

JANUARY 2021

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES NEAR YOU



**KEELBY, RIBY, IRBY, LACEBY, HEALING,
AYLESBY, HATCLIFFE,
STALLINGBOROUGH
SPOTLIGHT ON STANFORD SCHOOL CHILDREN
AND MORE**

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WORD

Dear Friends

As I write this letter my heart is full of hope for this new year 2021. We have had such a year and for many such sadness. It has now passed. We look forward with hope and anticipation

Do you remember going back to school as a child after the Christmas holidays? When you arrived in class, it was all brand new. Walls bare, ready for new pictures, for new work. A blank canvas really. Yes, it was still dark and very cold a lot of the time but there was anticipation of new things in the air, things to look forward to. Thats just where I think we are now.

In the Church Calendar we are still in Christmas time and stay in Christmas time, which we call Epiphany after the 6th January, right until the feast of Candlemas which is on 2nd February. We celebrate the Holy Babe being presented to the priest in the Temple.

We know at that presentation Simeon and Anna were present. Two very elderly people. Yet God designated them to be present. Simeon blesses the Holy Child and the family and Anna prophecies.

For Simeon and Anna, their time of waiting was over, the 'Light of Christ had come into the World'. We journey on. We look forward to finding places along the way to rest and meditate. We long to grow and share our faith.

In the same way we combine all the love we long for, in the joy and delight of meeting up with family, and friends. Of sharing with them and catching up on news. Of ruminating on things we have learnt about ourselves and putting these things into practice as we journey through dark skies and into the 'blue yonder' and the brilliance of Easter.

Let us enjoy every day as it comes to us. As we journey on, Candlemas is calling to us and saying, 'Look - open your eyes, Jesus has come and is all around us.'

Take hope my friends, we are on our way.

Your friend as ever,

Pam

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PRAYER

CHRISTIAN UNITY

The 18th to the 25th of January is a week of prayer for Christian Unity. We remember the prayer that Jesus prayed for us:

JOHN 17:20-21, 23

...I PRAY ALSO FOR THOSE WHO WILL BELIEVE IN ME THROUGH THEIR MESSAGE, THAT ALL OF THEM MAY BE ONE...²³ **SO THAT THEY MAY BE BROUGHT TO COMPLETE UNITY. THEN THE WORLD WILL KNOW THAT YOU SENT ME AND HAVE LOVED THEM EVEN AS YOU HAVE LOVED ME**

REGISTERS

FUNERALS:

19TH OF NOVEMBER

Margaret Anne Roe - Aylesby

17TH OF NOVEMBER

Shiela Wray - Healing

23RD OF NOVEMBER

Sheila Katleen Cook - Keelby

14TH OF NOVEMBER

Arthur Arnold Peart - Keelby

24TH OF NOVEMBER

Christiana Elizabeth Calthorpe - Stallingborough

“May the Souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and be raised up in glory with all the saints.”



SPOTLIGHT ON...

Each month we turn the spotlight on an inspirational member of the community. This month we were delighted to be inspired by the children of Stanford School!

2021 years ago, a star spotlighted the humble home of the ultimate King. Wisemen travelled a long way, following that light to find the precious baby from heaven. This month we spotlight on all the artists from Stanford School, Laceby, who have depicted this event.

It was immensely difficult to judge the Front Cover Contest that 48 pupils from Stanford School entered during Advent. Their brief was to produce a wisemen themed picture for our Epiphany edition. Chris Cockeril, longstanding leader of the Seekers Club, conducted the first round of judging and then as editor, I had the final decision. Chosen for its striking simplicity and attention to the fine details, we finally settled on the cover by Evie! Her year group was not listed.

This was not an easy decision with so many entries from different year groups. Some pictures were equally good in their composition but too complex for a cover, others would have done very nicely hung in galleries, and still others would suit the covers of storybooks. You will be able to enjoy all the entries from the children on St. Margaret's Church facebook page in the Wisemen Gallery. Below is one of the close contenders for the front cover by Isabella of Year 6. You can see further entries throughout this edition. Thank you to the children of Stanford School and to the staff who enabled them.

Emma



ARTICLE OF FAITH

A GLOWING NEW YEAR A GLOWING NEW YOU

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation." (2 Corinthians 17 - 19)

These verses from Paul's letter to the Corinthian Church seem very fitting for New Year, especially for a month when we are invited to pray for Christian Unity.

Our God is a God of relationship - He longs for us to recognise Him as Our Father in Heaven, our brother in Christ, and our friend in Spirit. He seeks to help us change and grow in grace. He longs to hear our prayers, and for us to hear Him.

Many people have told me that they don't want to bother God - that they feel unworthy of His attention. But God sent Christ into the world because we all fall short and yet God loves each one of us enough to become a vulnerable child, to dwell with the poorest and lowliest in the most oppressed places at the most uncertain of times. More than this, He loves each one of us enough to die for us!

While looking at the pictures from the Stanford School children, I was struck by the use of yellow to create the effect of places being bathed in light, such as this one by Alexander in year 2. God became man to renew us by His light. Therefore, none of us are ever unworthy to pray, no matter what we have done or how dark we feel. God is longing to renew us! Inviting Him to do so in prayer and stilling our minds we may all feel the warm glow of His rejuvenating light!

Emma



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JOURNEYING ON

This drawing by Year 2 pupil, Joseph of Stanford School captures something of the magic of seeking after Christ. The hills and trees, the houses that put me in mind of the biblical 'cities on hills', the sense of travelling very far and the beauty of the guiding star really speak to me of life's journey in faith. If you look back on a year gone by you can see the changes, the twists and turns on the road. If we look back over our faith journeys' we should see what a long way we have travelled from blindness to sight, from darkness to truth, from uncertainty to hope, to assurance, guided always by the brilliant light. *Emma*



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HATCLIFFE WITH BEELSBY

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RESOLUTION

Ringling in the New Year is usually a cause for celebration, for spending time with family and friends. This year may be quite different.

Such a lot has happened to all of us during the past year. We should not forget the good things, as well as the not so good and the sad.

Now as traditionally the time of new beginnings and fresh starts. It brings a time of reflection and resolutions for the future.

This year, our resolution may come from a much deeper and more thoughtful place than usual. We may not dwell too long on "Eat less chocolate!" or "Do more exercise!" but concentrate on sincere intentions to make the most of personal relationships and to value one another.

Let us hope that we may all respect each other. As we emerge from the pandemic, may we not lose the strong and selfish? sense of community, developed and nurtured in so many places. We have all experienced so many acts of human kindness, may we reset our lives to value each other and our friendships.

We are hoping that we soon be able to meet again and worship in our beautiful church, and we pray that we may all approach the New Year with resolve to find the opportunity hidden in each new day.

Happy New Year, may it bring you every blessing,

Carol Barnes-Browne

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A FAITHFUL YES

A wonderfully bold interpretation by Amelia of Year 4. Though the Bible makes no mention of an angel appearing to the Magi, this picture reminds me of how God sends many signs to us and if we are wise, when asked to follow, we will say, simply, 'Okay.'

Emma



STALLINGBOROUGH

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Unlabelled entry. I love how bright the stars are in the dark sky. *Emma*



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A FEW QUOTES TO HELP US ON OUR WAY THIS NEW YEAR

"This year, be so busy with love, life, and family that hatred and fears have no time to occupy you."- Guiding lines that hold a secret for a peaceful and enriched life.

"You have a fresh notebook now, and this is the first of the next 365 pages. Write a memorable story,".

"Another year is gone and are gone the shackles of past, insecurities, and regrets of last year. Take a deep breath and start fresh."

"When change is inevitable, let 2021 be the year of improvements you were always looking for."

"God gives us new beginnings every time, so we grow from what we've learned and give another chance to what we left behind."

"A new year is like a blank book. The pen is in your hands. It is your chance to write a beautiful story for yourself. Happy New Year."

"As we start the New Year, let's get down on our knees to thank God we're on our feet."

(This collection of quotes was curated by Sally Vergette)



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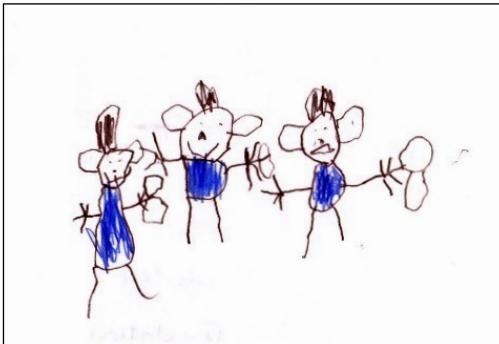


STANFORD SCHOOL

During 2020 we have deeply missed the work we used to do with the staff and children of Stanford School. The School carol service which we have always hosted was particularly missed during the run up to Christmas. However we are delighted to have had, at least some remote involvement by way of the front cover contest and we thank everyone involved for the overwhelming response. Be sure to check our facebook page for a better look at all the entries. We love this happy picture by Harley in Foundation. *Emma*

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS.

We wish to thank Laceby Parish Council for its wonderful contribution to our lights, much appreciated by all in the village. *Ken Sykes*



**IRBY-UPON-HUMBER
ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH**

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ILLUMINATED TOWN!

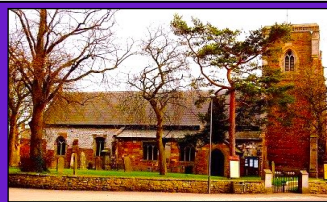
We love the use of bright colour contrasted against the dark two toned sky in this picture by Bobby, a year 2 pupil. The sense of the little town of Bethlehem being illuminated by the star is really strong. Well done Bobby!

Emma



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SERVICES RESUME AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

On December the 13th, St. Bartholomew's Church was happy to host its first Sunday Service since lockdown began in March! A happy, positive occasion, and the beginning of a new way forward.

At the time of writing, we have scheduled regular Sunday Services to take place at 11:00am each week. These will be led by Revd. Mark and Revd. Pam alternately. The Church of England motto, "A Christian Presence in Every Community," can only be fully realised when the church becomes a beacon of God's light to her surrounding community. Gathering in our church buildings, ringing out our bells (either literally or metaphorically), opening our doors and congregating in worship and welcome are all part of this. Even non-churchgoers report feeling reassured by the sight of an active church.

It is a pleasure and a privilege to have a visible sign of God's presence with us, in Revd. Mark who resides in this village, and in Revd. Pam who has served us for five years. The sense of shared belonging in place, under the spiritual direction of a local priest provides invaluable continuity which has been so needed in these uncertain times. Although, services continue online, and have been a great anchor, not everyone is able to access these, and it can never quite compare with being gathered together in tangible unity, an outward sign of the hidden reality of God's Kingdom and His grace.

Talking of outward signs, during 2020 we used the Nativity Box to create seasonal displays to cheer and encourage all members of the village. We were pleased to have the actual Nativity scene during Advent and Christmas (as pictured in the photo from Jay Lingard below.) May Christ be reborn in our hearts and in the heart of the national church!

Emma



ON A MISSION

WITHIN REACH SHEEPFOLD

Mary Rewers is on a mission to help disabled children in the Bethlehem area. This excerpt from her recent letter gives an insight into the work that so many of you donate to.

Winter 2020/21

Sadly, (due to Covid restrictions) we haven't been able to open the day centre, but I thank God for all we have been able to do despite the situation. The Lord is so faithful! We have continued and increased humanitarian aid (medications etc) to a number of needy children at the Sheepfold, as well as physiotherapy sessions in homes, provided a care worker and covered residential care costs in a children's home in Bethlehem.

I'm pleased to report that all the children and young people have been keeping safe and well, though some are struggling with having to stay at home and somewhat stressed. We keep in touch with the families of our students to offer support and see what they need. At the moment we're trying to get a wheelchair for one of the children, but the process is very slow due to the suppliers frequently having to shut on account of the virus. A great deal of grace, prayer, patience and perseverance is needed for all the ways we endeavour to support the children and young people in the Sheepfold's care!

I have been keeping busy with our charity, Within Reach, and the running of the Sheepfold. I keep in near daily touch with Monica, as much to encourage her as well as to deal with practical matters. It hasn't been easy getting funds to the Sheepfold for wages and expenses, but one way or another the Lord has provided a way. I also spend time daily praying for the staff, the children and their families.

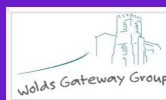
Finally: It's taken me so long to get this finished that it's now nearly December and Christmas is not far off! It's been a very difficult year for most people with unprecedented challenges when so much has been stripped away. It's my prayer that these challenges will cause us to depend totally on the Lord alone. And drive us into the arms of our loving Saviour to a closer, deeper walk with Him.

I pray Christmas will be a time of real joy and peace, despite the situation, a time when with thankful hearts we celebrate the One who is the same, yesterday, today and forever – Emmanuel, God with us who will never fail or forsake us.

As always I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you who so kindly and generously support the Sheepfold's precious children and young people.



With love, prayers and blessings to you all



MARY REWERS SHEEPFOLD

In December I posted to Mary Rewers cheques to the value of £620. This was the result of the Lent Box Appeal and very generous donations. We sent £380 in the Spring, so our 2020 total was £1000. Many thanks to everyone who again supported this wonderful cause. *Pat Anderson*

You can help the Sheepfold as you shop with Amazon Smile!! When you use Amazon for purchases, you'll be pleased to hear that you can at the same time help the Sheepfold's precious children and young people at no extra expense to yourself! You just have to go to smile.amazon.co.uk. Then click on select a charity and choose Within Reach, the Sheepfold's Charitable Trust. (From Mary Rewers' letter)

NEW SERVICE TIME

Following a Chapter meeting, Services times at St. Margaret's Church have had to change from 9:30am to 9:00am in uniformity with all other churches. St. Bartholomew's Church have changed to 11:00am. The PCCs were not involved in this decision, but a letter has been sent to all members. We can only hold in prayer those who have found changes and recent restrictions prohibitive. The new time is to allow clergy to get from a morning to a mid-morning service more easily. The issue of ALM's taking services was raised, but rejected as apparently a vicar would still need to attend. *Emma*

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Rainfall Figures November 2020

	Laceby	Keelby
TOTAL	25.1ml	17.5ml
Average for November	69ml	66ml
Days Rain	17 days	10 days
Wettest Day	1 st 5ml	16 th 4ml



The driest November recorded in both Laceby and Keelby

Below are the average rainfall figures shown in ml for each month over the 34 year period recorded at Laceby

November	70.7	August	65.2	April	46.5
December	68.1	September	59.2	May	45.5
June	67.3	July	58.8	February	42.9
October	66.7	January	56.3	March	38.2

Ray Mawer

A VIEW FROM THE PEW
HEALING AND KEELBY METHODIST CHURCH

A RESOLVE

How do you cope when life seems utterly disorientating, and the usually reliable factors seem to have gone totally haywire!?

At the beginning of 2020, it seemed that everything was just jogging along pretty normally – we had had our usual Christmas celebrations, and were now embarking on 2020. And then –wham- suddenly everything changed due to an invisible-to-the-naked-eye virus which crept in and devastated our whole national way of life.

As I write this at the beginning of December, we are perhaps at the beginning of some sort of stability with the introduction of a vaccine to control the covid virus for hopefully a better time in 2021.

I have been listening to a CD with Christmas carols, and particularly identifying with a carol for Christmas Day – *“Christians awake, salute the happy morn, whereon the Saviour of the world was born”*. I can go with a childhood memory to a packed church on Christmas Day, singing the words with gusto, and really entering into the truth taught by the Christian church, that at Christmas, God came in the person of Jesus to tell us that at the centre of the universe that He had created was His love for what He had created. He asked that His people responded to that love in the way they lived their daily lives. Jesus proclaimed as the centre of His teaching that the Kingdom of God was among people, and that the challenge was for them to live their lives in tune with the love of God.

By the time Christmas is over, and we enter the new year 2021, the challenge will be, how are we going to live our lives in the new security that the vaccine will (hopefully!) bring? Because we are thankful that we can begin again to live more normal lives, the challenge can be to live by the love which is the centre of the Kingdom of God which Jesus proclaimed.

Let us make a New Year resolution, to make our lives a response to be His hands and feet of love in this troubled world!

Elizabeth Ede

A SPACE OF GRACE

The Magi were the first gentiles to recognise the sovereignty of King Jesus and to worship him. They show us that Jesus came to be a light to ALL people and ALL nations. And to quote Bishop Desmond Tutu, "all means all". Here are the rest of the pictures! Thank you and Bless you Stanford children!

Emma



REGULAR EVENTS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY SERVICE

10:00am every Thursday morning on *St. Margaret's Church, Laceby*
Facebook page.

COFFEE & CHAT

If you would like to join us for Coffee & Chat via video link, please request to join the 'private' facebook Group Page. This is different from St. Margaret's main Facebook page. If you would like to try Coffee & Chat, type the following address into your search engine, and request to join so we can make you a member: [facebook.com/groups/2595567537322723](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2595567537322723)

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SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2021

SERVICES IN CHURCH

LACEBY, ST. MARGARET'S

Every Sunday at 9:00am

JAN 3RD - WITH REVD. PAM
JAN 10TH - WITH REVD. MARK
JAN 17TH - WITH REVD. PAM
JAN 24TH - WITH REVD. MARK
JAN 31ST - WITH REVD. PAM

KEELBY, ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S

Every Sunday at 11:00am

JAN 3RD - WITH REVD. MARK
JAN 10TH - WITH REVD. PAM
JAN 17TH - WITH REVD. MARK
JAN 24TH - WITH REVD. PAM
JAN 31ST - WITH REVD. MARK

REGULAR ONLINE SERVICES

MORNING PRAYER

8:30am Monday to Thursday with
Revd. Pam & on Friday with Bob Swallow.

HOLY COMMUNION

8:30am on Sunday with Revd. Pam

THE FAITH SPACE

6:00pm on Sunday with Revd. Mark
These services above are live-streamed
at the given times on:

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

10:00am on Thursday with various
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IN JANUARY WE OBSERVE

1ST:
THE NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF
CHRIST

6TH:
EPIPHANY -
THE WISEMEN VISIT JESUS

10TH:
THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

18TH - 25TH:
A WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
CHRISTIAN UNITY

25TH:
THE CONVERSION OF PAUL

FEBRUARY THE 2ND:
CANDLEMAS, THE PRESENTATION OF
CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE



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