

**Bible verse and prayer for 2014**

May the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

Gracious God,
you have called us
to be the Church of Jesus Christ.
Keep us one in faith and service;
breaking bread together
and telling the good news to the world;
that all may believe you are love,
turn to your ways, and live to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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Letter from Andrew Housley

Dear friends,

It has been called, 'the epic battle' of Christmas commercials! First came John Lewis with their penguin, Monty, who longed for the love of another penguin. Our hearts melt when Monty meets Mabel under the Christmas tree and we discover that Monty's longing for a friend was being played out in the little boy's imagination. A week later, Sainsbury's launched their commercial, which retells the story of the Christmas truce between the British and German soldiers on Christmas Day in 1914. We are filled with joy as we see the young soldiers of Britain and Germany meet in friendship, only to climb back into their trenches and experience the horror of war. Both commercials are designed to play on our heartstrings, which they do very well as they encourage us to spend money in their shops!

The commercial frenzy which we experience every year has squeezed the Christmas story to the sidelines. Recent statistics said that just 12% of adults know the nativity story, and more than one third of children don't know whose birthday it is! These statistics highlight our need to make people aware of how important the birth of Jesus is to us. We may not be able to match the marketing budget of John Lewis, but a renewed passion for our faith and inviting family and friends to our Christmas services would be enough to help people see that *Christmas Starts With Christ!*



The *Christmas Starts With Christ* campaign has been launched to help both the church and individuals work together to make sure that the Christmas message doesn't get squeezed out and ignored. The campaign can be followed

online at <http://christmasstartswithchrist.com>. If you have the opportunity, please follow the campaign, displaying their downloadable

posters where you can. If you are not able to visit their website, then please talk about our Christmas services with those you know or meet so that we can increase the number of those who join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

I would like to finish this letter by wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and I pray that we all have a healthy New Year!

In Bethlehem, God gave to us
The source of Christmas joy;
A star shown on a miracle:
The virgin birth of a boy.

He was born both God and man,
A Saviour for us all,
The way to get to our heavenly home,
If we just heed His call.


So as we shop and spend and wrap
And enjoy the Christmas season,
Let's keep in mind the sacred truth:
Jesus is the reason.

Anon.

Andrew

PS: The adverts are all available on YouTube

Services in December

	St Michael Aughton	Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe
7th December Advent 2 Purple Isa 40:1-11 2 Pet 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 10.30am Bill Matins 10.30am Mike Hall Service 4pm Andrew Holy Communion	10.45am Andrew Holy Communion
14th December Advent 3 Purple Isa 61:1-4, 8-end 1 Thess 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28	8.15am Mike S Holy Communion 10.30am Mike S Family Communion	8am Andrew Holy Communion 10.45am Andrew Christingle
21st December Advent 4 Purple 2 Sam 7:1-11, 16 Rom 16:25-end Luke 1:26-38	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 10.30am Andrew Christingle 4pm Andrew Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols	10.45am Mark Morning Prayer 6.30pm Andrew Carol Service
24th December Christmas Eve Purple 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-11, 16 Acts 13:16-26 Luke 1:67-79	4pm Chris Crib Service 11.30pm Judith Midnight Communion	4pm Andrew Crib Service 11.30pm Andrew Midnight Communion

25th December Christmas Day White Isa 9:2-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 10.30am Andrew Family Communion	10.45am Judith Family Communion
28th December The Holy Innocents White Jer 31:15-17 1 Cor 1:26-29 Matt 2:13-18	8.15am Judith Holy Communion 10.30am Judith Holy Communion	10.45am Andrew Holy Communion

Christmas Messages

Bishop Paul's Christmas Message

“Those who have turned the world upside down have come here also!”
(Acts 17:6)

We all know what happened. In a small insignificant Middle Eastern town something happened that was perfectly ordinary, and absolutely special. It happened 2000 years ago. It happened among the poor. A child was born.

We all know the story. We all sing the carols. We all marvel at the wonder of a God who came down from heaven to be among His people. But I wonder sometimes if we allow the significance of that event to have the real impact on our hearts, minds and lives that it should. For Jesus didn't leave the majesty of heaven and come to earth to provide a Christmas card picture. He came as a small child to make a big difference. To turn the world upside down. To announce, demonstrate and live the Kingdom. To be, as John said, a light that shines in the dark. To shake the complacency of both the authorities and the nation of Israel so that God's peace and justice can triumph in His world.

That's the Christ I will be remembering and celebrating this Christmas. Because that's the Christ that, in the same way as he overturned the tables in the Temple, overturned the way we look at the world. The Christ that truly showed us what the prophets of old had been proclaiming that God is a God of justice. That he reaches out to the poor and marginalised and transforms their lives. That is a vision of Christ, a disciple making, kingdom building vision that makes a difference.

If that is the Christmas message we hear, then it should inspire us to make a difference. I want my life to make a difference. I certainly want to be a Bishop of a church that makes a difference. Since starting my ministry in the Diocese of Liverpool I have seen excellent examples of this happening, all over. In schools, hospitals and in the workplace; in the Foodbank and debt advice centre; in the street alongside the lonely and the oppressed; "those who have turned the world upside down have come here also". In all these places and so many more there are Christians making a difference and living out the gospel. If that's the message you hear and the way you live then I want to celebrate that with you this Christmas. If that's not the message you hear or the way you choose to live then I would like to encourage you to use this Christmas to start to make a difference, to upend the world in your place of work, or school, or street, or home. It doesn't have to be a big grand gesture but I believe that every one of us can do something. To make a difference to our family, friends, neighbours or colleagues showing the kindness, love and grace that Jesus has shown us.

Those who turn the world upside down do it in the power of Jesus Christ. For many years now the church has supported the Christmas starts with Christ campaign. I support it because I believe if we are to be transported beyond a self-centred materialistic approach to the festivities then we need to accept Christ, turn ourselves the right way up, walk with him and shine his light into the world. Happy Christmas!

+Paul, Bishop of Liverpool

'Do not be afraid'

A Christmas message given by Bishop Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford

Knife crime, gun crime, immigration, unemployment, genocide, the war on terror, nuclear holocaust, Aids, bird flu, anti-biotic resistant super bugs and now Ebola, it feels as if the world is gripped by one potentially life threatening or 'civilisation as we know it' threatening cataclysm after another. And we are understandably filled with fear.

Into this maelstrom of panic and dread is the Christmas season a welcome escape, or an opportunity to get some perspective? Well, there are probably many people who will indeed eat and drink and forget the troubles of the world at Christmas, and good luck to them. But for those of us who look to Bethlehem, not Bluewater, for our centre of gravity at this time of year we encounter a very different story and a very different set of challenges.

So may the words of the angel Gabriel to Mary ring out loud and clear across the globe, and if only they were strung up in brightly flashing neon lights in every High Street: 'Do not be afraid'. Yes, there are the most terrible horrors engulfing our world, not least the Ebola outbreak and its possible consequence for all of us, and the already devastating toll it has taken on some of the world's poorest communities. But Mary is told not to be frightened because she is to be the one through whom God's purposes of love and justice will be made known. This can also be true for us, who follow Jesus. We can be bearers of his love and his justice, ordering the world differently.

Jesus is born to show us what humanity is supposed to look like and to restore lost community with God. In doing this he reminds us that we are one humanity inhabiting one world, that we are all children of God and that we belong to each other. This should change the way we approach the horrors and challenges of the world. There are some

strident, cynical and scaremongering voices around. We should be suspicious of them. This is not the time to pull up the drawbridge. On the contrary it is the time to put extra resources into helping those in need, especially the poor, for our well-being is tied up with theirs.

Finally, Jesus was born into a persecuted people living in an occupied land. In an effort to rid the world of the threat he posed, a despotic puppet of a leader wiped out a whole generation of little boys, and Jesus and his family fled into exile. If we make this story ours, then we too must change the way we treat strangers, the way we confront tyrants and, yes, have an immigration policy that is as much concerned with hospitality for those in need as it is for the feathers in our own nest. The Son of Man had no place to rest his head. He was born in what was the equivalent of a bus shelter at the back of a pub. We cannot claim to follow him and ignore others who share his plight. We cannot confront the brutal terrors going on in Iraq, Syria and other places in the world, and at the same time close our doors to refugees, asylum seekers and displaced and persecuted minority groups.

So free yourself from fear this Christmas. Follow the one who alone offers hope in the midst of the very real challenges we face. Discover that his way of peace - upside down thought it seems to so much of the received wisdom of the world - is actually the way of justice, prosperity and well-being for everyone. It is available, gift wrapped, with lashings of love, free of charge and ready to go at a local church near you. Have an interesting Christmas.

+Stephen

Source: www.stephencottrell.org/

Benefice News

Holy Communion in the Community



The Holy Communion Services in Stockley Crescent, St Michael's Hall and Bickerstaffe School are a wonderful opportunity for outreach. Please invite friends!!

"For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

1 Corinthians 11:26

- The service of Holy Communion at Stockley Crescent will be on 2nd December at 1pm;
- St Michael's Hall, on Wednesday 10th December at 11am (with soup lunch);
- Holy Communion at Bickerstaffe School will take place on Friday 30th January at 2.40pm. Everyone welcome.

Pathfinder Group and Youth Club

The Pathfinder Group meets at 6pm for a half hour before the Youth Club starts at 6.30pm. The Pathfinder Group provides activity and discussion to help the young people grow in their understanding of the Christian faith. The Youth Club meets from 6.30pm – 8pm with games and activities. The group will meet at St Michael's Hall on 14th December.

Welcome to the Lord's Table

At a Passover meal, the youngest child asks "what is so special about a night like this?" the host of the meal will answer by telling the guests about the time Israel was led from slavery to the promised land. Holy Communion evolved from the Passover meal and reminds us that we were saved from the slavery of sin to benefit from new life in Christ.

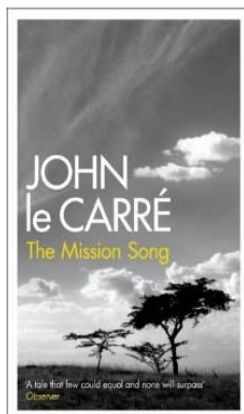
The Welcome to the Lord's Table course is for children in Y4+ who would like to learn more about the Christian faith and join with the church family in the special act of worship and remembrance by taking Holy Communion. Any children from St Michael's wanting to join the course this year please speak to Margaret Ellams. Any children from Bickerstaffe, please speak to Andrew.

Men's Breakfast



The next Men's Breakfast will be at St Michael's Church Hall at 9am on Saturday 24th January. New members welcome!

Book Club



The next book is "The Mission Song" by John le Carré. The meeting is scheduled for the 21st January 2015 from 8pm at the Derby Arms pub. *All welcome.*

'A formidably sophisticated work of fiction, full of energy, rage and great humour. All the qualities for which le Carré's fiction has been admired - his descriptive powers, his electrifying dialogue, his cynicism in the presence of corporate greed and government power - are visible in THE MISSION SONG. That this great English novelist continues to produce work of this calibre with such frequency is simply astonishing.'

Bickerstaffe Shared Ministry Team (SMT)

On Sunday 11th January at 10.45am, the new SMT at Bickerstaffe will be licensed at the 10.45am service by the Ven. Peter Bradley, the Archdeacon of Warrington. **Please pray** for the team as they work to develop the ministry and mission at Bickerstaffe church. A warm invitation is extended to all members of the parish of Bickerstaffe and also to members of St Michael's Church.

Holy Trinity Dates & News

Dates for your diary

5th December	Bickerstaffe School Christmas Fair from 3.30pm.
6th December	Christmas shopping trip to Preston.
12th December	Christmas Bingo.
14th December	Youth Group.
20th December	Bickerstaffe Church Christmas Party.
11th January	SMT Licensing at the 10.45am service.
21st January	Book Club in the Derby Arms pub from 8pm.
24th January	Men's Breakfast from 9am at St Michael's hall.
1st February	Gift Day.
8th February	Family Service with Baptism.

Carol singing in the Stanley Gate pub

On Sunday 7th December from 7pm, we will be carol singing in the Stanley Gate pub in aid of the Children's Society. Please put your name on the list at the back of church or just turn up. Mulled wine will be provided!

Carol singing in our community

We will meet on 19th December to sing around Barrownook and then on 22nd December at Church Road. Please see Hilary Rosbotham for further information. All welcome!

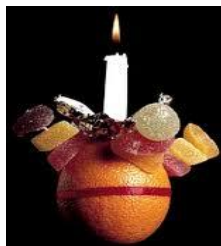
Christmas Services



Please remember to bring friends, family and neighbours to our Christmas Services.

7th December	Carol Singing in the Stanley Gate pub from 7pm.
14th December	Christingle Service at 10.45am.
21st December	Service of Lessons and Carols from 6.30pm.
Christmas Eve	4.00pm Crib Service: Please bring a decorated star! 11.30pm Midnight Communion.
Christmas Day	10.45am Family Communion. Children are invited to bring one of their new toys to this service.

Christingle making



On Friday 12th December from 10.30pm, we will make the Christingles at Bickerstaffe School with the children. If you are able to help, please let Andrew or Merrick know. Thank you.

December Bingo



Don't forget there will be another evening of bingo and fun on 12th December from 7.30pm in the Mission. Please bring your own drinks.

Shared Ministry Team

At the Parochial Church Council (PCC) on Tuesday 11th November, the PCC discussed and voted their support for the SMT's Agreed Statement. The Agreed Statement outlines ministry tasks of the team. Below is an excerpt from the statement.

The ministry tasks of the team over their period of commissioning have been agreed with the PCC and will be in the following three areas:

1. Develop and support parish members and also those in the community so they may grow in their Christian faith and relationship with God.
2. We will explore other forms of inclusive worship including those that reach out to specific groups.
3. Develop our support to those who come to the church for baptisms, funerals, and weddings.

The more specific tasks for the year ahead are as follows:

1. Develop mentor system to keep in touch with those who come to church for baptisms, weddings or new parishioners.
2. Review options to develop wider range of services, which will enable the church to grow in faith.
3. Develop new forms of worship and ministry for young families and children.

Andrew

Cathedral News

Sancta Lucia 'Festival of Light' service 6th December 7pm-8pm

In conjunction with the Nordic Church in Liverpool, a unique and beautifully atmospheric Swedish procession and service of light, featuring a guest choir from Sweden.

The service will be held in conjunction with the Nordic charity 'Liverpool international Nordic Community'.

A candle-lit performance of the choir in the darkened cathedral is part of the service, starting with a candle-lit procession of the choir up to the transept area. They then sing Swedish traditional Lucia songs and the performance is concluded with a candle-lit procession.

The Lucia songs and carols are traditionally sung in Sweden on the morning of 13 December by children in families, by employees at work and by choirs in hospitals and official places.

On one of the darkest mornings of the year, Lucia offers, with the lit candles on her head, traditional saffron buns, (*lussekatter*); ginger biscuits (*pepparkakor*) and coffee to the family in remembrance of what she did as a martyr so many years ago.

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Prayer Time

A prayer for countries affected by Ebola

Psalm 99.4a 'Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity.'

Mighty King, lover of justice,

We pray that equity would be established across the Earth.

We pray that the death toll from Ebola would not keep rising where resources are so few.

We pray that the resources needed now would be made available in abundance.

We pray for the poorest, who are again those experiencing the brunt of inequality.

Mighty King, lover of justice we cry to you for those who are suffering.

Help us to be the answer to their prayers.

www.christianaid.org.uk/emergencies

Prayers for those worried about debt

God of power,

you are strong to save

and you never fail those who trust in you.

Keep under your protection all who suffer as a result of debt:

help them through their time of darkness,

give wisdom to all who seek to help,

and bring them to know true freedom

in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship

A prayer from Taizé

Holy Spirit,
give us the love of Christ Jesus.
May we live as he lived
and may the unlimited mercy of God
overflow into our lives as kindness for others,
especially for the poorest.



They missed him!

They were looking for a lion: He came as a lamb,
and they missed Him.

They were looking for a warrior: He came as a
Peacemaker, and they missed Him.



They were looking for king: He came as a servant,
and they missed Him.

Will you?

A prayer for the lonely

Lord, we pray for all who are lonely:
children who are being bullied and dare not tell anyone;
shy people who find it hard to make friends;
those who feel rejected and isolated;
those whose partner has died or left them;
and elderly people who miss their families and old friends.
Lord, be with them all, in your infinite love.

Angela Ashwin
The Book of a Thousand Prayers

A Christmas Creed



I believe in Jesus Christ
and in the beauty of the gospel begun in Bethlehem.

I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a little town
and whose spirit brings love to people the world over.

I believe in the one for whom the crowded inn could
find no room, and confess that my heart sometimes
wants to exclude Him from my life today.

I believe in the one whom the rulers of the earth
ignored, whose life was among common people,
whose welcome came from persons of hungry hearts.

I believe in the one whose cradle was a mother's arms,
whose modest home in Nazareth had only love as its
wealth.

I believe in Jesus, the son of the living God,
born in Bethlehem this night,
for me and for the world.

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Parish Register

Funeral

The funeral for the late **Ian Howard** was held on
November 14th at church. Ian was aged 63 and
formally of Liverpool Road, Bickerstaffe.

*Please continue to pray for Tina and their family at this
particularly sad time. Thank you.*



BENEFICE FAMILY WEEKEND



Cloverley Hall, Shropshire, 4th – 6th September 2015

Please pencil this date into your new diaries for 2015.

Booking forms will be available in the New Year
when we have received the new costs for Cloverley Hall in 2015.

Janet Glennon

Stamp Collections

Thank you to everyone who collects used postage stamps for me throughout the year. These are put to good use by charities. Please remember to save your Christmas card stamps which can be left in the box at the back of church. Thank you.

Fred Tyrer

Happy Christmas days, and days and days...

Remember while December brings
the only Christmas Day in the year
let there be Christmas in the things you do and say;
Wouldn't life be worth living,
wouldn't dreams be coming true
If we kept the Christmas spirit
all the whole year through?

Star of Bethlehem

The first ever Christmas decoration was the star that led the wise men to Bethlehem, birthplace of the Messiah. This light illuminated the sky and pointed the way to the stable where Jesus lay.

People are divided about whether this star was a natural or supernatural phenomenon: a conjunction of planets or a sign from God. Either way, the star of Bethlehem has been the inspiration behind at least some of the decorations we see at Christmas. The star also reminds everyone that "the light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it (John 1:5).

Sheila Beeby

News from Bickerstaffe Church of England School



In the 100th year since the outbreak of World War 1 the 'Remembrance Service,' held at the War Memorial outside Holy Trinity Church on 11th November, was a poignant reminder of the sacrifices that have been made, and indeed are still being made, by members of our Armed Forces. We were very proud to stand with parents and members of the community to show our respect, and as usual our children were a credit to their school.

'Bickerstaffe School, the small school with the BIG Heart'



The thoughtfulness and generosity of our children and their families never cease to amaze me, especially given these times of austerity. As you are aware £250 has currently been raised by the school for 'Compassion UK', and this includes many donations made by the children from their own money. The

sponsorship of a child is a joint appeal between Bickerstaffe School and Holy Trinity Church, and we do need to look at ways of making this sustainable for many years to come. We were therefore delighted to receive 2 pledges of £25 that will be payable each year, one for November and one for June. The persons making these pledges have chosen months that are special to them, and if anyone else would like to make a similar *commitment* we would love to hear from them. At our request 'Compassion UK' is currently selecting a child on our behalf; they will choose a child that has been waiting for the longest time. I should have details soon.

Our children wearing pyjamas added to the excitement of 'Children in Need Day'; and 'Bacon Butties' were a great start to the morning, with more than 70 children and parents joining us for breakfast! Parents also sent in cakes for our Cake Sale and the two events raised a fantastic £318.65!!

Governance at Bickerstaffe School

At the Governing Body meeting held in November Mr Paul Wilcox stood down as Chair. Mr Wilcox was a member of the Governing Body prior to my appointment in 2002, and for the majority of my Headship he has been Chair. Throughout that time he has challenged and supported me and the school in equal measure, and he has demonstrated tremendous dedication and commitment. On behalf of Bickerstaffe School I would therefore like to thank him for the extremely valuable service that he has provided for our young people over the years, and for the support that he has given to parents and all members of staff.

In ensuring that his wealth of experience and expertise are not lost to our school Mr Wilcox will be on hand to support our new Chair, Mrs Kim O'Brien, over the next few months. We look forward to working with

Mrs O'Brien in her new role; I am sure that she will have a significant impact on the continued excellent governance of the school and that this will benefit all of the children, staff and parents.

On Thursday 13th November we had a special visitor in school to look at our 'distinctiveness as a Church School' within the diocese of Liverpool. To date, governors and I have received verbal feedback, but this is confidential until the written report is released. In the meantime however I can say that it was no surprise that our children were commended for their outstanding behaviour; and that this was seen as testimony to the excellent practice of our teachers and support staff.

Future events

May we invite you all to join us for the:

- **Christmas Nativity** productions in Holy Trinity Church: matinee Wednesday 10th December at 2pm; and the evening performance on Thursday 11th December at 6pm
- **Christmas Fair**, approx. 3:45pm (after the matinee) Wednesday 10th December
- **Christmas Service with Carols** at Holy Trinity Church, Friday 19th December, at 9am, then back to school to join us for mince pies, coffee or tea.

"Wishing you a Very Special Christmas and a Happy New Year."
From Jeanne Hall and Bickerstaffe School



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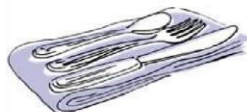


NEW DINERS ARE WELCOME

Bickerstaffe Luncheon Club meet every alternate Thursday, at 12 noon in Four Lane Ends Mission.

For just £4 we enjoy a lovely hot cooked meal and pudding, followed by tea and a fun quiz. We usually end at 2.30pm.

If you would like to come along to boost our numbers and **enjoy a good meal and a laugh**, please ring Sheila Prentice on 727613.



Church Cleaning Rota



12th December	Team 6	V Heyes, B Morris
19th December	Team 1	E Short, P Walton, B Bell
26th December	Team 2	I McCarthy, M Johnson
2nd January	Team 3	A Banks, N Rimmer, H Rosbotham
9th January	Team 4	J Hodgson, B Winstanley
16th January	Team 5	F Brownbill, S Prentice, M Prentice

Bickerstaffe Mothers' Union News



Our guest speaker in November was Judith Ball from Aughton. Judith spoke about her time as Curate at Up Holland. On the 8th of December we have been invited to St Paul's Skelmersdale to their Carol Service.

Irene McCarthy

Skelmersdale Foodbank : An urgent request for help!



We are still collecting for the Foodbank and have received an *urgent request for food donations* over the Christmas period! We have been advised that they particularly need sugar, tinned potatoes or processed potatoes, although all items are put to great use and are much appreciated. The collection box is located at the back of church. Thank you.

Children's clothes collection

If you are having a 'clear out' of good quality children's clothes over the Christmas period, please consider passing them into the back of church for the community at Litherland Moss School. Your donations really do make a difference to local families experiencing great need. Thank you.

*Great as he was, Caesar Augustus
is now only an echo of ancient times,
while the name of the Child he had never heard of,
is spoken by millions with reverence and love.*

Flower Rota



8th December	Mrs Barbara Bell
14th December	Please contact Irene McCarthy if you can help.
21st December	Mrs Sheila Prentice
28th December	Flowers remain.

Website news

Have you visited our new website www.holytrinitybickerstaffe.co.uk ? Here you will find a wealth of information about our church and community. Our webmaster Edward McCarthy, works tirelessly to ensure users are kept up to date and enjoy their virtual visit. It is also possible to view this magazine online too!

Editorial News



Please note that the next deadline is earlier than normal so that we can print it in good time. It is therefore set as **14th December**. As always, kindly pass articles to Jo Housley or e-mail it to either jo.housley@gmail.com or bickerstaffechurchmagazine@yahoo.co.uk.

Thank you! We will do our best to publish articles when space and copyright allows. **Happy Christmas!**

**I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:
to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour,
who is Christ, the Lord.**

Luke 2.10,11

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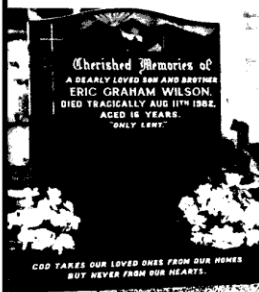
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It isn't far to Bethlehem town
It's anywhere that Christ comes down.

The road to Bethlehem runs right through the homes of folks like me and you



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and debit my/our account accordingly.

1. Account details

Account Name.....

Account number _ _ _ _ _

Account holding branch Sort Code _ _ - _ - -

2. Payee Details

Name of organisation: PCC Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe

Payment Ref: Gift Aid

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3. About the Payment

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Amount details until further notice

Date and amount of first payment: 05 / _ _ / 2014 £ _____

Date and amount of on-going payments: 5th Monthly £ _____

4. Confirmation

Customer Signature(s)

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Date.....

Welcome to Holy Trinity Church Bickerstaffe

1st Sunday 10.45^{am} Holy Communion



**2nd Sunday 8^{am} Holy Communion
10.45^{am} Family Service**

3rd Sunday 10.45^{am} Morning Prayer

4th Sunday 10.45^{am} Holy Communion

5th Sunday 10.45^{am} Various Services

**The Sunday Club for children
meets during the morning services**

**Requests for Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals
should be made to the Vicar**