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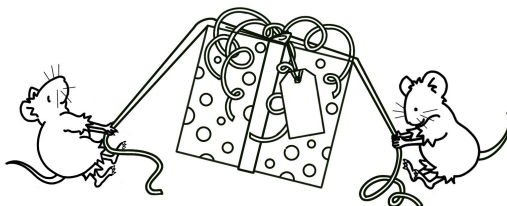
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A Great and Mighty Wonder

In my day job at King's College London we have been preparing an online Advent Calendar, which will share a work of visual art every day from 1st December until Christmas Eve, culminating in a meditation on the Adoration of the Shepherds written by Neil MacGregor. You will be able to visit it at www.TheVCS.org from 1st December. Please do! I hope it will be an enriching accompaniment to your preparations for Christmas.

Making this Advent web-resource been an exciting process, but also a revealing one, because of the way that Advent divides opinions between those whose run up to Christmas is nearly as jolly as Christmas itself (sometimes more!) and those who like the traditional idea of it as a time of serious reflection on what needs putting right in the world. That's perhaps especially true this year, when everyone is feeling bruised and disorientated as a consequence of a cruel new global disease and the range of cruel effects that it has had on us all—some of them do to with our physical health, and many to do with our social, psychological, and spiritual health.

One of my colleagues at the Visual Commentary on Scripture argued that we needed to avoid works of art that address themes of mortality, darkness, and judgement (all traditional Advent themes). This person's point was that we have had enough of such things this year. 'We need something to give us a break. We need some sort of hope,' said my colleague, proposing instead images of cheerfulness and comfort.

But as we talked about it more, it became clearer that death is one of the things that the Christian tradition can offer some hope *about*. We became convinced that we shouldn't so much avoid it as offer something that speaks about and to the experience of mortality. *Strictly Come Dancing* (and other shows like it) can do a wonderful job of giving us a break from our anxieties and burdens, but the long-matured wisdom of Christianity can help us to *face* them.

We all benefit from talking about our limits and our needs. Avoiding them does us no good. Advent talks honestly about both darkness and light, and it gets us to believe that we do not need to cast a veil over the darker parts of our experience. It is in the darker parts of our experience that God will meet us, bearing the light of hope.

Those we commemorated on Remembrance Sunday back in November 'gave their todays' in exchange 'for our tomorrows'. Advent, in turn,

encourages us not to cling to *our* ‘todays’ at the expense of *other people’s* ‘tomorrows’. This is because (Advent tells us) our ‘todays’ are not all we have. There is a ‘life immortal’ stronger than death and sometimes discovered only when we are prepared to loosen our grip on what we most care about now in exchange for what will endure eternally.

And judgement—that other prominent Advent theme? It sounds forbidding. But a scholar of medieval Christianity I know once said to me as we looked at a medieval wall painting of the Last Judgement: ‘when poor and oppressed people looked at images like this in the Middle Ages, don’t assume they were scared out of their wits; they saw in these pictures that God would put things right—that their crooked and grasping landlords or their cruel taskmasters were also, like them, answerable to a God of genuine and enduring justice’. The prospect of a final reckoning in which goodness triumphs over evil is also a reason for hope. Just as no darkness is so great that it will never be lifted, so no wrong is so great that it cannot be put right. We are all destined to find ourselves in God’s pure and purifying light.

This is the light that came amongst us in the form of a little child. A little child, but a ‘great and mighty wonder’, a Prince of Peace.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

Ben Quash



New Life subscriptions are now due—£5 for the year

We have usually started the year and collected subscriptions in September but this year the Church Wardens decided we should give everyone additional months to make up for the occasions when there were no ‘paper’ copies on the magazine. So the year will now start in January! Your New Life distributor will begin collecting the subscription in January and February 2021. Thank you to everyone who subscribes – and don’t forget the magazine needs you to contribute something: a story? something about times past in the villages? A poem? A recipe? An account of a journey? A new skill you have acquired during lockdown? Send your contribution to the editor for the next edition.



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We are sorry to announce the deaths of:

Mick Parker, aged 85 (d. 31/10/20). He and his wife Margaret were married in Fen Ditton church 65 years ago.

Also Brenda Jackson, of the Old Bakery, Fen Ditton.

Our thoughts are with their family and friends.

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Horningsea Advent Windows

The Church of England theme for this Christmas is “Comfort and Joy”. Horningsea PCC have decided to add a bit of “Joy” to the village by arranging an Advent Windows trail. From 1 December 23 houses will be displaying a picture or display in their window with a Christmas theme. There will be a new display “opened” every day during Advent. You are encouraged to walk around the village and see if you spot them all so far. The “window” for 24 December will be in the Church porch.

FEN DITTON 200 CLUB

The lucky winners for **Dec** were: The lucky winners for **Jan** were:

£50 Jill Waters (81)

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£10 Wendy Irvin Braben (122)

£10 Rose Green (132)

£10 Finley Ambrose (57)

£10 Sarah Beeson (91)

£10 Neil Offley (25)

Horningsea Candlelit Carol Service Sunday 13 December at 6pm

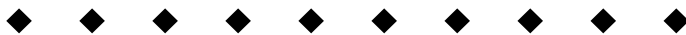
As this edition of New Life goes to press we have no idea what the Covid rules will be on 13 December but Horningsea PCC has decided we cannot let the virus get in the way of the annual Horningsea Candlelit Carol Service! We are planning a service that may involve some people being in the Church and others on line—probably by Zoom. If we cannot have anyone in the church, the whole service can be on Zoom. We assume that the congregation will not be allowed to sing – so we will have a small choir singing well known carols and a couple of less well known ones, we will have village children singing some well known carols and playing Christmas music, we will have some of the usual readings and some poems. We hope that the congregations of Fen Ditton and Teversham will also be able to join in the service.

The details of how to sign in will have to be advertised nearer the time – in the Horningsea Herald, on the village Facebook sites and in the Church weekly emails.

Horningsea Parish Charities

The Trustees of Horningsea Parish Charities will meet in December to consider making grants to anyone in Horningsea parish who may be in need of support. If you or anyone you know is in need of a small grant can you please tell the Trustees. Traditionally we have given grants to the older members of the community but we have also given grants to young families who find themselves stretched over the Christmas period. This year we know there are many more people who will be worrying about their finances as self employed business may have just stopped, many people are furloughed and others have been made redundant. The Trustees are John Wilson, Michael Gingell and Lindsay Davies. Email ldathorningsea@gmail.com.

The Trustees are continuing to put fruit and vegetables for everyone in the Church porch – so please help yourself!



Fen Ditton School Laptop Appeal, Can you Help?

Can you assist with pre-loved laptops? These are needed to assist children at the school to catch up with work that has fallen behind during lockdown.

Any laptop donated will be handled securely and will be professionally wiped clean ahead of use by the school.

Please deliver any laptop, or any books you might feel appropriate, to: Fen Ditton Primary School, between 10am and 2pm during the school week. If you can not deliver at this time please contact george.devine@fenditton-pc.org.uk and collection will be arranged.



Christmas morning at St Peter's Horningsea

We are planning a family service on Christmas morning at 9.30am followed, for those who would like to stay, by Communion. We are keeping up with all the guidance and restrictions imposed for the virus, but are learning as we go along and realise that it does tend to make for a longer service, so to give flexibility if you or your small children can't stay for everything, we will have the service in two parts. We look forward to being together in Church to celebrate the Lord's birthday.

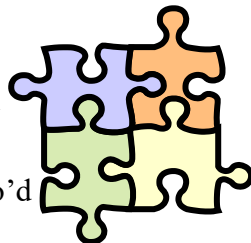
SUNDAY CLUB NEWS

We are hoping to resume in February, look out for more info.

Sunday Club: Come and join us!

What? Bible stories, craft, drama, and other fun activities!

Who? For children and any parents/carers who'd like to come



Where? Church Community Hall, Church St, Fen Ditton

When? First Sunday every month, 10—11.30am (excl. August)

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FEN DITTON GARDENING CLUB

The Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday, 20th October and this was a 'first' for the Gardening Club as it was held by Zoom. This proved very successful and 21 members were present.

At this meeting, Trevor Warnock stood down as Chairman. All members are so grateful to him for the way he has guided the Club over the past 10 years. Judy Potter has kindly agreed to be our new Chairperson.

There are now 70 members of the Club and new members can pay £7 each from any time now and membership will last until the end of September 2021.

The meeting on Tuesday, 17th November will be a Talk via Zoom given by Sarah Beeson, the subject is Costa Rica and a report on this meeting will appear in the next edition of New Life as the magazine will have gone to print before the talk has taken place.

The normal Christmas Social will not be able to take place this year but as far as the Government guidelines allow it, the Fen Ditton Gardening Club are hoping to have a socially distanced Mulled Wine and Mince Pies Christmas Event by the Village Christmas Tree on Saturday, 12th December from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Please look out for details nearer

the time to be sent by email.



One of the events most looked forward to in the gardening year is the Village Show, when pumpkins and onions, beans and carrots are on display alongside amazing craftwork and flower arrangements. Sadly, this year the Fen Ditton show, like so many village shows up and down the country, was cancelled – all except for one important part.

The Gardening Club is affiliated with the Royal Horticultural Society and each year the RHS issues, to each affiliated club, a medal which is normally awarded to the person who has won the most points for entries in the village show. The medal is called The Banksian Medal after a noted botanist of the early nineteenth century. This year, with no village show, the Banksian medal could not be awarded in the usual way; instead the RHS asked that it be awarded to someone who has been particularly outstanding in looking after the members of the community over the difficult months of the pandemic.

There have been many people in Fen Ditton who have worked hard, making and delivering cakes, running errands and generally ensuring that the more vulnerable amongst us are not forgotten. There is, however, one person who has impressed us all with her thoughtfulness, cheerfulness and organisational ability in keeping us all positive and well fed.

Thus it was that, on a late October afternoon, it was my very great pleasure to present, on behalf of the members of the Fen Ditton Gardening Club, the Banksian medal for 2020 to Laurie Woolfenden for her outstanding service to the community. Thank you, Laurie, for being there for us all.

All queries about the Gardening Club should be sent to Pamela Hutt on 01223 292493 or Judy Potter on 01223 293043.



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A story of Farm Africa and Fairtrade coffee

Last month's New Life highlighted the work of Farm Africa, a preferred charity of Horningsea church. As a coffee lover I like to buy speciality Fairtrade coffee that comes through the post from Café Direct. By coincidence, my coffee this month is from the Farm Africa-supported "Coopade" cooperative in DR Congo's Virunga National Park, Africa's oldest.

The Park is home to the world's largest diversity of birdlife, and the last refuge of the highly endangered mountain gorilla. Sadly it is rife with conflict and ongoing violence against those who live and work in the park. Cooperation between Coopade, its farmers and charities operating within the park encourages peace through the growth of speciality coffee. The Park provides some of the finest conditions in the world for growing Arabica beans of the Blue Mountain variety, originally cultivated in Jamaica.

Farm Africa supports some 7,000 smallholders to increase their income in an environmentally sustainable way by providing training to improve productivity and quality control practices. Coopade also created a Women's Section for its 1,700 female producers, allowing them to control their own production and retain their own identity.

All of this provides stability and jobs for young people as an alternative to joining the local militias.

Slow ways

You may have seen about this on television. During the Spring lockdown, 700 volunteers collaborated to draft a new national network of 7,000 Slow Ways, walking routes that connect all of Great Britain's towns and cities as well as thousands of villages. Their next challenge is to find 10,000 volunteers to walk, check and review these Slow Ways routes. They would like our help!

Besides recreational walks, Slow Ways offer an active alternative to public transport, part of Covid-19 recovery thinking, help getting closer to nature, integration with youth Awards, and bring the outdoors more into our patterns of work, education and spending time together.

Led by the Green Horningsea initiative the parishes will be looking for ways we can help. More about this in 2021. *both by Andy Clarke*

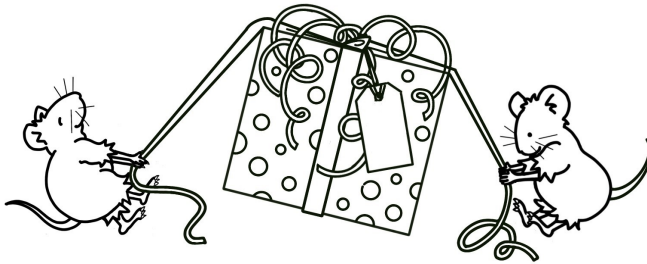
Ancient Shepherds' Book Club

Via Zoom, email carol_e_parker@yahoo.co.uk for an invite.

Wed, 2nd December, 7.30pm, 'Death Beside the Sea' by T E Kinsey

Wed, 6th January, 7.30pm, 'Girl' by Edna O'Brien

Wed, 3rd February, 7.30pm, 'A Gentleman in Moscow' by Amor Towles



Handel's Messiah in Horningsea

Eboracum Baroque (www.eboracumbaroque.co.uk) are delighted to be recording Handel's Messiah in Horningsea Church next month. We are a group of young freelance musicians which was originally founded at the University of York back in 2012, but our home is now in Cambridge and we give concerts across the whole of the UK. Christmas would usually be our busiest time of the year with many concerts. We'd be performing Handel's Messiah in Cambridge as we have done so for the past 8 years. We are using these strange times as an opportunity to record this wonderful piece and to carry on supporting the young freelance musicians involved in the ensemble. We are incredibly grateful to be recording in the beautiful setting of Horningsea Church and my thanks goes to the Church Wardens for allowing this. You can read more about the recording at our crowdfunding page which we are running to support this project, and we would be extremely grateful if you might consider giving a small donation towards our campaign. We look forward to giving a concert at Horningsea Church when it is possible! <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/handels-messiah-recording>

Thank you for your support, Chris Parsons (Artistic Director of Eboracum Baroque).

Community Outreach Fen Ditton



HELPFUL INFORMATION

For information about the new lockdown visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>



Fen Ditton Friends



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UPDATE ON FINANCIAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE

We wanted to outline the different types of support that are currently available to residents: see www.scams.gov.uk/coronavirus/help/self-isolation-payment/

- The self-isolation grants offer £500 to people who have been asked to self-isolate and who meet the Government's eligibility criteria. Grants of £500 are also available to self-isolating people who don't meet the criteria of the above grant, but who meet the criteria of our discretionary scheme.
- We are also working with Cambridgeshire County Council to help self-isolating people who do not qualify for the national schemes shown above. These are assessed on a case by case basis so please ask people to get in touch with us via your street coordinator.

Please note that all information is correct at time of going to print but details may change if there are alterations to Government guidelines



Festive Fen Ditton

Our Advent Calendar

Festival of Light

Light up Fen Ditton
Go big or small

**From Saturday
5th Dec into Jan**

*Light up your house or garden
or make your own Window
Wonderland*

Tree Light Up

Lighting up the Christmas
tree near the village sign

**Saturday 5th Dec
at 6pm**

*Why not turn on your Christmas
lights at the same time?*

Festive Figures

PRIZE for the most
creative figure

**Judged on
Saturday 12th Dec**

*Make an Angel, Penguin, Polar
Bear, Santa, Snowman, or
whatever you choose, to be
enjoyed by children of all ages*

Father Christmas...

and his Elves will be visiting
the village in his sleigh to see
the Fen Ditton lights

**Saturday 19th Dec
between 2-4 pm**

*Wave and he may
have some presents*

Worldwide Jingle

Reconnect with friends
and acquaintances

**Thursday 24th Dec
at 6pm**

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Calling all young people in Fen Ditton, Horningsea and Teversham (those at school or at college)

This magazine is read mainly by adults who attended school/college quite a number of years ago!

SO this is an invitation to **any young people** to let these, our readers, hear **your views** on

Climate chaos : Global warming

Plastic waste : Loss of Species

Please tell us your thoughts in not more than 300 words and if you can, help our readers to think about something that can be done by us to make a contribution to these important issues.

The editors will have to be careful in using space, so will shorten anything that is too long (and please do not use any inconsiderate language.)

Please send your thoughts together with your name, age and number of words to trevimeditate@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you.

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New Life is published ten times each year. Each print run is about 350 copies. The magazine is delivered to households across the three parishes. Copies are also available in pubs and other public/community spaces, so it has a wide readership. Since the start of the pandemic, we have also sought to make **New Life** available electronically. **New Life** contributes significantly to village life, and we know it is valued by those who read it.

If you run a local business or a community group and would like to advertise in the magazine during 2021, please contact Christine Doel (via newlife.advert@gmail.com).

Ely Cathedral Christmas Gift & Food Fair online

Instead of attending in person in the Cathedral, we have developed a dedicated website to browse over 200 of our most favourite festive exhibitors from the comfort of your own home.

Just as you would expect from this event there will be a tempting selection of unique Christmas gifts ranging from Home Decor, Clothes & Accessories, Handmade Arts & Crafts, Beautiful Jewellery, plus entertainment and workshops as well as plenty of seasonal goodies to satisfy all tastebuds. We are delighted this virtual event will include several familiar exhibitors to the Christmas Gift & Food Fair as well as welcome some new and exciting stallholders.

Joss Palmer, Event Manager at Ely Cathedral said, “We all agreed that we had to do our very best to replicate that Christmas Fair experience. Although we are really going to miss all the stall holders, the visitors, the reindeer and the wonderful carousel, we felt the creation of the Ely Cathedral Virtual Christmas Fair will bring some much needed joy as well as an opportunity for some fabulous shopping. So many of our exhibitors are relatively small independent businesses who rely on these large-scale events and seasonal sales for their livelihood and it is important that we are able to support them at such a challenging time.”

In the tradition of the Christmas Fair, there will be an array of virtual activities and performances for your entertainment. These will include Carols by the Cathedral Choristers, seasonal floral presentations by Wild Oak Workshops, a specially created performance of Christmas music by Ian Anderson of Jethro Tull and much more. These complementary activities can be accessed online at any time over the duration of the Fair.

The virtual Fair will run from 15 November to 20 December. The website will include a detailed exhibitors list, product images and direct clickable links plus a full programme of events and activities you can access online at your leisure. To access this online event, you will need to start at the Cathedral’s special page at <https://www.elycathedral.org/events/virtual-christmas-gift-food-fair>

It would be very good to do some Christmas shopping online that will benefit our Cathedral – and you don’t even have to make the journey to Ely (though I suspect some of us would prefer it if it could be done in ‘real life’!

Trevor Thorn

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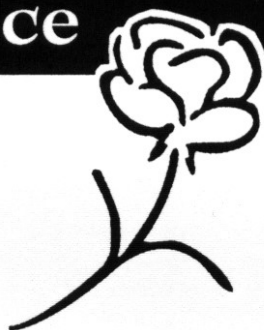
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250 years ago, on 16th December 1770 that Ludwig van Beethoven, German composer and pianist was born.

80 years ago, on 29th December 1940 that Germany dropped thousands of incendiary bombs on London.

75 years ago, on 27th December 1945 that the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development were formally founded.

70 years ago, on 14th December 1950 that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees was established.

65 years ago, on 1st December 1955 that African American civil rights activist Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat to a white man.

60 years ago, on 9th December 1960 that the first episode of the television soap opera *Coronation Street* was broadcast in the UK.

40 years ago, on 8th December 1980 that John Lennon, rock musician and peace activist and a member of the Beatles, was shot dead.

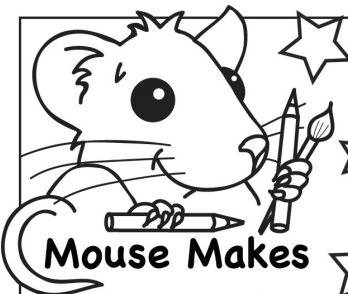
30 years ago, on 1st December 1990 that workers on the Channel Tunnel broke through the last wall of rock separating the two halves.

25 years ago, on 13th December 1995 that the Brixton riot took place in south London.

20 years ago, on 13th December 2000 that George W Bush finally claimed the US presidency, 36 days after the election was held.

15 years ago, on 19th December 2005 that the Civil Partnership Act came into effect in the UK.

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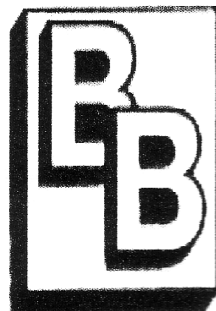
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AN INVITATION TO JOIN OUR THREE PARISHES LIVESTREAM SERVICES (for which a computer is not the only way of joining in)

Trevor Thorn

As we are now well into ‘Lockdown 2’, it feels timely to tell everyone about the regular livestreamed services for our three parishes which are now happening every Sunday. It is clear there are people in all of our parishes, Fen Ditton, Horningsea and Teversham, who either cannot or would prefer not to attend any live services whilst the Covid 19 virus continues to afflict large numbers of people.

The system set up by Rev’d Alun Ford provides an opportunity for a service of Morning Prayer to be live-streamed every Sunday at 10.30 am. These services are preceded by a social half hour when anyone intending to be at the service can chat ‘between the screens’. Our experience in these services has been growing and we are able to incorporate music from several sources for anyone to sing along to in the privacy of their home. We are using a programme called Zoom and we try to use familiar hymns or hymns with the verses shown on screen.

Details of each week’s service appear in the weekly email that goes out to everyone for whom we have an email address. If you have email but are not getting these regular distributions, please do let me know on trevimeditate@gmail.com.

If you do not have a computer you can join us by phone. Call 020 8080 6591 or 020 8080 6592 and follow the instructions. The meeting number is 844 3762 9510. (This is also the meeting number if the Zoom link does not work for any reason and you have to enter via the Zoom website.)

Some practical thoughts about joining us by Zoom without a computer or if you would prefer not to be seen on screen.

We now have quite a bit more information about the use of Zoom for services. Recent developments make it clear this is going to be our most practicable way of ‘meeting’ for at least a little time to come. So some of you who have not felt you wanted to join us on Zoom before now might like to see the following information.

* Some people simply don’t like their picture appearing in a meeting, even in the small format that Zoom by computer uses (each person appears in a small picture so there are likely to be 10—20 mini screens displayed). It isn’t necessary for you to be seen if you would prefer not. When joining there is a symbol that looks like a hot water bottle. If you leave it as it will first appear, with a line through it, you will be able to see the other people—but they will not see you. When I (Trevor—or whoever else is ‘Host’) ask you to open the video, just say you prefer not to and that will be fine. You will then appear on all other screens just as your name. You will not be alone as anyone who does not have a camera inbuilt on their computer or mobile phone will also appear by name only.

* It is possible to join us by telephone link. If you follow the instructions you will be identified on the screens by your phone number so we are aware that you are with us. We have had positive feedback from Andrew, who exercises his dog walking past Fen Ditton Church, who participates this way. So if any of you feel hesitant about this way of joining in—I would encourage you to give it a try. When you ‘call in’ we will try to let you know we have noticed your arrival. If you have worshipped regularly in one of the three churches, you may well recognise voices and find it is possible for you to join in the social conversations that take place between 10am and the start of the service at 10.30am—or in the time after the service (for 30—40 minutes). If you have any questions about this, please do feel free to phone me on 01223 864262 and I will try to help ensure you have a good experience when joining in. We’ll try and update this invitation from time to time as we hear more from others and become more confident about the use of Zoom.

CHURCH SERVICES

All services subject to change and government guidelines.

ONLINE, ZOOM

Every Sunday	10.00 for 10.30	Online Service
December 25th	10.00 for 10.30	Christmas Day Service
December 27th	10.00 for 10.30	Parish Eucharist
January 31st	10.00 for 10.30	Parish Eucharist

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, FEN DITTON

December 6th	10.30	Parish Eucharist
December 20th	17.00	Crib Service
December 24th	23.00	Midnight Service
January 3rd	10.30	Parish Eucharist
January 24th	10.30	Parish Eucharist

ST PETER, HORNINGSEA

December 13th	18.00	Candlelit Carol Service
December 25th	09.30	Christmas Day Service
January 10th	10.30	Parish Eucharist

ALL SAINTS, TEVERSHAM

December 20th	10.30	Parish Eucharist
December 25th	10.00	Christmas Day Service
January 17th	10.30	Parish Eucharist