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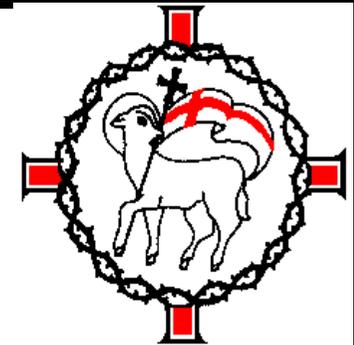
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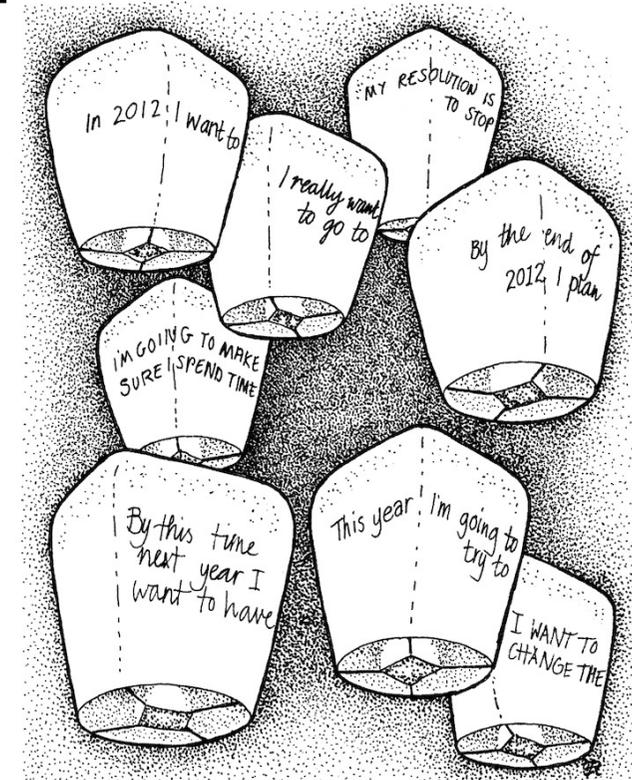
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Worship

Sunday

8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (2 nd & 4 th Sundays)
10.45 a.m.	Sung Communion and Sunday School (4 th Sunday – Family Service)
18.00 p.m.	Occasional Special Services as announced

Tuesday

10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
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To receive Communion at home when you are sick or housebound, or to have the name of a departed friend or relation entered in the Book of Remembrance, please contact one of the clergy or Wardens.

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Baptisms



4 December

Bethany Karen Bird, Arlies Lane, Stalybridge
Lily May Bird, Arlies Lane, Stalybridge

Funerals



1 December

Peter Couth (78) Arlies Lane, Stalybridge

From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Jan	Ezekiel Lomas	1941	18 Jan	George William Catlow	2000
2 Jan	Edward Cooper	1980		Marian Hulme	2002
	Ernest Bramall	1982		Reginald Hewitt	2008
	Marjorie Day	1982	19 Jan	Mary Eastwood	1989
	David Cotton	2007	20 Jan	Raymond Jack Clarke	1983
3 Jan	Ivy Marshall	2006		Katherine Devlin	1988
4 Jan	William Parkinson	1943	22 Jan	Thomas Howard	1964
	Phyllis Peck	1981		Harry Walton	1967
	Barry Aldred	1999		Eliza Emma Sidebottom	1988
5 Jan	Joseph Hibbert	1957	23 Jan	Jesslyn Tonge	1991
	Hugh Shepley	1987	24 Jan	Henry Howard	1981
	Gertrude Sullivan	1998		Rhoda Hancock	1989
6 Jan	Harry Walton	1988		Harold Spencer	1962
	John Barratt	1996	25 Jan	Agnes Smith	1975
8 Jan	George Leonard Eakins	1981		Carol Hyde	2010
	James Norman Kelday	2000	26 Jan	Edith Emma Clinton	1987
	Fred Harris	1979		Nellie Wood	1987
9 Jan	Sarah Clews	1994		Eric James Chorlton	2001
	Susan Ann Maud Barnfield	1953		Margaret Slack	2007
10 Jan	Tom Sidebottom	1979	27 Jan	Fred Kay	1968
11 Jan	Jesse Horsefield	1984		Bridget Bower	1994
	Drinda Jefferson	1990		Ronald Bower	2000
	Evelyn Barlow	2003		Geoffrey Phillip Brown	1995
12 Jan	Ethel Battersby	1992	28 Jan	Abraham Newton	1983
13 Jan	Kathleen Thwaites	1992		Veronica Quinn	1997
14 Jan	Robert Nicholson	1988	29 Jan	Fred Holt	1939
	Eva Helen Ollerenshaw	1989		Eddie Holden	1990
	Kyle Martin Cropper	2004		Karen Jane Bradbury	2007
	Ramsden		30 Jan	Alice Saxon	1997
15 Jan	James Ireson	1990	31 Jan	Alice Ann Priestley	1955
16 Jan	William Gudger	1963		John Robert Stanley	1990
17 Jan	David Lees	2011		John Patrick Higgins	2006
18 Jan	William Frederick Ireson	1962			

To start the New Year Colin Spencer has written this month's lead article:

Are you Church or Chapel?

Hello everyone, by the time you read this magazine the New Year won't be quite so new, and you will have heard and wished friends and neighbours all the best for the new year. Now to add my little offering of happiness, peace and health with a good dash of light, love and laughter in all our lives.

There are people around today who still ask "What's the difference between church and chapel, aren't they both the same?" The same question I asked myself many years ago; long, long before computers were invented I was definitely confused.com. As a young wolf cub it was customary for cubs and scouts, to take part in regular church parades. I'm fairly sure that before I became a teenager we had visited every church and chapel in Stalybridge, including a couple in Millbrook and Dukinfield that could accommodate a large number. It was during these times when I often wondered without asking questions what was the difference between vicar, priest, pastor, parson, minister, reverend and so on. To my young mind they were all the same. Then to make matters worse, some churches had 'Christenings' and others had 'Baptisms'. Then of course there were the 'chapels' and the 'churches'. I would think about it then immediately forget it. I was the original confused.com but the question remained, what's the difference and why? It was quite a few years before I learned some of the reasons for these differences.

With the establishment of the Church of England following the split from Rome, whether you went to church or not, you were Church of England. But times were about to change!

Due to the influence of reformers such as Wycliff in the 14th century through to Whitefield and Wesley in the 18th century, And yes, there were many other reformers such as Calvin, Luther and John Hus. It was through the influence of these men that numerous dissenting groups began to spring up. Becoming in time Methodists, Baptists, Congregationalists, Brethren and later on of course through General Booth came the Salvationists.

In the early days these groups got together in 'meeting houses' a common term amongst the dissenters or nonconformists. Where they could meet to pray and express their unique style of worship. Their numbers grew and so did their wealth. It wasn't long before every village and town had chapels (meeting houses) as well as the parish church. For many years before Queen Victoria's reign, Chapel people, along with Roman Catholics, had faced all kinds of persecution from the state. They had not been allowed to go to university, hold important jobs or have their own church buildings. For nonconformists in Victorian times life was indeed better chapels flourished and the congregations grew. But there was still suspicion and division between the various groups. It would be many years before this situation would change.

When I was called up for National Service, Stalybridge could boast many Chapels and Churches and a couple of Mission Halls. A dozen years later when I returned home to 'civvy street' many of the chapel buildings I knew so well in my youth had disappeared, so too had the word 'chapel'. Clerical terminology still remains and my dear old Aunt M every now and then refers to a minister as the 'parson'. Today we're all known as church. There is no difference between us except in the style of service. We pray or sing to the one God, the one Jesus and the one Holy Spirit. Today, Christian worship is much the richer for this wide diversity in worship

To close let me share with you a true but light-hearted experience. When I was being 'processed' for service I was asked the question 'What denomination are you?' To which I said something like 'Corporal, I'm a 'Weslyan Methodist'. Something told me he couldn't spell Weslyan because he told me 'Airman, from now on you are C of E..... got it!'.
Colin

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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

To have the name of a loved one entered into this special book, and remembered in our intercessions for their anniversary please have a word with one of the wardens or one of the clergy.

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Readings and Psalms for January 2012

Sun 1 st	2nd Sunday of Christmas	10.45	Isaiah 61.10-62.3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.15-21
Tues 3 rd	10.30	1 John 2.29-3.6; Psalm 98.2-7; John 1.29-34	
Sun 8 th	1st Sunday of Epiphany	8.30	Genesis 1.1-5; Mark 1.4-11;
	10.45	Genesis 1.1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19.1-7; Mark 1.4-11	
Tues 10 th	10.30	1 Samuel 1.9-20; <i>Canticle: Magnificat</i> ; Mark 1.21-28	
Sun 15 th	2nd Sunday of Epiphany	10.45	1 Samuel 3.1-10; Psalm 139.1-9; Revelation 5.1-10; John 1.43-end
Tues 17 th	10.30	1 Samuel 16.1-13; Psalm 89.19-27; Mark 2.23-end	
Sun 22 nd	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January	8.30	Genesis 14.17-20; John 2.1-11
	10.45	Genesis 14.17-20; John 2.1-11 <i>Worship For All</i>	
Tues 24 th	10.30	2 Samuel 6.12-15,17-19; Psalm 24.7-end; Mark 3.31-end	
Sun 29 th	Presentation of Christ in the Temple	10.45	Malachi 3.1-5; Psalm 24.7-end; Hebrews 2.14-end; Luke 2.22-40
Tues 31 st	10.30	2 Samuel 18.9-10,14,24-25,30-19.3; Psalm 86.1-6; Mark 5.21-end	

8.30a.m. Holy Communion Service from February 2011

During the time that we are without a Vicar - the 8.30a.m. service of Holy Communion will be celebrated only on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

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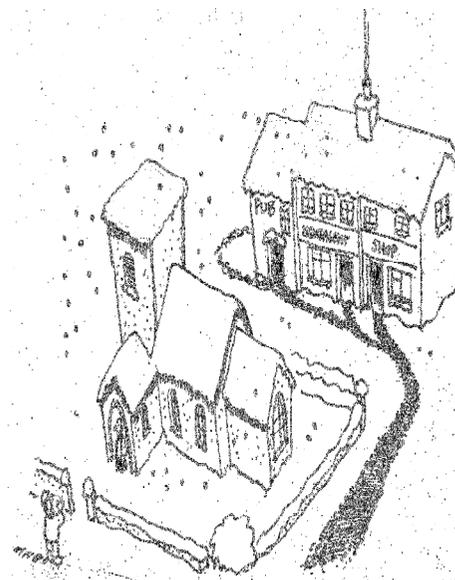


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GUIDING SUCCESS

Our congratulations go to Janet Vidler, our Church Warden, who has recently been awarded her 30 year Long Service Brooch for her services as a Guide Leader. Janet has been connected with St George's Uniformed Groups since she became a Brownie in 1970. She then moved on through Guides, becoming a Queen's Guide in 1977. After Guides she moved on to be a member of the Stalybridge & Dukinfield Ranger and Venture Scout Unit. During her time there she was chosen to represent Manchester County at a Camp in Finland – a very enjoyable event. In 1979 Janet became a Young Leader with St George's Guide Unit and then in 1981 she became Assistant Guider to Mrs Joan Sykes. When Mrs Sykes retired from Guiding Janet took over as Guide Guider – a position she still holds to the present day – well done Janet!

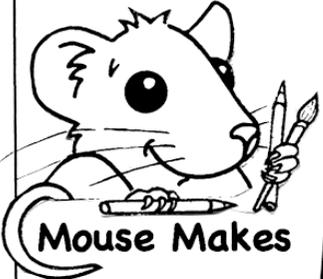


...I am so sorry Vicar - but with all the snow this week - no-one has managed to get to church...



"You'll be in deep trouble if the vicar finds out you're not deeply meditating, just playing with your new iPad!"

The NAMING of JESUS



Mouse Makes

Eight days after their baby was born, **Mary** and **Joseph** named him with the name the angel **Gabriel** had given them long before he had been born. It was a very special name for a very special baby... the name **JESUS** which means **GOD IS SAVIOUR**.

"You are to give him the name JESUS because he will save his people from their sins."

READ: Luke 2:21-38



As you read the bible look out for the meaning of people's names.

Jesus is:
The Christ
Matthew 16:16



The LIGHT
John 8:12



Bread of Life
John 6:35

The Good Shepherd
John 10:11



Lamb of God
John 1:29

JESUS

'God is Saviour'
Matthew 1:21

Jesus is:
Saviour
John 3:16-17



Son of God
Matthew 3:16-17



The Word
John 1:1-5

THE WAY

John 14:6

LORD
John 20:28



KING
Revelation 17:14



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Some dates for your diary - January 2012

Sunday	1st	10.45a.m.	Parish Eucharist
Tuesday	3rd		No Morning Service
Sunday	8th	8.00a.m.	Morning Prayer
		8.30a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		10.45a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Tuesday	10th	10.30a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		7.45p.m.	Knit & Natter (Craft Group)
Thursday	12th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sunday	15th	10.45a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism
Tuesday	17th	10.30a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		7.45p.m.	Parochial Church Council
Thursday	19th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Saturday	21st	2.00p.m.to 4.00p.m.	Fair Trade Afternoon Tea/ Coffee
Sunday	22nd	8.00a.m.	Morning Prayer
		8.30a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		10.45a.m.	Worship For All
Tuesday	24th	10.30a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		7.45p.m.	Knit & Natter (Craft Group)
Thursday	26th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Saturday	28th	3.00p.m. to 7.00p.m.	Senior Citizens Party
Sunday	29th	10.45a.m.	Parish Eucharist with Guest:
			Area Dean The Revd. Roger
Tuesday	31st	10.30a.m.	Holy Eucharist

For more information please go to our website www.stg.org.uk

Wordsearch for January 2012

A whole new year stretches ahead of you. What are you going to do with it? What changes do you want to make to your life this year? What changes SHOULD you make in your life? What bad habits are still dragging you down? This month's word-search is about transformation.

Start

Commence
Begin
Resolve
Become
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Work
Study
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Detox
Abstain
Teetotal
Behave
Reform
Repent
Grow
Sanctify
Redeem
Transform

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December Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Depend. 4, Canopy. 7, Beak. 8, Irritate. 9, Zedekiah. 13, Ate. 16, Job's comforter. 17, NAE. 19, Lang Syne. 24, Blockade. 25, Five. 26, Enigma. 27, Drench.
DOWN: 1, Debt. 2, Peaceable. 3, Drink. 4, Curia. 5, Nuts. 6, Put it. 10, Excel. 11, Is man. 12, Hoofs. 13, Attention. 14, Ezra. 15, Ijon. 18, Aslan. 20, Abana. 21, Greed. 22, GCMG. 23, Leah.

What time is your stress?

If you are a mother, you probably already know this: but 5.55pm is the most stressful time of the day for you. That is the moment when, already tired from your own day, you are trying to persuade your children to 'eat up' so that they will not be late for after-school activities.

It is followed by 7.15pm (bath-time), 8.45pm (bed-time) and in fourth place, 8.20am (school run time). More than half of mothers admit to losing their temper at some point during the day under the strain of juggling different priorities. More than half of mothers admit to serving unhealthy food - simply to save time.

The research, carried out from Betterbathrooms.com, concludes that mothers need at least an hour to themselves each week. "They should run a nice bath, have a glass of wine, pick up a good book, and leave the kids with dad."

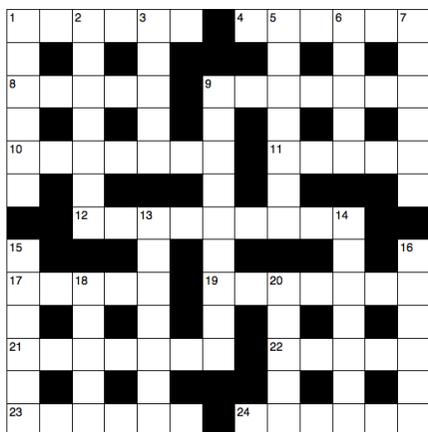
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Grannie is worth £5,000

Grandparents may not be worth their weight in gold (not with gold at its present price!) but they come pretty near it: they can help struggling families save something like £5,000 in childcare/housekeeping a year.

A recent Post Office Financial Services' study had found that parents can save an average of £86 every week because of the unpaid efforts of grandparents. Then there is the food they buy and the gifts they give to their grandchildren...

January Crossword



Across

- 1 Protective covering recommended to the Ephesians (Ephesians 6:11) (6)
 4 The number of apostles (Matthew 10:2) (6)
 8 Tenth-century Bishop of Augsburg for 48 years, who became the first saint to be canonized by a pope (5)
 9 'Do not — what is evil but what is good' (3 John 11) (7)
 10 Reading desk in a church (7)
 11 'He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like — walking around"' (Mark 8:24) (5)
 12 One of the qualities that Paul exhorted Timothy to pursue (1 Timothy 6:11) (9)
 17 One of the meaningless pleasures acquired by the Teacher (Ecclesiastes 2:8) (5)
 19 'Like — babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation' (1 Peter 2:2) (7)
 21 Jesus said that Moses allowed this only because men's hearts were hard (Matthew 19:8) (7)
 22 Girl's name (5)
 23 Most sagacious (Judges 5:29) (6)
 24 How Stephen, the first Christian martyr, died: after being — (Acts 7:59) (6)

Down

- 1 A Jew whom Paul met in Corinth, whose wife was Priscilla (Acts 18:2) (6)
 2 For example, turning water into wine, feeding the five thousand, walking on water (John 7:21) (7)
 3 Abram's relationship to Lot (Genesis 14:12) (5)
 5 'Jesus answered, "It is —: 'Man does not live by bread alone."' (Matthew 4:4) (7)
 6 'Peace I — with you; my peace I give you' (John 14:27) (5)
 7 'May the Lord deal with me, be it — — severely, if anything but death separates you and me' (Ruth 1:17) (4,2)
 9 Lack of knowledge (Acts 17:30) (9)
 13 This woman 'followed Paul and believed' after his words to the Areopagus in Athens (Acts 17:34) (7)
 14 Or noise (anag.) (7)
 15 'Even though I walk through the valley of the — of death, I will fear no evil' (Psalm 23:4) (6)
 16 ' — Christian soldiers, marching as to war' (6)
 18 Saver (anag.) (5)
 20 'Unless a grain of — falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed' (John 12:24) (5)

1952 – 2012 – Celebrating 60 years of The Queen's reign

Queen Elizabeth II came to the throne on 6th February 1952. Her coronation took place on 2nd June 1953. She celebrated her Silver Jubilee (25 years) in 1977 and her Golden Jubilee (50 years) in 2002. The only other British monarch to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee was Queen Victoria, in 1897. The main celebrations for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee will be from Saturday 2nd June to Tuesday 5th June. For your interest, here's how that weekend will look:

Saturday 2nd June:

The Queen will attend the Epsom Derby.

Sunday 3rd June:

The Big Jubilee Lunch: Building on the already popular Big Lunch initiative, people will be encouraged to share lunch with neighbours and friends as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. This might be a traditional street party or even a picnic lunch.

Visit: <http://www.thebiglunch.com/>

The Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant: This event will consist of up to 1,000 boats assembled from across the UK, the Commonwealth and around the world. The Queen will travel in the Royal Barge which will lead the flotilla.

Monday 4th June:

BBC Concert at Buckingham Palace: There will be a televised Diamond Jubilee Concert at Buckingham Palace, with tickets being available to UK residents by public ballot. The musical programme will feature British and Commonwealth musicians.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons: A network of 2,012 Beacons will be lit by communities and individuals throughout the United Kingdom, as well as the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Commonwealth. As in 2002, The Queen will light the National Beacon.

Tuesday 5th June, 2012

Service of Thanksgiving and Carriage Procession: There will be a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral and a formal carriage Procession by The Queen.

The well known writer and broadcaster Canon David Winter, a former Head of Religious Broadcasting at the BBC, reflects on the turning of the New Year.

The Way I See It: RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW

It's probably because I'm just a Grumpy Old Man, but I do find it hard to see the point of 'celebrating' New Year. For me, the event has all the stupendous excitement of the milometer in the car clicking over from 39,999 to 40,000. It isn't the solstice or equinox. Nothing actually happens. It doesn't commemorate anything, except that we're all that much older, that much nearer a pension or the great retirement home in the sky.

Nevertheless, whatever the weather, New Year always sees vast crowds on the streets of our great cities, cheering, getting drunk and dancing in the fountains of Trafalgar Square. Dark men for some obscure reason carry bits of coal into neighbours' houses, and people who have no idea what the words mean, sing 'Auld Lang Syne'. So what is it that they're celebrating?

Surely not 2011 and its miserable economic news, recession and unemployment? Surely not, either, the remorseless tread of time. I suspect in fact most of them have simply turned up for the party, or perhaps it's not 2011 at all that they have in mind, but the new year, 2012 - hope triumphing over experience.

Of course the gloom of 2011 was lightened by personal highs - the birth of a child or grand-child, perhaps, a marriage, a new friend. But reason (and in my case long experience) tells me that 2012 will be very much like 2011, but, hey, hope springs eternal.

So is it stupid, or pointless, or even wrong to celebrate the New Year? No, of course not. Time is too serious, too important for us to take it lightly. The Old Preacher in the Bible assures us that 'for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven'. He sees the passing of time as part of the way the Creation works - 'God has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into our minds' (Ecclesiastes 3:11). Humans, in other words, have an understanding of past, present, future: we live in a world with tenses. And he has done this 'so that all should stand in awe before him'. Time, a gift of God, is awesome, and its passage deeply significant.

No reason, then, not to mark the passing of the old year and the birth of the new one, but every reason to recognise that we too are part of the process, carried along by time's tide but not helpless to make choices. Some of those choices may change us, or our families, or our neighbours during the coming year. Some may eventually change the world.

In God's purpose, there is no reason at all why 2012 has to be like 2011. Let the old year go, with all its memories, joys and hurts. And turn to the new one with faith and prayer and - yes - hope. For myself, definitely no freezing fountains, excess alcohol or lumps of coal. But even this Grumpy Old Man will raise a glass, say a prayer, and watch the clock tick past midnight into a brave new year.

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SENIOR CITIZEN'S PARTY

It's that time of year again! This year, the Senior Citizen's Party will take place on 28th January 2012 from 3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m., to which we extend a very warm invitation to all of our Senior Citizens. There will be a chance to meet old friends and possibly make some new ones. As usual, there will be a lavish tea and not forgetting, of course, Mike's Famous Bingo. This year, our entertainers are Tameside Community Choir, superbly led by Joyce Hansell who will be singing some entertaining songs for us. As always, it will cost you nothing except your presence! But you'll have to act quickly because numbers are limited. If you would like to come, then please get in touch with Philip on 0161 303 0809 to reserve your ticket.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

We need your help. In order to provide some prizes for our Senior Citizen's Party, and get it going with a real swing, we are asking if you would kindly donate a prize for the Bingo. I'm told that the Partygoers particularly like those miniature bottles with spiritual sustenance in them - whisky, gin or brandy etc. Alternatively, any other little prize would be most welcome. If you can provide a couple of prizes, or just even one, would you please bring them to church and give them to Philip or any of the Wardens before the Party gets into full swing.

Many thanks in anticipation for your help.

Philip