

A child's drawing of a red camel wearing a yellow crown, set against a blue background with a yellow star and green grass. The camel is drawn with red paint and has a yellow crown on its head. The background is a textured blue with a large yellow star in the upper right corner. The camel is standing on a patch of green grass at the bottom.

2024

Christmas Greetings

from St Chad's Church, Pattingham with Patshull

St Chad's Church, Pattingham with Patshull - Christmas Services 2024

Sunday 1st December - Advent 1

10.00am - Family Service - St Chad's School

Sunday 8th December - Advent 2

10.00am - Family Communion

6.30pm - Evening Service

Wednesday 11th December

10.00am - Holy Communion

Friday 13th December

12.00 noon to 4.00pm - *Follow the Star event*

7.30pm - 'What was the Star?' Talk & Presentation

Saturday 14th December

10.00am to 4.00pm - *Follow the Star event*

Sunday 15th December - Advent 3

10.00am - Youth Group Service
followed by Communion

12.00 noon to 3.00pm - *Follow the Star event*

4.00pm - **Christingle Service**

Come and get your orange!

Keeping in touch...

The **church magazine** (Pattingham and Patshull Parish News) is published monthly. Annual subscription £10. To subscribe contact Martin Parker on 01902 700755.

ChadNet our eBulletin is emailed weekly and contains up to date information about services and other events. To receive it, send an email to comms@pattinghamchurch.org.uk We currently do not have a Vicar. Services and pastoral care continue with support from clergy from the local area.

Wednesday 18th December

10.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd December - Advent 4

10.00am - Family Communion

6.30pm - Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

4.00pm - Crib Service

11.30pm - Midnight Eucharist *by Extension*

Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day

11.00am - Communion Service - **NOTE: Later time**

Sunday 29th December - Christmas 1

10.00am - Family Communion

Every Wednesday (except 25th December)

10.00am - Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome to join us from 10.30 to 11.00am for coffee and cakes whether they have attended the service or not.

There are normally **services in church** on Sundays and Wednesdays at 10.00am. On the second and fourth Sundays of the month there is normally a service at 6.30 pm as well.

For details check the website or the Parish News.

The churchwardens are the first point of contact and the Vicarage phone (01902 700257) is diverted to them. Leave a message if they are not able to answer the call in person. All messages will be listened to and they will return your call.

A Christmas message from Philip Sims

I am again writing this Christmas message to you as we continue to operate without a Vicar. Nowadays, this is not unusual as so many churches find themselves in the same situation with a lack of candidates coming forward for ordination. It is undoubtedly indicative of the age in which we live, where values, habits and priorities have changed. For many, this means that the Church has sadly become an irrelevance, but it goes much further than that as we are faced with fundamental changes to our society which is experiencing increased lawlessness, a breakdown in the traditional family structure and a downward trend in personal and corporate standards.

Perhaps this is natural even if, in my view, the unfortunate evolution of society as we know it, but as that creates inevitable instability there is consolation in a Christian message which is not buffeted about by such change. It is always fascinating to me that, despite all the changes which society is undergoing, our habits at Christmas rarely alter. There is comfort in the traditions. Could it be that this is because it remains rooted in the Christian message of Christmas?

The birth of our Lord Jesus Christ had a momentous impact on society all those years ago, as it still does today for all those who choose to believe in Him. It gives us a purpose, it instils standards and priorities and it creates habits which are all too often missing from modern society. Jesus Christ himself was a real critic of some of the trends prevailing in the society of his time, which prompts the question as to whether there is indeed a need for the Church to again become more influential in our lives today. That is something which we can all ponder.

In the meantime, your Church in Pattingham is again offering a full programme of events over the festive season including a new Follow the Star weekend from the 13th to 15th December. There is also the usual Christingle Service on the 15th at which we are expecting the new Bishop of Wolverhampton to attend, as well as our traditional and yet popular Carol Service on the 22nd. Details of the full programme are included in this card. The one thing you can be assured of however, is a warm welcome at all of these activities and, on behalf of everyone at St. Chad's, we wish you a very happy and fulfilling Christmas season.

Philip Sims

PCC Chairman

Our Christmas Painting Competition...

Following a competition in St Chad's First School, the winning painting was by Elizabeth (Front Cover). Well done to all those who took part!

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