

St Augustine's Church Parish Magazine



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The Parish of Slade Green
In the Diocese of Rochester

St. Augustine's Church

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Weekly Times of Worship;

Sunday: 10.30 am Sung Eucharist

Sunday School (from 4 to 14 years):

In the Church Hall most Sundays from 10.30 am.
Staff levels permitting.

Preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion:

By arrangement with the Vicar

Requests for Banns, Weddings and Thanksgivings:

Please speak to the Vicar after attending a Sunday Service

The Parish Office;

Open most Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8 pm

Everyone is welcome in our beautiful Parish Church.

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Ms. S. Yissau,



We are all grateful to all our voluntary staff & helpers.



From the Vicarage

Faith Confirmed

St. Paul wrote to the Christians in Corinth, "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." Christmas probably meant plenty of eating and drinking for most people, while the New Year often means resolutions to eat and drink less in future ! Self-indulgence followed by self-denial - or just the proof that turkey is less delicious after the fourteenth recipe for left-overs ?

Fortunately, the recipe for glorifying God never fails. Take a pound of hope, a pint of good cheer, a glass of self-knowledge, a box of Bible bits, a litre of love, a pinch of wonder and an ounce of awe; stir them up and let them settle over a warm flame of prayer and thankfulness, then savour slowly with plenty of faithful company. Giving glory to God brings joy to the giver, and the more you give the more you have to give. In fact, those who glorify God become part of that glory themselves, feeling the warm glow of his goodness.

Even beginners in faith share in the wonder of God's kingdom. From the moment they first think of being baptised, or from the time when parents bring children to be christened, the work of the Holy Spirit can be seen. Then, at confirmation, the Spirit strengthens and increases faith and the newly confirmed Christians can take their place and be fed at our Lord's fellowship meal of Holy Communion. At 4pm on 29th January, Bishop Brian will be visiting St. Augustine's to baptise and confirm the candidates who have completed the confirmation course; then they will receive their first communion, glorifying God. Do be there to support them.

With every blessing,

Ann

6 January - Epiphany

On 6 January we celebrate Epiphany - the visit of the wise men to the baby Jesus. But who were these wise men? No one knows for sure. Matthew calls them 'Magi', and that was the name of an ancient caste of a priestly kind from Persia. It wasn't until the third century that they were they called kings - by a church father, Tertullian. Another church father, Origin, assumed there were three - to correspond with the gifts given. Later Christian interpretation came to understand gold as a symbol of wisdom and wealth, incense as a symbol of worship and sacrifice, and myrrh as a symbol of healing - and even embalming. Certainly Jesus challenged and set aright the way in which the world handled all three of these things.

Since the eighth century, the magi have had the names Balthasar, Caspar and Melchior.



Get your CV into shape for the new year

January is a good time to bring your CV up to date. It will leave you ready to move quickly and seize any opportunities that come your way in 2012. Some tips and advice:

(1) Cover the basics: name, contact information, employment history, skills, experience and educational achievements. (2) List all your achievements and proof of performance. Highlight your skills and how you have used them to success in recent years. (3) Focus on your most recent experience – the industry knowledge and experience you've developed in the past two years. (4) Keep the format of your CV fresh, use contemporary styles to make sure it appears current and relevant. Your local Job Centre might give you tips on a good current lay-out to use.





Church Services - January 2012



We aim to run Sunday School
most weeks - staff levels permitting

Sunday 1 st January The Naming of Jesus	Parish Eucharist & Gloria New Year's Day Service <i>(no Sunday School) - children attend to the church service)</i>	10.30 am
Sunday 8 th January Sunday after Epiphany	Parish Eucharist & Gloria Christ revealed to the world	10.30 am
Sunday 15 th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	Parish Eucharist & Gloria Called by Christ	10.30 am
Sunday 22 nd January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	Parish Eucharist & Gloria Blessed by Christ	10.30 am
Sunday 29 th January 4th Sunday of Epiphany	Parish Eucharist & Gloria Christ's Presentation	10.30 am
Sunday 29 th January 4th Sunday of Epiphany	Baptism and Confirmation Christian Initiation	4.00 pm

Prepare to Worship God - Read His Word before the Service!

<p>Sunday 1st January The Naming of Jesus</p>	<p>Numbers 6: 22-27 Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 2: 15-21</p>
<p>Sunday 8th January Sunday after Epiphany</p>	<p>Isaiah 60: 1-6 Romans 12: 1-8 Matthew 2: 1-12</p>
<p>Sunday 15th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany</p>	<p>1 Samuel 3: 1-10 Hebrews 1: 1-3 John 1: 43-51</p>
<p>Sunday 22nd January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany</p>	<p>Isaiah 55: 1-4 Revelation 21: 1-7 John 2: 1-11</p>
<p>Sunday 29th January 4th Sunday of Epiphany</p>	<p>Malachi 3: 1-4 Revelation 21: 10-14 Luke 2: 22-40</p>

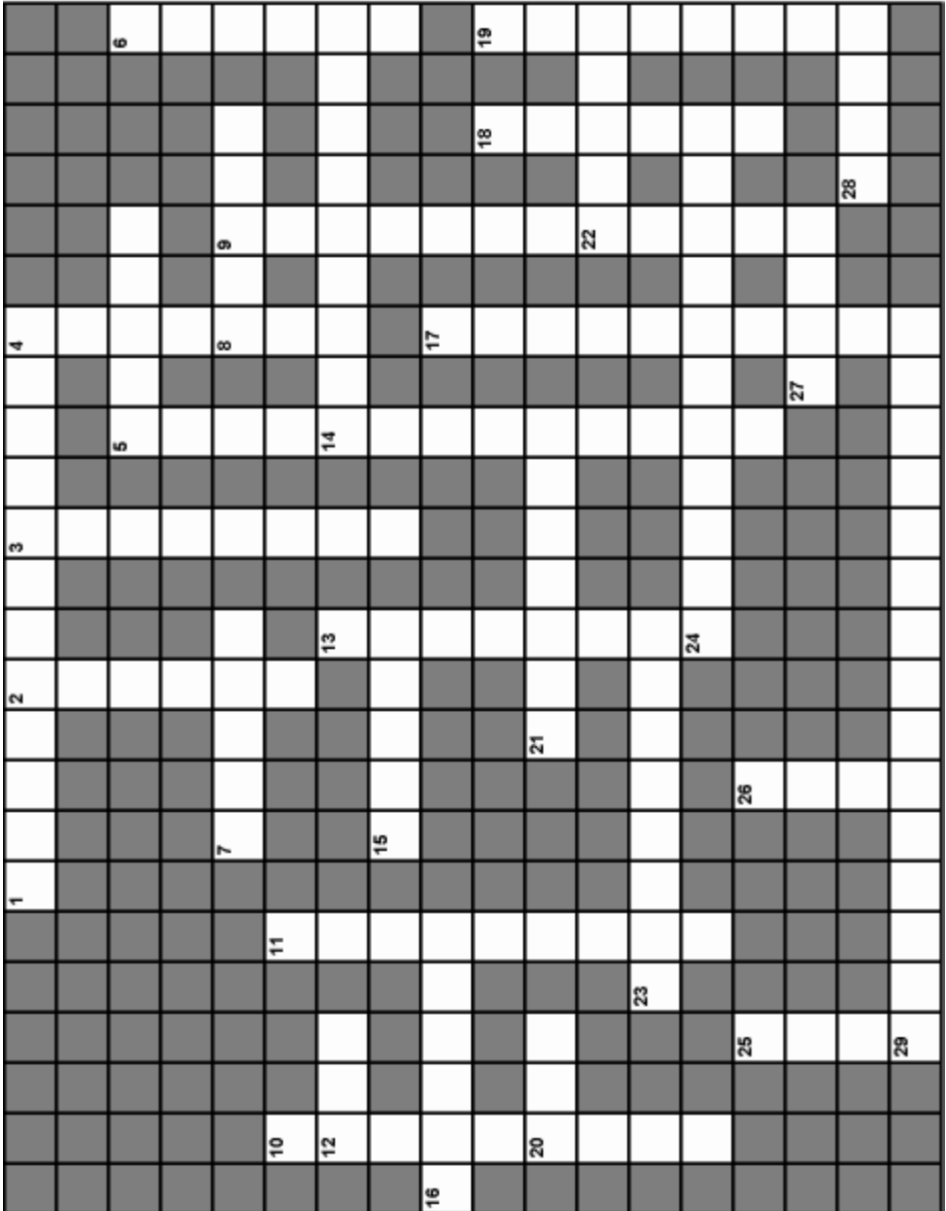
Many come to bring their clothes to church rather than themselves. - Think about it. Is this you? Can you make a difference this year?



The Parish Office : Open most Tuesday evenings in the church between 7 and 8 pm, during choir practice. This is the best time for anything to do with administration, including bookings for Baptisms and Weddings. Enquiries about the Church Hall may also be made during the Parish Office time.

The January Liturgy Crossword

2nd Sunday of Epiphany 1 Samuel 3: 1-10; Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-18; Revelation 5: 1-10; John 1: 43-end



Across

- 1 What did the Lamb have seven of? (R) (5,3,4)
- 5 What are wonderful? (P)
- 7 How many seals did the scroll have? (R)
- 8 What had a loud voice? (R)
- 12 Whose eyes were becoming weak? (1S)
- 14 Who thought nothing good would come from Nazareth? (J)
- 15 Which tribe did the Lion belong to? (R)
- 16 Who did Jesus tell to follow him? (J)
- 20 What of God was in the temple? (1S)
- 21 Under what was Nathanael before Philip called him? (J) (3,4)
- 22 What of mine is not hidden from you? (P)
- 23 What did the Lord discerns of me? (P) (5,3)
- 24 In where was I made? (P) (6,5)
- 27 What has the Lord laid upon me? (P)
- 28 What was ordained for me? (P)
- 29 Where the Lord hems me in? (P) (6,3,6)

Down

- 2 Who ministered under Eli? (1S)
- 3 What will not be dark to you? (P)
- 4 Who did Samuel tell the Lord was listening? (1S)
- 5 What was done to me in the depth of the earth? (P) (5,8)
- 6 What was in the right hand? (R)
- 9 What God's thoughts outnumber? (P) (6,2,4)
- 10 What town was Andrew from? (J)
- 11 What has not gone out? (1S) (4,2,3)
- 13 What does the Lord perceive of my from afar? (P)
- 17 Where was Eli lying? (1S) (5,5)
- 18 What will Nathanael see open? (J)
- 19 What God's thoughts are to me? (P)
- 25 What looked as if it had been slain? (R)
- 26 Who did Samuel not know? (1S)

The Way I See It: RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW



It's probably because I'm just a Grumpy Old Man, but I do find it hard to see the point of 'celebrating' New Year. For me, the event has all the stupendous excitement of the milometer in the car clicking over from 39,999 to 40,000. It isn't the solstice or equinox. Nothing actually happens. It doesn't commemorate anything, except that we're all that much older, that much nearer a pension or the great retirement home in the sky.

Nevertheless, whatever the weather, New Year always sees vast crowds on the streets of our great cities, cheering, getting drunk and dancing in the fountains of Trafalgar Square. Dark men for some obscure reason carry bits of coal into neighbours' houses, and people who have no idea what the words mean, sing 'Auld Lang Syne'. So what is it that they're celebrating?

Surely not 2011 and its miserable economic news, recession and unemployment? Surely not, either, the remorseless tread of time. I suspect in fact most of them have simply turned up for the party, or perhaps it's not 2011 at all that they have in mind, but the new year, 2012 - hope triumphing over experience.

Of course the gloom of 2011 was lightened by personal highs - the birth of a child or grand-child, perhaps, a marriage, a new friend. But reason (and in my case long experience) tells me that 2012 will be very much like 2011, but, hey, hope springs eternal.

So is it stupid, or pointless, or even wrong to celebrate the New Year? No, of course not. Time is too serious, too important for us to take it lightly. The Old Preacher in the Bible assures us that 'for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven'. He sees the passing of time as part of the way the Creation works - 'God has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into our minds' (Ecclesiastes 3:11). Humans, in other words, have an understanding of past, present, future: we live in a world with *tenses*. And he has done this 'so that all should stand in awe before him'. Time, a gift of God, is awesome, and its passage deeply significant.

No reason, then, not to mark the passing of the old year and the birth of the new one, but every reason to recognise that we too are part of the process, carried along by time's tide but not helpless to make choices. Some of those choices may change us, or our families, or our neighbours during the coming year. Some may eventually change the world.

In God's purpose, there is no reason at all why 2012 has to be like 2011. Let the old year go, with all its memories, joys and hurts. And turn to the new one with faith and prayer and - yes - hope. For myself, definitely no freezing fountains, excess alcohol or lumps of coal. But even this Grumpy Old Man will raise a glass, say a prayer, and watch the clock tick past midnight into a brave new year.

By Canon David Winter

New Year's Days



The New Year's days are white with snow,
The winds are laughing as they blow.
Across the ponds and lakes we glide,
And o'er the drifting snow we ride,
And down the hills we gaily slide,
For it is winter weather.

Each rushing stream is warmly dress'd,
An icy coat upon its breast,
And on each branch of every tree,
Packed in as close as close can be,
The next year's leaflets we can see,
All nestled close together.

By *Celia Standish*





See, Amid the Winter's Snow

See, amid the winter's snow
Lots of cars that just won't go;
It is not the drivers' fault –
Councils have run out of salt!
Here, we sit the whole night long!
Where have all the snowploughs gone?
If we'd known we'd be delayed
We'd perhaps have brought a spade!

Say, ye cheerful children, say
Why aren't you in school today?
'We are skating round and round
'Cos the heating's broken down!
 'Yes, the heating's gone beserk!
 'Mum has missed a day at work!
'Though she's cross and seems on edge,
 'We can ride upon our sledge!



Sages on the weather show
Said the sun would surely glow,
And, said they, we may be sure
Of a glorious day in store!
 But they missed a detail, small
 And the snow did thickly fall!
But the met-men feel no shame –
Their computer takes the blame!
by Nigel Beeton



Have you ever wondered where the name 'Jesus' comes from?

The name Jesus is a transliteration of a name that occurs in several languages. It is of Hebrew origin, 'Yehosua', or Joshua. Or there is the Hebrew-Aramaic form, 'Yesua'. In Greek, it became 'Ἰησοῦς' (*Iēsoûs*), and in Latin it became 'Iesus'.

The meaning of the name is 'Yahweh delivers' or 'Yahweh rescues', or 'Yahweh is salvation'. No wonder the angel Gabriel in Luke 1:26-33 told Mary to name her baby Jesus: "because he will save his people from their sins".

THE BLACK AND WHITE COLOUR SUPPLEMENT

A merry heart is good like a medicine. (Proverbs 17:22)
He that is of a merry heart has a continual feast. (Proverbs 15:15,)



SHE LOST TRACK OF
HER ONLY CHILD
FOR OVER A DAY,
AND WE'RE SUPPOSED
TO REVERE THIS
WOMAN?



TED - THE STORY IS
ABOUT JESUS' IDENTITY.
BESIDES, IT SAYS THAT
THEY ASSUMED HE
WAS WITH THEIR
FAMILY AND FRIENDS.



BLESSED VIRGIN
MOTHER INDEED!



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BIBLE PASSAGE — Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

GO OTT!



I KINGS 17:1-6

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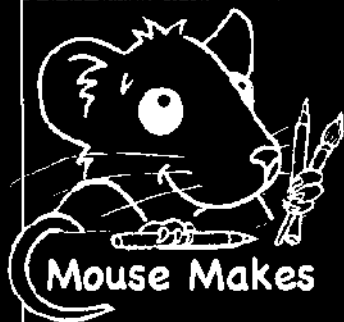
What Elijah ate:

A prophet named Elijah, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to King Ahab, “ In the name of the Lord, the living God of Israel, whom I serve, I tell you that there will be no dew or rain for the next two or three years until I say so.”

Then the Lord said to Elijah, “ Leave this place and go east and hide yourself near Cherith Brook, east of the Jordan.⁴ The brook will supply you with water to drink, and I have commanded ravens to bring you food there.”

Elijah obeyed the Lord's command, and went and stayed by Cherith Brook. He drank water from the brook, and ravens brought him bread and meat every morning and every evening.

The NAMING of JESUS



Eight days after their baby was born, **Mary** and **Joseph** named him with the name the angel **Gabriel** had given them long before he had been born. It was a very special name for a very special baby... the name

JESUS
which means
GOD IS SAVIOUR.

"You are to give him the name JESUS because he will save his people from their sins".

READ: Luke 2:21-38

As you read the bible look out for the meaning of people's names.

Jesus is:
The Christ
Matthew 16:16



The LIGHT
John 8:12



Bread of Life
John 6:35

The Good Shepherd
John 10:11



Lamb of God
John 1:29

JESUS

'God is Saviour'
Matthew 1:21

Jesus is:
Saviour
John 3:16-17



Son of God
Matthew 3:16-17



The Word
John 1:1-5

THE WAY
John 14:6

LORD
John 20:28



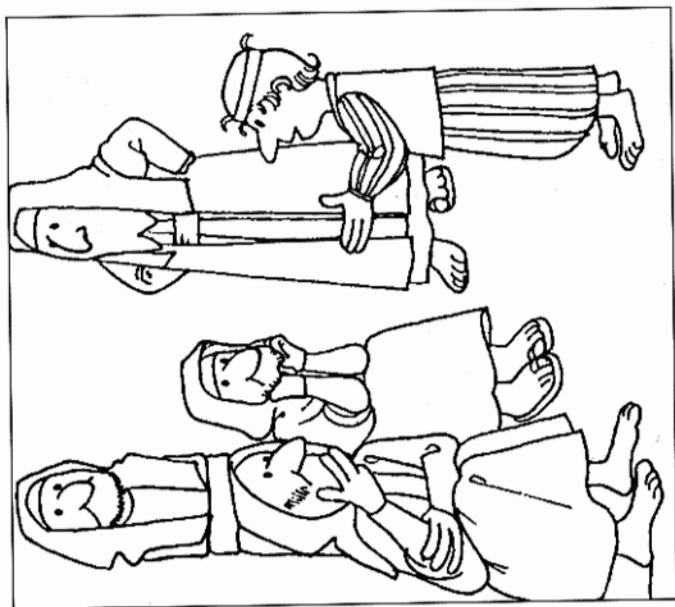
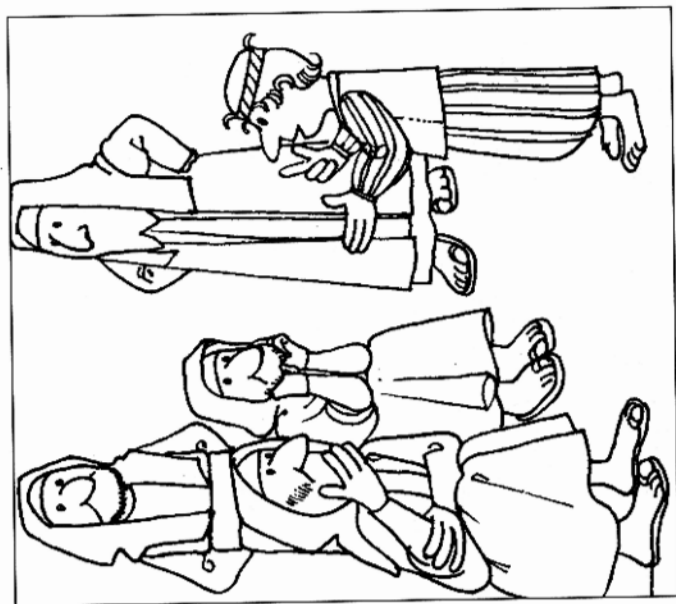
KING
Revelation 17:14

To make your bookmark:

Carefully cut around the outside, fold in half along the dotted line and glue together. Add a tassel to the bottom with a length of wool or ribbon. You can make it stronger by gluing onto card before folding.

When Jesus was twelve

Read Luke 2:41-52



Can you find 10 differences?

Ten years ago this month Europe began using the euro as currency....

Welcoming the Euro

Some news we just picked up. Did you read it in the papers there? The European Union commissioners announced that agreement has been reached to adopt English as the preferred language for European communications, rather than German, which was the other possibility. As part of the negotiations, her Majesty's Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a five-year phased plan for what will be known as EuroEnglish (Euro for short).

In the first year, 's' will be used instead of the soft 'c'. Certainly, sivil servants will resieve this news with joy. Also, the hard 'c' will be replaced with 'k'. Not only will this klear up konfusion, but typewriters and komputers kan have one less letter. There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year, when the troublesome 'ph' will be replaced with the 'f'. This will make words like 'fotograf' 20 per sent shorter.

In the third year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be ekspekt-ed to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible. Governments will enkorage the removal of double letters, which have always ben a deterrent to akurate speling. Also, al wil agre that the horrible mes of silent 'e's in the languag is disgrasful, and they would go.

By the fourth year, peopl will reseptiv to stepssuch as replasing 'th' with 'z', and 'w' with 'v'.

During ze fifz year, ze unesesary 'o' kan be dropped from vords containing 'ou', and similiar changes vud of kors be aplid to ozer kombinasyon of leters.

After zis fifz yer, ve vil hav a reli sensibl riten styl. Zer vil be no mor trubls or difikultis and evrivun vil find it ezi tu undeerstand ech ozer!



Holocaust Memorial Day - 27 January

It was 70 years ago this month, on 20th January 1942, that Nazi officials met to plan the 'final solution to the Jewish question' at the

Wannsee Conference in Germany. The Holocaust was the result.

The setting aside of a special day, Holocaust Memorial Day, first began in 2001, and is dedicated to the remembrance of the victims of The Holocaust. The 27th was chosen because it is the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp by the Soviet Union in 1945. Let us use the day to remember in prayer all the families around the world who lost loved ones in the Holocaust.

Christians affected by worsening crisis in Syria

Christian leaders in Syria and neighbouring countries have expressed growing concern about the deteriorating situation in Syria, and in particular what it means for the vulnerable Christian minority.

The Arab League recently suspended Syria over its crackdown on protestors in a move that highlights how far conditions in the country have worsened since anti-government demonstrations broke out in March 2011. The UN says that at least 3,500 people have been killed. Christians, who comprise around ten per cent of the population, are particularly concerned about what the future holds for them and Iraqi Christian refugees living in the country.

Should Assad fall, it is feared that Syria could go the way of Iraq post-Saddam Hussein. Saddam, like Assad, restrained the influence of militant Islamists, but after his fall they were free to wreak havoc on the Christian community; hundreds of thousands of Christians were consequently forced to flee the violence. Many of them went to Syria.

Dr Patrick Sookhdeo, International Director of Barnabas Fund, explains: *"I greatly fear that within the near future we will see a new Iraq developing in Syria. Barnabas Fund is standing with our brothers and sisters during this tumultuous time through both prayer and practical support. Please help us to help them."* If you would like to help, please visit: www.barnabasfund.org.uk/

Famine in the Horn of Africa

Famine still haunts the Horn of Africa, following two failed rainy seasons and conflict in Somalia. According to the United Nations, over 13 million people in Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia and Djibouti have now been affected.

Since last July, an unprecedented number of Somalis – nearly 900,000 – have crossed the borders into neighbouring countries like Kenya and Ethiopia. The Dadaab camps, designed for 90,000 people, are now home to over 400,000 refugees.

Dry seasons are common in the Horn of Africa, but the failure of the last rainy season hit when people were yet to recover from the 2010 drought. In parts of Ethiopia, for example, people were unable to harvest the short maturing crops such as cabbage and sweet potatoes. Then the prices of staple crops such as maize and sorghum soared. So many families had no choice but to make the long trek to the refugee camps. With millions affected, this is a crisis that will not be resolved quickly.

Over £385,000 has been donated to this Africa food crisis appeal to date. This is providing emergency food supplies through the Methodist Church's emergency relief partner, the Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance. As a result of MRDF support, people are also receiving tarpaulins for temporary shelters, blankets, plastic sheets, impregnated mosquito nets and sleeping mats. If you would like to help, please visit: www.mrdf.org.uk/

Christians killed and churches bombed amid Islamist violence in Nigeria

Two worshippers were killed and at least 12 injured in an armed raid on a church, and at least six other churches were bombed during a recent spate of widespread attacks by Islamist militants in Northern Nigeria that left around 150 people dead.

A church in Tabak village, Kaduna State, was targeted during a prayer meeting on Thursday evening (3 November). As the meeting was drawing to a close, gunmen burst into the building and fired at the congregation, which consisted mainly of women and children. Two women died at the scene, while at least twelve other people were wounded; some were said to be in a critical condition. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Nigeria.

Rev Dr Gary Bowness - his tongue in cheek letter from an elderly parish priest to his newly ordained nephew....



The Rectory
St. James the Least

My Dear Nephew Darren,

Your annual accounts – all 146 pages, bound in their plastic covers and laid out in faultless detail – are really most impressive. I was rather envious to note you have a clergy ‘discretionary fund’; were I given such a thing, my cellar of claret would improve immeasurably – although that is perhaps the reason why I am not given one.

The size of your office expenses makes me wonder if you have a staff rivalling that of the European Community. I suppose that at least you are doing your bit for job creation. Our dear Miss Marigold, who spends two hours a week randomly filing pieces of paper, mistyping rotas and failing to re-order stationery, is only rewarded by being the first to find out who are booking marriages and having their babies baptised – and if they do not happen in that order, that will be another piece of information remembered for future use. All this is information beyond the price of jewels in village communities.

Our accounts have more by way of charm than they do of accuracy, generally consisting of one sheet of handwritten paper. There are only ever three copies for circulation, as that is the limit of Colonel Denster’s carbon paper. It seems to be an unalterable tradition that they never balance, until we find the following year that the missing £20 was found months later under the teapot on the mantelpiece. One footnote to this was the occasion when the Colonel suspected an unaccountable £5 had been eaten by his Labrador. Our greatest expenses by far are categorised as ‘miscellaneous’, which is a catch-all for everything that our treasurer is unable to recall where it really went.

The thousands paid on church maintenance and diocesan fees are nodded through without comment – but if the money spent on Easter lilies or packets of tea for the Summer Fete increases by anything more than 50 pence, there will be much agonised debate and speculation about whether this is an indication of money laundering.

I see that your accounts were professionally audited. Fortunately, it does not matter too much about the accuracy of our own, as I have an arrangement with our auditor who lives in the village: if he refuses to sign them off, then I refuse to baptise his grand-children.

Your loving uncle,

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



**St. Augustine's PCC -
Committees & their Members**

If you want to speak to someone about a particular aspect of Church life, please see the list below. Please remember - ideas are good, but volunteers with ideas are much better.

Members	PCC	Social	Hall	Magazine
Vicar	x	x	x	x
Jennie Jones	x	x		x
Gladys Jackson	x			x
Jackie Smith	x	x	x	
Roy Hillman	x		x	x
Sylvia Price	x	x	x	
Annette Fisher		x		
Elizabeth Hillman			x	x
Jean Roberts		x		
Edith Davis		x		

St Augustine's Church Hall - Weekly Activities

Email: churchhall@sladegreen.org

Monday - 8.30-10.30 pm Krav Maga Self Defence

Tuesday - 12-3 pm Pensioners' Club

Wednesday -

6.00-7.30 pm Brownies

8.30-10.30 Krav Maga Self Defence

Thursday - 5.45-7.00 pm Rainbows

Friday - 5.30-9.00 pm GKR Karate Classes

Sunday - 10.30-11.45 am Church Sunday School

Most Children's Activities Are Term Time ONLY

Conscience: the sixth sense that comes to our aid when we are wrong and tells us that we are about to get caught.

Magazine details

Deadlines for next month's (February 2012) magazine - Final dates:

Electronic copy: 20th January to parishmag@sladegreen.org.

Typed copy: 15th January to Elizabeth Hillman.

Handwritten (in print) copy: 10th January to Elizabeth Hillman.

If you miss a deadline your article - whatever it is, will not be printed.

Rules of the air for pilots



1. Every takeoff is optional. Every landing is mandatory.
2. It's always better to be down here wishing you were up there than up there wishing you were down here.
3. When in doubt, hold on to your altitude. No one has ever collided with the sky.
4. A 'good' landing is one from which you can walk away. A 'great' landing is one after which they can use the plane again.
5. Never let an aircraft take you somewhere your brain didn't get to five minutes earlier.
6. Stay out of clouds. The silver lining everyone keeps talking about might be another airplane coming straight at you.
7. There are three simple rules for guaranteeing a smooth landing. Unfortunately no one knows what they are.

Foot in mouth

The vet in a small town was also in charge of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Late one night the phone rang, and his wife answered. An agitated voice inquired, "Is your husband there?"

"Do you require his services as a neighbourhood watch, or as a vet?" she asked. "Both!" was the reply. "We can't get our dog's mouth open, and there's an intruder in it."

Winter travel

A government warning said that anyone travelling in icy conditions should take: shovel, blankets, sleeping bag, scarf, hat and gloves, 24 hours supply of food and drink, de-icer, rock salt, torch, spare batteries, road flares, reflective triangles, tow rope, a five gallon petrol jerrycan, first aid kit, and jump leads. So ... I looked a complete pratt on the bus this morning!



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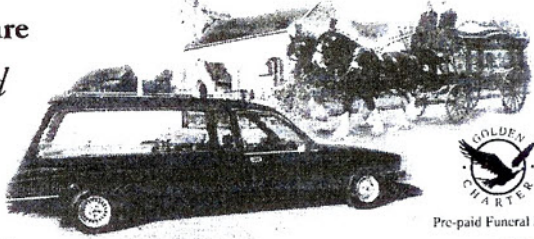
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on request*

St Augustine's Church Hall

Saturday evening dates are limited. To reserve a date you must book early. Bookings can be made in person, in church Tuesday Eves 7-8 pm

Part or all day hire (9am-11pm) - to check availability please call

01322 346258

All weekday (Mon to Fri) evenings (school term time) fully booked.

Further details www.sladegreen.org/staugustines

Single Event Hourly charges from January 2012:

Adult Party from £22 per hour before 6pm, & from £28 per hour 6-11pm.

Party rates are dependent upon day of the week, timings, hours wanted and party size

Reduced rates for Childs' Party (under 12) before 6pm from £15 per hour (minimum charge £30).

No Alcohol is permitted on site during a Child's party booking.

Giving to the Church

There are various ways of giving and specific funds within the church accounts to give to.

General Income

Regular giving, regular amounts: If you are a taxpayer please do so by Gift Aid. Every 72p you give this way provides £1 for the Church's work and upkeep.

Ad hoc amounts: If you are a taxpayer please use the little brown envelopes left in the pews each Sunday. We can claim the tax back. Remember to put your name on the front!

You can even make a gift to the church in your Will.

In addition there are separate funds dedicated to specific church needs, the heating fund, and the flower fund. If you wish to donate any money for these specifically, please see the Church Warden, or the Vicar.

Advertisements:

St Augustine's Church cannot accept legal liability for events arising from responding to advertisements placed in this magazine. Please ensure that any contracts or agreements meet your requirements. Caveat Emptor.

Sung Eucharist 10.30 am every Sunday

plus Sunday School most weeks for pre & primary school children

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