

The Verse for the Month

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

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Upcoming Events

God with Us

CHRISTMAS DAY
SERVICE
DECEMBER 25



^ CHRISTMAS DAY at 11am (tba)
COME & CELEBRATE THE BIRTH

CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE HOLY COMMUNION



^ Sunday 24th December at 7:30pm

We hope to see you there!

The Candy Cane
legend

look at a candy cane and what do you see?

STRIPES THAT ARE RED
LIKE THE BLOOD SHED FOR ME
white for my Savior
who is sinless and pure

"J" IS FOR JESUS, MY LORD,
THAT'S FOR SURE!

turn it around and a staff you will see

JESUS MY SHEPHERD
IS COMING FOR ME!

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Happy Christmas

This newsheet cost 30p to print, if you cannot afford a donation, then please take one, with our compliments.



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Weekly Activities

Tuesday - F.R.O.G. Group at 7pm

Sunday Service - 10:30am

(Holy Communion and Songs of Praise as announced)

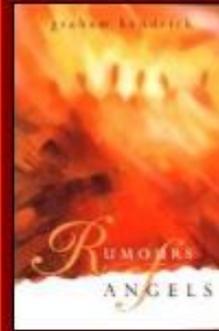
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Confirmation



THE LORD'S PRAYER ABCD OF CHRISTIANITY

THE 3 CREEDS 10 COMMANDMENTS



CHOIR NATIVITY

TODAY 6pm

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Our Christmas Musical presentation will be the lovely music written by Graham Kendrick called 'Rumours of Angels'.



St Jude's in 1934

Look at St Jude's above. This was taken in 1934. The church then had a belfry with a single bell. You can see inside the church where the rope used too be. It had metal railings containing a neat garden. The outside light was an old gas lamp which John Haynes remembers swinging round! This was the time when the street was filled with terraced houses before they were demolished to make way for the factories you can see today. We wonder who the minister was? Who the wardens were? And the size of the congregation?

Fully Rely On God

Songs
Teas & Coffees
Fellowship
Prayers

St Jude's Church Chuckery

Returns
9th January

Starting Young



Joseph was reading the prayer book during our Carols @F.R.O.G. group. The evening was filled with carols and food. Thank you to Bill Clements for your compliment to all the carols. We hope you have a Happy Christmas and we will see you on 9th January for our first group of 2018.

Mission Opportunities

Want to make your church grow? Any ideas? Bishop Paul, Daniel and Matthew would like to do more events to encourage new people to come in.

Please suggest any thoughts to Bishop Paul.

Please Pray for...

- Pray for **John Silva** as he attends to all the problems in the hall at the moment. We pray he finds time in his busy schedule to fit it in.
- Give thanks that **John Haynes** is back to full health.
- Pray for the church of **St Francis in Shoreham-by-Sea** as **Revd Gerald Kirsch** and **Revd Michael Blades** continue to preach the word.
- Please pray for **Bishop Paul, Revd Mark, Revd Paul, Revd Colin**, all FCE ministers and those who serve their churches around the Diocese.
- We pray that when our **F.R.O.G. group** starts back we grow in numbers .
- Pray for **the congregation at St Jude's** as they battle on every Sunday.
- Pray for the **Revd Robert Leone** who is travelling monthly from **Christ Church, Broadstairs** to **St Martin's Church, France**. Pray for **Eliane** and husband **Dudley**.
- We ask you to pray for **Peter Sanlon** as he leads weekly worship at **Emmanuel Anglican Church**.
- Pray for **Natalie, Gustaf and Joseph Stenström** as they are trying to look for a permanent place to live.
- Pray for **Sharon Clements** as she under goes tests and treatment for her underlying health problems.
- We ask you to pray for the **Services** over **Christmas** as we celebrate the birth of The King.

How many Christmas related pictures can you find?

Answer: 9

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

How splendid our churches look all dressed up and how clean and tidy all our gardens look with a generous layer of snow, well at least here in the Midlands.

But what always concerns me is what lies beneath all this glitter and tinsel and white stuff. For many people it reveals lives in a mess, and deeper debt. For me, Christmas is a time and an opportunity to bring a little Good News to those who would not normally give a second thought about a Saviour born to us. It is a challenge to all our members, not just the ordained, to share what could be a spark of faith that can be fanned into a blaze of revelation about what we are really celebrating.

I challenged my congregation to use their God-given gift of chatting, especially when on the local buses, to put aside the moans of bunions and gallstones and actual tell someone that Jesus loves them. As I write this I am unsure if any have taken up the challenge yet, but the point is that we all have a responsibility to bring some light and love into the lives of those who would not normally hear it and what better time than through the Christmas story.

As you share the stories of shepherds and wise men, a star, angels and a manger over the next few weeks, may you also find a peace within your walls - the walls of your churches and the walls of your homes, but most of all a peace within your own hearts. We all need that. What better Christmas present could we have?

Every blessing and a very Happy Christmas to you all.

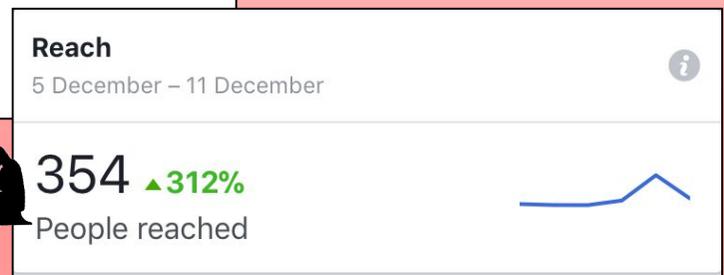
Bishop Paul



Website and Facebook Update



St Jude's website and facebook has rocketed up in numbers. The last update was in October's issue where the website numbers were 392 page views and facebook numbers were 119 people reached. Whereas the website numbers in this issue is 655 page views which is a huge increase. Facebook numbers in this issue are 354 new people reached. We appreciate all the support and we hope the numbers increase for the next update.



PRAYER WARRIORS

Are you a prayer warrior? Can we help you pray?

Be a PRAYER WARRIOR. Use our prayer board in the entrance porch to help you pray. Use J.O.Y. to help you pray!

Jesus

Others

Yourself

Be a warrior not a worrier!

