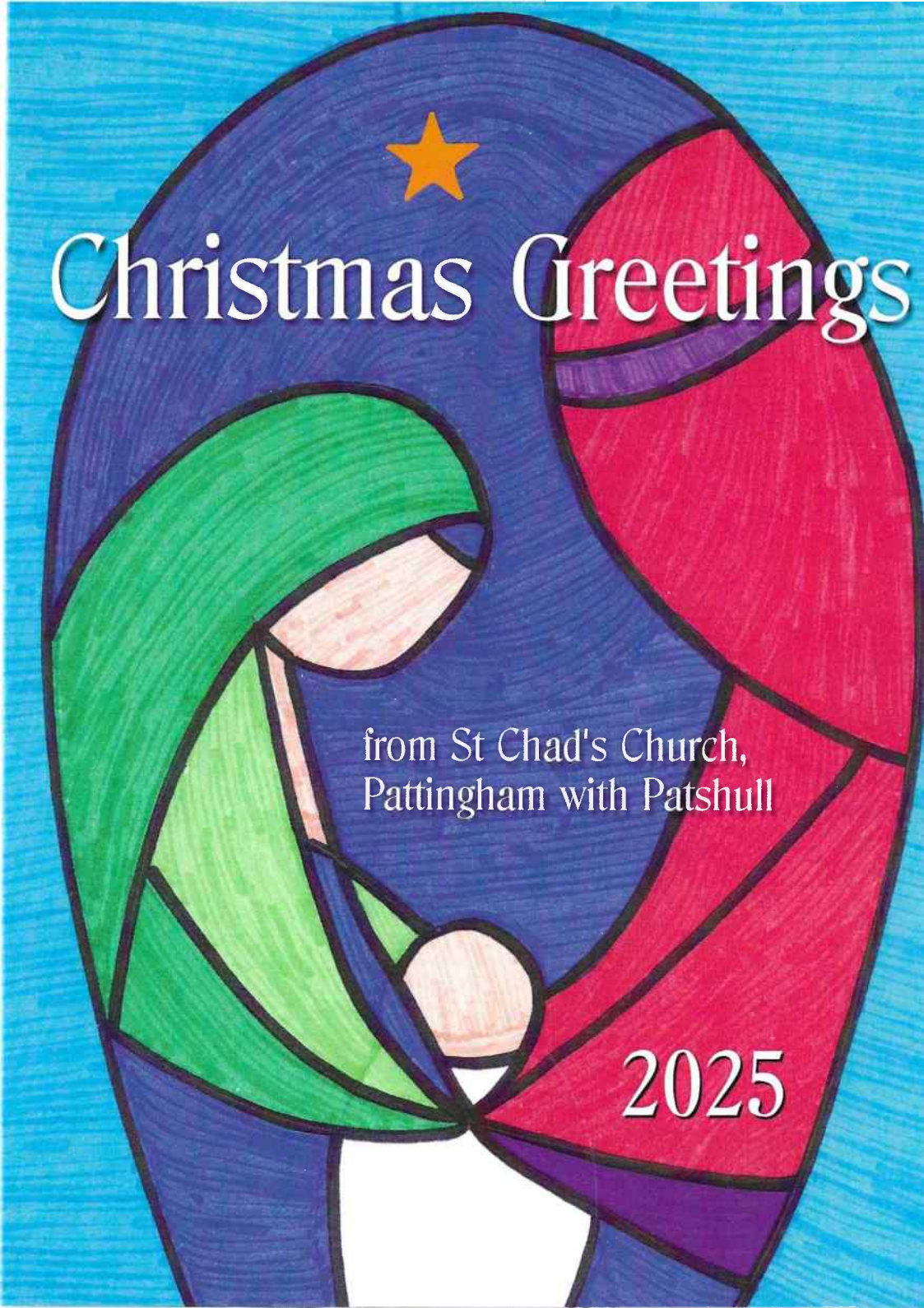




# Christmas Greetings

from St Chad's Church,  
Pattingham with Patshull

2025



## St Chad's Church, Pattingham with Patshull - Christmas Services & Events 2025

### Sunday 30th November - Advent Sunday

10.00 am - Advent Communion

### Saturday 6th December

4.00 pm - **Santa at St Chad's, celebrating St Nicholas Day**

Puppet Nativity Show, Meet Santa with gift for children, Carols, Craft activities and much more.

It's FREE, donations are welcome.

Advance booking required, see church website.



### Sunday 7th December - Advent 2

10.00 am - Family Service

*Sarah Yeomens with St Chad's School*

### Sunday 14th December - Advent 3

10.00 am - Family Communion

4.00 pm - Christingle Service: *Come and get your orange!*

### Wednesday 17th December

8.15 pm - Carol Singing in the Pigot Arms

### Thursday 18th December

9.30 am - St Chad's School Christmas Service

### 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](mailto:comms@pattinghamchurch.org.uk)

### Sunday 21st December - Advent 4

10.00 am - Youth Group Service- followed by Communion

6.30 pm - Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

### Monday 22nd December

7.30 pm - Carol Singing in the Pattingham Club

### Wednesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

4.00 pm - Crib Service - *For the very young at heart*

11.30 pm - 'Midnight Eucharist'

### Thursday 25th December - Christmas Day

10.00 am - Christmas Morning Communion

### Sunday December 28th - Christmas 1

10.00 am - Family Communion

### Sunday 4th January - The Epiphany

10.00 am - Family Service followed by Communion

### Every Wednesday (except 24th and 31st December)

10.00 am - Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome to join us from 10.30 to 11.30am 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 Vicar is Rev Merry Smith** - Phone: 07486 066065 and Email: [vicar@pattinghamchurch.org.uk](mailto:vicar@pattinghamchurch.org.uk). The post is half time so she does not work every day.

## A Christmas message from the Vicar.



It is both a joy and a privilege to write this letter as your Vicar here in Pattingham. As Christmas approaches, I'm filled with excitement for all the wonderful events taking place in our Church and throughout the village. I love the anticipation that builds during Advent; buying and wrapping gifts, baking, writing cards, and reconnecting with those we don't often see.

Yet, as we know, Christmas can bring mixed emotions. The expectations of the joy we should feel or the perfect Christmas we ought to create can leave us feeling anxious, guilty, or depressed. The intensity of the season can magnify loneliness, highlight absence, or leave

us feeling burdened in our efforts to make others happy. For those living alone, it can seem as though life is happening elsewhere.

That's why I try to take the 'oughts' and 'shoulds' off my Christmas list and let the season simply be. Christmas is not about the gifts we wrap, but about the gift of presence. God came among us in human form; Emmanuel, "God with us." Love made visible, shared in relationship and compassion.

So, this Christmas, may we offer that same presence to others: a catch up with a neighbour; an invite to a community event, a note for someone who might be struggling. We could even give to a local foodbank or donate to charity rather than buying yet another disposable gift. And just as importantly, we can care for ourselves; taking time to pause and breathe amid the busyness; allowing ourselves to rest or even spending time in prayer.

Above all, may we each receive the greatest gift of all: the assurance that we are loved, accepted, and cherished by God, just as we are.

**Rev Merry Smith**

*Vicar*

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## Our Christmas Painting Competition...

Following a competition in the village, including the local school, the winning painting was by Darcie Aged 8 (Front Cover). Well done to all those who took part !

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