

Lark Valley and North Bury Team Ministry

VIRAL BULLETIN

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4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas

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4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7.10-16 Psalm 80.1-8,[18-20]

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Ordinary Joe(?)

Despite popular belief, the American artist Andy Warhol apparently did not say that everyone will get 15 minutes of fame, certainly not exactly. And nor it seems, did he mean to suggest what this phrase is often felt to say, that at some point everyone - every Tom, Dick or Harriet, every Jack and Jill of all trades, every average Joe and Josephine - will step into the limelight, even if just for a short time.

Either way, on the 4th Sunday of Advent this year, we find ourselves in the presence of someone who very much reflects this idea of briefly basking in the public stare in a Biblical sense. For the star of the passage from St Matthew's Gospel offered for this Sunday, may not be grabbing his 15 minutes of fame through these words, but certainly is grabbing some of the 15 or so verses of Scripture that speak directly of him.

That Joseph, the husband (or rather here, husband to be) of Mary, the mother of Jesus, is in a very real sense ordinary, is something that cannot be disputed, and not just because he is called Joe. For example, that in the future the people of Nazareth, unimpressed by Jesus, see fit to mention that he is the carpenter's son, suggests that no one would be expecting anything special to come from the family of their local chippy. And given that Paula Gooder in her book "The Women of the Nativity" says that Nazareth was a small town, indeed something of a sleepy backwater, this further suggests that Joseph isn't even a big fish in what is clearly a small pond.

But of course, as one would expect given his appearance just a few days before the celebration of Christmas, Joseph is for those who are followers of the incarnate one, Jesus, very much a big noise. A big noise that shouts out loudly, in the season of Advent, about many of those things that those who are awaiting the arrival and return of Jesus Christ can embrace, as they count down the days to Christmas once again.

However, to begin with, in something of a contradiction to what has been suggested already, it is Joseph's family and who they are, that is of great importance, certainly to the Gospel writer Matthew. And this is shown not least through Matthew having the angelic visitor to Joseph hail him as son of David. For through doing this Matthew is therefore revealing that Jesus will be part of the earthly family line that sees him fulfil the prophecies given by Isaiah about a shoot that shall come out of the stock of Jesse.

That Matthew the evangelist is at pains to connect Jesus to this promise is also revealed through the family tree for Jesus that begins his Gospel. Indeed, this family history connects Christ to not just King David and Jesse, but also Abraham and Isaac and so many other big hitters of the faith. Overall though, it is with a touch of irony that Jesus can therefore be traced back to Kings and the most favoured of the people of God through his earthly Father. Yet even this is a very passive thing and very much in the average Joe ballpark. For it is through clasping a birth certificate that this is true, rather than through downing a giant with a slingshot or some other act of great note.

The one calling Joseph son of David is certainly a reason for all to sit up and take note of this man. Angelic visits do not just happen for everybody. Now yes, one cannot help but think that Joseph is not only not the most famous dreamer in the Bible, but he is not even the most famous dreamer called Joseph to be found in Scripture (he of the Technicolour Dreamcoat fame surely takes this accolade.)

But through his dream we begin to see the way that Joseph of Nazareth does indeed encapsulate many of the themes of Advent. For when Joseph is told in his sleep by the angel to not fear taking Mary as his wife, in a way that reveals what true commitment to God means, Joseph both recognises that this is indeed news from the divine, and more so responds through acting upon this advice, and doing what God wants. As stated, he does what the angel commanded and takes Mary as his wife.

Therefore Joseph here is also embracing the message of that other embodiment of the season of Advent, John the Baptist. For through doing this Joseph is repenting. Joseph is turning away from the course he was on and turning to face the way, and do the things, that God wishes him to do. Through marrying Mary, Joseph is hence bearing fruit worthy of repentance as the Baptist demands in those other passages often heard during the run up to Christmas. And indeed, it is in this whole area of his relationship with Mary that we see Joseph being most fruitful. Fruitfulness that is all about him being an ordinary man, but who lifts this ordinariness to the extraordinary.

That Joseph is in a difficult situation when he is first mentioned in this Advent Gospel passage is clear. But that this is in many ways a very ordinary situation that he faces is also true. And for so many people, just like Joseph, faith is something that is lived out in such ordinariness, in and through the everyday things of life. It is lived out in relationships – over the kitchen sink – behind closed doors – with friends and family – interacting with neighbours and others – and wondering perhaps what people will think and say about us.

It is as we try and make our way through the journey of life with its ups and downs that faith is played out. And what Joseph does that is extraordinary, and of course an inspiration to us, is to choose the course in his journey and life that is one that is difficult for him through looking to the needs of others.

For Joseph as a righteous man (and here this means someone who knows the right way to act under the law) would have known what the law said to him when it came to Mary. He would have known that the law would have expected him to choose to have Mary publicly shamed, or worse killed, as someone who is pregnant out of wedlock. But he will not. And his reason for not doing this is not because of God's help. This comes later, after Joseph has already decided what he will do.

Rather it is because Joseph may well be a small man in terms of his status but housed within him is a huge heart and huge compassion. For he makes the decision himself to do what he can to save Mary from such shame, and for her sake. Indeed, it is no exaggeration to say that through doing this he has saved her life. But most crucially, through this he has also saved the life of the unborn Jesus. And this is then a huge decision for those who are of the Christian faith. A huge decision made by a simple man facing the stresses and strains of an ordinary life. And a huge decision that not just saves the life of Jesus but also apes what Christ will say and show about how one should live life to make God's kingdom come.

For it is a decision that sees Joseph loving and caring for those who are in need, no matter what. And this is what Mary's unborn child will espouse repeatedly when he begins his ministry 30 or so years after the events we hear from Matthew's Gospel.

And here then we can see why Joseph is an ordinary Joe, but also why he is an inspiration - an inspiration through encapsulating the season of Advent, its meaning, and how to make our way through it, so beautifully. For he reveals how in ordinary daily life anyone can prepare for the coming of Jesus. Prepare through recognising God's presence in and amongst the simple workings of life. Prepare through listening to God when they do appear and repenting, if need be, based upon what God has revealed.

But most of all, prepare through showing the love and care and compassion of our Lord, no matter what stresses and strains this may put on us. And yes, rather aptly, this is a very simple message, but such an important one. A message then that is very much in the vein of Joseph of Nazareth who is a simple, yet important, man of the Christian faith.

So, will everybody have 15 minutes of fame in their lives? Maybe, maybe not. But like St Joseph and all other average Joes and Josephines, everybody can bring the extraordinary love of Jesus Christ into the ordinary of their daily lives. Everybody who listens to God and acts upon their call to spread their love into the world. Spread that love not least during Advent, as we prepare for the arrival and return of the incarnate Word. Spread that love as that one who came at Christmas, Jesus Christ, did and wants from us in our lives. Amen.

Andy Miller

Lark Valley and North Bury Churches

SERVICES WEEK BEGINNING 21 DECEMBER

SUNDAY 21 December 4th Sunday of Advent *O Oriens ~ O Dayspring*

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	St George's, Bury St Edmunds
10.00am	Eucharist (CW) <i>said</i>	West Stow
10.00am	Eucharist (CW)	Fornham All Saints
10.30am	All Age Worship	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
11.00am	Sung Eucharist (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds
3.00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols	Timworth
5.00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds

Monday 22 December *O Rex Gentium ~ O King of the Nations*

Tuesday 23 December *O Emmanuel ~ O God with us*

Wednesday 24 December **Christmas Eve**

3.30pm	Crib Service	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
4.00pm	Crib Service	Fornham St Martin
9.30pm	'Bethlehem' Midnight Mass (CW)	Fornham All Saints
9.30pm	'Bethlehem' Midnight Mass (CW)	St George's, Bury St Edmunds
11.30pm	Midnight Mass (CW)	West Stow
11.30pm	Midnight Mass (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds

Thursday 25 December **Christmas Day**

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Timworth
9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
10.00am	Eucharist (CW)	Lackford
10.00am	Eucharist (CW)	Fornham St Martin
11.00am	Sung Eucharist (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds

Friday 26 December **Stephen, deacon, first martyr**

9.30am	Solemn Eucharist (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds
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Saturday 27 December **John, Apostle and Evangelist**

10.00am	Sung Eucharist (CW) <i>and parish party</i>	St John's, Bury St Edmunds
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SUNDAY 28 December 1st Sunday of Christmas

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	St George's, Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
10.00am	Eucharist (CW)	Flempton
11.00am	Sung Eucharist (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds

Lark Valley and North Bury Churches

SERVICES WEEK BEGINNING 28 DECEMBER

SUNDAY 28 December 1st Sunday of Christmas

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	St George's, Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
10.00am	Eucharist (CW)	Flempton
11.00am	Sung Eucharist (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds

Monday 29 December The Holy Innocents

6.00pm	Solemn Eucharist (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds
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Tuesday 30 December

Wednesday 31 December John Wyclif, reformer, 1384

8.30am	Morning Prayer (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Eucharist (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds

Thursday 1 January Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

11.00am	Solemn Eucharist (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds
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Friday 2 January Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, bishops, teachers of the faith, 379 and 389; Seraphim, monk, spiritual guide, 1833; Vedanayagham Samuel Azariah, bishop, evangelist, 1945

6.00pm	Eucharist (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds
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Saturday 3 January

SUNDAY 4 January Epiphany (transferred from 6 January)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	St George's, Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Timworth
10.00am	Eucharist (CW)	West Stow
10.00am	All Age Worship	Fornham All Saints
11.00am	Sung Eucharist (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds

*Coming up on Sunday 11 January
at St John's, Bury St Edmunds ...*

5.00pm

Team Epiphany Carol Service

Wonder Club at Lackford



Ali Miller writes: At Wonder Club, we heard the Godly Play presentation called The Mystery of Christmas. This tells the whole Christmas story aided by images from Giotto's frescoes at Scrovegni Chapel: Annunciation, Visitation (including mention of John the Baptist's birth), Nativity (with snoozing Joseph!), Presentation, Adoration of the Magi, Massacre of the Holy Innocents, Flight to Egypt. It is a big story and we had plenty of wondering. Afterwards, we made 'fruity' Christingles, prayer paper chains, and angels. After that? Cake!

We take a break in January and return to St Lawrence, Lackford at 3pm on 1st February 2026.

The Great 'O's

Ali Miller

THE GREAT 'O's refers to the 'O' antiphons which are spoken or sung before and after the Magnificat during Evening Prayer in Advent, continuing the tradition of the Roman use. In our current calendar and according to *Common Worship* they now begin on the 17th December and continue to the 23rd. I say 'now', because following the medieval rite of Salisbury Cathedral in pre-Reformation times, they began on 16th December and included an extra antiphon on the 23rd, 'O *Virgin of virgins*' (indeed, if you glance at your Book of Common Prayer, *O Sapientia* begins on the 16th).

We know they were in use by the eighth century, but we don't know who wrote them or when. They are an Advent mystery (more on this below), fitting for the darkness and uncertainty found in this season. Yet as we await the coming of Christ, the intensity ramps up - the longing, the desire - and the words of the 'O's fit these remaining days before Christmas which contain both the very darkest longest nights and yet the tiniest hint of emerging extra light.

Every year, I am moved by the antiphons and I have my own nerdy anticipation of praying them.

Of course, the prayer inscribed upon the heart during Advent is Maranatha: Come, Lord Jesus. But who is the Christ who comes? Look at each antiphon. It is addressed to God but using poetic and scriptural titles. The One who comes is all these things. And at Christmas we find the child lying in the manger, God made flesh. The One who is: **Wisdom, Lord, Root, Key, Morning Star, King, Emmanuel.**

I mentioned Advent mystery. The antiphons contain another mystery or puzzle if you like, but you need to see them in Latin:

Sapientia Adonai Radix Jesse Clavis David Oriens Rex Gentium Emmanuel

Now take the initial letters and read them backwards: **ERO CRAS**. Concealed within these prayers, is Christ's reply to our longing, our longing which we sing or speak during these seven nights in Advent. Christ says: *Ero cras* which translates as 'Tomorrow, I will be there'. Here our hopes are made manifest, the promise of the Incarnation, revealed to us at Christmas. As we count down to the great feast, see below something for a quiet five minutes or so: the antiphon for each evening, and a prayerful meditation to accompany it. I hope they are of use to you!
Maranatha!

17 December – O Sapientia

O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High,
reaching from one end to the other mightily, and sweetly ordering all things:
Come and teach us the way of prudence.

cf Ecclesiasticus 24.3; Wisdom 8.1

May the shifting of mists bring clarity and focus
such that you may discern what is most important to attend to right now
in your life, and in the world around you,
and always to the glory of God.

May you know the way of prudence – and ask for the grace you need.
Amen.

18 December – O Adonai

O Adonai, and leader of the House of Israel,
who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush
and gave him the law on Sinai:

Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.

cf Exodus 3.2; 24.12

Say to the Lord: write your law of love on my heart.

Love for you, for neighbour,
for friend, for stranger.

May you stretch out your arms
to receive the Lord's embrace
and with the lens of love
may you look on the world afresh
and spot signs of his presence
be it blaze or embers. Amen.

19 December – O Radix Jesse

O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the peoples;
before you kings will shut their mouths,
to you the nations will make their prayer:
Come and deliver us, and delay no longer.

cf Isaiah 11.10; 45.14; 52.15; Romans 15.12

Who or what are the things that give you pause,
those things which make your mouth open and shut through
wonder/shock/outrage?

Think on personal, local or global scale.

Take them into the prayer of the heart and in silence call upon the Lord.

Be open to grace. Amen.

20 December – O Clavis David

O Key of David and sceptre of the House of Israel; you open and no one can shut; you shut and no one can open:

Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house,
those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

cf Isaiah 22.22; 42.7

Christ, owner of the key to open every door,
one which unlocks the hardest of hearts.

Captive bodies, souls, minds are offered liberation.

Walking into freedom is unnerving,
but he leads.

Who do you know who needs to know dignity and delight?

Perhaps it is yourself!

Hold all in the silent prayer of the heart. Amen.

21 December – O Oriens

O Morning Star, splendour of light eternal and sun of righteousness:

Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

cf Malachi 4.2

In stillness, find the moments of light and of dark from your day:

let God's light enfold them both and encompass you.

May the Morning Star,

illuminate your thoughts and actions,

may rays fall upon all peoples in need of healing and wholeness,

and may brightness pour hope into poverty and despair. Amen.

22 December – O Rex Gentium

O King of the nations, and their desire,

the cornerstone making both one:

Come and save the human race,

which you fashioned from clay.

cf Isaiah 28.16; Ephesians 2.14

Amid the dust of the earth,

God breathed and sighed

and played with form.

Here you are,

fashioned in God's image,

just like your siblings here and across the world:

each one different, precious, though all belonging together.

Appreciate them and pray for them. Amen.

23 December – O Emmanuel

O Emmanuel, our King and our lawgiver,
the hope of the nations and their Saviour:
Come and save us, O Lord our God.

cf Isaiah 7.14

Find a quiet spot.
Whisper the antiphon into the silence.
Look over your day.
Notice the ups, downs.
Wherever you were, God was.
And how are you right now?
Be honest, vulnerable even.
God is with you in this moment.
And then the next moment.
And the next.
Offer a prayer/gesture of gratitude.
O Emmanuel!

Terrors made flesh: M. R. James and the theology of the Christmas ghost story



With thanks to Steve Robertson for the photo.

Dr Francis Young delivers his talk at St John's on Friday 12 December.

Caption Competition Result

Christmas Tree Special



It was a challenge for our contributors to provide the winning caption for this photograph of a man inside a Christmas Tree, as we posed the questions: Why is he there? What is he doing? What will he say to us? Suggestions included:

Santa had come up with a successful side-hustle for the other 364 days of the year - and so a queue quickly formed at the Tattoo Grotto.

Henry Allen

Amazon just didn't say there'd be a man inside it!

J C Higginbotham

"O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum,
Our Christmas lights just can't be found."

Teddy Hill

"Gee JD ... Vladimir has sent me this ... the bigliest pine cone
in the world ... with a man inside installing something or other ...
I tell you ... it's just the bigliest cone, anywhere, ever."

Albert Nicholas

"I'd like to see someone try to chop this thing down now
that I've added this strengthening."

Charlie Holmes

But our winner is **Lesley Langley**, whose entry introduces
an expansive cosmopolitan element into our humble competition:

French pissoirs had long been thought to be too exposed.

St John's Church, Bury St Edmunds



St John
the
Evangelist
**PATRONAL
FESTIVAL**

Saturday 27 December

10 am Sung Eucharist

followed by a

Celebration Breakfast

Guaranteed a turkey-free zone

******* ALL ARE WELCOME *******

Song of the Shepherd (Luke 2)

I wonder who taught you to sing?
Was it your Mum? Or maybe your Dad?
Perhaps it was your teacher, you know the rabbi from the down the road ...
Not for me – I was never very bright.
I mostly forgot all the songs we were supposed to remember (this did not go down very well).
Oh, but I did remember one!
The Lord is my Shepherd.
I always liked that one and I have to say it greatly influenced what I decided to do with my life.

You see, I never really fitted in and family life was not so good ...
so the perfect job for me was to look after sheep.
I liked it ... up on the hills, away from it all.
Caring for these simple woolly creatures: I talked to them,
and they trusted me.
It might sound silly, but I wanted to be like the shepherd in the song,
you know, making sure the sheep were comfortable with green pastures
and still waters.

Yet it could be a bit tiring guarding the sheep night and day,
so you will be pleased to hear that I was not on my own:
there were other shepherds, young and old.
We were a bit of a motley crew.
We were quite rough and ready, very grubby in appearance,
and we did smell like sheep – all the time.
We had no friends or family other than each other.
People didn't want to come near us, and we didn't go near them.
In fact, we were called 'unclean'. That was upsetting.
Maybe I shouldn't dwell on that.

Let's see!
The nights were the hardest part of the job: long and exhausting,
always needing to be alert in case a big bad wolf or worse came prowling.
If I am honest, it was a little scary too.
To keep awake we would light a fire and tell stories.
We even attempted to sing, though it didn't amount to much.

Our voices were not tuneful and left a lot to be desired.
One night though, everything changed.
We were grazing the sheep high on the hills above Bethlehem.
It was pitch black, and so, so, cold.
The sheep were tense, which made us tense.
The air was heavy, and it felt like we were on the brink of something.
In fact, we were!

An angel appeared, and we were terrified.
We could barely look at him,
for he shone white and yellow light, so bright that our eyes hurt.
This was the glory of the Lord.
When the angel spoke and reassured us, we calmed down - well sort of.

We heard a most beautiful message,
about the birth of our Saviour, the Messiah, the Lord.
The Lord who is my Shepherd!
He is here in Bethlehem!

The angel gave us a sign:
to look for a tiny child, wrapped in clothes and lying in a manger.
Then to our astonishment the whole sky filled with angels, a heavenly host.
They opened their mouths and music poured out,
filling our ears with their song of praise:
'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours'.

After this explosion of light and sound, we were once more alone ...
but we were changed.
We found we had the angels' music within us,
and we wanted to share their message.

To sing the heavenly song we had to find the child,
so we left the sheep and hurried:
Half-running, half-tumbling down the hillside.
After much searching we found a ramshackle hut.
Amidst the animals and the dirt and the straw,
we found a young woman and man, weary but happy,
watching over a baby.

The scene was like the angels had said,
and we told the family of the amazing thing we had witnessed.
My heart leapt for joy, because this child seemed ordinary, just like us,
and yet there was something of heaven about him.
It seemed so natural to sing and praise God.

Afterwards we left to return to the sheep,
telling anybody and everybody on the way all that had happened.
We did not, could not, stop singing songs of praise,
for the angels had put the song of heaven onto our lips.
And all these years later, I'm still singing.

Mother Ali

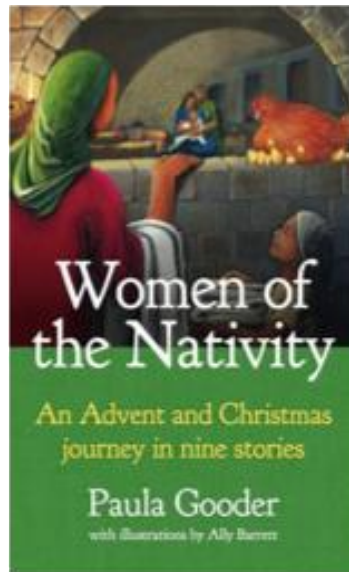
Candlelit Christmas Concert at St George's



Thank you very much to all those who attended St George's concert.
It was lovely to hear the joyful singing and we enjoyed a selection of varied
Christmas readings, some amusing, some laugh out loud and some more
traditional. A delightful mix followed by mince pies and hot drinks.
A sincere thank you to all the readers and helpers.
Merry Christmas from us all

Maz Callaby

Advent Book Club January Meeting



We have been using

Women of the Nativity by Paula Gooder

as we journeyed through **Advent** together, but the book also takes us into the Christmas and Epiphany season.

So there will be a One-off **Epiphany** book club!

It will be on 8th January 2026

7.30pm – Abbeygate Cinema, Hatter Street

We'll be looking at Mariamne's story and Rachel's story, and reading the relevant material before each session, both the stories and the accompanying notes.

To express interest, contact Mother Ali Miller

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Lark Valley and North Bury Churches

St John the Evangelist

St John's Street Bury St Edmunds IP33 1SN



Epiphany Carol Service

Candlelit people's procession

Epiphany carols

Readings and reflections

Seasonal refreshments

Sunday 11 January 2026 at 5pm

Lark Valley and North Bury Churches

Praying Together ~ January 2026

For the wider community and church

- 1 T For all those in financial difficulty
- 2 F Moyse's Hall Museum
- 3 S The Arc shopping centre & the Apex venue

- 4 S The town centre shops
- 5 M St Edmundsbury Cathedral
- 6 T St Edmund's Place sheltered housing
- 7 W Northgate Lodge sheltered housing
- 8 T Cryspen Court sheltered housing
- 9 F The housing, shops and businesses in and around St John's Street
- 10 S The Society of Friends

- 11 S The Salvation Army
- 12 M St John's church
- 13 T *Growing in God* worship, work & witness at St John's
- 14 W The Centre in St John's Street
- 15 T The Old School Café
- 16 F King Edward VI School
- 17 S St Edmundsbury CEVAP School

- 18 S Sexton's Manor School, our *Open the Book* ministry there
- 19 M Thingoe Lodge housing for independent living
- 20 T All who live in Fornham All Saints
- 21 W Fornham All Saints church
- 22 T *Growing in God* worship, work & witness at Fornham All Saints
- 23 F Fornham All Saints Centre for Creative Learning
- 24 S Fornham All Saints Community Centre

- 25 S Fornham All Saints Village Hall
- 26 M Heath Farm Business Centre
- 27 T For all refugees & asylum seekers; Suffolk Refugee Support
- 28 W For all belonging to other faiths
- 29 T For better understanding between different faiths
- 30 F For those facing religious persecution
- 31 S For those with no faith

CAPTION COMPETITION



It is customary at this time of year for Caroline to petrify an unsuspecting clergyman by sitting on their lap to sing the Eartha Kitt classic 'Santa Baby'. This year's resulting photograph clearly requires a suitable caption.

Please send your entries by Tuesday 30th December to the Viral Bulletin at adrian.mann@btinternet.com

Jennifer Bridges Adams

Margaret Steavenson writes

A lady named Jennifer Bridges Adams has recently died. She was familiar to some in the Lark Valley as an occasional member of our congregations, generally arriving much too early for services! She lived in Fornham St. Martin and was well-known to the congregation there, as well as to worshippers at Timworth.

She was actually a member of the Roman Catholic Church and her funeral is to be held on 9th January at St. Edmund's Church at 12 noon. However, she would not attend the Church because "parking is too difficult".

Jennifer was the widow of Nicholas Bridges Adams, a well-known Recorder (Judge) who died in 1998. There may be local people around who have come across Jennifer who wouldn't know what had happened to her! Armstrongs say there will be no publicity for the funeral.

Free to a good home!

15 white cups and saucers

20 green Beryl dinner plates

Happy to split numbers if needed.

Please contact Valerie Wilde wildevl953@gmail.com

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*We also have assistance from priests within
the benefice who have permission to officiate.*

Please don't forget ...

to let Julie Hooton NBTLVB@outlook.com

and the 'Viral Bulletin' adrian.mann@btinternet.com

have news and details of events which have happened
as well as events which are coming up at your church.

And your photographs are always welcome, especially those suitable for
the Caption Competition, which can have a high value on the art market.
