



# Sunday Snippets

15th December 2019

### 3rd Sunday in Advent

This Sunday we will be lighting the third of the Advent ring candles, this one symbolising Love & Joy and joining the first two of Hope and Peace. Today's candle is said to represent John the Baptist who prepared the way for Jesus' ministry.

*Blessed are you Lord God. You are just and true.*

*To you be praise and glory for ever.*

*Your prophet, John the Baptist, was a bright witness to the truth. May we, your servants in our day, rejoice and be led to witness to the glory and power of God. May we be witness to the world that Jesus is our Saviour and the king of all time. Blessed be God forever. Amen.*



### Busy Church

This past week, our church hosted pupils of Austin Farm Primary school for two Christmas services. Tomorrow and Tuesday will see pupils of St Edward's CE Primary here and on Wednesday and Thursday it will be the turn of those from Widey Court to come for rehearsals and production of by their carol service.



### Candlelit Service

This evening we have our Candlelit Carols & Lessons Service here in St Edward's at 6.30pm. This really is one of the highlights of the year and for many it signals the start of their Christmas and, for some, one of the few occasions during the year when they come to church. Ever popular, we can expect a full church with the risk of late arrivals having to stand or be found temporary seating.



### Christmas Tree

The fine Christmas tree at the back of the church is the gift of Richard and Tina. It was a magnificent specimen in their Church Hill garden but had outgrown its space so we were offered first choice which we gladly accepted. Although it is the top section of the tree that we have, it took some transporting for which Richard is to be thanked as well as for preparing the trunk for placing in its container with a minimum of trouble. Two young ladies provided assistance with the decorating who had a day off whilst their school was being used as a polling station. So thank you to Connie and Hannah for your help.



### Church Christmas Card

At the back of the church, alongside the Christmas tree, you will find the communal Christmas card. One card here to all your church friends can save considerable cost, allowing a donation to be made to the Woodland Trust. This will help to maintain and care for our woodlands and to plant more trees across Britain. Donations should be given directly to Sue Lake, please.





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## Thanks for Wool

Maureen Anderson has been delighted with the response to her appeal for knitting wool. The result is that the Knit and Natter group at Miles Mitchell can continue operating, with its members enjoying a good social get-together. So, to all who contributed, Maureen wishes to say a big 'thank you'.



## Mince Pies

If persistence pays off then Helen Soole will achieve her wish for 50 boxes of mince pies. She has already received 30 for which she is most grateful and would like some more for the Christmas Eve refreshments in the hall for those attending the Nativities and craft activities. Donations please to Helen or Sue Lake.



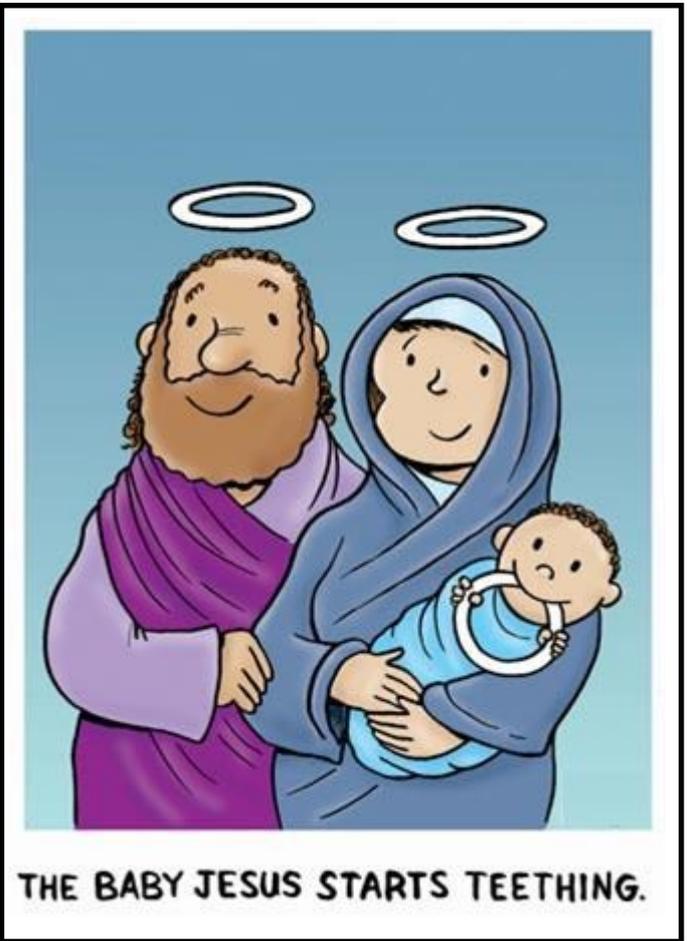
## Christmas Preparations

Next Sunday afternoon/evening (22nd December), the stable will be set up in the Memorial Chapel.



Then from 1.00pm on Christmas Eve there will be the setting up before the Nativity services and tidying away afterwards.

Finally, on Sunday afternoon, 5th January, a working party is required to take down the Christmas decorations and trees in church as well as the Nativity, etc. Anyone who can help with any of these tasks (especially on 5th January) is asked to let Churchwarden Peter Anderson or Rev Chris know.



## Only Joking!

A bishop was visiting a primary school. "I'll give 10p to the girl or boy who can tell me who I am," he proclaimed. A small boy said, "Please sir, you are God." "No I am not," said the bishop. "But here's 50p."

Notice in a church bulletin following the Minister's illness: "God is good. The Rev John Hargreaves is better."

