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**CHRIST CHURCH**

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**We're open for coffee and a chat every  
Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 10am  
till 12noon**

**On Thursday afternoons between 2pm and  
4pm, we open for "The Crafty Club" coffee  
and natter sessions, when you can bring  
anything you love doing, knitting, crochet,  
sewing, drawing, colouring... anything.**

**Enjoy chatting over a cuppa, or you can just  
pop in to talk with friends old and new, have  
a tea or coffee and biscuits and catch up.**



Maybe you would just appreciate sitting in the church in quiet reflection... whatever you like, you are always welcome!

Details of our services will be posted on the website:

[www.christchurchworthing.org.uk](http://www.christchurchworthing.org.uk)

*Cover photograph - stained glass in Christ Church*



Here's our friend Oggi, ready for the **Pet Service** that was held in September. Oggi was one of the six dogs attending. They all behaved very well, as did their owners.

# Services at Christ Church

December

*See back cover of this magazine*

January

Sunday 4th	10:30am	Holy Communion – Epiphany
	6pm	Evensong
Thursday 8th	10:30am	BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 11th	10:30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 18th	10:30am	Holy Communion
	6pm	Evensong
Thursday 22nd	10:30am	BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 25th	10:30am	Morning Prayer

February

Sunday 1st	10:30am	Holy Communion – Candlemas
	6pm	Evensong
Sunday 8th	10:30am	Morning Prayer
Thursday 12th	10:30am	BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 15th	10:30am	Holy Communion
	6pm	Evensong
Wednesday 18th	10:30am	Ash Wednesday
Sunday 22nd	10:30am	Morning Prayer
Thursday 26th	10:30am	BCP Holy Communion

## **Bible Study**

**We have started a BIBLE STUDY GROUP led by Derek Hansen, once a month on Tuesdays from 12 noon to 1pm. studying Mark's Gospel. The next session will be on 13<sup>th</sup> January and all are welcome.**

## Jelly Babies



Manufacturer Basset's abandoned the rather darker original name 'unclaimed babies' and rebranded them 'Peace Babies' to mark the end of World War I .

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"The point is, there is no feasible excuse for what we are, for what we have made of ourselves. We have chosen to put profits before people, money before morality, dividends before decency, fanaticism before fairness, and our own trivial comforts before the unspeakable agonies of others"

**Iain Banks**

**ANOTHER ANGRY VOICE**



## **TWELVE COMMANDMENTS FOR OLDIES**

- 1 - Talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice.
- 2 - "In Style" are the clothes that still fit.
- 3 - You don't need anger management. You need people to stop making you mad.
- 4 - Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
- 5 - The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."
- 6 - "On time" is when you get there.
- 7 - Even duct tape can't fix stupid - but it sure does muffle the sound.
- 8 - It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.
- 9 - Lately, You've noticed people your age are so much older than you.
- 10 - Growing old should have taken longer.
- 11 - Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.
- 12 - You still haven't learned to act your age, and hope you never will.

And one more:

"One for the road" means going to the bathroom before you leave the house.

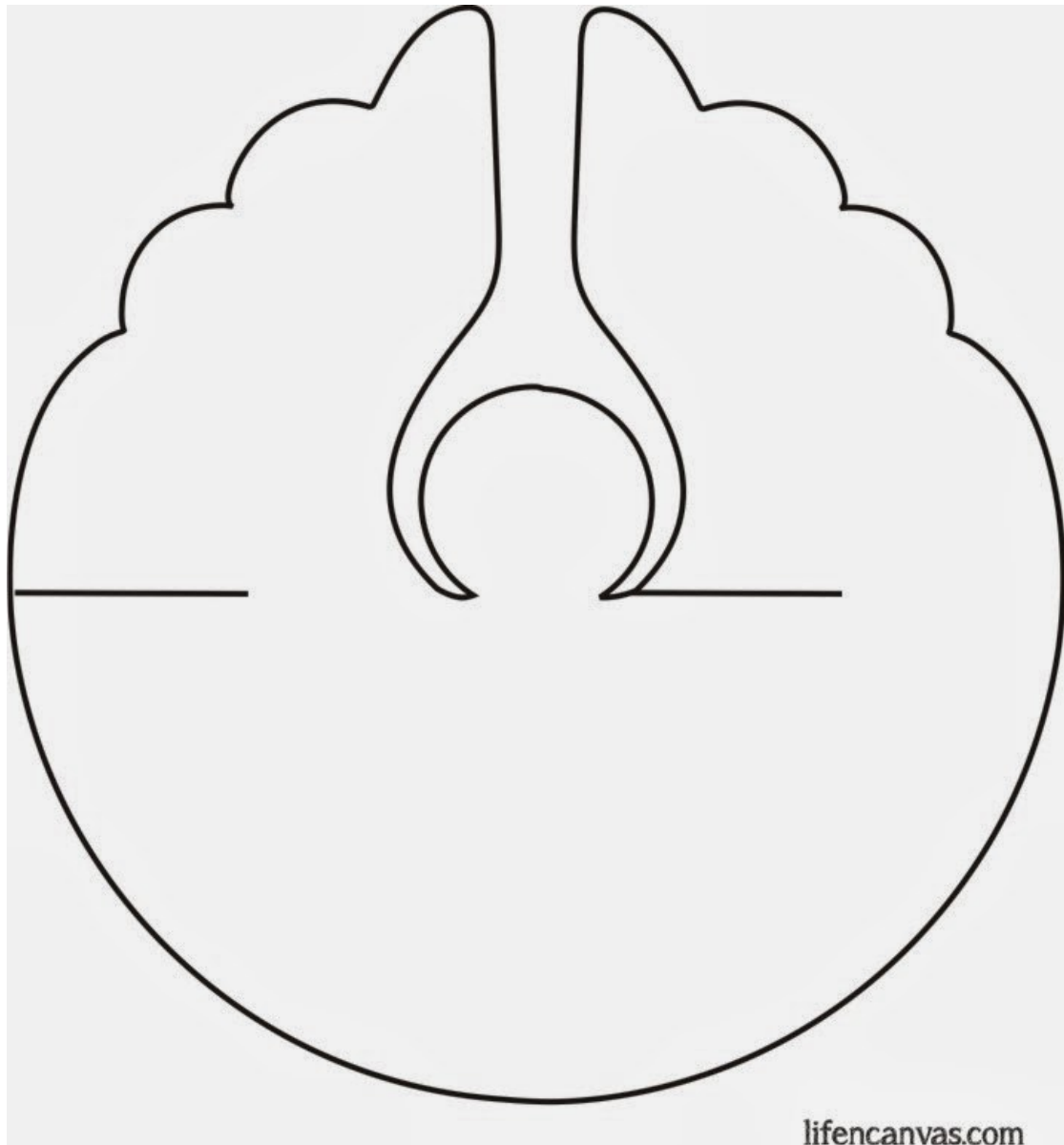
## **To Make A Paper Angel . . .**

The lower half is the angel's body. The upper half consists of the wings and head.

I recommend colouring in your angel first as the paper is less likely to rip this way.

When you have finished colouring, cut out your angel on the black lines. Two of the lines go half way across between body and wings.





**You can also stick on 'gems', glitter, bits of ribbon, sticky stars or anything else that you have to hand.**

**Finally, if you wish to hang up your angel, sellotape a ribbon or thread to the back of the head.**



## **Sermon by The Revd Roger Walker at Christ Church on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

I have been asked to speak today about peace. It is a word found in both the Old Testament and New Testament.

The Old Testament word 'Shalom' has a sense of soundness and well-being and is used when praying for the welfare of someone else, or to describe harmony and concord between different individuals. It can also be applied to seeking the good of a city or nation, with a sense of material well-being or physical safety or even spiritual well-being. The words righteousness and truth are often used with it.

The word is carried over into the New Testament as the Greek word 'eirene' with much the same meaning, showing Jesus as the prophesied Prince of Peace and his disciples as its messengers. The only difference between Old Testament and New Testament usage is that in the New Testament it nearly always carries a spiritual rather than physical connection. St. Paul especially uses the word in his Epistles, showing that for sinful man there must first be peace with God through the forgiveness of sin because of Christ's sacrifice upon the Cross. With this forgiveness comes inner peace. Paul also writes of how peace between man and man is part of the purpose for which Christ died, and indeed of the work of the Holy Spirit within us; and he emphasizes that man must actively promote peace, not just as the elimination of discord, but as the harmony and true function of the body of Christ.

This all begins to sound quite complicated. So how can we use biblical teaching to apply peace to our own lives? We can perhaps be helped by reading the words with which 1 Thessalonians closes. They tell us 'May God himself, the God of peace sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ'. They conclude by telling us that the one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

So let's go back to the words which I quoted from 1 Thessalonians. Paul begins these words by praying for the Thessalonians and for us his readers, that the God of peace may sanctify, that is make holy, every part of us. The word holy means set apart for the service of God, and for us to do this we need harmony and concord among ourselves, as we saw in our definition. All of this comes from God and embraces every



part of us, spirit, soul and body as Paul writes, so we must be open in prayer for God to do this, not just as individuals but as a church seeking to reflect God's peace to all those around us.

This is how God works in the world, by using his servants to show his will and purpose, not just to his church but to all those whom he wants to bring to salvation. Here we are at the beginning of Advent with this great task for God; and we are not just seeking to show his peace in our lives, but as the weeks go on, also faith, hope and love – quite a demand on us.

However, to concentrate on peace, our subject for today. How can we reflect in our lives what God is doing to bring peace to the church and to the world? It has to be said that we are not being very successful in doing this, for the church is noted for its division in the opposing denominations, and as for the world, there always seems to be full-scale wars somewhere, and here Ukraine comes to mind; and also many quarrels between individuals. In the midst of this we stand seeking to bring about peace. We may feel that it is a somewhat hopeless cause as we look at how little influence we have as individuals upon either the church or the world. There are, however, two positive things that we can do.

We can, with God's help sought from him in prayer, try our very hardest to have a positive relationship with those who are fellow members of our local church. This will spread out within the church so that our leaders, both clerical and lay, feel supported. For it is they who can make decisions and take actions that will lead to peace within each denomination of the church and peace between denominations.

As far as the world is concerned, bringing about peace is very similar. We do not align ourselves with warring parties; and above all we pray for the leaders of the nations that they may be open to what God is saying to them. So then the peace that Christ's church should be mirroring, by obeying the teaching of the scriptures, can touch their hearts as well. For God's holy spirit is seeking to touch all in authority, whether they be believers or not, and the main thing that he is seeking to put into their hearts is peace.

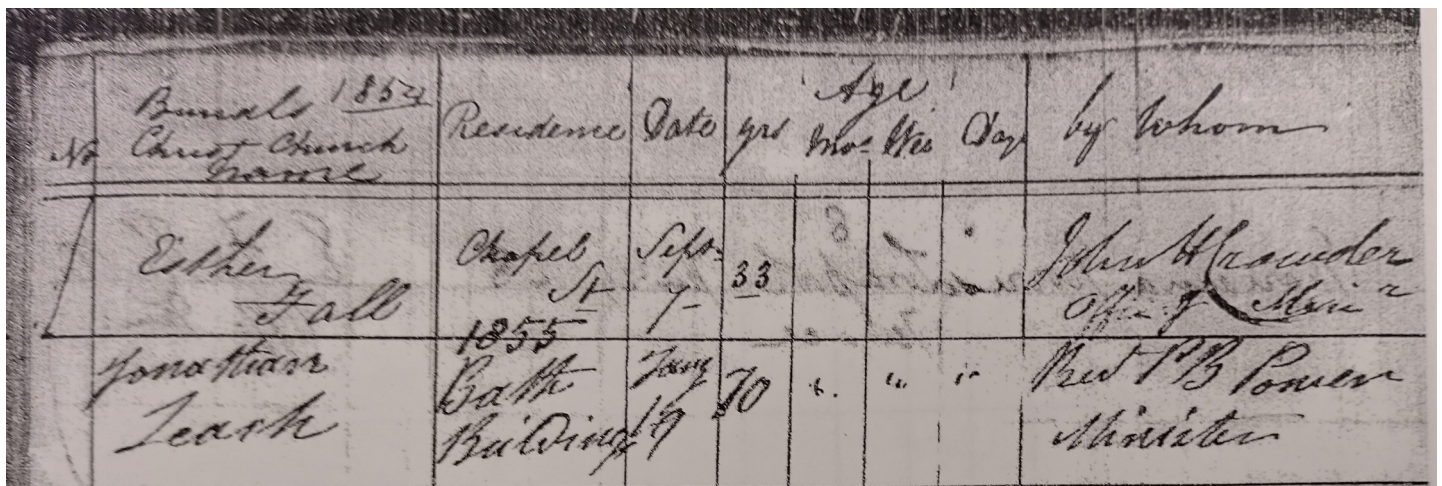
For as we reflected earlier, peace between man and man is part of the purpose for which Christ died. As our passage from 1 Thessalonians reflected, God, who called you and everyone else in the world, is faithful and he will do it.

## *From the Graveyard*

Christ Church receives enquiries from researchers conducting family or academic historical research. This short piece is about one of the oldest burials in our churchyard.

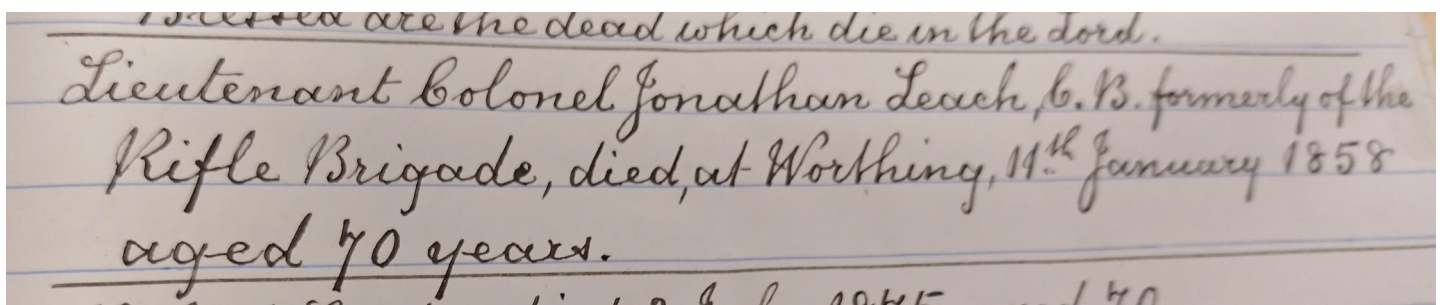
Lt Col Jonathan Leach CB, born in Plymouth, was a soldier in Wellington's army during the Napoleonic Wars; he saw extensive action in the Peninsular War in Spain and Portugal as well as the Battle of Waterloo and was decorated for his service. He wrote several successful books about his time in the forces, particularly the 95th Rifle Brigade.

Lt Col Leach lived at 1, Bath Buildings, Worthing at the time of the 1851 census. He was buried on 19<sup>th</sup> January 1855 by P B Power, who was the first vicar of Christ Church. Christ Church only became a parish in 1855.



No	Burials 1855 Christ Church Worthing	Residence	Date	Age yrs	Sex	Day	by whom
	Esterly Hall	Chapel St	Sept 7	33			John H. Maudslayi Officiating Minister
	Jonathan Leach	Bath Buildings	Jan 19	70			Rev P B Power Minister

At the library I found an alternative date for Lt Col Leach's burial! This could of course be due to transcribers misreading the handwriting of others.



...are the dead which die in the Lord.  
 Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan Leach, C.B. formerly of the  
 Rifle Brigade, died, at Worthing, 11<sup>th</sup> January 1858  
 aged 70 years.

We are now thinking that as this is one of the oldest graves in the churchyard, the inscription may have weathered away entirely, due to the salt in the sea air.

## Senior moments are ...

When you decide to pull up your socks and realise you're not wearing any.

When you try to attract the attention of a friend in the street, and are met with looks of terror as you draw nearer and embrace a complete stranger.

When the strained expressions on the faces of your friends and family tell you they have heard this story before – many times!

When your dentist seems baffled when you start to undress for your annual check-up

When your neighbour remarks how well your Marigolds compliment your evening dress.

When you call your other half by your pet's name, and vice versa!

When you automatically convert all metric measurements into 'old money' in order to work out what it really is.

When the bobble hat that you're wearing looks remarkably like your tea cosy.

When you find vegetable peelings in your clothes basket and understand why the waste disposal unit is blocked up.

When you sit down at the bus stop on your way home, and see this:





## WHY IS THE VICAR WEARING GREEN TODAY?

*The Venerable John Barton*

You may have noticed that the Minister who officiates at Church Services may wear a long, thin scarf which is called a stole. This can be white, purple, red or green.

White is for festive occasions like Christmas and Easter, christenings and weddings. Purple is worn during Lent and Advent, when we bring to mind our sins and seek God's forgiveness, in preparation for the wonderful seasons of Christmas and Easter. Red at Pentecost symbolises the fire of the Holy Spirit, and on Saints' Days it signifies that many of them (and some today) were martyred because they were Christians. Green, marking growth and hope is worn for the rest of the year.

So, white for 'best', purple for penitence, red for the Holy Spirit and the blood of the Martyrs, and green for growth.

You will also spot the same changing colours for items on the Altar-Table at the beginning and end of the Service of Holy Communion. The Burse is a flat, square case holding a linen cloth called the corporal, on which the vessels used in Holy Communion are placed. The Veil covers them until they are used.

The vessels are called Paten and Chalice. The Paten is like a plate on which the bread is placed. A bowl, called a Ciborium, may be used for the same purpose. The Chalice is a cup for the wine.

Because the bread and wine represent the Body and Blood of Christ, which He sacrificed for us when He was crucified, we handle them with care.

The minister's ceremonial robes, called vestments, and the vessels all point to something greater. In one of St Paul's letters in the New Testament, he explains in these words that receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion has past, present and future significance: "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

## Biscuit Cutter Decorations

**This dough is safe for children, who will not take more than one bite due to its bitter taste!**

**Use your festive cutters, cut out shapes with a table knife or use as play dough to model.**

**Don't forget to make a hole for a hanging thread or hook.**

### Recipe for salt dough

- 200g flour
- 
- 200g fine grain salt
- 
- 125 ml water
- 
- 1.5 tablespoon oil



Bake at a low temperature for 2-3 hours.

Leave to cool.

Paint, decorate with glitter, thread string or ribbon through the hole and hang on your tree, add to your wreath or whatever you want!

# Calling all knitters!

Now that the darker evenings are here, maybe you would like to knit a warm neck muffler for the Mission to Seafarers who have specifically asked for these. They are simple to make and you can use any colour, but preferably not very pale ones. Chunky or aran thickness wool is best.

## Seafarers' Neck Warmer

Based on Aran Wool.

Size 5mm (UK 6) needles

Cast on 106sts.

1<sup>st</sup> Row: k2, p2, repeat to end

2<sup>nd</sup> Row: p2, k2, repeat to end

Repeat these two rows until work measures 3.5 inches (9cm)

Cast off 28sts at beginning of next two rows. (50 sts)

Keeping rib pattern, work until 4 inches (10 cm) from cast off edge.

Cast off in rib. Sew the 3.5 inches (9cm) sides together to finish.





## **Ode to a Committee**

**A common organisational hazard is assignment to a committee. Committees are notorious for having difficulty arriving at productive conclusions. "A camel is a horse designed by a committee" is the maxim coined by Vogue magazine in 1958.**

**So I share this ode, titled simply :**

### **"The Committee"**

**O give me your pity, I'm on a committee  
Which means that from morning to night,  
We attend and amend, and contend and defend  
Without a conclusion in sight.**

**We confer and concur, we defer and demur  
And reiterate all of our thoughts.  
We revise the agenda with frequent addenda,  
And consider a load of reports.**

**We compose and propose, we suppose and oppose,  
And the points of procedure are fun;  
But though various notions are brought up as  
motions,  
There's terribly little gets done.**

**We resolve and absolve, but we never dissolve,  
Since it's out of the question for us.  
What a shattering pity to end our committee.  
Where else could we make such a fuss?**

**(Attributed to Leslie Lipson,  
*Copyright Phong Ngo RG APR99*)**

# Wordsearch

## PANTOMIME

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ROBIN HOOD

SINGALONG

SLEEPING BEAUTY

SNOW WHITE

SPINNING WHEEL

THEATRE

UGLY SISTER

VILLAIN

## **Some Christmas Crackers to make you groan!**

Q. What is small, green and round and wears a uniform?

A. A Brussel Scout!

Q. How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?

A. Deep pan, crisp and even!

Q. What do you use to drain the vegetables at Christmas?

A. An advent colander!

Q. Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing?

A. They are always dropping their needles!

Q. What happened to the man who shoplifted a calendar at Christmas?

A. He got 12 months!

Q. Why do reindeer wear fur coats?

A. Because they'd look silly in plastic macs!

Q. What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?

A. It's Christmas, Eve!

Q. Why did the turkey join the band?

A. Because it had the drumsticks!

Q. What do you call a warm snowman?

A. A puddle!

Q. What do Santa's helpers learn at school?

A. The Elf –abet!

Q. What's green, prickly and flies through the air?

A. A holly-copter!

Q. What do snowmen eat for breakfast?#

A. Frosted flakes!



## ***OPEN THE BOOK***

Hello, my name is Mary and I lead a group of storytellers from Open the Book, here in Worthing.

Open the Book (OtB) is an exciting storytelling project where Bible stories are shared with children in a way that is fun, interactive and memorable. As invited guests in school, storytelling teams use the [Open the Book programme](#) to prepare and present a 10–15 minute scripted Bible story to a school assembly, involving the children as much as possible.

Storytelling teams are made up of [trained](#) and [safely recruited](#) volunteers from local churches and organisations, who sign up as members and follow the [Open the Book Code of Practice](#).



Our team go in to 2 schools; West Park Junior and Sion Junior. We tell Bible stories with a narrator and a few actors and enlist the help of some children from the assembly, who also dress up and help us tell the story. We use costumes and props that we have made usually, so it is all very low key, but is always fun and carried out with a passion for God's Word.

The Bible stories are provided in a special Storytelling Bible from the Bible Society and we are not allowed to deviate from them as they have been written to present to school assemblies.

We are currently looking for people to join our group. We meet on a Tuesday at 8.45am at Clifton Road Community Church for a practice. The following 2 Tuesdays we go to the schools for assembly, usually at about 8.15am - 8.30am and we are usually finished by about 9.30am – so if you can work flexi hours or shifts, you may be to fit this in to your working week! We average about 3 or 4 assemblies per school per term.

We are a very friendly group and all come from different churches in Worthing, so there is no need to feel like an outsider! No acting experience is required, just a desire to reach out to the children of Worthing to tell Bible stories in a fun and memorable way.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Mary Pirie on 07988 172984 or email [marypirie16@gmail.com](mailto:marypirie16@gmail.com). You can also find more information at [www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/Open-the-Book/](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/Open-the-Book/)



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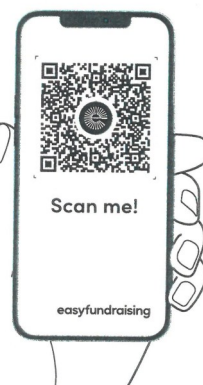
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Christmas shopping?

January sales?

Don't forget—



## ***Worship for December at Christ Church***

<b>Sunday 7th</b>	<b>10.30am Holy Communion 6pm Evensong</b>
<b>Thursday 11th</b>	<b>10.30am BCP Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 14th</b>	<b>10.30am Morning Prayer 4pm Christmas Carol Service</b>
<b>Sunday 21st</b>	<b>10.30am Holy Communion 6pm Evensong</b>
<b>Wednesday 24th</b>	<b>11.30pm Christmas Eve Midnight Holy Communion</b>
<b>Thursday 25th</b>	<b>10.30am Christmas Morning Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 28th</b>	<b>10.30am Morning Prayer</b>

***We look forward to welcoming you in the New Year!***

