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Mission Statement

at Saint Paul's we seek to

Develop our faith through worship, prayer and learning

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Sunday Services at Saint Paul's

Each Sunday at 8 am: Holy Communion (Common Worship Order 2)

Sunday	10:30 am	6:30 pm
January 1	Parade Service	No service
January 8	Holy Communion : HCI	No service
January 15	Morning Prayer	No service
January 22	Holy Communion : HCI	No service
January 29	Morning Prayer	No service

HCI Holy Communion: *Common Worship* Order 1 (Contemporary)

HC2 Holy Communion: *Common Worship* Order 2 (Traditional)

MP:CW Morning Prayer: *Common Worship*

10:30 **Sunday School** (begins in church)

from the vicarage

I wonder how you are feeling after the Christmas Festivities – exhausted or exhilarated? (or perhaps a bit of both!) As we enter the New Year the Church celebrates **Epiphany**. I shall be preaching two sermons on this theme on the 8th and 15th of January. The word Epiphany means ‘manifestation,’ and is generally associated with the revealing of God to the Gentiles, namely to the three wise men. Of course, he does this in the form of the Christ-child, Jesus.

God has not stopped revealing himself to us over the last 2,000 years since Jesus ascended back to heaven; but he does so in different ways today. Jesus is no longer physically with us, but he has given us the Holy Spirit and this Holy Spirit is active in the lives of those who believe in the sender - Jesus.

As we look forward to the New Year we ask God to ‘manifest’ himself to us through the Holy Spirit. I wonder what will be in store for us in the coming year – both individually and as a church?

On Saturday 21st. January our PCC have an **Away Day** from 9.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. (*although not too much of the ‘away’ as the venue is St. Matthew’s Centre in Stalybridge*). This will be an opportunity to look ahead to the coming year as a church. We will be discussing our GAP (*Growth Action Plan*) for 2012 and into 2013. Of course, this plan is not just of concern to the PCC, it is important to all church members. I invite anyone to attend the Away Day, to can contribute to the discussion; you may feel God is speaking to you at present, to where we should be going as a church. Please come along and share your thoughts with us.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you well in the New Year – **Romans 15: 13 ‘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.’**



M a g a z i n e

From time to time you will see something like this at the end of an article:

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We are adding a section to the website where you will find links to websites which give more information on topics covered by articles in the **Magazine**. Just visit the website and look for the link to the **Magazine** page in the menu on the left.

*As well as links to other resources we will be putting back copies of the **Magazine** on the site in .pdf format at the end of each month.*

25 January - The Conversion of St Paul

January is a month of the beginning of great things! As well as the naming of the Son of God, we celebrate the conversion of the greatest ever apostle of the Christian faith. Many books have been written on **Paul**, and here is the briefest of introductions.

He was a Jew, born as 'Saul' at Tarsus, and brought up by the rabbi Gamaliel as a Pharisee. A devout, fanatical Jew, Saul persecuted the Christians, and watched with satisfaction the first Christian martyrdom, the stoning of Stephen. Then on his way to Damascus Saul had a vision of Christ that stopped him, literally, in his tracks. He realised that this Jesus whom he was persecuting was in fact the Messiah for whom he had longed.

Saul changed overnight. He took a new name, Paul, and became an evangelist for the cause of Christ. He became a leader in the early Church, and his special calling was as an apostle to the Gentiles. He wrote many epistles to the young churches he founded - and thus, inadvertently, wrote a great part of the New Testament.

Life as the greatest apostle was hardly full of perks: he was stoned, beaten, mobbed, homeless, hated, imprisoned, and finally martyred. Tradition has it that he was beheaded in Rome during the persecution of Nero in AD 64, and buried where the basilica of St Paul 'outside the walls' now stands. *His mighty faith in Christ has kindled similar belief in many millions of people down the centuries.*

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Slip into Church on **almost any Friday** at

around lunch time and you will encounter the Flower Ladies either in the main church or in the downstairs lounge. They work long hours for no pay yet this is far from slave labour. They are a happy bunch who work, like many of us in church, because they love it. Flower arranging is, they say, a lovely hobby and they have lots of fun together. At the end of each session there is, amongst them, an obvious sense of a job well done.

Each Friday they arrange and position flowers around the building to beautify the church. They start by collecting the arrangements from the previous week and decide which, if any, of the existing blooms can be re-used. Next they scrutinise the new flowers purchased from “flower money” that has been donated for the coming week. There is also, usually, a huge volume of blooms and greenery that Doreen Williams has been able to “acquire” from her own garden, gardens of friends or from the hedgerow. Doreen and her helpers are very catholic in their choice of materials and cleverly incorporate grasses, canes, seed heads, reeds and rushes into their final arrangements.

Sometimes it happens that no flower money has been donated. At such times their inventiveness in using “found materials” comes to the fore. There is a large collection of “silks” at church. These are artificial flowers, today rarely made from silk. Dried plants such as teasels, wheat, or honesty can also be used. Sometimes

Meet the

F L O W E R L A D I E S

artificial blooms combine with fresh flowers in individual arrangements; this seldom evokes comment. The team are very insistent, however, that they “*try not to use*

artificial flowers, because the Vicar doesn't like it! Ah, Tim what a purist you are!

My attitude towards flower arranging is not quite that of the typical man! I know it involves a bit more than just “sticking a few flowers in a vase”. I did not, however, realise what a lot of time and effort is actually involved. Doreen spends much of each Thursday buying or harvesting the flowers and greenery needed. Then it is not unusual for her to spend three or four hours in the church on a Friday. The very busy times for the team are *Easter, Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas*. Then, of course, there are weddings which often involves working on flowers through Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. There is a break during Lent but this is used for spring cleaning the store cupboard, vases and vessels. In addition Doreen can be seen on Sunday or after social events on a Saturday touching up the arrangements, spraying and watering.

She is an artist, particularly adept in her water colour paintings of flowers. Similar skills are brought to her flower arranging. She attended classes long ago and won awards in competitions well before she started at St. Paul's when Jean Burke was the group leader.

Until recently there were seven members of the team but several were elderly or infirm. Now there are just four, *Doreen, Vera Dodd, Dorothy Corless* and (very new recruit) *Beryl Firth*. Dorothy is not always able to attend if the group work on a Thursday because she has commitments at Willow Wood Hospice and Beryl admits to being quite often away or having other commitments.

Vera Dodd joined the team about eight years ago. Doreen worked on her to join as she was a little reluctant at first. She had never arranged flowers before but is now thoroughly involved, enjoys it immensely and is grateful for all that she has learned from Doreen.

Dorothy first came into church with a donation for flowers whilst the team were at work. "*Oh Dorothy*" said Doreen "*How lovely to see you, have you come to help?*" That was about two years ago since when she has been a regular member of the team.

Beryl is a very recent recruit. Poor lady, I arrived to question her on only her second visit! She attended flower arranging classes about forty years ago and appeared to me to be fitting in very well.

On average the team present around ten floral arrangements each week placed on altars, beneath the front altar, in the entrances and on plinths, shelves and ledges around the church. It would be wrong to suggest that their work is not appreciated but I think many of us do not realise that there are ten arrangements created each week. We notice them, maybe; but don't sufficiently take them in or appreciate the hours of skill and dedication that has gone into their presentation.

New recruits are needed. You don't have to be an expert. There are lots of mundane tasks to be performed and you will learn greater skills on the job. Members emphasise what fun they have. There is a great sense of camaraderie amongst them as they chat, sit around a brew and enjoy their sandwiches or, on occasion, go out on a group celebration.

David Stockwell

flowers in **January**

*We don't have a flower list for January in this issue as the list was still being drawn up as we went to press. Both the January and February lists will appear in next month's **Magazine**.*

S T R E E T W A T C H

Streetwatch has recently been launched in the Stalybridge South Ward and is running in the area in and around **Copley** at present .

- **Streetwatch** provides high visibility public patrols.
- **Streetwatch** is a multi-agency, holistic approach to making Copley a safer place and promoting relationships within the community.
- **Street Watch** creates local champions, leaders of the community, who help regenerate an area not just in a physical sense with timely litter picks and the reporting of dumped rubbish, but by instilling pride in an area, building trust, ownership, cooperation and civic pride.
- **Streetwatch**: looking out for the youngsters, the elderly, the vulnerable, neighbours and friends, reporting crimes or anti-social behaviour.
- **Streetwatch** it is restoring people's freedom to take positive action where they live and make Copley a place in which we can all be proud.

We are looking for new members, we carry out relevant checks and sort out the insurance, we currently have a co-ordinator and members from the local area who are involved and there is a forum and website.

Streetwatch has its own website - <http://www.street-watch.org.uk/>

Homewatch Schemes - We are looking for new members and coordinators on the **Copley Estate** and surrounding area to become involved in the schemes – see below for contact information.

Community Notice Board- Copley Estate now has its own Community Notice Board on the which will be for use for news about meetings, local groups, schools, Streetwatch. The notice board is located outside Wildbank School on Demesne Drive . Anyone wanting to add items should contact the police.

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a practical
introduction to
the Christian
faith and is

Alpha

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The course is for everyone, especially those wanting to investigate Christianity, new Christians, newcomers to the church and those wanting to brush up on the basics. It can work for groups of any size.

**Anyone interested in doing this course, please contact Colin:
0161 338 2944 or
clnashworth@gmail.com**

With Epiphany in mind...

I was telling my three boys the story of the Nativity and how the Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for the infant Jesus. Clearly giving it a lot of thought, my six-year-old observed, "Mum, a Wise Woman would have brought nappies."

The naming of Jesus

It is Matthew and Luke who tell the story of how the angel instructed that Mary's baby was to be named Jesus - a common name meaning 'saviour'. The Church recalls the naming of Jesus on *1 January* - eight days after 25 December (by the Jewish way of reckoning days). For in Jewish tradition, the male babies were circumcised and named on their eighth day of life.

For early Christians, the *name* of Jesus held a special significance. In Jewish tradition, names expressed aspects of personality. Jesus' name permeated his ministry, and it does so today: we are baptised *in the name of Jesus* (Acts 2:38), we are justified *through the name of Jesus* (1 Cor 6:11); and God the Father has given *Jesus a name above all others* (Phil 2:9). All Christian prayer is through 'Jesus Christ our Lord', and it is '*at the name of Jesus*' that one day every knee shall bow.

*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".

**Proofreading is a
dying art, wouldn't
you say?**

*These newspaper headlines
didn't quite make it!*

1. Man kills self before shooting wife and daughter
2. *Something went wrong in jet crash, expert says*
3. Miners refuse to work after death
4. *Juvenile court to try shooting defendant*
5. War dims hope for peace
6. *If strike isn't settled quickly, it may last awhile*
7. Cold wave linked to temperatures
8. *Enfield (London) couple slain; police suspect homicide*
9. Red tape holds up new bridges
10. *New study of obesity looks for larger test group*
11. Kids make nutritious snacks
12. *Hospitals are sued by seven foot doctors*



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Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil

There is something poignant in the last two-fold petition of the Lord's Prayer, 'Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil'. It is a simple cry for help where it is needed most. There is something stripped and urgent about it. If we are wise, too, we shall see that it does not only need to be prayed when we are aware of the big test of fate that may lie ahead. It needs to be prayed in far more normal circumstance. 'Sometimes', says **Bonhoeffer** penetratingly, 'The attack of temptation takes the form of a false sense of security.' Our betrayal of Christ may not take place when we are being severely tested in the most obvious way, by grief and suffering, but when we are letting our souls take their ease.

The cry has about it the human honesty that we ought to show in prayer. It is a form of the cry of the father who brought his epileptic son to Jesus, and was asked whether he believed. 'I have faith, help me when faith falls short.' There is nothing more human in the whole of this prayer. Jesus knew that he was giving a prayer to us ordinary human beings.

Kenneth Slack

Good judgment comes from experience. Unfortunately, the experience usually comes from bad judgment.

Many come to bring their clothes to church rather than themselves. Anon

That's settled....it's going to be gold, frankincense and myrrh - and NOT Argos vouchers!



Next month's Magazine

Items for the next edition of **The Magazine** should be received by

15 January 2012

Please post them in the box in the church entrance or give them to George Maddock.

You can also email items to: stpaulsweb@gmaddock.plus.com

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Genuine **GOOCHI, HARMANI** anyone?

How a Christian charity is giving new life to fake goods.

Each year TV programmes warn us against the fake designer goods which flood the markets at Christmas. The story of how a Christian charity, **His Church**, is putting them to good use was featured on Radio 4.

Instead of sending counterfeit designer clothes to be destroyed, they are being donated to a charity for redistribution to the homeless and vulnerable.

People who are rough sleeping rarely get anything that's brand new, or rarely get anything that feels like it's been given specifically for them. Getting something like this raises their head and makes them feel a bit better about themselves. - Amanda Ado Director, London Spires Centre for the Homeless

The charity, *His Church*, even gets calls from America. A supply of counterfeit jeans had been bought by a French supermarket in good faith, but it was discovered that they were either pirate labels or stolen stock and they had to be removed from sale. Rather than handing the clothes to customs or trading standards authorities to be destroyed, *Tommy Hilfiger* contacted *His Church* from the States and asked for its help. So they went over to Belgium and picked up 1,600 pairs of fake jeans which were rebranded with their own logo, before being taken to homeless centres around the country.

In just six years, *His Church* has persuaded 90% of British Trading Standards authorities – including

Manchester's - to hand over all the fake designer clothes they seize to them.

The industrial sewing machines they use to patch over pirated labels were given to them by UK customs officials, who had seized the machines from criminal gangs who were using them to make counterfeit clothing.

Every year customs and trading standards spend a fortune on storing fake clothes while waiting for a court decision, and then have to fork out further for incineration or landfill costs. *His Church* has removed all such costs and pass on the high quality goods to some 250 homeless centres and women's shelters across the country.

All this success has been achieved with just 30 volunteers and very little media coverage - in fact *His Church* doesn't even have a website. One of the charity workers commented: "*So many of us go through life talking about projects we're going to do and we talk and talk about them but somehow we just never quite get round to doing them.*"

He shrugs. "*So I guess we decided to come at it from the opposite end; don't bother talking, just do it.*"

Canon David Winter is a former Head of Religious Broadcasting at the BBC

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.

The early December spell of inclement weather (83mm - about 3.25 inches - in the first 8 days of December) has brought my outdoor allotment activities to a halt. Through this period in 2010 we were snowed up and frozen for five or six weeks, with not the slightest possibility of useful work. I mention this because of a remark from someone a few weeks ago suggesting that there would be nothing to do through autumn and winter. I have heard comments like this a number of times, and to be fair they have

in the garden

with *Frank Ashton*

come from people with no knowledge of allotment gardening. The saddest thing is that we have some tenants who appear to be saddled with the same misconception, and they will almost certainly be completely invisible between September and March, (I believe my mother's father referred to them as 'Cuckoo gardeners') despite the fact that they are all advised when they take on a tenancy, that a half-plot (125sq.m) requires a minimum average of 5 hours work per week. When you consider that the tenancy of an allotment is for one's own personal benefit, it is remarkable that, at a time of high demand and very long waiting lists for allotments, so many ignore the need for autumn and winter work. There are far too many who appear

to suffer from what I call the 'Joe Swift 5 minutes per week syndrome' when the aforesaid was shown with an allotment for three or four minutes each week on 'Gardeners World' a few years ago.

This autumn from mid-October to nearly the end of November was extremely helpful, being much dryer than usual and considerably milder than average. (The November average minimum here was 6.25 degrees C - November 2010 average minimum was only 1 degree C.) These relatively balmy conditions for the time of year, allowed a great deal of work to go on, and all of this work is designed to produce the best possible results that our spring and summer weather will allow. Spring is the time when there is so much to do with sowing and planting whereas autumn and winter provide the opportunities to be 100% ready for this busy time.

I was looking at my notes for the mid October to late November period, when, as previously stated there was little poor weather to interrupt progress. Having arrived back from two weeks wall-to-wall sunshine on the 9 of October, we had 4 days wall-to-wall rain, which delayed the first job to prepare for next year's growing season. This is always the same: clearing the tomatoes, etc from the greenhouse, cleaning it thoroughly inside and out and removing a spades depth of soil from the side where the tomatoes will be grown next year. (This will be filled with plenty of manure and

fresh topsoil in January and February.) Once the staging was back in place, the overwintering onions (*Toughball*) sown in the home greenhouse on the 24th of September, were pricked out into 7cm pots and towards the end of the month spring cabbage, cauliflowers, winter lettuce and spinach (sown on the 12th October) were pricked out in a similar fashion. All of these will stay in this unheated greenhouse, protected with fleece when necessary in frosty conditions, and planted out (weather permitting) in the second half of March.

Outside, the spray chrysanthemums were cut down, lifted and boxed up into large trays and the gladioli were lifted and cut down before taking them home to dry off before removing the remains of the old stem and old corm. Dahlias were also cut down towards the end of the month.

In between, lots of tidying up jobs needed doing, including getting canes inside to dry out and clean before storing them in the shed, which, miraculously also got tidied up. (Some weeks later our youngest grandson called at the plot and stated that it was the first time he had seen the floor in 19 years!) Guilty of a little exaggeration, I think, but the remark had a little element of truth. Root crops were harvested, beetroots and parsnips being clamped outside while carrots were stored in a box of sand and put in the shed.

On the 6th November, the first manure delivery arrived, a week or two later than usual, so then it was possible to start the annual double digging and over 16 days a good two-thirds of our full plot (250 sq.m) had been completed. It was the 24th of November before the small asparagus bed could be cut down as I was waiting for all the nearly 2m high fern-like growth to turn yellow. Once this was cleared the bed was mulched with manure.

This is a fairly brief outline of some of the jobs necessary to the season and there were many other jobs being done, but as suggested at the beginning of these notes, success in spring and summer depends entirely on good work in autumn and winter whenever the weather allows.

I note that November was the second warmest on record and our average minimum was 6.25 deg. C (5.25 deg. C warmer than November 2010). Low rainfall also helped with only 2.5ins (64mm) falling and most of that in the night. However our familiar friend, the *Cluanie Inn*, didn't win the November rainfall. Instead, *Inveruglas* in Dunbartonshire (on the western 'bonnie, bonnie banks of Loch Lomond') had that dubious honour with 402mm (15.8ins). Bridlington on the other hand scraped together a mere thimbleful with just 11mm!

Enjoy your January garden and have a happy and peaceful New Year

Frank

from the registers

B a p t i s m s

Ethan Thomas Combs and
Isabel Faith Boardman.

|| December

|| December

a prayer for the new year

God of all time,
who makes all things new,
we bring before you the year now ending.
For life full and good,
for opportunities recognized and taken,
for love known and shared,
we thank you.

Where we have fallen short,
forgive us.
When we worry over what is past,
free us.

As we begin again
and take our first few steps into the future,
where nothing is safe and certain,
except you,
we ask for the courage of the wise men
who simply went and followed a star.
We ask for their wisdom,
in choosing to pursue the deepest truth,
not knowing where they would be led.
In the year to come, God of all time,
be our help and company.
Hold our hands as we journey onwards
and may your dream of shalom,
where all will be at peace,
be our guiding star.

Francis Brienen

through the week at **St Paul's**

Weekdays	<i>Funtasia Kids' Group</i>	
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	<i>Teddies' Playgroup 9:00-11:30</i>	<u>TTO</u>
Monday	<i>Choir</i>	<i>19:30</i>
Tuesday	<i>No. 2 Brownies</i>	<i>18:30-20:00</i> <u>TTO</u>
Wednesday	<i>Prayer Group</i>	<i>See Newsletter for details</i>
Thursday	<i>Mums and Tots</i>	<i>13:00-15:00</i> <u>TTO</u>
	<i>Rainbows</i>	<i>18:15-19:15</i> <u>TTO</u>
	<i>Brownies</i>	<i>18:30-20:00</i> <u>TTO</u>
	<i>Guides</i>	<i>19:30-21:00</i> <u>TTO</u>
	<i>Bell Ringers</i>	<i>19:30-21:00</i>
Friday	<i>Flower Team</i>	<i>11:30-14:30</i>
	<i>Church cleaning</i>	<i>18:00-18:45</i>
	<i>Youth Club - alternate weeks</i>	<i>19:00-21:00</i> <u>TTO</u>
Saturday	<i>Prayer Group</i>	<i>09:30-10:00</i>
	<u>TTO</u> = Term time only	

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Collect for the Conversion of St Paul - 25 January

Almighty God,
Who caused the light of the gospel
to shine throughout the world
through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion
may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;

diary for **January**

- 1 Second Sunday of Christmas**
- 3 Weight Watchers 17:30 - 19:30
- 5 Holy Communion 10:00
- 6 Epiphany**
- 8 First Sunday of Epiphany - Baptism of Christ**
- 10 Mothers' Union AGM (23 Taylor Street) 14:30
- Weight Watchers 17:30 - 19:30
- 11 PCC meeting 19:30
- 12 Holy Communion 10:00
- 15 Second Sunday of Epiphany**
- 17 Weight Watchers 17:30 - 19:30
- 18 Social Committee 19:30
- 19 Holy Communion 10:00
- Lunch Club 12:30
- 21 PCC Away Day - S. Matthew's, Stalybridge 09:30 - 15:00
- Wedding 16:00
- 22 Third Sunday of Epiphany**
- 24 Weight Watchers 17:30 - 19:30
- 25 Conversion of Saint Paul**
- Alpha Course 19:00 - 21:00
- 26 Holy Communion 10:00**
- 29 Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**
- 31 Weight Watchers 17:30 - 19:30