

St Oswald's Parish Church

Lower Peover



December 2023 - January 2024

50p



Full details of services at St Oswald's and St Lawrence's can be found on the website peoverchurches.org.uk

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In our prayers...

At all our services we ask God's blessing on those known to us who are ill or infirm, particularly those with whom we have close connections as members of the congregation. If you would like to be named in our prayers of intercessions because you are undergoing treatment or know of someone who has requested prayers please contact one of the churchwardens.

Dear Friends,

Two thousand years ago, we are told, a star appeared in the East. Certain wise men or 'kings' understood this to mean that a baby had been born who was to be a kind of ruler over all the world. What was that star? Was it a comet? Or some other phenomenon? We just do not know, but stars and their activities whether understood to be natural or supernatural, then and today, have always been considered lights to steer by.

The story goes that these wise kings were guided to Bethlehem, to one who was to be called the Light of the World.

A wealth of myths and legends, songs and stories have grown around this biblical narrative, the majority of us grow up with its images, learnt them at school, in church or at village nativities; in fact, the stories leading up to the birth of the child Jesus and his revelation to the world, from Advent to Epiphany, are a kind of super-history.

The power of this story continues, our local schools and church will be telling and singing this story again and again this year, our primary school will be learning all about it in their lessons, they will be celebrating it with special services; the Little House will be having their annual nativity, and in church we will be telling the story in traditional, and less formal ways. (*The choral 9 Lessons and Carols, Midnight Mass and then the Messy Church Nativity on Christmas Morning, when Grown-ups and Children alike come dressed up as their favourite nativity characters to take part in that interactive Christmas story whilst singing carols, **do come along!***)

However we may choose to celebrate it, the story lives on and continues to inspire and warm so many hearts, not just in and around Peover but around the world.

Whatever the precise details of what happened all those centuries ago, and however much scholars, believers or non-believers vary in their opinions, this story still speaks powerfully and truthfully as a source of hope to us today.

Saints, poets and great thinkers from age to age have expressed their insights for us to explore and think on; inspiring us as we tell the exquisite story of God's love for his people.

'There appeared a man named John, sent from God; he came as a witness to testify to the Light, that all might become believers through him

John was not the light; he came to bear witness to the Light. The real Light, which enlightens every man, was coming into the world. He was in the world, but the world, though it owed its being to him, did not recognise him. He entered his own realm, and his own would not receive him. But to all who did, to those, he opened up the way for us all to be Children of God.

So the Word became flesh, he came to dwell among us, and we saw his glory, such befits the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.' (based on John 1: 6-14).

This tale of the past in this story of love, is one of light, one of hope and one of peace, something we all need now more than ever and, as such, is a story worth telling again and again. May it remind us all that we are loved and its joy speaks into all of our hearts this Christmas and into the new year too.

Christmas Blessings and a Happy New Year to one and all.

Fr Murray

News and events can be found on our website www.peoverchurches.com



Smartphone users can access the site by scanning the QR code.
also find a full calendar of events on

You can

<http://www.achurchnearyou.com/lower-or-nether-peover-st-oswald/>

Children's Society Collection Boxes

This year's collection has raised £238.69 for the Children's Society.

Well done everyone.

If you wish to have a collection box, please speak to Sylvia Hankinson

**CALENDAR OF SERVICES for DECEMBER/JANUARY
at LOWER PEOVER**

BCP-Book of Common Prayer. CW-Common worship

Midweek Holy Communion services followed by prayer and anointing for Healing and Wholeness are on each Wednesday morning at 10am.

Saturday 2nd December: 5pm lighting of the Christmas tree pathway with mulled wine

Sunday 3rd December: 1st Sunday of Advent and Gift service
8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
11am All age service

Sunday 10th December: 2nd Sunday of Advent
8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
11 am Holy Communion (CW) and Children's church
6.30 pm Traditional 9 lessons and carols at St. Lawrence's

Thursday 14th December 11.30am Little House School Nativity

Sunday 17th December: 3rd Sunday of Advent
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
11am *United Benefice Family Eucharist (CW) with Bishop Sam Corely, Bishop of Stockport*
6.30 pm Traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and carols

Monday 18th December and Tuesday 19th December at 9.15a.m
Lower Peover C of E primary school Christmas service at St. Oswald's

Sunday 24th December: 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve
8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
11am Holy Communion (CW) including cloth cradle service
4 pm Nativity Service at St. Lawrence's
11.15 pm Midnight Communion at St. Oswald's

Sunday 25th December: Nativity of Our Lord
11a.m All -age worship

Adults and children are encouraged to dress up in nativity themed costumes for the Christmas Day nativity

A short service of Holy Communion will be held after the Christmas day service

Sunday 31st December: First Sunday after Christmas Day

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 7th January 2024: Baptism of Our Lord

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 am All age Service

Sunday 14th January: 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 am Holy Communion (CW) and Children's church

Sunday 21st January: Third Sunday after the Epiphany

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 am Family Communion (CW)

No Children's church

Sunday 28th January: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany and Plough Sunday

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 am Holy Communion with children's church

Please note that services may change so please check the website.

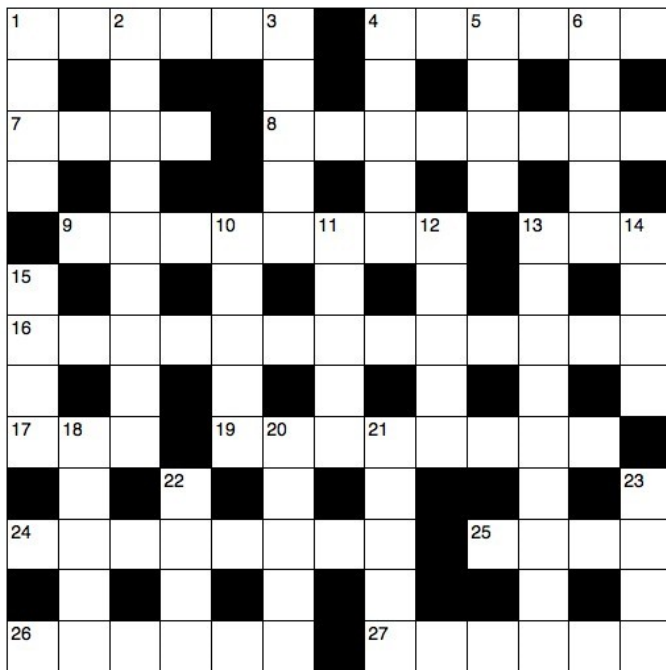
Daily Hope phone line

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line is free and available 24 hours a day on 0880 804 8044.

Bumblebees like churchyards. At least, they were the insects most seen during a recent survey of churchyards and burial grounds in England.

It all shows "how valuable, when managed sensitively, many of our churchyards are for bumblebees," said a spokesman for Caring for God's Acre, a conservation charity for UK burial grounds. Such places often offer unique habitats for nature.

The survey was part of the Churches Count on Nature, an opportunity for communities to record plants, insects and animals found in burial grounds and churchyards. After bumblebees, ladybirds and aphids took second and third place.



Across

- 1 Rely (Psalm 62:7) (6)
- 4 'He stretches out the heavens like a — , and spreads them out like a tent to live in' (Isaiah 40:22) (6)
- 7 What the dove carried the olive leaf in, when it returned to Noah's ark. (Genesis 8:11) (4)
- 8 Annoy (1 Samuel 1:6) (8)
- 9 Judah's last king, who ended his days as a blind prisoner in Babylon (Jeremiah 52:11) (8)
- 13 'They all — and were satisfied' (Luke 9:17) (3)
- 16 Eliphaz the Temanite was one; so was Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite (Job 2:11; 16:2) (4,9)
- 17 National Association of Evangelicals (of the USA) (1,1,1)
- 19 Popular song for New Year's Eve, Auld — — (4,4)
- 24 Able dock (anag.) (8)
- 25 The number of stones David chose for his confrontation with Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40) (4)
- 26 Elgar's best-known 'Variations' (6)
- 27 Soak (Isaiah 16:9) (6)

Down

- 1 Money owing (Deuteronomy 15:3) (4)
- 2 Conciliatory (Titus 3:2) (9)
- 3 ‘Do this, whenever you — it, in remembrance of me’ (1 Corinthians 11:25) (5)
- 4 A group assisting in the governance of the Roman Catholic Church (5)
- 5 One of the gifts Joseph’s brothers took with them on their second journey to Egypt (Genesis 43:11) (4)
- 6 ‘Reach out your hand and — — into my side. Stop doubting and believe’ (John 20:27) (3,2)
- 10 Be outstandingly good (2 Corinthians 8:7) (5)
- 11 ‘What — — that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?’ (Psalm 8:4) (2,3)
- 12 Horse’s feet (Judges 5:22) (5)
- 13 Notice (Deuteronomy 17:4) (9)
- 14 Comes between 2 Chronicles and Nehemiah (4)
- 15 One of Israel’s northern towns conquered by Ben-Hadad (1 Kings 15:20) (4)
- 18 Narnia’s Lion (5)
- 20 One of the two rivers in which Naaman would have preferred to wash. (2 Kings 5:12) (5)
- 21 Avarice—one of the evils that come from inside people (Mark 7:22) (5)
- 22 Knight Grand Cross of St Michael and St George (1,1,1,1)
- 23 Jacob’s first wife (Genesis 29:23) (4)

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Together in Christ, Sharing Hope - Lower Peover

Bishop Mark of the Chester Diocese has launched this new vision for the Chester Diocese. The programme encourages us to reach out towards those in our area who do not access church regularly. As part of our mission we do a lot with our community, which may not be apparent to the wider Parish. For the PCC I am documenting these activities. I am asking you to let me know what links you have and things you do, formal or informal, as part of your Christian life, for those around you. Examples I have so far are:

Delivering church magazines to my street

Volunteering at the Butterfly tots group

Sending birthday cards from church

Delivering gifts at Christmas from the village aid fund

Organising an event at church eg. fete

Links with local charities

I will not include any personal information about you for the document, just a brief description of the activity. You may also know of a need in our area that we are currently not meeting. Or have ideas about how we can adjust our efforts to reach more people. All these ideas are welcome. At this stage it is about understanding what we do for our wider community, what we would like to do or think should happen, before discussing what the priorities and practical realities of these are.

Best wishes Angela

Text or call on 07483851688. Email angela284@hotmail.com

Catch me when you see me for a chat

Cold weather tips for pet owners

Check your dog's paws for road grit salt after every walk – the stuff may clear snow and ice, but it is toxic to dogs.

Protect your rabbit and guinea pig hutches from snow, winter rain and cold draughts, and check that their water bottles are not frozen.

Don't leave your dog outside a shop in extremely cold weather – it is very stressful for them.

Your Christmas Dinner Table

Gaze around your dinner table
As you dine on Christmas Day
Treasure them while you are able
One day they may well go away.

Love is really hard to measure,
Love's not easy to define,
But memory's the only treasure
That will stand the test of time.

So, treasure all that Christmas laughter,
Hold it close – that's my advice.
For there may come a time soon after
When memory is worth great price.

It is sad that life is temporary,
Happy times will disappear;
When those you treasure are a memory,
The memory is a treasure dear.

By Nigel Beeton

Christmas 2023

The night before Christmas when all are abed,
As reindeer and sleigh bells are heard overhead,
Children still sleeping will early arise,
With shouts of delights as they open each prize.

A doll for Amanda, a toy soldier for Jo?
Ah, these are toys of long ago!
Now it's computers, a party dress,
Gifts so expensive they're meant to impress.

But the real joy of Christmas forever will stay,
As church bells and carols proclaim that glad day,
As wise man and shepherds recount what they saw,
Of Mary, her Baby – and a bed full of straw.

By Megan Carter



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"For the next part of our carol-service, Nigel, the verger's nephew will play his interpretation of Silent Night..."

The Rectory, St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

On how to make the most of carol singing

Carol singing is not what it used to be. My fond memories of a group of choristers, muffled in scarves and overcoats, carrying lanterns, and walking from door to door in the snow, as they sang ‘While shepherds watched ...’ had to be suddenly revised when I saw your own music group, in T-shirts inscribed with ‘Jesus loves You’, singing ‘Little donkey’, in your shopping centre. I suspect any money you raised would just about have paid for the electricity used to power your banks of electronic equipment. Singing in the main square of the Centre next to the fountain may have looked good, but it seemed to mean that the choir members were obliged to make constant trips to the lavatory.

Here at St James the Least of All, carol singing is regarded as a staff perk for the choir; the year when the Boys’ Brigade tried to break their monopoly was suppressed with a ruthlessness that would have impressed Genghis Kahn.

Our annual carol-singing route involves months of meticulous planning. We find that a transparent collection box is vital, so that donors can see what earlier patrons have given. This means that those who are bound to put in notes must be visited first – ‘*pour encourager les autres*’. It also needs a detachable base, so that if coppers are given, they can be removed from sight before the next call.

Those homes that contain several children are visited just after bedtime, so that parents will give generously simply to get the choir to go somewhere else. Veiled threats to stay and sing more carols (unless they give generously) are usually very effective. Getting whoever looks the most innocent and photogenic to ring the bell and ask for money is a far more subtle way of ensuring a donation than planting any number of mafia lookalikes (such as our church treasurer) on the doorstep.

The choir always finishes its evening at the local pub – but again, the timing must be carefully managed. Too early and there will only be the landlord, his wife, and their Labrador to listen; too late and people will be so full of Christmas cheer that any carols will be hi-jacked and become the equivalent of back-of-the bus rugby songs.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Knutsford Floral Design Club

Knutsford Floral Design Club meets every third Wednesday in the month at 1.30pm for 2pm in Plumley Village Hall (except June - the second Wednesday, August – no meeting, and December when we hold our Christmas lunch)

We have a floral demonstration by qualified demonstrators, followed by tea and biscuits. Visitors are very welcome for a small fee of £8

For more information telephone Lynda on 01477 534291

FOR SALE

A large box of assorted pieces of Lego. Unfortunately no kits.

Please speak to Lynda

Christmas Prayer 2023

Almighty Father,

Thank you for your indescribable gift of Jesus – the Light of the world. Thank you that He brought light and life to all who received Him during His life on earth and that He still brings light and life to all who receive Him.

Lord, how this broken world needs your light today. As we rejoice and give thanks for Christmas, we pray that the light of Jesus will pierce the darkness of self-interest and hatred – and change the hearts of those who do not love you or their neighbours.

We pray that by the power of your Holy Spirit you will deliver your people from evil, and that Your kingdom will come on earth as in heaven. Thank you, Father, that because of Jesus, light will always shine in the darkness and the darkness will never be able to extinguish it.

Glory and thanks and praise to You Father God, this Christmas and always. In Jesus' saving and powerful name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

26 November – Liz Turner
2 December – Edwina Oldham
9 December – Carol Charlesworth
16 December – Christmas flowers

Christmas flowers remain until Candlemas

Rosemary Warnes

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Christmas in my heart

Christmas is in my heart twelve months a year and, thanks to credit cards, it is also on my Visa card statement twelve months a year.

Sums up Christmas

Three phrases that sum up Christmas are: ‘Peace on Earth’; ‘Goodwill to Men’; and ‘Batteries not included’.

St Oswald's Church

Memorabilia goods for sale

There are various items including postcards, tea towels, aprons, mugs and greeting cards for sale at the back of the church

Memorabilia price list

Many thanks for supporting the upkeep of this beautiful old church.

Please put your money in the pot which is emptied daily. However, if you have spent a larger sum of money, and prefer to put it in the wall safe in the Bell Tower that is appreciated. Please use the envelopes provided. It is also possible to make contactless card payments using the device adjacent to the display of goods.

Greetings Cards: 'Millennium Window' design (blank inside):

Single Card - £1.25 each. Pack of 5 cards: - £5 per pack

Photographs of the church cards: Pack of 2 - £2.50

Postcards - three designs: 'Millennium Window', 'The Church by day' and 'St. Oswald's on a starry night' all 50p each

Aprons

'Church and Flowers' design - Green or Blue on white - £5 each

Tea Towels

'Celebration with Flowers' design - Black on Cream or Blue on White - £5 each

Mugs - Bone china, dishwasher and microwave proof

'Celebration with Flowers' design - Blue on White only - £7 each

Booklet – 'Beside the Bright Stream' - £2 each

Thank you to all those who supported The Christmas Goodies Sale
at The Little House.

We had a lovely evening and I am delighted to say we have sent
a donation of £650 to Caring for Life.

Enjoy your goodies.

Su Su

Can you get benefits?

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) has launched a campaign to help people gain access to the various benefits that are going unclaimed by eligible households.

CAP estimates that in the past year, almost £90 million in benefits has gone unclaimed because of the complexity of the application systems.

Pension credit is the most under-claimed benefit, and yet it acts as a passport benefit to other support, including housing benefit and local assistance. Carers' allowance is also underclaimed.

About 800 churches have now signed up to work with CAP, to encourage people to check if they could be liable to claim benefits. CAP, in partnership with the debt charity Turn2Us, has created an online calculator to help people discover what they may be eligible for. Go to: <https://capuk.org/money-and-debt-advice/benefits-calculator>

Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness
causes misunderstanding, mistrust and hostility to evaporate.

Albert Schweitzer

24 December - Christmas Eve

How do you celebrate Christmas Eve? It has its own customs, the most popular of which is going to Midnight Mass, or the Christ-Mas. This is the only Mass of the year that is allowed to start after sunset. In Catholic countries such as Spain, Italy and Poland, Midnight Mass is in fact the most important church service of the entire Christmas season, and many people traditionally fast beforehand. In other countries, such as Belgium and Denmark, people dine during the evening, and then go on to the Midnight Service.

The British are behind some countries when it comes to exchanging presents: in Germany, Sweden and Portugal the custom is to exchange on Christmas Eve. But the British are ahead of Serbia and Slovakia, where the Christmas tree is not even brought into the house and decorated until Christmas Eve.

Yule logs are not so popular since the decline of the fireplace, but traditionally it was lit on Christmas Eve from a bit of the previous year's log, and then would be burned non-stop until 12th Night (6th January). Tradition also decreed that any greenery such as holly, ivy or mistletoe must wait until Christmas Eve until being brought into the house.

Big Ben

Do you stay up until midnight on New Year's Eve? If so, this year will be special – it is 100 years ago, on 31st December 1923, that the BBC first broadcast the chimes of Big Ben to welcome in the New Year. For it was not until 31st December 1923 that the chimes of Big Ben were ever heard outside of Parliament and Westminster. The BBC then got permission to broadcast them to the nation, and history was made.

That first year, the BBC engineers were not allowed into Parliament, and so had to access Big Ben from the roof of the Palace of Westminster. This meant that their microphone picked up not just the chimes, but a lot of traffic noise as well. But a tradition had started, and by 1924 the Big Ben bonges were being broadcast every day.

By then the BBC had installed low sensitivity microphones very close to the bells, so that they missed the sound of the clock mechanism. The nation quickly came to love the sound of Big Ben, and during the Second World War the chimes were broadcast across occupied Europe – encouraging millions in their struggle against the Nazis.

The Big Ben daily time signal on the BBC is still cherished today, and Big Ben rings live for important events such as Remembrance Day and New Year, when the BBC sends the sound right around the world.

Food Basket for Hope Central

As a church we appreciate that a lot of people are struggling at this time. So, what can we do practically to help?

From Sunday 6th November, a basket will be placed in Church on a weekly basis for non-perishable food donations. This will be taken each Monday for distribution by Hope Central, a local Christian Charity.

Hope Central is an Ecumenical project based in St John's Church Knutsford and covers North East Cheshire, so our donations will be distributed locally. It is a Christian charity committed to bringing hope and relieving poverty in Cheshire East.

At Hope Central we recognise that everyone needs a helping hand at some point and we want to provide support to anyone in need. We do this because we believe in a heavenly Father who loves everyone unconditionally, and we want to express that love in practical ways by supplying food to people in difficult circumstances and helping people address underlying reasons that contribute to their distress.

As well as the usual staple tins and packet foods which are so necessary, why not put a few extra goodies in for Christmas. We all need treats.

Hope Central was established in 2019, supported by three churches: Vine Life Wilmslow, St Chad's Handforth and St John's Knutsford.

As well as meeting people's immediate need for food, we also want to support people to get back on their feet, so as well as providing a Foodbank we offer a Job Club, Money Course, Life Skills Course, Fresh Start Course, Debt Centre, Hope Centres and Refugee support.

All the staff and volunteers working with Hope Central are passionate about seeing lives changed for the better. As Christians we believe in a Heavenly Father who loves everyone unconditionally and we want to express that love in practical ways, especially to people who find themselves in difficult circumstances. Everyone needs a helping hand at times. So please donate.

Thank you. A link for further information is attached below.

hopecentral.org.uk

Christmas throughout the Christian world

For nearly four weeks leading up to Christmas Christians recognise a period called Advent. It means 'coming'. It is a time of spiritual preparation. 'Coming' refers to Jesus' first coming as a baby, but it also looks forward to a day when Jesus is expected to return in triumph at his 'second coming' to establish perfect justice and a new order of peace.

Originally Christians marked Advent as a time when they refrained from excessive eating and drinking. Then Christmas Day reintroduced them to the joys of feasting. Christmas celebrations lasted for twelve days, with gifts exchanged as a climax at Epiphany (6 January). Today, however, Advent is more likely to be associated with accelerating festivity, with the days following Christmas something of an anti-climax until 'twelfth night', on which decorations are removed. Many Christians worldwide are trying to revive the spirit of Advent by setting aside time to pray and address global poverty.

Christmas Day is celebrated as the anniversary of Jesus' birth, although the actual date is not known. Most Christians celebrate it on 25th December. However, the Orthodox Church (the ancient churches in Eastern Europe and parts of Asia) follows a different calendar and celebrates on 7th January. Christians make a point of taking communion on Christmas Day. Many make it the first thing they do as the clock strikes midnight.

On 6th January the Christmas festival continues with a celebration of Epiphany, which means 'the appearance'. Christians remember the visit of wise men (magi) to Jesus, bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The Christmas tradition of exchanging gifts originally honoured these men, who were the first non-Jews (Gentiles) to worship Jesus. It forms a reminder that in Jesus God was giving Himself for the benefit of the entire world.

Orthodox Christians use this day to recall the baptism of Jesus as a grown man. The significance of Jesus being baptised was that He identified Himself with human beings in all their need. They mark the day by praying for God's blessing on rivers, wells and water sources.

Christmas has never been just an escapist festival for Christians. Those who treat it seriously recognise that not all the world is able to face the days with frivolity or joy. The day after Christmas, Boxing Day, was historically marked as the feast of St Stephen. He was the first man to be put to death rather than give up his belief that Jesus was God. And two days later a day remembering the Massacre of the Innocents recalls Herod's attempt to destroy Jesus by killing all male babies in Bethlehem. Although not so widely marked as Christmas Day, it gives Christians the opportunity to pray for children in today's world who suffer as a result of the actions of adults.

**Lower Peover WI – meets on the first Wednesday of the month
In Lower Peover School at 7.30pm
For information contact Sally Geake LP 722489**

**Plumley WI meets on the first Thursday of the month
at 7.30pm in Plumley Village Hall**

**Over Peover WI meets on the last Thursday of each month
at 7.30pm in Over Peover Village Hall.
Contact June Leach – 07500 250969**

Stronger

Statistics prove we are all getting stronger. Fifty years ago, you needed an estate car to hold £50 worth of Christmas presents. Twenty-five years ago, it took two people to carry £30 worth of Christmas groceries – now a five-year-old can do it.

25 December - Christmas and St Luke's Gospel

It is to St Luke's wonderful gospel that many Christians turn as the year draws to a close and Christmas approaches, for it is to St Luke that we owe the fullest account of the nativity.

Luke alone tells us the story of Mary and the angel's visit to her, and has thus given the Church the wonderful Magnificat of Mary.

Luke tells us the story of Simeon's hymn of praise, thus giving us the wonderful Nunc Dimittis - imagine an Anglican evensong without the Nunc Dimittis.

Luke tells us the story of how the angels appeared to the shepherds and how the shepherds then visited the infant Jesus. So – imagine Christmas cards and nativity scenes every year without the shepherds arriving to visit baby Jesus. Imagine school nativity plays without our children dressed as shepherds or sheep. So, thank you, Luke!

What makes it so amazing is that Luke was not a Jew! The man who wrote the fullest nativity story, and indeed more of the New Testament than any other single person, was a Gentile!

Safeguarding

St Oswald's and St Lawrence's take their duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously. We have adopted the national Church of England's robust procedures and guidelines. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding. The Parish Safeguarding Officer for St Oswald's is Tracy Knott. If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues concerning a safeguarding matter within the parish please contact Tracy in confidence.

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Crossword Answers

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DOWN: 1, Debt. 2, Peaceable. 3, Drink. 4, Curia. 5, Nuts. 6, Put it. 10, Excel. 11, Is man. 12, Hoofs. 13, Attention. 14, Ezra. 15, Ijon. 18, Aslan. 20, Abana. 21, Greed. 22, GCMG. 23, Leah.

Please join the ‘St Oswald’s Lower Peover 100 Club’

Dating from 1269, St Oswald’s church has been central to the village of Lower Peover for centuries. Throughout that time, it has been the spiritual home of many people, and not just those living in the village itself. It still fulfils that role today, a peaceful haven in an ever busier and complicated world. As a Grade 1 listed building, it enjoys a setting of particular importance, and the assumption is that it always will be. But escalating costs mean that we can no longer take that for granted. Buildings such as St Oswald’s are hugely expensive to maintain and ever-increasing running costs need to be found.

It is a sobering thought that our Parish Share (the money we pay to Chester Diocese for our church and a vicar) is £51,395. That is £988 each week. That is before any lighting, heating, maintenance etc. is taken into consideration, and, contrary to what many people still think, the State does **not** pay towards a church’s upkeep.

We launched the 100 Club in May 2008 and membership currently stands at 71, although it has been as high as 106. The club currently raises about £2,500 each year (after prizes) and really does make a huge difference to our resources. So far it has raised over £25,000 for the running costs of our church. **And all for the minimal cost of £1 per week to members!**

The 100 Club works in this way:

We collect £1 a week from each member per number held, which can be paid either as an annual fee of £52, or £13 per quarter, by standing order. Members are allocated individual numbers and each month two numbers are drawn. The first receives a prize of £70, the second receives £30. The remainder of the proceeds go to the church. You may individually hold more than one number and indeed, past winners have often had multiple holdings. It really is as simple as that! The 100 Club is designed to appeal to regular churchgoers and those people who may not be able to worship regularly with us, but who also think it is important that the church remains open as an important part of village life. We really would like to get our membership back up to at least 100 and hope that if you are reading this you may feel able to help – all for £1 per week! Please do join the 100 Club by completing the membership form at the back of this magazine or online at our website, and simply post it back to me. Many congratulations to all our winners – and our thanks to all members who are currently supporting the 100 Club. Stay safe and thank you.

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