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A Message from the Rector

Christmas is a very special time of year and it comes with many joys and stresses. It is (hopefully) good to meet up with family and friends and to send cards, presents and good wishes to those that we see less often. It is a joy to spend time thinking about our loved ones and what we can do to make Christmas enjoyable for them. There is, of course, the pressure to provide a huge feast for those charged with the cooking and also there is a financial burden of buying food, drink and presents. For some it is a time when all the family difficulties and tensions come to a head. At Christmas time and for a couple of months before we are bombarded by adverts giving us the image of a Christmas that is only obtainable by purchasing a lot of things from their store. So there are joys and stresses with our modern day Christmas celebration. There were also joys and stresses with the original version. We have the story of a pregnant girl having to travel in a not very comfortable method to the village which was where Joseph's family originated. The welcome was not great, although she was family, she ended up in a stable with the animals. A baby born in not exactly clinical conditions. Mary found herself having a child in difficult circumstances. I am sure we can see many likenesses with people's lives today.

If we look past these human joys and difficulties both for ourselves and for Mary and Joseph we can, perhaps, see something of the greatest joy of Christmas. Here we have the opportunity to meet with God in human form who has come weak and helpless as a human child into our world and become one of us. God has stepped onto the stage of our lives in a very ordinary and humble way. Entering into the world of Mary and Joseph but also entering into the world that we inhabit. The scriptures tell us that Jesus came because God loves us and that through him we can come to have a relationship with that loving God. That relationship leads to eternal life. The offer of that relationship is the greatest gift ever given, so it is my prayer at this Christmas that you can experience something of the true meaning of Christmas, which is the presence of God with you right now.

May you have the peace and blessings of Jesus Christ this Christmas.

Revd. Richard G. Holden
Rector Of Skegness

Peaceful Praise On A Silent Night

200 years ago this Christmas Eve a parish priest near Salzburg in Austria and his organist wrote a new carol for the midnight mass. The priest, Fr Joseph Mohr, provided the words in a poem he had recently written. The organist was Franz Xavier Gruber who created a tune of haunting beauty. The carol, Stille Nacht, was duly sung at the service.

We don't know what the congregation thought of it, though I bet someone said, 'I can't stand all these new tunes!' But the simple words and wistful melody were to become one of the world's favourite carols, translated into hundreds of languages, 'Silent Night' as we know it.

My father told me of his experience in the First World War, when on Christmas Day the British troops heard the sound of German soldiers singing Stille Nacht. They responded with Silent Night, and the sacred words echoed across the blood-stained no man's land. It is a carol that breathes peace, quite unlike the traditional ones that stir us to action – 'O come all ye faithful', 'Hark the herald angels sing'. This German song is about the infinite peace of nativity – Mary pondering her heart all that was happening and the shepherds returning to their fields. The birth of this royal baby went largely unnoticed. There were no crowds, no cheering, no processions. But for two centuries people have sung this precious song of peace to recall that silent and holy night.



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Unless you have a birthday or anniversary this month, December only means one thing – Christmas! And since we've all had the Christmas spirit thrust down our throats since Bonfire Night, it's a total validation of the British spirit that we still have any enthusiasm left for it come December 24th!

But we do – and I'm fascinated by my own family's identification of 'our customs'; 'our rituals.' I didn't know half of them existed. We usually have two Christmas trees, a real one that smells nice and drops needles carelessly on a tiled floor. (My mother's complaints of finding Christmas tree in the carpet until Easter and beyond always makes me feel very smug in having a hard surface for mine). And a 'pretend' one whose requirement for blue tack reparations and bits of sticky tape increases over the years. I'm told, by my tree decorating daughter, that one tree is dressed thematically and the other with the 'family ornaments'. The latter, I assume, are the bits of tat we've salvaged after complete sets have been diminished by hordes of small children and a veritable zoo of animals. Eclectic but memorable.

On a recent visit to Cheshire, I made the mistake of visiting the John Lewis Christmas Emporium, (it was late August or thereabouts), and I saw the glittering array of beautiful tree decorations available. To my 'bah humbug' mind, it was a case of 'do you want turkey or a blue whale tree ornament with mermaid attached – your choice mate!' But it was very beautiful. It made me realise I need to 'stay in' more – there's genuinely no need for that! Doesn't Christmas cost enough without getting precious about the surface dressing? I usually congratulate myself if I've vanished the ironing pile and got some bleach in the loo by the time the family arrive. And do they care anyway? For all the things I've done in my life, I love, just absolutely adore the fact that all my children want to do at Christmas is spend time with each other, (and me I'd hope!) And as we spend more and more of our lives behind a computer screen or clamped to a mobile phone – time spent with real people becomes increasingly precious.

The whole consumerism element of Christmas has changed too. When I was small, my Christmas list was entirely subjective; I wanted a doll, my best mate wanted a play kitchen. We wished for different things. Then came the 'must have' era – with used notes being exchanged for a second rate Po in a scuzzy layby – tellytubbies being the essential currency for 'that Christmas'. And from that to an era of 'I haven't got a clue' as music, video and books became secreted in mobile devices.

What is left to delight at Christmas beyond the simplicity of being together then? Oh the irony of technological advancement promoting the simplest human values as being the most important! I know that as a family, we're looking forward to a turkey cooked at (time to be advised, but traditionally far later than I originally planned) followed by games, chatter and singing until dessert turns up several hours later. Then board games – cheese to follow, and finally nightcaps varying from Earl Grey to Hot Chocolate.

Television, computers and games consoles won't get a look in this Christmas Day! I only ever buy a TV guide in December. I imagine that I'll look at all the good things in the schedules and put the recorder on for later delectation. And then I forget. And it's not even as though we're talking about video – where you miss half the programme because of schedule changes and become involved in a documentary that you never wanted to watch but in which you become utterly absorbed before it cuts off ten minutes in. Catch up TV means we can all enjoy our favourite entertainment over the festive period, but not necessarily at the time it is scheduled! Leaving more time for the things that matter. And being together is what matters.



Follow The Star

The Wise Men followed the star which led them to Christ.

The members of St Matthew's Craft group are planning to decorate St Matthew's Church with as many stars as possible this Christmas but we need your help.

Could you make a star to add to our display? We hope to have a huge collection of stars in all colours and sizes so use your imagination and see what you can make. It could be sewn, knitted, crocheted, made of paper or any other ideas you might have.

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The competition to name the building is open to all residents of Skegness and Winthorpe, regardless of age. We want to make sure that the building is accessible to all and helps to bring the community together. We would love to hear from you with what you think the building should be called.

The Council is very interested in the reasons behind your chosen name for the community building, you may want to name the building after someone or something from the area or choose a name with cultural or historical significance to Skegness. Maybe you would like a name associated with the seaside and all that Skegness has to offer? Whatever your idea we would love to hear it.

How can I enter?

- There is a competition entry form for you to complete on our website or fill in the form opposite and return to Skegness Town Council, Skegness Town Hall, North Parade, Skegness, PE25 1DA.

- We will put links to the form and the plans on our website and social media sites.

The closing date for the competition is Tuesday 8th January 2019, the winner will be announced in March 2019.

Is there a prize?

The winner will be invited to the grand opening of the building and will be recognised as the person who named the building.

Please return completed forms by
08/01/19 to Skegness Town Council
Skegness Town Hall, North Parade,
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Name the new community building in Tower Gardens
Competition Entry Form

The reasons I have chosen this name and the significance my chosen name:

Any other comments:

Please leave your name, address and phone number or email address so we can contact you if you win. The competition is open to all ages. Good Luck! The winner will be in March 2019.

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A Wartime Home Front Christmas at Chapel Point

The following (edited account) was written on Boxing Day 1940 by May Hill, whose immediate family were Coastguard husband Will ('Father'), daughter Jean (aged 12), elder daughter Rene and their son Ron – who was away from home as an RAF trainee. Emmie was Ron's future wife and Mr A was Rene's future husband.

Our Christmas Day started early. Father was on duty at the watch-box until 2 o' clock am, so our Happy Christmas's were said about 2.15 am. Jean woke up about 6.30. She had insisted on her presents being taken upstairs to look at in bed. It was the first time she had not hung up her "stocking" but she could not wait to see them at breakfast. Emmie's and [Aunt] Harriet's parcels were sealed up. Emmie's were 6 linen embroidered Irish handkerchiefs and Harriet's two hank's with coloured borders and chocs. After going thro' them all, stockings and a Collin's diary from me, a Warnes Pleasure Book for Girls from Rene, and a bag of sultanias and peanuts which I slipped in at the last minute (lucky I did as she said she knew I should put those in), she would go down for Father's present from Rene and I, a cherry-wood tray with cig. bowl and ash tray, and her own which was a leather case with pipe-cleaner etc in for waist-coat pocket. Father admired them and went off to sleep again...



[After breakfast] I got chicken in oven, it was already stuffed, it cost 8/0 alive from J. Jacksons and was not extra fat, weighing only 3½ lbs when ready for oven. Still with brussel sprouts from the garden, potatoes, bread-sauce and bacon, sausage and gravy it was very good. Then we had Christmas pudding and custard sauce (Birds). Mr A and Rene came to dinner, he brought a bottle of grapefruit squash it very refreshing amongst all the sweet things. We had a cup of tea after. Then at 2 Father had to go on watch...



We did not want much tea as we were having supper at 8 when Father came back. Played games after tea and had quite a pleasant evening. Thro' the day I missed Ron very badly and in spite of our fun and quiet happiness it was a hard day for me. I expect he was in all our thoughts most of the time. Jean decorated his photo frame with laurel. No carol-singers, no lights in the black-out no Christmas bells and, thank God no bombs. We have so much to be thankful for this Christmas. What of the next?

Selected diary extracts, with poetry and photographs, appear in the book 'The Casualties Were Small' by May Hill (available from Skegness Church Farm Village Museum or Chapel St Leonards Bookshop). For more, search 'may hill wwii' for blog, e-books, twitter and facebook or for information phone Tom Ambridge on 01394 385412

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

4.00 pm St Peter & St Paul, Crib Service

6.00 pm St Clement, Crib Service

4.00 pm St Matthew, Crib Service with Christingle

7.00 pm St Mary, Carol Service

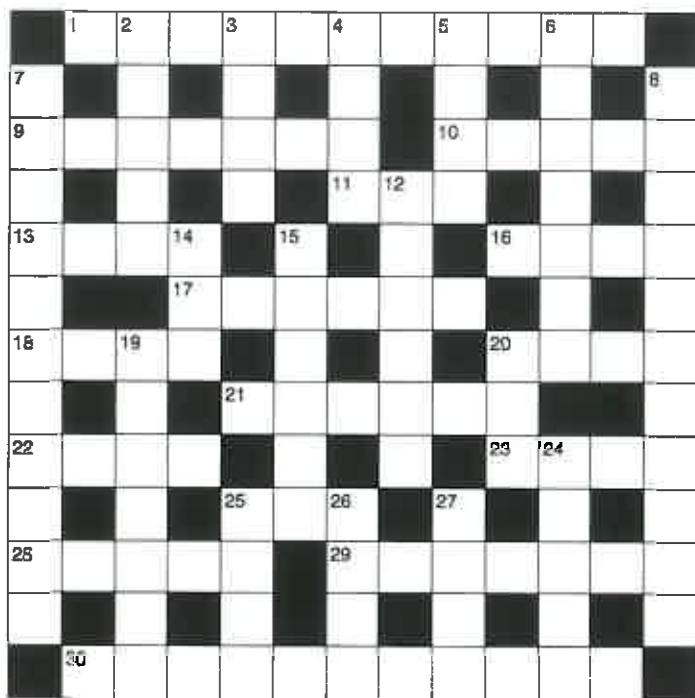
9.00 pm St Peter & St Paul, Midnight Mass

11.30 pm St Matthew, Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10 am St Matthew, Group Service





Crossword Time

Can you take on our
Crossword?

Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
- 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
- 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
- 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
- 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
- 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
- 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
- 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
- 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
- 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
- 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been —, he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
- 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
- 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
- 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
- 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
- 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
- 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
- 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
- 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
- 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
- 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
- 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
- 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
- 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — —' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
- 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
- 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
- 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

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Saturday, 8th December

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Rotary



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Community Diary Dates December 2018

Each month we show the Church Diary Dates. We would like to have a page of Community Diary Dates but we need you to tell us those dates. If you know of any event that is happening in the area please do let us know so that we can add it to the diary. The more people who know the more support you will get at your event!

W I meet Tuesday 4 December 7.15pm

The Pavilion, Wainfleet Road, Skegness

Christmas Social and faith supper

and

W I meet Tuesday 8 January 2019 7.15pm

The Pavilion, Wainfleet Road, Skegness

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Church Diary Dates December 2018

Sunday 2	9.30am-10.30am St Matthew Skegness group breakfast
Sunday 2	11.00 am - St Matthew Skegness Group service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 4	10.30 am - St Clement Skegness Mothers Union Corporate Communion- Followed by Christmas Lunch at Poppies Burgh Road
Tuesday 4	1.30pm-2.30pm St Matthew Skegness Toddler Group
Wednesday 5	10.00 am – 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat,
Wednesday 5	10.00 am – St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Thursday 6	10.30 am - St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
Thursday 6	1.30pm-St Matthew Skegness Craft afternoon
Friday 7	10.00 am - 12 noon - St Matthew Skegness, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Saturday 8	4.00pm-6.00pm St Matthew Skegness Messy Church fun for all the family
Sunday 9	9.30 am – St Mary Winthorpe service of Holy Communion
Sunday 9	9.30 am - St Clements Skegness service of Morning Worship
Sunday 9	11.00 am - St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
Sunday 9	11.00 am - St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Morning Worship
Tuesday 11	10.30 am - St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 11	1.30pm-2.30pm St Matthew Skegness Toddler Group
Wednesday 12	10.00 am – 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat,
Wednesday 12	10.00 am – St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Wednesday 12	2.00pm-St Matthew Skegness Omega Group
Thursday 13	10.30 am - St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
Thursday 13	1.30pm-St Matthew Skegness Craft afternoon
Friday 14	10.00 am - 12 noon - St Matthew Skegness, Pop in for a coffee and a chat

Sunday 16	9.30 am – St Mary Winthorpe service of Morning Worship
Sunday 16	9.30 am - St Clements Skegness service of Holy Communion
Sunday 16	11.00 am - St Matthew Skegness service of Morning Worship
Sunday 16	11.00 am - St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 18	10.30 am - St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 18	1.30pm-2.30pm St Matthew Skegness Toddler Group
Wednesday 19	10.00 am – 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat,
Wednesday 19	10.00 am – St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Thursday 20	10.30 am - St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
Thursday 20	1.30pm-St Matthew Skegness Craft afternoon
Thursday 20	2.00pm-St Clement Community Hall New Horizons
Friday 21	10.00 am - 12 noon St Matthew Skegness, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Sunday 23	9.30 am St Clement Skegness service of Morning Worship
Sunday 23	9.30 am - St Mary Winthorpe service of Morning Worship
Sunday 23	9.20 am St Nicholas Addlethorpe service of Holy Communion
Sunday 23	11.00 am St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
Sunday 23	11.00 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Morning Worship
Monday 24	4.00 pm St Peter & St Paul, Crib Service
	6.00 pm St Clement, Crib Service
	4.00 pm St Matthew, Crib Service with Christingle
	7.00 pm St Mary, Carol Service
	9.00 pm St Peter & St Paul, Midnight Mass
	11.30 pm St Matthew, Midnight Mass
Tuesday 25	10.00 am St Matthew, Group Service
Sunday 30	9.30 am – St Mary Winthorpe service of Morning Worship
Sunday 30	9.30 am - St Clements Skegness service of Holy Communion
Sunday 30	11.00 am - St Matthew Skegness service of Morning Worship
Sunday 30	11.00 am - St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
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Sunday 6	9.30am-10.30am St Matthew Skegness group breakfast
Sunday 6	11.00 am - St Matthew Skegness Group service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 8	1.30pm-2.30pm St Matthew Skegness Toddler Group
Wednesday 9	10.00 am – 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat,
Wednesday 9	10.00 am – St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Thursday 10	10.30 am - St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
Thursday 10	1.30pm-St Matthew Skegness Craft afternoon
Friday 11	10.00 am - 12 noon - St Matthew Skegness, Pop in for a coffee and a chat

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