

St Chad's Church Tushingham

December & January Newsletter

Services for December 2018.

Sunday 2 nd December	5.00 pm	Christingle Service
Sunday 9 th December	9.00 am	Holy Communion BCP
Sunday 16 th December	11.00am	Service of the Word
Sunday 23 rd December	4.00 pm	Carol Service
Christmas Day	9.00 am	Family Christmas Communion & Crib Service
Sunday 30 th December	11.00 am	United Service Holy Communion CW

Services for January 2019

Sunday 6 th January	7.00 pm	Worship
Sunday 13 th January	9.00 am	Holy Communion CW
Sunday 20 th January	9.00 am	Holy Communion CW
Sunday 27 th January	11.00 am	H.C. Family Service

Sidespersons Rota

Reader

2 nd Dec.	Mr H. Probin	Miss J. Peake
9 th Dec.	Mrs R. Clare	Mr P. Moore Dutton
16 th Dec.	Mr A. Dawson	Mrs L. Mountford
23 rd Dec.	Mr P. Moore Dutton	Carol Service
25 th Dec.	Mr A. Dawson	Mr H. Probin
30 th Dec.	Mr M. Voisey	Miss J. Peake

Flower Rota

23 rd Dec.	Christmas	Mrs C. Geall
6 th January	Epiphany	Mrs C. Snaith
20 th January		Mrs S. Prince

Brass Rota

December	Mr J. Probin
January	Mrs J. Ackerley

Coffee Hostesses

16 th Dec.	Mrs D. Nichols and Mrs J. Ackerley
25 th Dec.	Mrs L. Mountford and Miss J. Peake
30 th Dec.	Mrs V. Moore Dutton, Mrs D. Nichols
27 th Jan.	Mrs L. Mountford and Mrs J. Ackerley

Remembering Heather...

Heather was a leader but not the sort of leader perhaps many of us are used to. She led others by her gentle nature and epitomised the hymn she loved so much 'love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down'.

Revd Paul Winchester said all we need to say about this friend of ours... 'far more than what she did, I was most grateful for what she was...'

We cherish her memory and all that she was to so many of us until we see her again...

Revd Veronica. x

St. Chad's Christmas Market 2018

What a day we had...

Thanks to a committed team of helpers and the support of our school and community our second Christmas Market here at St. Chad's proved to be a wonderful gathering... Father Christmas arrived just after 11 O'clock and with the help of his two willing and able elves spoke to many of the younger children who had come to see him.

Our school children lead us in a time of Carol Singing, which touched the hearts of many of us there... And we feasted on food fit for the royal family with the delight of freshly cooked food; an amazing array of home baked cakes and minced pies galore...

The local craft stalls added that something special to the whole event once again. Plans are already in the pipeline for next year – so get the date in your diaries – you wouldn't want to miss out believe me...

Revd Veronica. X

Louise wishes to thank all her helpers, who worked so tirelessly to set everything up, make the day such a success. Over £1600 was raised for Church funds, which is a wonderful result.

Vicar's Letter...

I've always loved Christmas!

As a Farmer's daughter I remember Christmas Day being very much a working day.

My sister and I would have to wait until Dad had finished milking and feeding the animals before we rushed down stairs to see if Father Christmas had been!

The anticipation in those moments of waiting, fueling so much excitement in us, we were ready to 'pop' by the time Mum shouted 'Come on girls'....I leave the rest to your imagination....

'Christmas is a time for children' I hear people say – but is that the case..?

Do you know what happens when a new star is born?

Like people stars are born, they grow old and they die. Their birth-places are huge cold clouds of gas and dust, known as 'nebulas'. The most famous of these is the Orion nebula, which is just visible with the unaided eye.

These clouds start to shrink under their own gravity. As the cloud gets smaller, it breaks into clumps. Each clump eventually becomes so hot and dense that nuclear reactions begin. When the temperature reaches 10 million degrees Celsius, the clump becomes a new star.

In the story of the first Christmas we here about a star, a new star that appeared in the Winter sky. A nuclear reaction enabled intense light and heat to form in a cold, dusty, empty place...hmmm?

In the story of the first Christmas a very busy community missed a life changing moment as they scurried from one thing to another in the frenzy of daily activities...hmmm?

In the story of the first Christmas it was a bunch of ordinary men, who worked the land, that heard and witnessed the birth of something and someone who would impact the entire world over the course of time...not a 'religious' person in sight...hmmm?

Reflecting on it all...I realise it wasn't the presents under the tree that gave my sister and I the excitement to end all excitements. It was the waiting itself and the anticipation of something wonderful about to take place that day within our family home...Christmas without the Star and it's Story soon fades...but the hope, light, unexpectedness, guidance and unconditional love gifted to us all by the arrival of Jesus never ceases.

Wise men, women and children still seek him... so, whoever you are, wherever you are 'Come', # Follow the Star and be a part of the journey...

Yours, Veronica

Tushingham Armistice

On Remembrance Sunday, the residents of Tushingham, Macefen and Bradley Parish joined forces with Tushingham with Grindley primary school at a remembrance service with a difference. As part of the national Battle's Over tribute to mark the centenary of Armistice Day, 200 people gathered in the shippen at Yew Tree farm to remember the 18 members of the parish who died in the Great War and watch the Tushingham beacon being lit. The focus of the service was the formation of a magnificent array of 18 ceramic poppies, made by local artist Sara Wood, that were presented by Year 5 pupils of the school following their recital of a few lines on each of the fallen. The last post was sounded by local bugler Matt Willcox and the towering bonfire, built by special needs students from Derwen College, on the local high point of Wycherley's Bank was lit on the dot of 7 pm along with thousands of others across the country. With a military piper and Farndon brass band in accompaniment it was an extremely powerful service.

From the Registers

Thursday 1st November Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Heather Probin.

Sunday 25th November Holy Baptism Martha Oates. We welcome Martha to the Lord's Family.

Dates for your Diary

<u>Sunday 2nd December</u>	Christingle Service 5.00pm
<u>Sunday 23rd December</u>	Carol Service at 4.00 pm
<u>Sunday 25th December</u>	Family Christmas Communion 9.00 am
<u>Wednesday 23rd Jan 2019</u>	PCC Meeting at the Vicarage 3.00 pm

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