

**The Vicar's Letter**

Dear Friends

Happy New Year! The first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and of the third millennium is over. (Yes I know that really this century began on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2001, not 2000, so that in fact we have another year to go, but that's not how it feels – we have had a decade of years called 'two thousand and something'.) For all except those with youth on their side, it feels astonishing that this new era should already be ten years old. Just as when birthdays or anniversaries or Christmas come around once again, or when we meet a friend after a long interval, we tend to say things such as "I don't believe it's been ten years." We are all familiar too with how time seems to speed up or slow down depending on circumstances – a fortnight's happy holiday flashes by, but two days with toothache last for ever. And each additional year of our life, representing an ever-smaller fraction of the whole, moves by at an accelerating rate. We are constantly being ambushed by time, expressing our surprise at its flow.

C. S. Lewis thought that our endless bewilderment about time suggests that it is not our natural element. A fish is not disconcerted by the ocean – it is where it belongs and feels at home. If we find time un-homelike and awkward, perhaps we are created for a life outside time, in other words for eternity, the dwelling of God. This is both a cheering and disturbing thought. Our lives are destined to find their fulfilment beyond all that we know and experience, and therefore we need not panic if we do not yet enjoy perfect contentment – we are not supposed to, nor could we ever expect to do so while subject to time's whims. We can feel contentment simply in this: the knowledge that all *shall* be well. We do not need to fret too much over imperfection of things as we find them now.

But this source of consolation has its dangers. If we believe we are journeying towards an eternal home, we might be tempted to ignore or despise things that seem merely temporary, time-bound. Certainly Christians have succumbed to this error often enough, being "so heavenly-minded that they are no earthly use." I suspect the temptation of our own age is the other way, to focus on details to the exclusion of the big heavenly picture. But in either case, the corrective is found in the feast we have just celebrated, that of the incarnation, the birth of Christ. In the Nativity, God reaches down from eternity to touch the local, historical and very specific scene of the manger in Bethlehem, and in so doing begins the work of hauling heavenwards all the weight and clouded life on earth. Now, as the celebrations are over and a new year begins, it is a good time to reflect that this one act two millennia ago in Palestine, far from reducing all that goes on under the sun to meaningless, endows all our lives, here and now, with inconceivable honour and value and gives worth to our actions. God has chosen to dwell with us in this and all times, so that we may dwell with him in timelessness. With this faith, we can face 2010 or any time knowing that the last word belongs to God. Again, a very happy New Year.

With love,

David

### This month's cover

Epiphany, traditionally observed on 6 January, is the Christian feast celebrating the realisation of the divine nature of Jesus to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi. Eric Gill (1882-1940) is regarded as one of the greatest craftsmen of the twentieth century and his work depicts many scenes from the life of Christ. His conversion to Catholicism influenced his sculpture and writings, and this 1917 woodcut is taken from *Eric Gill: the engravings*, and is reproduced by kind permission of publishers The Herbert Press.

### Rome's offer to disaffected Anglicans

Last October, his Holiness Pope Benedict offered a haven to traditional Anglicans who object to the ordination of women, and to gay clergy. Anglicans who wish to transfer would have their own Ordinariate: they would be in the care of an "Ordinary" – an ex-Anglican priest or, and only if celibate, an ex-Anglican bishop.

That resembles the situation of the 8,000 members of the Anglican "Forward in Faith" movement who object to the ordination of women; General Synod made special arrangements for them. They are cared for by "Episcopal Visitors" and, in effect, are a church within the Church. There is a similar situation in America, where disaffected Episcopalians can be in the care of the Bishop of the Southern Cone, rather than that of their diocesan bishop.

We must accept that the Pope's offer was made in good faith. Sadly, it was made in such a way as to look more like poaching than reconciliation; and has been criticized both by Anglicans and Roman Catholic writers. There are two problems. Rome did not discuss the offer with the Archbishop of Canterbury beforehand; and crucial Latin Roman Catholic texts were re-translated to give them subtly different meanings. Thus one originally talked of catholic – and universal - unity; whereas the new version implies that Roman Catholicism is the only valid Christian church.

That is sad for, forty years ago, there was serious dialogue between Rome and Anglicans, and talk of reconciliation. Many hoped for shared communion – as all who are communicants in their own churches are welcome to receive in our parish church. It was a pleasure to know of eighteen Roman and Anglican scholars meeting annually to discuss – and agree - issues like the nature of Orders and the Eucharist. They were known as the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC). ARCIC reported helpful discussions but they began to fall apart when the Anglican Church ordained women, and the American Anglican Church consecrated the openly gay Gene Robinson as bishop of New Hampshire. We hope the talks will pick up again soon.

The Pope's offer came at a bad time. He had failed to discuss it beforehand with the Archbishop of Canterbury and, a month later, we all heard the revelations from Dublin. Apparently four archbishops ignored serious

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violence against children in care; and they covered up sexual assaults by priests. The violence was caused by those, known (it seems now inappropriately) as “Christian Brothers” and “Sisters of Mercy”. The assaults by priests were investigated by an Irish Judge (Ms Justice Yvonne Murphy) who looked at assaults on 320 children (mainly boys) and 46 suspect priests. One admitted assaulting 100 children and one had committed suicide.

The present Archbishop, Diarmuid Martin, is innocent of all of this but has expressed his shame and some have called for the resignation of the Papal Nuncio over the Vatican’s failure to respond, and to the Nuncio’s own refusal to give relevant documents to the Judge. The Garda – the Irish police – colluded with the Archbishops and apparently regarded Roman Catholic prelates as above the law of the land.

I am an Anglican priest and happiest with catholic practice. I like robes and holy smoke but, unlike some friends, want women priests. Some friends are evangelical and object to women in the ministry. It seems that the two very different groups of Christians share difficulties. One is their disapproval of women in ordained ministry; the other is their dislike of homosexuals. Now I am a heterosexual who has no difficulty with gays and lesbians. But we shall have to discuss that some other time.

Both very Anglo-catholics and Evangelicals claim to base their beliefs on the Bible. The Anglo-catholics say that the ministry today is continuous with that of the apostles – and we should agree. They go on to say that Jesus appointed 12 men as his apostles. Well,

yes. The Jewish social structures of his day were such that women largely stayed at home to look after families and having the same role as the Twelve would have been impossible. The social structures were not the same in the Gentile world of St Paul’s ministry, and are not the same now.

Suppose they were. Jesus chose 12 men and therefore, allegedly, all clergy must be male. But Jesus chose 12 Jews. To be consistent we should have to rule out virtually all Christian clergy, including the Pope, because they are gentile. The evangelical argument is different. It relies on a few verses in St Paul’s teaching that a wife’s head – boss – is her husband. St Paul’s hierarchy arises from the fact that, in his day, Jewish women were the property of their husbands.

We take the Bible seriously. In Romans 16, Paul greets ministers of whom a third are women. The first is Phoebe, a deacon. The Roman Catholic Jerusalem Bible says she was a deaconess – and, therefore, could be the wife of a deacon. But the Greek text says that she herself was a deacon. The translators have tried to fudge the issue.

The text also describes her as a **pro-statis**. That ought to mean she led from the front, and thus looked after her church in Paul’s absence. Had she been a man that is what the translation would have said. In her case, some translations say she was a benefactor, or helper: making the tea, doubtless. Then Paul sends greetings to Junia, whom he names as an apostle; but many translations simply change the name to a man’s. Let’s not be a party to that. Apparently the biblical evidence is

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opposed both to very Anglo-catholic, and Evangelical, interpretations.

I am sure that most Roman Catholics experience their clergy as helpful rather than abusive and that all Christians do their best to be faithful to the Scriptures. The Pope and Archbishop Rowan had a frank but positive discussion of these issues at the end of November and we all want to overcome our differences and move to full communion.

*Fr Jeremy Craddock*

### **Mothers' Union**

At the December meeting the committee entertained members of other branches in the deanery. We used the theme of 'The Advent Calendar' this year and we used a selection of readings and poems illustrating the pictures in an Advent calendar. Our carol singing was accompanied by Ken Diffey on the new keyboard. At our next meeting in January we will hold our AGM followed by a talk by Stella Howard about the Women's World Day of Prayer.

*Jean Morgan*

### **Wives' Group**

If it's the second Tuesday of the month, it must be Wives Group. And if it's December, it must be the Christmas party, which marks the start of the celebrations for many of us.

Throughout the year we have been raising funds for our charity of the year, the East Anglian Air Ambulance and we were delighted to welcome back Barbara Magee. Barbara came to talk to us earlier in the year about the work of the charity, so it was a pleasure to be able to present her with a cheque for

£350 which we know will be put to good use.

Then it was on to the serious business of enjoying ourselves. As at all good parties, we played "pass the parcel." This parcel, however, had been skilfully wrapped by Sheila Hartwell (who may have shares in Sellotape) and I suspect that it probably takes until New Year for all the Christmas presents in the Hartwell household to be divested of their wrapping... Eventually, though, Mary Fawcett emerged triumphant with a box of sweetmeats! Modesty forbids divulging who won the "things in a sock" game; we also had a few rounds of "The Parson's Cat" – the poor beast is not getting any better with the passing years...

We shared a tasty supper and then took turns choosing presents from the bran tub; as always, some lovely gifts were displayed. We finished with singing a few carols to the accompaniment of a CD, but we might just have identified a pianist for next year – you know who you are!!

The next meeting will be on 12 January 2010, when the speaker will be Davina Hogben from the Alzheimer's Society. All are welcome to join us at the Church Hall at our new starting time of 7.30pm.

*Kate Robinson*

### **Men's Social Group**

There was a change of venue for this year's Christmas dinner, switching from the familiar surroundings of Fawcett Towers to the slightly more spacious environment of Harris Hall. Even so it was still a taxing organisational problem to get all fourteen of us sitting around

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the dining table in the right places, a task which our host carried out with his usual aplomb and a piece of paper ! However we needn't have worried that the change of venue would affect the quality of the food which as usual was excellent, the puddings being very moreish. The evening wasn't entirely devoted to eating and drinking and one was impressed by the erudite conversations taking place, though there were some references to times past as one would expect when a group of senior citizens get together. Thank you Malcolm and Rita, ably assisted by Bizz, for your kind hospitality, superb culinary skills and for providing us with such a good evening.

We next meet in early January for the formidable task of taking down the Christmas tree in church and ensuring that everything gets put away safely. This will undoubtedly tax our energy levels and so we will be retiring afterwards to the Irving hostelry for a little light refreshment.

*Peter Dawe*

### **Our Charity of the Month DEPAUL UK**

Depaul UK has made a name for itself by working with the most disadvantaged young people in the UK. They specialise in working in communities where poverty and long-term unemployment have resulted in generations of social exclusion and high rates of homelessness.

Whilst their work with homeless young people continues to be a central part of what they do, they have developed new services and opened new projects that not only help individual young people

but whole communities where homelessness and anti-social behaviour are rife.

Over the last 18 years they have grown as an organisation and developed and enhanced their work and the impact that they have across the U.K.

They now have 45 varied projects based around the U.K that work with young people in the following six key areas:

- Accommodation and Resettlement
- Training and Employment
- Family Mediation
- Prison Work
- Work in the Community
- Volunteering and Mentoring

Depaul UK is a new Charity to our Church this month and we are supporting them because we feel that disadvantaged young people need just that. We are conscious how lucky our own children and grandchildren are living in loving and happy homes.

For more information on Depaul UK you can visit their website at [www.depauluk.org](http://www.depauluk.org), or phone them on 020 7939 1220

*Bizz Thackray*

### **The Carers' Concert**

In these days when Carers and what they do are of front line importance and when Crossroads says they understand, what Carers and those they care for need and feel-- then a concert to raise more money for them seems very apposite. So it was that some 450 plus people felt the same and came to hear the national readers, soloists, Anthea's youngsters and Ken's wonderful choir -

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start Christmas.

We had Charles and Judy Collingwood from the Archers set the scene with their humorous tales of Pages by the fence, then our regular fan Susie Fowler-Watt, followed by Patricia Hodge talking about Brian with his ideas of the Nativity Play which brought the house down.

Alan Titchmarsh, the adoration of many, gave his rending of the Messiah through the eyes of a Yorkshire farmer. Angela Tilby read the St. John's reading which however many times you hear it - is moving. All this wonderfully interspersed by Hannah Reed's solos, Heather Moger and her ensemble and Prime Brass.

For me the "star" of the show was Norma Majors reading-and there were shepherds abiding in the field-and Mary was delivered of a son and his name was Jesus- for amongst all the music and laughter -this came as the "still small voice of Calm" as the very essence of Christmas.

Everyone went home happy and enriched by the whole Celebration and Bizz and I were able to take an initial cheque the following week to Crossroads Care for £10,000.00.

*John and Bizz*

### **A Note from the Treasurer**

For those who have not already found them the Free Will Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the church under the letter rack. If you own envelope numbers 7 or 36 we are very grateful for your donations but I have no record of your name so would you

please contact me so I can link names to envelope numbers.

If you wish to start using the Free Will Numbered Envelope Scheme please let me know and I will provide them. Unlike the early days of the scheme (in pre-history) there is no obligation to give a set amount each week or indeed to donate each week but it is a convenient way to organise your giving. If you pay UK tax then we can reclaim that tax from HMRC at the rate of 28p in the pound so please ask me for a gift aid form if you qualify. Additionally, if you are a higher rate taxpayer you can reclaim tax against the difference between the basic rate of tax and the higher rate on your gifts.

If you wish to take all the effort out of giving (certainly for the Treasurer) then a standing order is the answer. If you contact me for the church account details I will help you to set it up. Please note that we only accept standing orders and not direct debits so you have complete control over what and when you pay and you can cancel or change the amount as you wish. Again, if you are a UK taxpayer I can provide a gift aid form to accompany your standing order so that we can make the most efficient use of your donations.



If you have any questions or wish to join either of the schemes please contact me on 457018 or at home – 49 London Road.

*Colin Thirlwall Hon Treasurer*

## IN HUNTINGDON &amp; GODMANCHESTER



## Programme for January 2010

Men's and Ladies Breakfast Meetings take place, in alternate months, at the Barley Mow, Hartford, usually on the first Saturday of the month, between 8.00 am and 9.30am for the men and 8.30 am and 10.00 am for the ladies.

For details, and to book places, please contact:

- Men: David Soldan (01480 463454)
- Ladies: Claudette Simcoe (01480 412304)

Please specify full or continental breakfast option.

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> 8.00 am Men's Breakfast, Barley Mow, Hartford.**

Speaker: Ben Wicks, Senior Pastor, Huntingdonshire Community Church.

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm Fairtrade Concert.**

Help mark the final push towards Fairtrade Town status for Huntingdon by coming to this evening of light musical entertainment

From jazz and gospel to classical old and new, with the Belladonna Quartet, Heather & Peter Moger, Ally & Sam Barrett and friends.

Tickets from The Card Gallery 01480 457873 or [jorodfisher@btinternet.com](mailto:jorodfisher@btinternet.com):

- £5 adults (including glass of Fairtrade wine)
- £1 children

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 3.00 pm Induction of Rev Kevan Taylor, Trinity Free Church.**

Invitations being sent out, r.s.v.p. by 9<sup>th</sup> Jan.

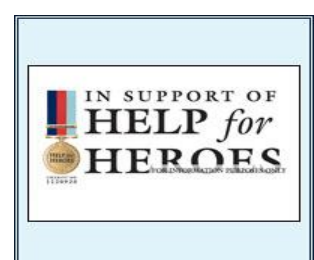
**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:45 pm daily**

**Lunchtime Prayer during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**  
Huntingdon Methodist Church

**Choral Evening**

There will be a Choral evening in St. Mary's Church on Saturday 23 January 2010 starting at 7-30pm. Appearing will be The Hemingford Ladies Choir and the Huntingdon Male Voice Choir. As the Church has pillars, inevitably some seats will have restricted views. Seating is unreserved and will be filled in order of arrival. The ticket price is £10.00 (£6 Children), and will be available from the Town Office, the Parish Church Office and at the door on the night.

**The Concert is in aid of the Mayor's Charities, The New Life Appeal at Hinchingbrooke Hospital and Help for Heroes.**





### Friends of St Mary's Godmanchester

#### Forthcoming fundraising events in January and February.

##### Beetle Drive.

Saturday 16 January. Church Hall,  
7.30pm  
Refreshments during the interval;  
Raffle  
Admission £3.00. Pay on the door.  
Contact: Gillian Bathurst-Hoile 01480  
465442

##### Film Night

Saturday 13 February Church Hall  
7.00pm  
*'Last chance Harvey'* (12A) starring  
Emma Thompson and Dustin Hoffman.  
1hr 33mins.  
Full supporting programme including a  
short film, ice creams, popcorn and  
raffle! Raffle prizes welcome.  
Tickets: £4.50, on sale from mid-  
January. See *Weekly Newsletter* for  
details  
Contacts: John Hoile 465442 and Peter  
Irving 382144

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#### World Leprosy Day 31 January

'Praise the LORD, O my soul ... who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.' Psalm 103:2-4

World Leprosy Day is celebrated around the world on the last Sunday of January (31st this year.) Its aims are to encourage people to pray for those affected by leprosy and to raise awareness about the disease.

This year for World Leprosy Day, The Leprosy Mission is focusing on leprosy in Nepal and money raised will be going to The Leprosy Mission's Anandaban hospital in Kathmandu. This is the largest leprosy hospital in the country and provides medical care and counselling. It also provides education support, housing support and small business loans through its community rehabilitation projects.

Leprosy still affects millions of people around the world – there were over 4,700 new cases diagnosed in Nepal alone in 2008.

There is a cure for leprosy, a course of drugs called multidrug therapy. However, unless the disease is treated in the very early stages, it can cause permanent nerve damage and eventually deformities and disabilities will develop. It can also cause intense social exclusion.

## Those New Year Resolutions

Some New Year Resolutions can be bad for you. Mind, the mental health charity, has warned that New Year resolutions based on our insecurities - such as being overweight, feeling unhappy, or not living up to our family's expectations – can be doomed to failure. We can end up feeling worse than when we started.

Instead, here are three New Year Resolutions which will do you good: First, get more active. Even gentle exercise releases endorphins, which will lift your mood. Second, visit somewhere green: being in the countryside also promotes well-being. Thirdly, join a group with the aim of giving, not receiving. It seems that helping out in your community or church can help you as much as it does them.

## New Fundraising Cookbook

Do you have a favourite recipe? What advice would you give to cooks who want to be more adventurous? Onions without tears - how do *you* peel them? What are your top ten tips on making pastry? During 2010, *Parish News* is introducing a regular cookery column – Favourite Recipes, particularly seasonal ones, but also shared wisdom from the kitchen. Let's hear from you!

In the meantime we draw your attention to *Loaves fishes and more*, a new cookbook produced to raise money. Surrounded by fresh fish and bread loaves, celebrity chef Kevin Woodford recently joined up with Dr Daleep Mukarji, Director of Christian Aid, to help launch a unique cookbook.

Featuring 70 delicious recipes – *Loaves, fishes and more* is a 128-page

fundraising cookbook, including recipes submitted by church leaders and members of the public, which is endorsed by Kevin Woodford. It contains a wide range of recipes from a traditional game pie to Spanish style fish stew and a delicious citrus tart.



Included within the recipes submitted by nine church leaders were the Baptist Union of Great Britain's succulent salmon with honey sauce, a wholesome 'Bara Brith' fruitcake supplied by The Presbyterian Church of Wales and The Church of England's recipe for delicious ginger biscuits, provided by The Archbishop of Canterbury.

Kevin Woodford, who has appeared on a number of TV shows including Planet Cook, Ready Steady Cook and Songs of Praise, says: *Loaves fishes and more* is a fantastic fundraising initiative and I have been delighted to lend my support during its production.

Available now from independent booksellers and high street bookshops, it is the first publication of its kind involving some of the UK's key church leaders. For every book sold a donation will be made to Christian Aid.

*Loaves, fishes and more*

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Independent Booksellers.For more information on the book,  
please visit[www.loavesfishesandmore.com](http://www.loavesfishesandmore.com)Unsure what to do with that Christmas  
book token? Here is your answer!**And finally...**January is a good time for swapping  
Christmas cracker jokes.

But humour also appears elsewhere, sometimes in the most unlikely places, and this smile line comes from the Civil Service Pensioner magazine, care of Jerry Craddock. A boss was trying to keep his staff's eye on the ball so he put up a notice on the mirror above the hand basin in the gent's loo where all would see it. It said simply "Think". When he popped in again a couple of hours later to answer a call of nature, he saw that someone had added another notice, below his and a little to the right. It said simply "Thoap"

**The Registers****Baptisms**13<sup>th</sup> December      Lewis Taylor**Funerals**

4 December          Arthur Gill

**The Lectionary**

3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Epiphany	Isaiah 60:1 – 9; Ephesians 3:1 – 12, Matthew 2:1 - 12
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Baptism of Christ	Genesis 1:1-5; — ; Mark 1:4-11
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Epiphany 2	1 Samuel 3:1-20; Revelation 5:1-10; John 1:43-end
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Epiphany 3	Acts 9:1-22; — ; Matthew 19:27-end
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Candlemass	Malachi 3:1-5; Hebrews 2:14 – end; Luke 2:22-40

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### Dates for your diary

#### JANUARY 2010

Sat	2	8.00 am	Men's Breakfast	Barley Mow, Hartford
Sun	3	<b>Epiphany</b>		
		8.00 am	Holy Communion	
		9.45 am	Sung Eucharist	
		6.30 pm	Sung Evensong	
Mon	4	Mary Jepp on leave until Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> January		
Tue	5	7.30 am	Morning Prayer	
		2.00 pm	Mothers' Union	QE School
Wed	6	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Chestnuts
		2.00 pm	Signing Group	18 Windsor Rd
		7.30 pm	House Group	37 Post St
Thu	7	7.30 am	Morning Prayer	
		9.45 am	Holy Communion	
		10.00 am	St Mary's 0s – 5s	Comrades' Club
		7.30 pm	Men's Social Group – dismantle Christmas tree	
Fri	8	7.30 pm	Choir Party	Church Hall
Sun	10	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
		9.45 am	Sung Eucharist	
		6.30 pm	Sung Evensong	
		6.45 pm	Youth Group	Church Hall
		8.00 pm	Children's Church Leaders' Meeting	Vicarage
Mon	11	10.45 am	Churches Together Clergy Meeting	59 London Rd
		1.30 pm	Stepping Stones	22 Porch Close (Tel 436737)
		8.00 pm	Communications Committee Meeting	23 Earning St
Tue	12	7.30 am	Morning Prayer	
		8.30 am	Huntingdon Deanery Chapter Communion	Church
		12.30 pm	Churches Together Lunch Club	Baptist Church Centre
		2.00 pm	Signing Group	18 Windsor Rd
		8.00 pm	Wives Group	Church Hall
Wed	13	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Oak Tree Court
		7.30 pm	House Group	37 Post St
Thu	14	7.30 am	Morning Prayer	
		9.45 am	Holy Communion	
		10.00 am	St Mary's 0s – 5s	Comrades' Club
		7.30 pm	Pastoral Team Meeting	59 London Rd
Fri	15	7.15 pm	Junior Choir Practice	Church Hall
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church Hall
Sat	16	3.00 pm	Induction of Kevan Taylor at Trinity Free Church, Huntingdon	
Sun	17	Start of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity		
		8.00 am	Holy Communion	
		9.45 am	Sung Eucharist – Preacher: Revd David Shaw	
		6.30 pm	Sung Evensong	
		6.45 pm	Youth Group	Church Hall
Mon	18	12.45 pm	Churches Together Midday Prayer	Huntingdon Methodist Church
		1.30 pm	Stepping Stones	22 Porch Close (Tel 436737)
		7.30 pm	Fabric Committee Meeting	Vestry
Tue	19	7.30 am	Morning Prayer	

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	12.30 pm	Churches Together Lunch Club	Baptist Church Centre
	12.45 pm	Churches Together Midday Prayer	Huntingdon Methodist Church
	2.00 pm	Signing Group	18 Windsor Rd
	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting	Church Hall
Wed	20	11.00 am Holy Communion	Woodley Court
	12.45 pm	Churches Together Midday Prayer	Huntingdon Methodist Church
	7.30 pm	House Group	37 Post St
Thu	21	7.30 am Morning Prayer	
	9.45 am	Holy Communion	
	10.00 am	St Mary's 0s – 5s	Comrades' Club
	12.45 pm	Churches Together Midday Prayer	Huntingdon Methodist Church
Fri	22	12.45 pm Churches Together Midday Prayer	Huntingdon Methodist Church
	7.15 pm	Junior Choir Practice	Church Hall
	7.15 pm	Junior Choir Practice	Church Hall
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church Hall
Sat	23	7.30 pm Mayor's Concert	Church
Sun	24	8.00 am Holy Communion	
	11.00 am	Parish Praise	St Anne's School
	4.00 pm	Ecumenical Service (GBC)	Rectory Gardens
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)	
	6.45 pm	Youth Group	Church Hall
Mon	25	1.30 pm Stepping Stones	22 Porch Close (Tel 436737)
Tue	26	7.30 am Morning Prayer	
	12.30 pm	Churches Together Lunch Club	Baptist Church Centre
	2.00 pm	Signing Group	18 Windsor Rd
Wed	27	9.45 am Holy Communion	McCartney House
	7.30 pm	House Group	37 Post St
Thu	28	7.30 am Morning Prayer	
	9.45 am	Holy Communion	
	10.00 am	St Mary's 0s – 5s	Comrades' Club
Fri	29	7.30 pm Full Choir Practice and AGM	Church Hall
Sun	31	8.00 am Holy Communion	
	9.45 am	Sung Eucharist	
	6.30 pm	Sung Evensong	
	6.45 pm	Youth Group	Church Hall



**The Editorial Committee Meeting** for the January magazine will be held on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2010**. Would you please ensure that material is with one of the following by that date and if possible not later than **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January**. **Peter Irving** (Editor) 26 Post Street ([peter.irving2@ntlworld.com](mailto:peter.irving2@ntlworld.com)); **Victoria Richardson** ([DIRandVMR@aol.com](mailto:DIRandVMR@aol.com)) **Claire Hurd** ([esmeuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:esmeuk@yahoo.co.uk)) or **David Morgan** ([morgan\\_01339@msn.com](mailto:morgan_01339@msn.com))