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Christmas! Knowing Jesus

"Oh that You would rend the heavens and come down....!"
Christmas surely is God's loving response to the prophet Isaiah's cry for help! It is His coming into this world in His Son Jesus Christ. We were made to know and love God in all His glory. To our shame the reason God had to rend the heavens was because we had sinned, turned our backs on our loving Father, and had spurned the honour of knowing Him (Romans 1:21)

Jesus came to give us eternal life. He said, "this is the way to have eternal life, to know you the only true God and Jesus Christ the one you sent to Earth (John 17:3)

He came down at Christmas to give us the opportunity to have eternal life.

Jeremiah, when discussing the most important thing to have in life, from God's point of view, says..... "let not the wise man boast in his wisdom or the mighty man in his might or the rich man in his riches. Let them boast in this alone; that they truly know Me and understand that I am the Lord who is just and righteous, whose love is unfailingand I delight in these things"

Christmas is hinted at in Jeremiah 31 when the Lord says "the day will come when I make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. This covenant will not be like the one I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt. This is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel on that daythey will not need to teach the neighbours nor will they need to teach their family saying you should know the law. For everyone from the least of the greatest would already know me, says the Lord, and I will forgive their wickedness and will never again remember their sins.

In Matthew's Gospel Chapter 1 we read, "she will have a son and you are to name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

Essentially Christmas is Jesus rending the heavens and coming down so we can know God, and find everlasting peace, because all hostility between us and God is taken away at the Cross.

This Christmas may we truly know God and worship Him in spirit and truth.

By Raish Sarin



So many refugees,
So many homeless people,
So much conflict
and despair and pain,
In a world without answers.

But God so loved this world
That he created Christmas
And came, in Jesus.
Jesus, born into poverty,
Jesus, who was homeless,
Who was a refugee,
Who shares our conflict and
despair and pain,
Who takes it all and transforms it
By his life-giving death and
resurrection
Into possibilities of peace and
hope and joy,
Into life in all its fullness.
Jesus who came out of the stable
And lives.

God's answer:
Hallelujah.

By Daphne Kitching



Skegness East Coast and Wolds Hospitality Association Name New Chairman


Mr Hutchinson is the Manager at the Northshore Hotel in Skegness. As Chair of SECHWA he will drive the association forward to meet the needs of today's holiday industry.

Bill said 'I am delighted to be elected to this position, after a busy 6 months in the acting Chairman's role. I am extremely confident that with the Team now in place and the addition of Elizabeth Sargent as Office Manager and June Howard as Business Development Manager SECHWA will become a very important player in the plans to make Skegness an even more attractive choice for UK holidays.'

We welcome June Howard our new Business Development Manager to the team. June comes to us bursting with ideas and enthusiasm.

Bill Hutchinson, Chair of the Association, said 'We are delighted to welcome June to this new position in the team. June has a wealth of experience dealing with businesses throughout East Lindsey which will help us to drive association forward. I am sure she will be an asset to the team'

June said 'This is a new and exciting position and I am looking forward to the new challenge. I am anxious to engage with as many businesses involved with all aspects of the hospitality industry in East Lindsey as possible and especially promoting Caterex and Rest Assured Quality Grading Scheme'.



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An Advent Meditation

Monday December 7th 2015 6.30 pm
St Peter & St Paul's Church, Ingoldmells



The challenge of entering Advent, or of entering into any religious experience these days is that we are too often very busy. We miss Advent's power because the weeks before Christmas are full of activity, families to visit, shopping, preparation for Christmas, parties. Each year, the busyness of this season distracts us from having an Advent season that truly prepares us for the celebration of Christmas, with all its meaning.

The Diocese of Lincoln and its Discipleship team have produced a meaningful booklet, which will take you on a journey through Advent. You may wish to collect one from the parish office St Matthew's Church Lumley Avenue Skegness. Use it to aid reflection during Advent, as we seek to prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? To refresh your heart and spirit, seeking the face of your saviour. Then join me for a time of peace, reflection, scripture, and music, for An Advent Meditation.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that in the darkness of this passing age, we may shine as lights, beacons which proclaim to the world that you are always with us. Amen

Reader Jean Smith

Say It With Flowers

Flowers play a part in some of the most important and emotional times in our lives. They say "Happy Birthday", "Congratulations", they welcome a new baby, and say "I'm sorry".

Anniversaries of all kinds are made special when you receive flowers from a thoughtful friend or relative, leaving a job or moving house also often prompt a floral gift.

We use flowers to wish someone a speedy recovery, and to comfort the bereaved, and most importantly to say "I love you"

Flowers help to beautify our churches and they contribute to the spiritual experience of the Church services.

All the Churches in the Group invite you to celebrate an anniversary, or remember a loved one by sponsoring the flower arrangement in your chosen Church.

Please contact the Parish Office or the Churchwardens if you would like to do this.



Advent Wreath Festival

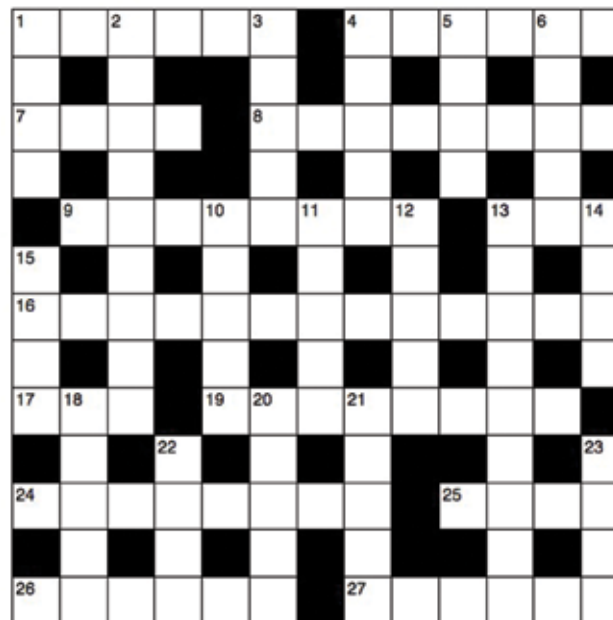


Advent is observed in the Church calendar as a time of expectancy and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Its meaning is derived from the Latin word *adventus* meaning the coming.

In modern life December has become a very hectic time with preparations for Christmas, the forthcoming school holidays and a busy social calendar. Why not take a few minutes from this schedule and visit the Advent Wreath Festival at St Matthew's Church?

Many businesses and organizations in the town use their artistic skills to make wreaths depicting the theme of their work. It makes for a very colourful display in the church and a fun way to see what is happening in the town.

The festival will be opened after the Advent Service at 11.15 on Sunday 29 November at St Matthew's Church. Join us then, when we will be serving mulled wine and mince pies. From Monday 30 November, the festival is open each week day from 10.00 – 12.00 until Christmas Eve and on a Friday morning between 10.00 and 12.00 refreshments are available at our regular Pop-in Café.



Across

- 1 Rely (Psalm 62:7) (6)
- 4 'He stretches out the heavens like a —, and spreads them out like a tent to live in' (Isaiah 40:22) (6)
- 7 What the dove carried the olive leaf in, when it returned to Noah's ark (Genesis 8:11) (4)
- 8 Annoy (1 Samuel 1:6) (8)
- 9 Judah's last king, who ended his days as a blind prisoner in Babylon (Jeremiah 52:11) (8)
- 13 'They all — and were satisfied' (Luke 9:17) (3)
- 16 Eliphaz the Temanite was one; so was Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite (Job 2:11; 16:2) (4,9)
- 17 National Association of Evangelicals (of the USA) (1,1,1)
- 19 Popular song for New Year's Eve, Auld — — (4,4)
- 24 Able dock (anag.) (8)
- 25 The number of stones David chose for his confrontation with Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40) (4)
- 26 Elgar's best-known 'Variations' (6)
- 27 Soak (Isaiah 16:9) (6)

Down

- 1 Money owing (Deuteronomy 15:3) (4)
- 2 Conciliatory (Titus 3:2) (9)
- 3 'Do this, whenever you — it, in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (5)
- 4 A group assisting in the governance of the Roman Catholic Church (5)
- 5 One of the gifts Joseph's brothers took with them on their second journey to Egypt (Genesis 43:11) (4)
- 6 'Reach out your hand and — into my side. Stop doubting and believe' (John 20:27) (3,2)
- 10 Be outstandingly good (2 Corinthians 8:7) (5)
- 11 'What — — that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?' (Psalm 8:4) (2,3)
- 12 Horse's feet (Judges 5:22) (5)
- 13 Notice (Deuteronomy 17:4) (9)
- 14 Comes between 2 Chronicles and Nehemiah (4)
- 15 One of Israel's northern towns conquered by Ben-Hadad (1 Kings 15:20) (4)
- 18 Narnia's Lion (5)
- 20 One of the two rivers in which Naaman would have preferred to wash (2 Kings 5:12) (5)
- 21 Avarice—one of the evils that come from inside people (Mark 7:22) (5)
- 22 Knight Grand Cross of St Michael and St George (1,1,1,1)
- 23 Jacob's first wife (Genesis 29:23) (4)

Remember, Never A Crossword!

Why not try our tricky brainteaser of a crossword? You'll find the solution on the inside back cover.

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Cyber Security for Business – Back to Basics

In 2014 60% of small businesses experienced a cyber breach, according to a Government report, and the average cost of the worst breach was between £65,000 and £115,000.

How can you ensure your business is safe and protected from online threats?

It's evident from recent, high-profile security breaches that cyber security in business is a top priority. Whether your business uses a range of IT equipment or has a website to advertise your services or carry out financial transactions, you are at risk of a cyber attack.

If you're not already taking measures to reduce the risk of an attack then here is where you should start:

- Download software updates as soon as you see them
- Keep your passwords strong by using a mix of upper and lower case letters, numbers and symbols
- Immediately delete any suspicious emails
- Install anti-virus software on your workstations and other devices
- Raise awareness among your staff and ensure they know what to look out for

The reality is that every business is under threat, so if cyber security is something you've been putting off, now is the time to address the issue:

- Have you thought about reviewing your security practices?
- Are you testing your IT systems and public-facing technology?
- What are the latest threats faced by small to medium businesses?
- Do you have a plan in place if your business security is breached? Who do you call?

If you're wondering what the answers are to the above, or haven't asked yourself these questions, then start to build a safer environment for your business, your customers and your employees by calling our sister company Datcom for advice.

The team of experienced and highly qualified engineers can help you define what assets are critical to you and your business and what risks you could be exposed to.

For further information please call 01754 899899

Preparing for Winter Driving



1. Check all under bonnet fluid levels and check cooling system for any leaks. Make sure anti-freeze strength is ok.
2. Make sure car battery is in good condition & fan belt is correctly adjusted.
3. Keep all windows and lamps clean and wiper blades in good condition.
4. Make sure tyres have good tread with no cuts in sidewalls and pressure correctly set.
5. Carry emergency kit including : Ice scraper, torch with good batteries, small shovel, small piece of old carpet to put under driven wheels if you get stuck on ice or snow, a blanket, hot drink and snack in case you get stranded somewhere.
6. Adjust your driving to the weather conditions. Accelerate and brake with care approaching junctions and bends with caution. Keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front of you.

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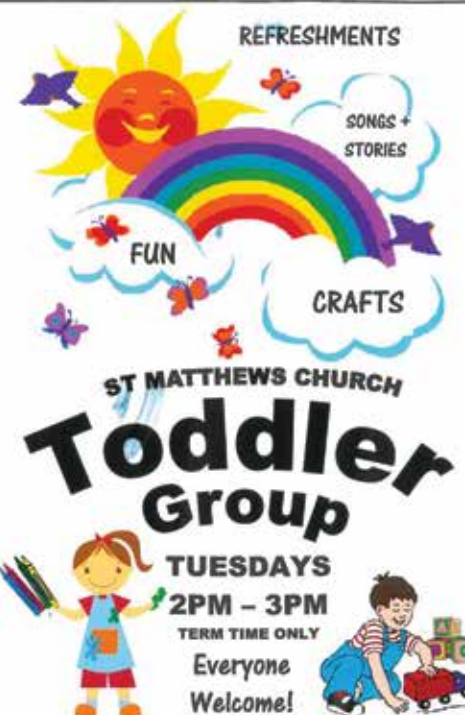


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Sylvia's Chocolate Cake

INGREDIENTS

275g (10oz) Caster Sugar
175g (6oz) Soft Margarine/Spread, not low fat.
3 Medium Eggs
1 Teaspoon Vanilla Essence
175g (6oz) Low Fat Natural Yoghurt
225g (8oz) Self Raising Flour
50g (2oz) Cocoa Powder
1 Teaspoon Bicarbonate of Soda

THE ICING

50g (2oz) Soft Margarine
50g (2oz) Cocoa Powder
325g (12oz) Icing Sugar
3 Tablespoons of Milk (approximately)

In the early 1950s my mother worked as a cookery demonstrator for the Gas Board and demonstrated in their showrooms or in village halls how to cook both sweet and savoury recipes using gas. Imagine the fuss to get a gas cooker plumbed into a church hall especially for a demonstration! That would never happen today. This is the same job which Mary Berry of Great British Bake Off fame did at the same time but she was working for the Electricity Board. Alas my mother had a family and stopped working to bring us up. Mary went on to become a celebrity.

I thought I would share some of her recipes with you in Shoreline.

Tom Hedges

Grease and flour a 225mm (9 inch) tin and pre warm your oven to 170C/325F.

Sift the dry ingredients into a large mixing bowl, add the eggs, marg, vanilla essence, yoghurt and carefully combine all the ingredients until you have a smooth paste. Keep mixing for 3 to 4 minutes to add air to the mix.

Pour the mixture into the cake tin and bake in the hot oven for 55 to 65 minutes. Check cake at 55 minutes using a screwdriver pushed into the middle, if it has a sticky tip, bake for a few more minutes until the screwdriver comes out clean. Leave the cake in its tin for 5 minutes then turn out onto a cooling rack and allow to cool fully before icing.

The Icing - Melt the marg in a saucepan, stir in the cocoa keep on a low heat and gently combine, then remove from the heat and stir in the milk and icing sugar until blended and smooth. Place the cake onto an upturned plate and use a spatula to coat it in the icing. Then decorate with whatever you fancy, glacé cherries, white chocolate drops, or any other propriety cake decorations.

If you like you can cut the cake through and spread jam between the layers if you want prior to icing. This makes it even more moist, but is not necessary. You would do this prior to icing. I suggest it is sliced and served with a generous portion of fresh cream.

The Church Of The Nativity: Bethlehem

A PLACE: The Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem is maybe the oldest Christian church in continuous use, certainly in the Holy Land. It houses, in a crypt, the traditional cave where Jesus was born.

A THOUGHT: Matthew Ch.1 & 2. Luke Ch.2

Once, when I was travelling alone in Israel, I decided to walk from my hotel in Jerusalem to Bethlehem. It took me less than two hours. So the answer to the question in the carol "How far is it to Bethlehem?" is indeed "not very far." But then it does rather depend on where you start from! And that is a spiritual question and not merely one of geography.

The contrast between Israel and Palestine, relative wealth and real poverty is immense and this difference hits the visitor as soon as you go through the hole in the wall which now surrounds Bethlehem and every other Palestinian community in the West Bank. Tourist coaches swish in and out of Bethlehem scarcely being stopped at the check point. But on the day I walked to Bethlehem I queued with the Palestinian residents who needed two passes and had to give a hand print to exit or enter their community. A disembodied voice shouted instructions over a tannoy and the queue moved slowly, so slowly.

Is it just –this security wall? Does it work? The Israeli Government points out that the number of terrorist incidents in Israel has fallen dramatically. But the Palestinians are now in a ghetto, prisoners in their own land. I sometimes think, especially when visiting the important Holocaust memorial, Yad Veshem, that the Jews learned something from ghettoisation from the Nazis.

So imagine Jesus, born in this place today. In some ways it is not so very different to two thousand years ago. Then there was an occupying power, the hated Romans, with soldiers on the street and brutal treatment handed out to those who step out of line.

Yes, Jesus is born here today. A birth two thousand years ago continues to reverberate today in the lives of nearly two billion Christians. That birth was almost unnoticed but not quite. God gave the heads up to some shepherds minding their sheep in the fields below the hill top town. A heavenly choir was better than a tweet or text to them. World weary travellers from a distant land were also prompted by God's spirit to follow their star and to see and to experience God's love come down to earth. Jews and Gentiles both worshipped the baby.

What did they see? Their eyes saw only a baby, just another baby and yet their eyes of faith gave them a vision of something stupendous, something life transforming.

A PRAYER: FATHER GOD,

As we travel that short distance in our mind's eye to Bethlehem, give us eyes of faith that we might meet with Jesus along our pilgrim path. Be present in our journeying. Help us to open our inner self, our spirit to your spirit. Be born in us today.

AMEN



Skegness Beach

“What is it that brings people in their millions to the Skegness area every year ? We have excellent facilities, accommodation and attractions, we could always do with more but we still have many businesses providing a wide choice at good value prices for all. The town itself is kept spotlessly clean by ELDC and most businesses. Many visitors to the town frequently say how they love “Skeggy” because it’s so clean, so that’s another plus. We have one of the lowest crime rates in the UK across all sectors. You can go out and about in Skegness at any hour of the day and know that you will 99.9% be getting home safe, with all your possessions intact. We have a healthy shopping sector. Yes, we miss M&S etc but Lumley Road and High Street never saw the dereliction during the recession that was found in most other parts of the UK, so the town always seemed to be a good place to be. We’re even blessed with a very mild and temperate climate, being not just one of the driest areas in the UK but one of the sunniest, so your chances of a week’s holiday being rained off here are low by comparison to many UK destinations.

All of these things matter and add up to an amazing place for family and couples holidays but there’s one thing that sets us apart from most of the UK and many other coastal resorts and sadly, many locals take it completely for granted. Our magnificent, clean and safe beach! Without the beach, we would be just another resort/destination, having to reach out in desperation for every visitor. With the beach we have and the clean beach awards, we are truly an exceptional holiday or day out destination, with

an advantage that rivals such as Blackpool or Scarborough can only look at with envy.

The beach is a “free-of-charge” attraction that brings people in all year round. Go to the beach on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year’s Day, middle of winter, and even if the weather is even slightly “ok” (not raining !), you will find the beach packed with people walking off their excesses of food and drink or walking their dogs. You will find not just locals but people from Lincoln, Sheffield, Nottingham & Leicester there, coming for a day out to walk on the beach and breathe in that pure, oxygen laden fresh air, “blowing away the cobwebs” enjoying what we tend to take for granted. More than one in three UK households are said to have a dog. Our dogs are the luckiest in the country. Not only do we have dog friendly areas on the beach, the whole town is dog friendly. It’s a shame we can’t question the dogs themselves about what they think of the beaches but I know our own dogs get way more excited about getting in the car and heading half a mile east than they do about food, which I think is a great compliment !

We personally use the beaches. We can see why Skegness has been so highly praised and are not surprised by the news but also a big “Thank You” to the volunteers and Council who endlessly pick up the rubbish washed in by the tides or left by the odd selfish idiots who treat the beach as a litter bin.

Without the beach and everyone’s efforts to keep it clean, we would have nothing and Skegness would not be the much loved resort that it is. If you go abroad on holiday, meet other Brits and tell them where you’re from and the likely response you’ll get is “oh how lucky, we love Skegness, we still go back”. That’s what it means to us and long may it continue!

The beach is also of course a great place for feeling at one with our Creator. Other than a whimpered “throw it again Dad, throw it, I want to fetch it again”, there are no distractions and no limitations to our vision. You can hear yourself think, you can see the vastness and wonder of the sea and sky and the ever changing views of these, you can talk to whoever’s with you without the phone, the world or other people interrupting (other than friendly “Good Morning ! Etc) and if you’re alone, you can even talk to God without being looked at as an escapee from a secure unit, as you would be on Lumley Road.

I have always had an affinity for the sea and the beach. To me, it’s the greatest of His creations, where I feel closest to the miracle that is our planet. The fact that millions of people also love it and return to it over and over again, keeping our community alive in the process is a true testament as to just how important it is to Skegness and the rest of our coast.

John Chapell - Chairman of Skegness Partnership



Skegness Silver Band

Never underestimate the persistence and resilience of Skegness Silver Band! Its history scans more than a century since its inception as the Skegness Boy's Brigade Band under the direction of one Mr J Hudson. Sadly, it had to disband at the outbreak of hostilities in 1914 but rose from the ashes as Skegness Town Band with Wilfred Keyworth as its conductor. It now thrives under the direction of Steve Walker, a world class professional trumpet player.

Under his guidance, the band has progressed from being a 'much appreciated' local entertainment to a competitive brass band reaching for the heights, and something of which the town can be properly proud. He has taken the band from the old and expected favourites, through many different genres of music, taking in classical, swing and pop so that there's a programme to satisfy and excite every booking taken.

In the past year alone, the band have provided music for the SO Festival evening finale, the Embassy Theatre, lazy weekends at the Tower Garden and concerts at the Village Church Farm and the Storehouse. They have also been present to welcome visitors to the area by playing at the Skegness Train Station – a move which has been appreciated by many, as both innovative and entertaining.

The band never forget their roots, and unassailable diary dates number the Armistice Day services, the Remembrance Concert at the Embassy and associated ceremonies. The Christmas commitments are manifold but find many willing volunteers! They play almost daily through December, taking in specific events as well as fund raisers outside the supermarkets.

And in return, they have been in receipt of funds to help their existence. Recently East Lindsey District Council, the Rotary Club of Skegness, Jacksons, Top of the Pile along with the Civic Society, Bourne Leisure and ELA have all helped to guarantee a future for this band.

A recent surge in interest has seen a resurrection of the youth band and Skegness Silver Band would love to hear from anyone who would like to learn, play and be part of this wonderful group. For more details please contact the band's secretary, Brian Eggleshaw on 01754 450911



Faith and Hope

Well over 4 years ago I was passing the hospital and spotted the Mobile Breast Unit. I was prompted to make an appointment even though I was past the age required. I carried on with my life until I was recalled by the hospital. No panic-I felt so calm. I did have a malignant tumour which needed to be removed immediately. I was assured that I could be successfully treated and really felt confident of my recovery.

The surgeon explained in detail how and what they would do in the operation. I still felt calm and trusted them implicitly.

I had the op and came home less than 12 hours later. I was slightly handicapped but the biggest problem was ironing which was done by friends. I had pre-cleaned my flat and shopped in advance.

I slept a lot and walked a lot and was now able to thank everyone for their kindness from cards, phone calls and prayers.

The next phase was 15 consequent days of Radio Therapy. I was refused transport to Lincoln but a team of cars and drivers arrived much to my neighbour's curiosity (as most of them were men!) The op and aftercare were successful. I was prescribed Tamoxifen daily which has a lot of side effects, but a small price to pay.

Last week I was discharged from Lincoln Hospital and stopped taking the Tamoxifen I am left with 2 tiny tattoos and a very small scar. I knew that whatever happened I would cope but fully realise I am one of the lucky ones I always had Hope and Faith that I would get better and a strong belief in the power of prayer. The moral of my story is-ladies please get yourself checked out.

Pam Allott

Accredited Local Minister.

**Do you have something that
you could contribute to the
magazine?**

**Well, we'd love
to hear from you!**

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Diary Dates December 2015

St Matthew Skegness Service of Holy Communion every Sunday at 9.30am

Tuesday 1st	10.30 am St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Wednesday 2nd	10.45 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Thursday 3rd	6.30 pm St Matthew Church, Skegness Light up Life
Sunday 6th	11 am Service of Holy Communion St Mary, Winthorpe
Sunday 6th	5 pm St Matthew, Skegness Panto Academy, tickets available from the Panto Academy and Parish Office
Tuesday 8th	10.30 am St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Wednesday 9th	10.45 am St Peter & St Paul service of Holy Communion
Saturday 12th	4 pm Messy Church, Christingle, St Matthew Skegness
Sunday 13th	6 pm Service of Holy Communion St Nicholas, Addlethorpe
Tuesday 15th	10.30 am St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Wednesday 16th	10.45 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Thursday 17th	6.00pm celebrate a life Storehouse North Parade Skegness
Sunday 20th	11.00am Service of Holy Communion St Peter & St Paul, Ingoldmells
Tuesday 22nd	10.30 am St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Wednesday 23rd	10.45 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
24th December	4 pm St Peter & St Paul, Ingoldmells Crib Service 6 pm St Clement, Skegness Crib Service 6 pm St Matthew, Skegness Crib Service 7 pm St Mary, Winthorpe Crib Service 9 pm St Peter & St Paul, Ingoldmells Midnight Mass 11.30 pm St Matthew, Skegness Midnight Mass
25th December	10.00am St Matthew Skegness Service of Holy Communion
27th December	11.00am Service of Holy Communion St Clement, Skegness