



St Peter & St Paul's Church, Cranfield

## **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & DIARY**

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### **May we never lose the wonder**

There is an Easter song that goes: "May I never lose the wonder, the wonder of the cross. May I see it like the first time, standing as a sinner lost." Well, with Christmas approaching, my prayer for all of us is: "May we never lose the wonder of Christmas!" It can be easy to lose sight of the wonder of the truth of Christmas, after all there are the cultural traditions like snow, tinsel, and Father Christmas that can make it harder for us to see the staggering truth of God made man. But there's also even Christian traditions that can hide the marvel from us. Christmas is such an opportunity to share the good news of Jesus with those that don't know him yet, that we can often focus so much on that, that we forget to consider afresh for ourselves the wonder of the Incarnation.

Christians of the first few centuries were truly astonished by the message that God had become one of us. Melito, a second century bishop, pondered this perplexing and paradoxical truth with these beautiful words describing Jesus:

"Appearing as a sheep, yet still remaining the Shepherd; being esteemed a servant, yet not renouncing the Sonship; being carried in the womb of Mary, yet arrayed in the nature of His Father; treading upon earth, yet filling heaven; appearing as an infant, yet not discarding the eternity of His nature; being esteemed poor, yet not divested of His riches; needing sustenance inasmuch as He was man, yet not ceasing to feed the entire world inasmuch as He is God; He was nailed upon the tree, and yet was the Lord of all things."

So, do come along to some of our Christian services this month to marvel and wonder afresh at the good news of Emmanuel: God with us.

# DECEMBER 2021

Day	Time	Service/Event	Venue
Wednesday 1st	7:30pm	Music Practice	Cranfield Church
Thursday 2nd	9:30am 4:00pm 7:30pm	Pitter-Patter Rock Solid Bell Ringing Practice	Village Hall Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Friday 3rd	1:30pm	Craft Group	Cranfield Church
Saturday 4th	7:00pm	Sounds Familiar Christmas Carol Concert	Cranfield Church
<b>Sunday 5th</b>	9:00am 10:30am	Holy Communion - 1662 Prayer Book Morning Service (followed by Prayer Meeting)	Salford Church Cranfield Church
Wednesday 8th	10:00am 7:30pm	Holy Communion Service Music Practice	Cranfield Church
Thursday 9th	9:30am 4:00pm 7:30pm	Pitter-Patter Rock Solid Bell Ringing Practice	Village Hall Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Friday 10th	1:30pm	Craft Group	Cranfield Church
Saturday 11th	10am – 4pm	Music Performances at the Christmas Tree Festival.	Cranfield Church
<b>Sunday 12th</b>	9:00am 10.30am 6:00pm	Holy Communion – 1662 Prayer Book Morning Service (with Holy Communion) Carol Service	Hulcote Church Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Wednesday 15th	10:30am	FiLL – Gingerbread House Making	Cranfield Church
Thursday 16th	9:30am 4:00pm 7:30pm	Pitter-Patter Rock Solid Bell Ringing Practice	Village Hall Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Friday 17th	1:30pm 7:30pm	Craft Group Home Group via Zoom – Contact Linda Pearson ( <i>l.d.pearson@btinternet.com</i> – Tel. 751358)	Cranfield Church Zoom
<b>Sunday 19th</b>	9:00am 10.30am	Holy Communion - 1662 Prayer Book Morning Service (Nativity Service)	Salford Church Cranfield Church
Thursday 23rd	7:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	Cranfield Church
Friday 24th	4:30pm 11:00pm	Carol Service Midnight Holy Communion Service	Salford Church Cranfield Church
Saturday 25th	9:00am 10:30am	Christmas Day Service Christmas Day Service	Salford Church Cranfield Church
<b>Sunday 26th</b>	10.30am	Morning Service	Cranfield Church
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	Cranfield Church