,

I write this the morning after 5 members of our churches were confirmed in Portsmouth Cathedral. This was a very joyful occasion, followed by a welcome at St Catherine's at the United Service. Although we live in an increasingly secular country, we should be grateful that we have the freedom to declare our faith in Christ and meet as churches. Many people throughout the world do not enjoy this freedom. From China to the Middle East, from Pakistan to Russia, Christians find themselves restricted, harassed and downright persecuted for claiming the name of Christ.

This is upsetting, but, in a way, not surprising, if you look at the story of the first Christmas which we are looking forward to celebrating once again. The Christ Child was hardly born before he became a refugee, fleeing Herod's attempts to kill him by massacring all new born boys. When he grew up Jesus faced opposition from many, leading to eventual death on the cross.

On Jan 30th we will have a visit, at St Catherine's, from Mike Simpson, the CEO of the Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East. This is an organisation set up to support Christians in Iraq, who are some of the oldest churches in the world, yet who, following the Gulf War in 2003 have faced persecution from radical Islamist groups such as ISIS and have been driven from their land. He will show a film, 'Voices of Iraq' then lead in discussion. More information will be given out in early January. Do come and hear these voices and make up your own minds on the subject.

Before that we will have our full range of Advent/Christmas services from The Advent Carol Service at Holy Trinity on Dec 2nd, through the 'Light Up a Life' Mountbatten Hospice service on the 5th, the Carols by Candlelight on the 23rd and Christmas crib services and services of Holy Communion on Christmas night and Day. A special service this year will be held at Bonchurch Old Church at 3pm on Dec 30th.

Through all this I pray that we would learn once again the truth of the Christmas Carol and find Jesus' light in the darkness.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

A Happy Christmas to you all!

Your sincere friend and Vicar. *Hugh*

Ward House Memorial Service



On Friday November 9th Ward House Nursing Home held a simple but moving memorial service for residents who had passed away during the year. Each of them had known love and friendship at the home and each had passed away with dignity and very rarely alone. As each name was read out a poppy was placed on the memorial either by a relative or Gill, Hannah or me. There were also

relatives of past residents, who are still considered part of the Ward House Family. It was an opportunity for them to reflect on their loved ones.

As ever a delicious tea was served, accompanied by Roger Holmes on the piano, and there was laughter to follow the tears.

Sally

The Tomb of the KNOWN Warriors.

At the Remembrance Day Service at St Catherine's Church on November 11th, it was good to see a replica of the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior, very skilfully made, at the entrance to the church.

But how good it was to know that here in Ventnor every one of our 112 was a "Known Warrior", and had had his name celebrated in one of the services held at the War Memorial in Ventnor Park over the last four years.

Knowing their names, their background, where they lived, how they earned their living, what relatives they left, and how they died, made these men into "Real People" in our minds, who once trod the same streets of Ventnor that we tread today.

So, a very big THANK YOU to the team at Ventnor British Legion and to all who supported their magnificent endeavours to celebrate each man's life on the 100th anniversary of the month of his death. It was an act unique on our Island and possibly, anywhere else.



We DID remember them! *Gill*

Articles for the **February LINK** should be received by **January 11th** please. You can hand it in at the Hub or email it to Joan Garlick at ventnorcofe@hotmail.co.uk
Hand written reports/articles are accepted if you **do not** have access to a computer.

THE CHERUB

Christmas is a lovely time, when Jesus Christ was born
Old Herod in his jealous rage regarded it with scorn.
That small city in the desert is holy ground indeed,
And the tiny, holy manger where animals would feed.

Bethlehem the golden, the golden built of love,
The golden was of Jesus from his heavenly home above,
How dusty was the desert as they crossed it hopefully
To register their names by law, as required to be.

Almost time for hosts of Angels and Cherubs born of love
To welcome Baby Jesus from his Heavenly home above.
Nativity, Nativity, there was wonder in the air,
That feeling of great glory and joy was everywhere



Time came at last for Jesus to arrive,
With singing of the Angels, and trumpets all alive.
Innocence and Holiness, purity, great love,
All these things He brought with Him from realms of Heaven above

One stable and one manger, in bare and humble grace
To utilise just as they wished in a poor, yet Heavenly place.
Love flowed so much that holy night in glorious ecstasy,
Every year at Christmas time we feel it...you and me.

We enact that glory every year, we remember glorious joy,
How Mary and her Joseph so loved their Baby Boy.
Yes, Christ-mass day, His birthday Jesus is His name.
He reigns for ever in our hearts, always and the same.

.....Ted.



LOVE AT CHRISTMAS

I am sure that many people experience a tingle of excitement as the Christmas season comes along. A tingle for different reasons.

For some : What will I get for Christmas? For others: what can I give for Christmas? Or in some cases, who will I see - if anybody at all - this Christmas? Yes, that last one is a bit of a stinker isn't it?

You would think it would not apply in this enlightened, modern world but the fact is, it does.....think about it!

Often it is because of lack of thought, Or perhaps plain ignorance of a situation. A personal visit of perhaps ten minutes could bring such a lot of pleasure to a lonely person.

I am very lucky, in fact I consider myself greatly blessed with my loving family always at hand I feel safe also by knowing that my friends and neighbours care too. But that's enough about me, let's get back to the point;

Time, Everyone is so busy at this time of year. Time means everything. That old clock keeps ticking ever onward. "Watch out! Don't run out of time." Correction: time is not everything.... LOVE IS.

Do you remember the old 'Just William' books, By Richmal Crompton, when Violet Elizabeth would constantly sing: "love is all, love is all, love is all, love is all."... and William would say: "Oh shut up, Violet Elizabeth! "and she would say: "No, I will not shut up." (that is not a misprint, she had a lisp you see) And she did not shut up right through all the books. Love is all, love is all.... ad infinitum, - or so it seemed.

Violet Elizabeth was a very small child, aged six, but she could certainly talk and she would put William in his place when necessary even though she lisped.

She would say: "If you don't like me, William, I will thcwem and thcwem and thcwem until I am thick." I always understood every word she said and will happily translate on request.

A Happy Christmas, to you all, with love from Ted. XX



BONCHURCH EVENTS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday December 4th Coffee Morning 10 - NOON

Sunday December 9th Orpheus Singers Nine lessons and carols followed by tea and cake

22nd December - 6pm Carols at the Pond -
Bonchurch with the Shanklin Brass Band.

Christmas Eve December 24th Crib Service 4 pm



NEWCHURCH MALE VOICE CHOIR RECRUITING NEW SINGERS

The choir is looking for new members. Men of any age who like to sing. Do you sing in the car? Do you sing in the shower? Do you hum a tune to yourself all day? Maybe you used to sing in a choir years ago?

We invite you to come along to one of our practice nights to see us. We sing all kinds of music; we sing because we enjoy singing, we sing to raise money for charities.

We organise social events to include our families.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO AUDITION YOU DO NOT HAVE TO READ MUSIC (You do not need to live in Newchurch!)

Although anyone can come along to our practices on **Friday nights**, a special welcome will be extended to all prospective new members in **January 2019 on 4th, 11th, 18th or 25th.**

We meet at the Parish Hall in Newchurch High Street (Post Office) at **7.25pm on Fridays**. (Plenty of free parking opposite, next to school).

For more information please go to **www.newchurchmvc.co.uk** or telephone the **Secretary** on **01983 402327**

Smalls For All



Is a Scottish charity which collects and distributes underwear to women and children in African villages. Wearing a bra is a sign of wealth, status and power and can improve hygiene and prevent rape! If bras are too tatty the charity recycle the material and metal, raising money to buy new knickers for young girls - as some only have one pair or none at all. So let us have your old bras and we will send them on to the charity.

Bras can be donated in the Hub or at the back of church where there will be a collection box.

www.smallsforall.org

Trinity Folk



Trinity Church Hall

7.30pm - 10pm

18th January

Licenced Bar.
Refreshments



The last collection of donated food and other items, before Christmas, from St Catherine's Church will be on the **11th December**.



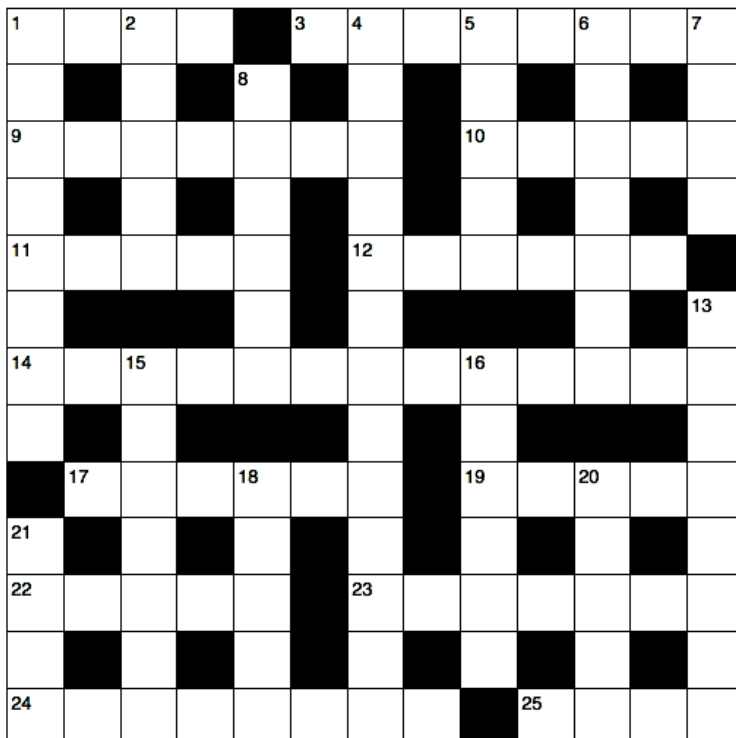
The foodbank works using a voucher referral system.

We know that anyone can find themselves at crisis point for a number of different reasons. In order to provide the most appropriate help for the circumstances of your situation we work with local agencies. If they feel you are struggling to put food on the table, they will issue you with a foodbank voucher.

The local agency can also provide long term support if needed to help address some of the issues behind the reasons for your crisis. Our foodbank works with a number of different agencies, such as Citizens Advice, children's centres and health visitors.

To find out more about the agencies that hold our vouchers and how you can get help, please contact us.

www.isleofwight.foodbank.org.uk



Across

- 1 'How long will you — your face from me?' (Psalm 13:1) (4)
- 3 'Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the — he bore' (Hebrews 13:13) (8)
- 9 Posh sin (anag.) (Romans 8:15) (7)
- 10 Solemn pledges (Matthew 5:33) (5)
- 11 Italian term for full orchestra (5)
- 12 'For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not — the cry of the afflicted' (Psalm 9:12) (6)
- 14 Prescience (1 Peter 1:2) (13)
- 17 Where a Hindu holy man lives (6)
- 19 'If he found any... who belonged to the Way, whether — — women, he might take them as prisoners' (Acts 9:3) (3,2)
- 22 Fragrance (2 Corinthians 2:15) (5)
- 23 Vine hen (anag.) (Jonah 1:2) (7)
- 24 Precious stone decorating the twelfth foundation of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (8)
- 25 'Will you keep to the old path that evil men have — ?' (Job 22:15) (4)

Down

- 1 'Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with — — ' (Numbers 20:11) (3,5)
- 2 'You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, " — — murder"' (Matthew 5:21) (2,3)
- 4 One of Paul's many hardships endured as a servant of God (2 Corinthians 6:5) (13)
- 5 'We ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, — inwardly' (Romans 8:23) (5)
- 6 Changed (Daniel 6:8) (7)
- 7 'My yoke is — and my burden is light' (Matthew 11:30) (4)
- 8 Recoil (Revelation 12:11) (6)
- 13 'O Lord, you have — me and you know me' (Psalm 139:1) (8)
- 15 ' — to me the joy of your salvation' (Psalm 51:12) (7)
- 16 Express sorrow (Isaiah 16:7) (6)
- 18 'Then he said to Thomas, " — out your hand and put it into my side"' (John 20:27) (5)
- 20 'God has said, " — will I leave you; — will I forsake you"' (Hebrews 13:5) (5)
- 21 Son of Onam and brother of Shammai (1 Chronicles 2:28) (4)

Carisbrooke Priory

Open Door Meeting every Thursday at 12 Noon

Open Door Speakers for December 2018

6 th December	Dennis Lloyd (Communion)
13 th December	Bob White
20 th December	Christmas Prayers
27 th December	Prayers for the New Year

A light lunch will be served after the services on 6th and 13th December

Activities @ The Priory

Poetry Past & Present with Anne Linington

Friday 7th December – 10.30 a.m.

Music and Melodies with June Cox taking a break until the New Year

Crochet Café Every Friday from 11.00 a.m. until 1.00 p.m.

QUIET DAY Monday 3rd December 2018

NEW BEGINNINGS 10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

Tea and Coffee provided. Please bring a packed lunch

To book, please contact Maxine on 01983 523354

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

with the Band and Songsters of the Salvation Army

Thursday 20th December 2018 7.00 p.m.

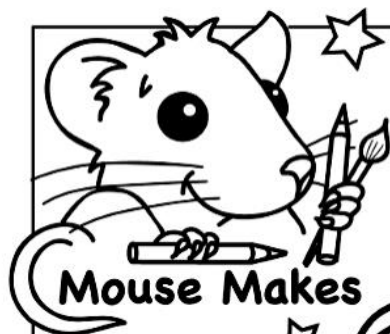
Refreshments in the Tea Room to follow

**Free entry – retiring collection to be divided between
Carisbrooke Priory and the Salvation Army**

Phone: 01983 523354

Email: opendoor@carisbrookepriory.org.uk

Website: www.carisbrookepriory.org.uk



Mouse Makes

**HAPPY
CHRISTMAS!**

Read the Christmas
story in Luke 1:1 - 2:21

When Mary gave birth to Jesus she wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger. There were shepherds in a field nearby looking after their sheep. An angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were terrified. The angel said, *"Do not be afraid! Listen carefully, I bring you good news! Today your Saviour has been born, He is Christ the Lord."*

Then an army of angels appeared praising God. When the angels left the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem, found Joseph and Mary and saw the baby lying in a manger.



Advent Events

2nd December 6.30pm
Advent Carols at
Holy Trinity



9th December - 3pm
Service of nine lessons and
carols - St Boniface Church
Refreshments after service



14th December - 7pm
Undercliff Singers &
Shanklin Brass Band
St Catherine's Church

22nd December - 6pm
Carols round the Pond
at Bonchurch +
Shanklin Brass Band



23rd December - 6pm
Carols by Candlelight
St Catherine's Church

30th December - 3pm
Carols and Readings
Bonchurch Old Church



POINTS to PONDER

GOD has the POWER

GOD has the PLANS

We have His PROMISES

We have His PROVISIONS

So what is our PROBLEM?

Perhaps we need to make

PRAYER our PRIORITY

Patsy

PRAYER TIME

Each SATURDAY afternoon between 1pm
and 2pm in the HUB, St Catherine's Church.

For more information contact Ann Allen

ACROSS: 1, Hide. 3, Disgrace. 9, Sonship. 10, Oaths. 11, Tutti. 12, Ignore. 14, Foreknowledge. 17, Ashram. 19, Men or. 22, Aroma. 23, Nineveh. 24, Amethyst. 25, Trod.
DOWN: 1, His staff. 2, Do not. 4, Imprisonments. 5, Groan. 6, Altered. 7, Easy. 8, Shrink. 13, Searched. 15, Restore. 16, Lament. 18, Reach. 20, Never. 21, Jada.

Ventnor Townswomen's Guild

December 19th. 2.15pm

Christmas Tea Party

Resident's Lounge. Knights Court, High Street, Ventnor.

Secretary - Mrs J Walters - 855892

16th January - 'Roman Dining'

Speaker - Ann Evans



Social Studies Group

**3rd December - Pre-Christmas Party
2.15pm**

Held in the Resident's lounge at Byrnhill Grove,

Park Avenue. For more information contact

Mrs Barbara Joyner - 651577

£1 per meeting including refreshments.

January 7th - Carnival Cavalcade DVD

Monday Evening 7.45pm

Contact Jenny Holder 852575



Tuesday Evening - 8.00pm

At Mick and Nava Young's St Andrews, Belgrave Road.
852680

EMMAUS GROUP - Thursdays 7pm.

The Hub. St Catherine's Church.

Contact: Nicola Pinnock on 01983 852412

VENTNOR WEATHER



Weather October

Rainfall of 37.5mm was only 41% of the average of 9.37mm.
The wettest day was the 13th with 15.6mm.

The mean temperature of 13.3C was above the average of 13.0C. The hottest day was the 13th with 24.1 C, this was also the warmest night with 16.3C. 5 days had more than 20C.

The coldest night was the 27th with only 2.7C.

Thanks to Mike Wood for our weather information for Ventnor.



Light up a Life service



at St Catherine's, Church.Ventnor.

5th December at 7pm

Loved ones will be remembered
as the candles are lit
in their memory.

**We remember with love and affection those
who have died this year, especially we pray
for their families.**

**We pray for those are on their own
during Christmas and the New Year.**

Come and
join us for:



26th JANUARY

3pm - 5pm

St Francis Academy - Upper Ventnor

"Come and share a meal with us"

Children must be accompanied by a parent/
guardian or carer.

Do please tell any families you know about this

Free event.

Don't forget to pick up your **free** copy of the
new look **@CofE**Portsmouth.

Issued quarterly.



First Thursday of the month at 9am

St Catherine's Church.

**A warm welcome to breakfast and a
friendly chat. For further information
contact Steve on 856953**

WANTED - Used Postage Stamps

**Bring your used postage stamps to the
Hub at St Catherine's Church.**

**Please leave some of the envelope around the stamp to
prevent damage to them, they will be trimmed later.**

Thank you.

God's Special Gift

For those of us about to spend Christmas with a new child or grandchild, we will know how very special the arrival of a baby is! This Christmas we celebrate again God's gift of Jesus: *'Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!'* (2 Corinthians 9:15). What can we say about this baby?

He is God Himself:

The unthinkable has happened: God has become a human being! The eternal, creator God enters the world of time and space, both fully human and fully divine. This divine baby can bring hope to our messy world, because He has fully become part of it. He doesn't stand apart, but demonstrates a commitment to be with us and on our side in the midst of sin and suffering.

He is human like us:

Jesus fully engaged with the jungle of human experience. By His cross and resurrection, He can release us from the power of wrong, hurt and shame to secure for us a life of love, peace and forgiveness. Remember, the crib and cross are made of the same wood!

He is one with us:

In the coming of Jesus, God doesn't draw us simply into a cosmic event, but into a relationship. Just as you or I can hold and hug our children and grandchildren, so we have a God who wants to be intimately involved in our lives. As Emmanuel, *'God is with us'* (Matt 1:23). Therefore, the question is: *Are we with Him? Are we ready to make space for Him at the centre of our Christmas Celebrations this year?*

'At Christmas time, when we receive presents we don't really need, God offers us a gift we cannot do without.' J John.

Worship for January

January 6th The Epiphany

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. Morning Worship, St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

6.30pm Epiphany Carol Service, Holy Trinity

January 13th The Second Sunday of Epiphany The Baptism of Christ

9.30a.m. Morning Worship, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

6.30p.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

January 20th The Third Sunday of Epiphany

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. Morning Worship, St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

January 27th The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Morning Worship, St Boniface Church

Bible Readings for January

January 6th The Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:1-12

St Matthew 2:1-12

January 13th The Second Sunday of the Epiphany The Baptism of Christ

Isaiah 43:1-7

Acts 8:14-17

St Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 20th The Third Sunday of the Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5

I Corinthians 12: 1-11

St John 2:1-11

January 27th the Fourth Sunday of the Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

I Corinthians 12: 12-31a

St Luke 4:14-21

Worship for December

December 2nd The First Sunday of Advent

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. Morning Worship, St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

6.30p.m. Advent Carol Service, Holy Trinity Church

December 9th The Second Sunday of Advent

9.30a.m. Morning Worship, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion and Baptism, St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

3.00p.m. Carol Service (Orpheus Singers) St Boniface Church

6.30p.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

December 16th The Third Sunday of Advent

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. Gift Service, St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

December 23rd The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Morning Worship, St Boniface Church

6.p.m Town Carol Service. St Catherine's Church

December 30th The First Sunday of Christmas

**UNITED SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION,
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH 11.00a.m.**

**3.00p.m. Service of Carols and Readings.
Bonchurch Old Church**



Bible Readings for December

December 2nd The First Sunday of Advent **Lectionary Year C begins**

Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:9-end
St Luke 21:25-36

December 9th The Second Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4
Philippians 1:3-11
St Luke 3:1-6

December 16th The Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-end
Philippians 4:4-7
St Luke 3:7-18

December 23rd The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a
Hebrews 10:5-10
St Luke 1:39-45

Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7
Titus 2:11-14
St Luke 2: 1-14 (15-20)

Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)
St John 1:1-14

December 30th The First Sunday of Christmas

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Colossians 3:12-17
St Luke 2:41-end



BEREAVEMENT GROUP....Can we help you?

We are aware that there are a number of people who have been bereaved and might like someone to talk to.

If this is YOU or someone you know, please contact any of the Bereavement Group from St Catherine's, Holy Trinity and St Boniface, by telephoning 01983 853729 or visit the Hub at St Catherine's any morning between 10.30 am and 12.30pm. If you'd rather leave a note, there's a box in the Coffee Shop. Anything you wish to discuss will be treated with absolute confidentiality.

Is something worrying you?

Want someone to listen to you?

Come in on Mondays - 11am - 2pm at

The Living Room - 82-83 High Street, Newport

We have trained Acorn Christian Listeners you can talk to.

PRAYER CHAIN

As you will have seen in last months Link, I have taken over being the first point of call, instead of Kizzie Baker, who has done it for some time, we are extremely grateful to her.

Many of you especially newcomers to the Church may not know about **THE PRAYER CHAIN** which has been going for a very long time.

It is made up with a prayerful group of people who pass on confidential prayers one to another.

If anyone has a confidential or urgent prayer for themselves or other people, whether members of the Church or not, then they can ring me on 01983 731142 or email me on e.a.radcliffe@hotmail.co.uk

Ann Radcliffe

December 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

4.00p.m. Crib Service, St Catherine's Church

4.00p.m. Crib Service, St Boniface Church



11.30p.m. Midnight Mass, Holy Trinity Church

11.30p.m. Midnight Communion, St Boniface Church



December 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

10.30a.m. Family Communion, St Catherine's Church

10.30a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church



December 30th

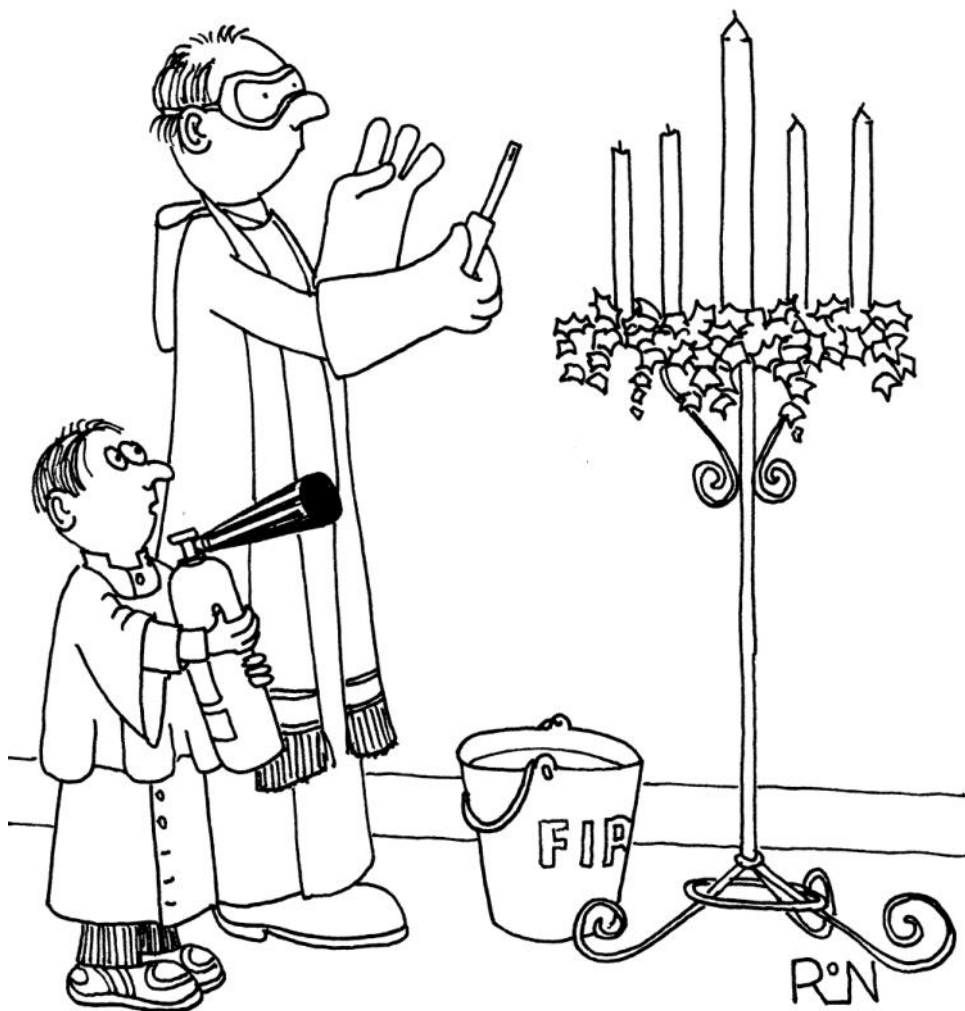
The First Sunday of Christmas

**11.00a.m. JOINT SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
at HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

**3.00p.m. Service of Carols and Readings.
Bonchurch Old Church**

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*After the first candle fiasco, Brian
took no chances*