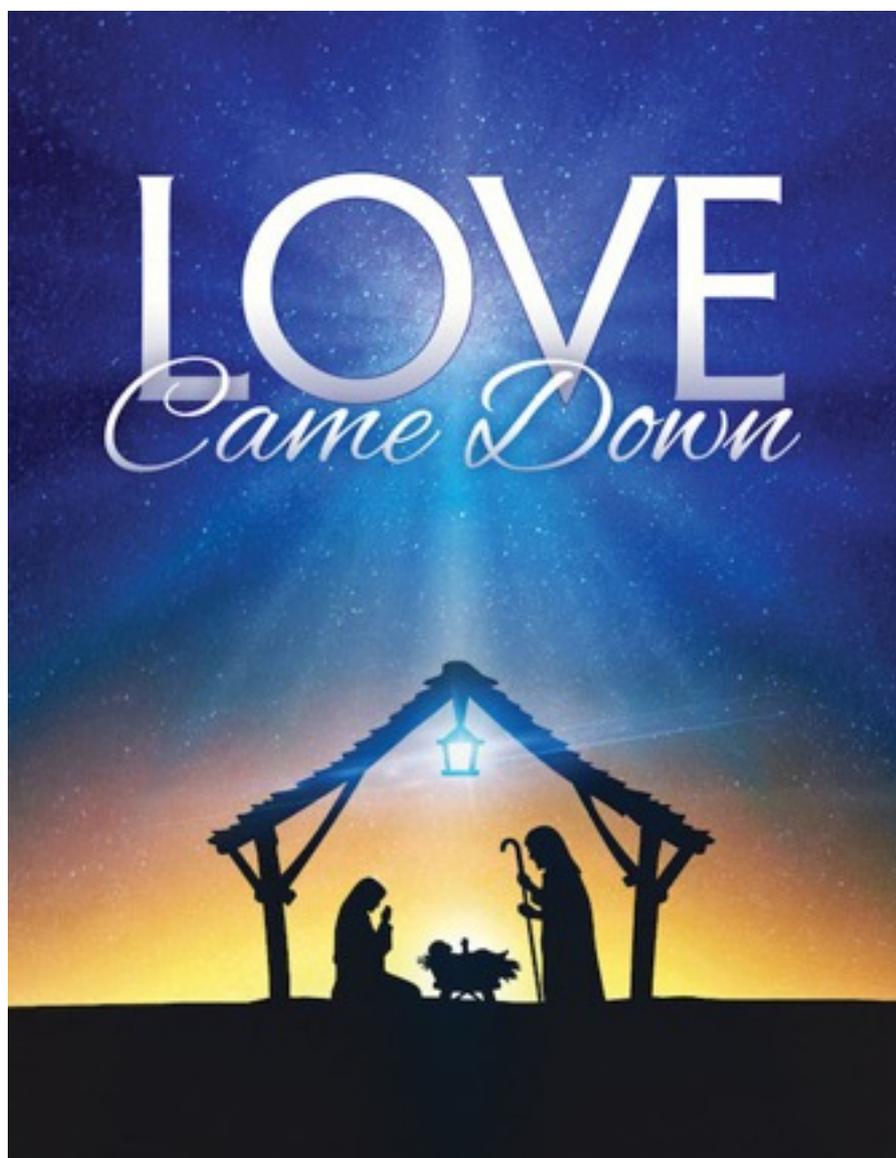




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Who's Who at PPT

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Letter from the Vicar: Love came down

Dear Friends,
December is upon us, with a thousand chores to do before Christmas. I hope that amidst all the other preparations, you will be able to deliver a bundle of our annual Christmas leaflets to streets near you. The title 'Love came down' comes from a poem by Christina Rossetti:

*Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love Divine,
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and Angels gave the sign.*

*Worship we the Godhead,
Love Incarnate, Love Divine,
Worship we our Jesus,
But wherewith for sacred sign?*

*Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.*

This is also the title of a book of Advent meditations by Sinclair Ferguson, based on the famous chapter on love in Paul's 1st letter to Corinth, which help us recall the divine love incarnate in Jesus.

Christmas can get pretty frantic for many people, and depressing for others who feel left out of the party, but the true message of Christmas is for all, rich and poor, young and old.

Our nation is in need of some love and peace from above as we wait anxiously for the next step in the Brexit saga to unfold. But as Christians we have a message of real hope: God in his love has come down in person to enter our world and meet our deepest need- to know the living God and to be at peace

with him, and thus with one another and all creation. Jesus is God's greatest gift to humanity, and the greatest gift we can give anyone is to introduce them to Jesus. So please do share the leaflets, pray for your friends and neighbours, and invite them to come with you to one of the many special services this month.

There is also something we can do for those far away. This month we are focussing on the work of SAT-7, a Christian TV station, broadcasting in Arabic, Turkish and Farsi via satellite, and reaching a potential audience of 500 million with a holistic schedule of practical, spiritual and physical subjects in their programmes. The channel is a huge help to persecuted Christians, who are often tiny minorities or secret believers, and show their non-Christian neighbours a more positive vision for life and society, which they can watch in the privacy of their homes, beyond the reach of heavy-handed authorities. The programmes are made for the middle East by Christians in the middle East. You can find out more at <https://www.sat7uk.org>

There will be a large Christmas card in church this month. Rather than give cards to individuals in the congregation (who do you give to, who do you miss?) sign the card, put a star on the front and make a donation to SAT-7. I hope to show some short clips at services this month to give you a flavour of the good work they do.

yours in Christ,
Graham

SAT-7: Christian Television

by and for the people of the Middle East and North Africa

“Greetings to all my brothers and sisters at SAT 7. I’m grateful for your kindness and diligent work to gather us in Iran together in unity with one heart and one voice to call upon the Lord and receive good teaching. This is not just a programme or media ministry – it’s truly our CHURCH for the time being!”

A secret Christian viewer in Iran.

Based in the Middle East and broadcasting in Arabic, Turkish and Farsi to the 500 million people of the region, SAT-7 is...

Making the Gospel visible – to millions of families who would otherwise not have access to it.

Making the local Church visible – in places where Christians often remain invisible to society.

Making rights & freedoms visible – challenging prejudice and discrimination against people because of their faith, gender, disability or social standing. Through satellite television we enable the Church in the region – isolated, often small and facing many restrictions – to make known the love of Christ, to teach and encourage believers, and share a positive Christian vision for life and society. And all this in the privacy of people’s homes.

THE VISION AND MISSION

Our Vision is to see a growing Church in the Middle East and North Africa, confident in Christian faith and witness, serving the community and contributing to the good of society and culture.



Our Mission is to provide the churches and Christians of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) an opportunity to witness to Jesus Christ through inspirational, informative, and educational television services.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

There’s something for everyone – from children’s game shows to deep theological studies; lifestyle magazines to sports programmes – but woven through them all is the thread of God’s transforming love for the world through Jesus Christ.

Most importantly, SAT-7 strives to make the Good News as easily understood and culturally relevant as possible. This is why most of our programmes are produced by Middle Easterners living in the region.

SAT-7 works in some of the most closed countries in the world. All the countries we broadcast into are within the 10:40 window; 21 of the 25 countries are on the 2016 World Watch List, which highlights the worst places in the world for Christians.

The countries SAT-7 broadcasts into are determined by two factors: the footprint of the satellite systems we are on, and the main languages spoken in those regions. We broadcast in Arabic, Farsi and Turkish, and are expanding programming in minority dialects like Dari (spoken in Afghanistan), Azeri (Turkey, Iran and Azerbaijan) and Berber (North Africa).



Consultation on Marriage

The UK Government has proposed reforms to divorce laws in England and Wales that will remove requirements to show cause for a divorce and replace this with a simple notification system. Speaking at a debate at The Times in September on the topic ‘Is it time to reform our divorce laws?’

Parliamentary Under Secretary Lucy Frazer QC MP claimed that *“In the Ministry of Justice we do not want, in any way, to reduce the benefits of marriage, or to make it quicker or easier to make the decision to get divorced.”*

The Government’s proposals, however, would remove any requirement to show a reason or cause for why a marriage has broken down. They suggest a process that would require notification from one spouse to the court of the ‘irretrievable breakdown’ of the marriage. They are also seeking to clarify the minimum length of the divorce process, proposing a six-month timeframe before the divorce can be finalised.

It is clear that, despite the Government’s claims to not want to make it easier or quicker to decide to get divorced, their proposals would move us towards a system where it is as easy to end a marriage as a phone contract. The solemnity and endurance of marriage as an institution in British society will be greatly watered down.

These proposals raise questions about what support the Government is providing to help married couples avoid getting to the point of ‘irretrievable breakdown’. The societal and family benefits of marriage have been well documented, yet little action has been taken to support marriage in this session of Parliament. Despite CARE’s annual reports on the issue, which highlight how the current tax system penalises families and show that the public would support raising the marriage tax allowance, there has been little movement from MPs to implement this change so far.

The current system holds a high view of marriage and asks that serious and compelling reasons must be given as to why you are choosing to end what was hoped to be a lifelong union. CARE holds that marriage and family life is the bedrock of society and that forgiveness, grace and redemption, central to a Christian moral ethic, should be reflected in our thinking around marriage and divorce.

If you want to contribute to the consultation on marriage you need to comment online before Monday 10 December. CARE have produced some helpful guidance notes- see the addresses below:

<https://consult.justice.gov.uk/digital-communications/reform-of-the-legal-requirements-for-divorce/consultation/>
<https://care.org.uk/sites/default/files/Reform%20of%20the%20legal%20requirements%20for%20divorce%20-%20Supporter%20Briefing.pdf>

Bovey Calendar

Dec

2 Sun		<i>Advent Sunday: Give me oil in my lamp</i> reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.12-end, Matthew 25.1-12 Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton 8.00am 9.30am NO Sunday Praise this week 11.00am Morning Worship with baptism: Rev Graham Hamilton 4.00pm Christingle Service: Rev Graham Hamilton
3 Mon	9.10am	Morning prayer
4 Tue	12.30pm	Friendship Lunch at the Edgemoor Hotel
5 Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion in the church room
	5.30pm	Wise Guys in the Church Room
6 Thur	7.00am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
	7.30pm	Light up a Life service in the church
7 Fri	9.10am	Morning prayer
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
	6.00pm	Christmas Choir rehearsal in church
	7.30pm	Gingerbread & Prosecco event in the Church Room
8 Sat	6.00pm	Schola Exe concert in the Church Room
9 Sun		<i>Advent 2: You've got talent!</i> am readings: 2 Thessalonians 3.6-15, Matthew 25.14-30 pm reading: Judges 17-18 <i>Cultic Chaos</i> 9.30pm Sunday Praise: Mr Mark Alexander 11.00am Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton 5.00pm Word & Worship: Rev Graham Hamilton 6.30pm Walking the Way in the church room - see note
10 Mon	9.10am	Morning prayer
	1.00pm	Funeral of Fernley Holmes in church
12 Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion in the church room
	7.30pm	Monthly Prayer Meeting in the Church room
13 Thur	7.00am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
14 Fri	9.10am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
	6.00pm	Christmas Choir rehearsal in church

16 Sun		Advent 3: Sorting sheep and goats am Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1.1-12, Matthew 25.31-46 pm Reading: Judges 19-21 <i>A moral mess</i> Sunday Praise: Mrs Carolyn Laycock Morning Worship: Mrs Carolyn Laycock Word and Worship: Mr Mark Alexander
	9.30am	
	11.00am	
	5.00pm	
17 Mon	9.10am	Morning prayer
	7.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
18 Tue	2.30pm	Mothers Union Carol Service in Church
	6.00pm	Bovey School Carol Service in church
19 Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion in the church
	5.30pm	Wise Guys in the Church Room
20 Thur	7.00am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
21 Fri	6.00pm	Christmas Choir rehearsal in the church
	7.30pm	Codelife for men in the church room
23 Sun		Advent 4 am reading: Micah 5.2-5, Luke 1.39-56 Sunday Praise: Mr Mark Alexander Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton Word and Worship: Mr Mark Alexander
	9.30am	
	11.00am	
	5.00pm	
24 Mon		Christmas Eve Morning prayer Crib Service in the Church: the Vicar Midnight Communion: the Vicar
	9.10am	
	5.00pm	
	11.00pm	
25 Tue		Christmas Day Morning Worship: the Vicar
	10.00am	
30 Sun		First Sunday after Christmas readings: Sunday Praise (all age) : Mrs Eleanor Oelmann Morning Worship: Mrs Eleanor Oelmann
	9.30am	
	11.00am	
January		
2 Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion in the church
6 Sun		Epiphany am reading: Psalm 1, Colossians 3.12-17 Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton Breakfast served in the Church Room United service (all age): Rev Graham Hamilton Word & Worship: Rev Graham Hamilton
	8.00am	
	9.30am	
	10.30am	
	5.00pm	

Notes & Events

Christmas Choir

Do you want to sing for the Carols by Candlelight service on Monday 17th December? Stephen Moseley (01626 835434) is leading the choir, and rehearsals begin on Friday 23 November, 6pm in the church room.

Wise Guys

Wise Guys is our fortnight club for young people aged 10-14. We meet in December on Wednesday 5th and 19th from 5.30-7pm in the church room for food, games and wisdom from the bible.

News from Peter & Rita Thomson

We are going to be very happy here and everyone we meet is very friendly. We will probably worship at the Anglican Church but find the lady pastor of the Baptists is the daughter in law of old friends – so have visited there too. The house is benefitting from the decorator working through it and we expect a kitchen to be fitted in January – so we are in a muddle at present!! It is good to fall back on the knowledge of clear guidance to be here!!

I have great admiration for Sat7. Their ministry is by its nature very expensive but they are doing a great job and reaching where people cannot. We produced Ken Bailey's work on the parables in Arabic for them to show, as well as other programmes. The feedback from closed (as well as more open) Arab countries was amazing.

Christmas Fair

Thanks to Helen Barlow and all who helped make the Christmas Fair such a happy occasion. We raised over £540 for PPT & £70 for Meningitis research.

Walking the Way

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life". If you are interested in exploring the Christian faith, or being baptised or confirmed, Graham has just started a new course, but it is not too late to join. Next session is Sun 9 December at 6.30pm.

United Service Sunday 6 January (Epiphany)

Advance notice that there will be a united service on Sun 6 January at 10.30am instead of 9.30am and 11am. Breakfast will be served in the church room from 9.30am- come and mingle in a relaxed atmosphere before the service!

Classic Christian Poetry: “God’s Grandeur,” Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844–1889)

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil
Crushed. Why do men then now not reckon his rod?
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil,
And wears man’s smudge and shares man’s smell; the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.
And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went,
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs—
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

The subject of this sonnet is the permanent freshness that nature possesses: no matter what the human race does to exhaust nature, it remains perpetually resilient and living. The interpretive slant that Hopkins gives to this phenomenon of nature is the assertion that it declares God’s grandeur or greatness. The poem is thus a nature poem that becomes a psalm of praise, even ending with a specifically theological statement about the Holy Spirit in his role as Creator.

The poem is organized on a three-part, envelope principle. The first four lines celebrate what might be called God’s nature. The question that concludes this unit is actually a transition to the middle section, which describes the ways in which the

human race does not reckon or heed God’s rule. Lines 5 to 8 describe humankind’s “nature,” that is, their exploitation of nature and failing to nurture it. The last six lines then return to God’s nature, declaring that the creative power of the Holy Spirit makes nature indestructible.

As with other Hopkins’s poems, this one requires that we take the time to unpack the meanings of the individual images. Verbal effects like internal rhyme within a line and alliteration (repetition of initial sounds in words located close to each other) enliven the effect.

Leland Ryken

emeritus professor of English at
Wheaton College



Communion Hygiene and winter germs

On Saturday 8th December at 7.30pm, the Devon County Senior Choir, Schola Exe, will be giving a concert in the church hall. The choir will perform a selection of music ranging from folksongs to music by Vivaldi and Elgar, followed by a second half of Christmas music. The concert is free and there will be no tickets - so come early to ensure a seat! Tea/coffee and mince pies will be served in the interval (for a small charge).

Schola Exe is for girls aged 12 - 19 and boys with unchanged voices, the members come from a wide area of Devon. The choir has had a busy musical year, giving a lunchtime recital as part of the Budleigh Salterton Music Festival, performing in Monteverdi's Vespers in the Cathedral in July and singing with the English Touring Opera's performance of Bach's St Matthew Passion in Exeter Cathedral in November. Many of the choir's members are school music scholars and part of national ensembles, and previous singers have gained choral scholarships to University/music college.

The choir is conducted by Rachel Smith who is Head of Junior Music at The Maynard School in Exeter. She founded both the County Junior Choir in 2007 and Schola Exe in 2012. She is also the MD for the original Chivenor Military Wives Choir which featured in the Gareth Malone BBC series, the Lypstone Military Wives Choir and conducts for the National Children's Choir of GB.

Do you think that dipping wafers into the holy communion wine will protect you from spreading flu to other?

The Bishop of Manchester has told churches that they should not practise intinction this winter, where the wafer is dipped into the wine. The practice is more common in Eastern Orthodox churches but still takes place in some Church of England parishes.

If you are concerned about catching or passing on infections it is best to decline to drink from the communal chalice of wine: you are still deemed to have taken communion.

"We are becoming increasingly aware of the severe reaction some people have to gluten," Bishop Walker said.

"As a result churches are now used to providing gluten-free bread in services of holy communion. However, what is often overlooked is that dipping wafers in the wine can introduce gluten, which others then drink.

"It is already advised nationally that, for reasons of hygiene, the intinction of wafers should be avoided. When a wafer is given into the hands of a communicant it may become contaminated by germs lying on the skin. Intincting the wafer then introduces those germs directly into the wine. There is also the possibility of finger tips inadvertently dipping into the liquid."

Please be assured that those serving communion wash their hands immediately before serving the bread and the wine.

What's on and who's who at St Mary's

December		Advent Sunday:
2 Sun	4.00pm	Readings: 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end, Luke 21.25-36 Light up a Life: Mrs Veronica Dell
4 Tue	10.30am	Community Coffee morning at the Village Hall
9 Sun		Second of Advent
	10.00am	Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5.12-end, Matthew 25.1-13
10 Mon	7.30pm	Morning Worship: Mr Edward Goodman
13 Thu	12noon	Parochial Church Council meeting at Warmhill Farm Soup & Pud lunch at the Village Hall
16 Sun		Third of Advent
	4.00pm	Carol Service: Rev Graham Hamilton
18 Tue	2.00pm	Hennock School Carol Service: Rev Graham Hamilton
20 Thu	12.00pm	Soup & Pud at the Village Hall (NO)
23 Sun		Fourth of Advent
	10.00am	Readings: 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-12, Matthew 25.30-46 Morning Worship: Mrs Carolyn Laycock
24 Mon	3.00pm	Farmyard Crib service at Warmhill Farm
25 Tue	10.00am	Christmas Communion: Canon Gordon Percy
December		First after Christmas
30 Dec	10.00am	Readings: Isaiah 61, Luke 2.15-21 Morning Worship: tbc

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Rota - December	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessor	Flowers
2nd	Lynne Russell	Anne English	Service Leader	Advent Sunday
	<i>No morning service. Light up a life Service at 4pm. A quiet service when we may light a candle in memory of a loved one. Tea and biscuits served after the service. Dec16th no morning service. Carol service at 4pm followed by tea and mince pies.</i>			
9th	Harold Joll	Libby Marnham	Brian Marnham	Advent
16th	Ken Swan	Miles Pomfrett	Andy Marchant	Advent
	Dec16th no morning service. Carol service at 4pm followed by tea and mince pies.			
23rd	Pat Savage-Jones	June Brown	Ken Swann	Advent
24th	<i>Farmyard Cribb Service at 3pm at Warmhill Farm. Hot soup served. All welcome - dress up as angels, shepherds or kings. Wear warm clothes, wellington boots or stout shoes.</i>			
25th	Lynne Russell	Frances Swann	Ellena Jamie	Rachel
30th	Harold Joll	Anne English	Brian Marnham	Rachel
6th Jan	Harold Joll	Libby Marnham	Service Leader	Rachel

for further details visit our website at <http://www.pptbovey.org.uk/hennock.php>

The Back Page:



Inspire

GINGERBREAD
HOUSE NIGHT

with prosecco, nibbles and
an encouraging Christian
message from Wiz Slater

FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER 7:30PM

Tickets £4 each, limited availability,
Book before 30th Nov.

Contact Rosie 07876662138
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All Ladies Welcome