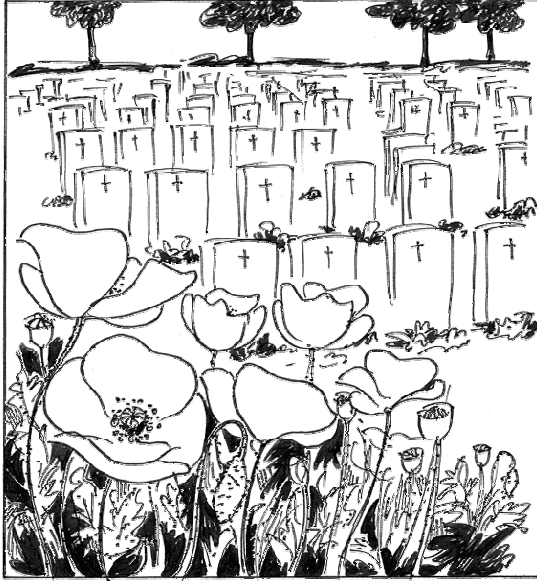


in the power of the Spirit...



# Christ Church Mount Pellon



**November**



2008

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awakens all people to the love of Jesus  
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*Church Address: Church Lane, Mount Pellon, Halifax, HX2 0EF*

# Christ Church

## Regular events

### Sunday Club

**Children are welcome at all our services!** There is always a crèche available for younger children at every 10.45 service, and age-appropriate groups at all 10.45 services except Parade Sundays and holiday times. Just turn up for a fun morning discovering more about God's love for you. For more details contact Liz Dingsdale (**834439**).

### House Groups

*Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 7.30 p.m. alternate weeks*

Get together with others to explore fellowship, faith and prayer to help you in your daily discipleship. For more details and dates contact Karen Hellewell (**365027**)

### Uniformed Groups

*Mondays 6.00 – 7.00 p.m. Rainbows* (for ages 5 - 7)

Contact: Jane Webster **885878**

*Mondays 6.30 – 8.00 p.m. Brownies* (for ages 7 - 10)

Contact: Tracey Jagger **248365**

*Mondays 7.30 – 9.00 p.m. Guides* (for ages 10 - 15)

Contact: Ann Cockerill **363892**

*Wednesdays 7.30 – 9.00 p.m. Rangers* (for ages 14+)

*(alternate)* Contact: Pam Robinson **345258**

### Lunchbox

A monthly chance to worship together, followed by a chance to chat over lunch. Mondays, 11.45 a.m. For dates and more details contact Pam Higgs (**320554**)

### Chatterbox

Our parent & toddler group meets every **Monday, 1.00 – 3.00 p.m.** – all are welcome! Just turn up for a chance to have a coffee and a chat while the children play, do craft, sing and have a story and lots of fun! For more details, contact John (**365027**).

# From the Vicar

Dear Reader,

Autumn certainly seems to have arrived now. It's not so much the rain that we've been having recently—we've had that all summer! It's not even the wind since we seem to have had that all summer as well. Rather, it's the leaves turning golden and beginning to fall off the trees—or be blown off them!

I always love this time of year because of the beautiful colours that nature springs on us as the different shades of gold and bronze compete to give a wonderful display that never ceases to amaze.

It's particularly stunning if you are overlooking a wood, where all the trees are at slightly different stages, and the mix of colours somehow manage to make the whole even more beautiful than the individual trees.

Of course, that beauty doesn't last long. Before the next couple of weeks are finished no doubt the trees will be largely bare of leaves completely. And as we move into winter, and things appear to die back, everything quickly seems barren and dead.

But that won't last either. Before long winter will have passed and spring will be here, bringing new life with all the vibrancy of the fresh green leaves, and bulbs poking their colourful heads through the soil.

And so the cycle goes round and round, and life goes on.

If we stop at any particular point, then things might seem good (in spring or autumn) or bad (in winter). But we don't focus on that moment, but look at things as a whole. If we didn't, we'd end up digging up the plants that seemed dead in winter, or chopping down the trees that had lost all their leaves, and end up missing out on what the future holds for those plants.

Instead, we know that it is a phase we need to go through. Indeed, without it, the trees would not have room for new growth, and they would stay small and stunted, never reaching their full potential.

It seems as though God has designed the world to teach us lots of lessons, and not least lessons about more ultimate realities such as his nature or the way eternity 'works'.

November is a month of memories. ‘Remember, Remember, the fifth of November...’ so the rhyme goes. And of course we remember all those who gave their lives in the service of others on Armistice day and Remembrance Sunday.

In the church calendar, too, we remember. All Saints day (1st November) commemorates all those who have died and passed into God’s nearer presence.

And this remembering is good and healthy, for if we forget the past, we deny the good things that God has given us through other people. We are also in danger of not learning the lessons from the past, such as the horrors of war.

Sadly, as we switch on the nightly news, it seems as though people are too quick to forget, and instead continue to perpetrate the same mistakes, being willing to take precious lives rather than preserve and enhance them.

Remembering the fragility of life should prompt us to make sure we make the most of the opportunities and time given to us. How often, I wonder, do people regret that they didn’t spend more time with a loved one before they died, or said words that they never quite got round to?

But why leave it too late again? The past is just that—past. And even with the most painful of memories, God can take that pain and transform things to bring new life and new hope. After all, resurrection is his main business!

But he’s also in the business of transforming lives here and now—and maybe this November he wants to work with you! Maybe that means a bit of pruning—painful at the time, but leading to a much better shape in the future. Maybe it means a bit of tender loving care that nurtures the weak plant and protects it through the cold winter.

Whatever it is you need, God knows, and as the gardener beyond compare, he is longing to do exactly what is needed so that you might flourish.

The thing is, he’s also someone who won’t force us into things we don’t want. So are we willing to put ourselves in his capable care? This might just be your moment!

**John Hellewell**

# Christmas Tree and Crib Festival at The Maurice Jagger Centre



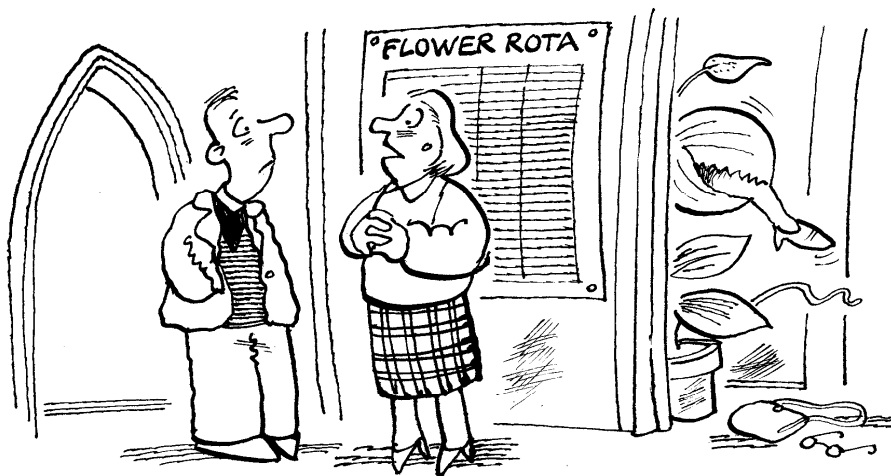
Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 11 am - 8 pm

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 12 noon - 5 pm

Admission £2  
(including coffee and Mince Pie)

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*...er Vicar, it's about that flower Mrs Brindle's brought  
back from her foreign holiday...*

# PARISH CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Saturday 8.00 a.m. Women's Prayer Breakfast at St. Augustine's Centre
- 2 Sunday: Fourth Sunday before Advent**  
**10.45 a.m. Family Communion**  
**6.30 p.m. Evening Worship**
- 4 Tuesday 10.45a.m. Communion at Asquith Court-All welcome!  
7.30 p.m. 'Investing in our Faith' meeting with Bishop Stephen at All Saints College, Bradley
- 7 Friday 6.30 p.m. Choir Practice
- 8 Saturday 6.30 p.m. Bonfire @ 11 Ashville Croft in aid of CICS
- 9 Sunday: Third Sunday before Advent—Remembrance Sunday**  
**8.00 a.m. Holy Communion**  
**10.45 a.m. Morning Worship—Remembrance**  
**6.30 p.m. Memorial Service**
- 12 Wednesday 8.00 p.m. Mission Group
- 15 Saturday 7.30 p.m. Church Quiz Night at Pellon Social Club
- 16 Sunday: Second Sunday before Advent**  
**8.00 a.m. Holy Communion**  
**10.45 a.m. Family Communion**  
**6.30 p.m. Evening Worship**
- 18 Tuesday 11.00 a.m. Churches Together Committee @ Highgate
- 19 Wednesday 7.30 p.m. Deanery Synod at Ripponden
- 20 Thursday 7.30 p.m. PCC meeting in The Barn
- 21 Friday 6.30 p.m. Choir Practice
- 22 Sunday: Christ the King**  
**9.00 a.m. Holy Communion**  
**10.45 a.m. Parade Service**  
**6.30 p.m. Holy Communion**

- 28 Friday 1.00 p.m. Wedding of Richard Beckett & Debra Barratt  
 29 Saturday 8.00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast at the Wheatsheaf  
 9.30 a.m. Church Cleaning for Christmas

**30 Sunday: Advent Sunday**

**10.45 a.m. Family Communion**

**6.30 p.m. Evening Worship**

**DECEMBER**

- 3 Wednesday 7.30 p.m. 'Still Before Christmas' Advent service @  
 Christ Church  
 5 Friday 6.30 p.m. Choir Practice  
 7.30 p.m. Ladies Friday Group Bring & Share  
 6 Saturday 8.00 a.m. Women's Prayer Breakfast at St.  
 Augustine's Centre  
 2.00 p.m. Wedding of Andrew Johnson & Faye Walter

**7 Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent**

**10.45 a.m. Family Communion**

**6.30 p.m. Evening Worship**

**PLEASE COULD YOU HELP?**

Volunteers are needed on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2008  
 between 9.30 am and 12 noon to help give the church  
 a clean in time for Christmas.



Just turn up on the day even if you can only spare 30 minutes.

*If you need a lift please phone Jane on 885878*



## Christ Church, Mount Pellon

Invite you and your family and friends to a special **SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE.**

It's on **Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 6.30 p.m. in Church.**

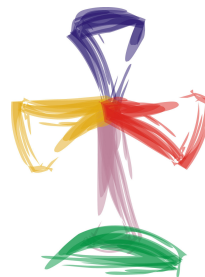
- It will be a fairly **short, informal service** with some prayer and help for you in your bereavement
- The **name of your loved one** will be **read out** and remembered during the service
- The chance to **light a candle** in memory of your loved one(s)
- **A cup of tea / coffee** will be available afterwards if you can stay on for a few minutes.

We look forward to seeing you on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Do try and come!

Please 'phone me if you need further details.

John Hellewell: 'Phone 365027



## Toy Service

Will take place on  
23<sup>rd</sup> November during  
the Parade Service.



If you have any games,  
books, toys, videos etc that  
are in good condition and you  
no longer want, please bring  
them along so we can pass  
them on to children who are  
not fortunate enough to  
have such items.

## PELLON COMMUNITY CENTRE



## Christmas Fayre

Saturday, 15th November

If you want  
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to register

cost £10 per stall



## MAGAZINE DEADLINE

The Parish Magazine is distributed on the last  
Sunday of each month. The copy deadline for the  
double issue December/January magazine is

**Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

*Contact Kath Sharman on 363058 or email  
Kathleen.sharman@btinternet.com*

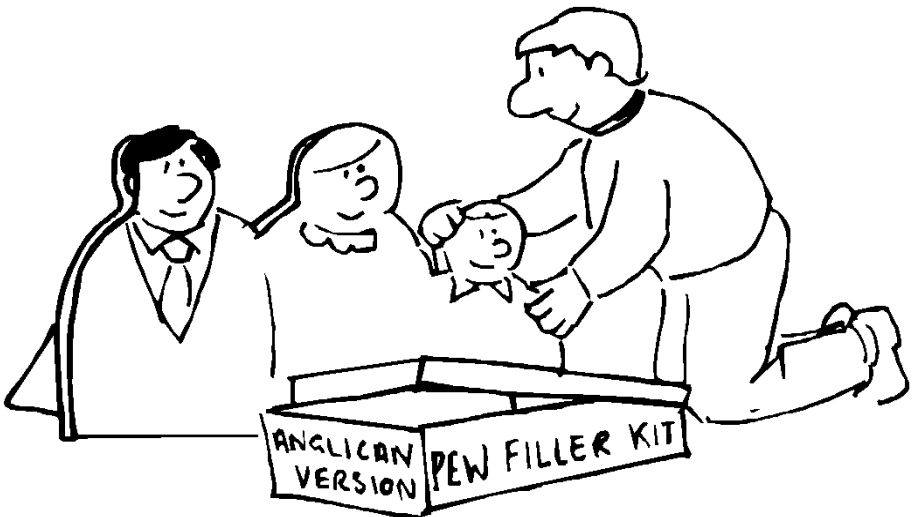
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Anyone wishing to send individual cards is asked to use the side pew in the south aisle for the distribution of cards to help keep the back of church tidy.



*Woe unto them  
that call evil good,  
and good evil; that  
put darkness for  
light, and light for  
darkness; that put  
bitter for sweet,  
and sweet for  
bitter!  
(Isa. 5:20)*

## PELLON LUNCHEON CLUB

Thursdays  
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or contact Kit directly on 01274 876141***



# Parish Noticeboard

	Preacher	Reader	Readings
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: Fourth Sunday before Advent</b>			
10.45am	David Ramanauskas	Ann Rollinson	<b>Psalm 33</b> Luke 4.14 – 21
6.30pm	Dave Fawcett	Susan Levis	<b>Genesis 11.31 – 12.7</b>
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent: Remembrance</b>			
8.00am	John Hellewell	Audrey Mitchell	Amos 5.18-24 Matthew 25.1-13
10.45am	Iain Lawson	Paul Newman	<b>2 Timothy 3.10 – 17</b> John 5.36b – 47
6.30pm	John Hellewell	Rosemary Power O'Mahoney	Romans 8.31 – end
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent</b>			
8.00am	John Hellewell	Audrey Mitchell	Zephaniah 1.7,12-18 Matthew 25.14-30
10.45am	Michael Noakes	Karen Hellewell	1 Corinthians 11.17 – 34 <b>Mark 14.12 – 26</b>
6.30pm	Karen Hellewell	Paul & Patricia Newman	<b>Genesis 18.1 – 15</b>
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November: Sunday next before Advent: Christ the King</b>			
9.00am	David Ramanauskas	Trevor Greenwood	Ezekiel 34.11–16,20–24 Matthew 25.31 – 46
10.45am	John Hellewell	Brownies	Matthew 25.31 – 46
6.30pm	John Hellewell	Dave Fawcett	<b>Genesis 18.17 – 33</b> John 15.14 – 16
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November: Advent Sunday</b>			
10.45am	David Ramanauskas	Jane Webster	1 Corinthians 1.3 – 9 Mark 13.24 – 37
6.30pm	Dave Fawcett	Rosemary Power O'Mahoney	Isaiah 1.1 – 20
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December: Second Sunday of Advent</b>			
10.45am	Iain Lawson	Ann Cockerill	2 Peter 3.8 – 15a Mark 1.1 – 8
6.30pm	John Hellewell	Sue Heptinstall	Romans 15.4 – 13

# For November

Prayer	Sidespeople	Coffee	Bread	Chalice
Iain Lawson	Trevor Greenwood	Susan & Hazel	John Rawson	David, Christine
Ann Cockerill				
John Hellewell	Jim Jones		Jim Jones	
Janet Abel	Tracy Jagger	Anne, Steve & Kit		
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John Hellewell	Jim Jones		Jim Jones	
Ann Cockerill	Michael Cockerill	Kathleen & Clare	Derrick & Kathleen Lee	Christine, Rosemary
John Hellewell				
<b>Toy Service at Parade</b>				
John Hellewell	Trevor Greenwood		Ann & Michael Cockerill	David Ramanauskas
Brownies	Douglas Drake	Margaret, Eddie & Grace		
John Hellewell				
Jane Webster	Valerie Schofield	Patricia & Paul	Trevor & Eileen Hesselden	Rosemary, June
David Ramanauskas				
Karen Hellewell	Christine Buckley	Fran & Susan	Margaret & Eddie Beaton	June, Graeme
Sue Heptinstall				

## Report from PCC meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008

The PCC met on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008. The meeting opened with a Bible reading and prayer.

A thank you letter had been received from Christ Church school for the contribution made by the church towards the Bibles given to those moving on to senior school.

Regular standing items were discussed including health and safety, security and finance. As you would have read in the September magazine Christ Church, like many organisations are faced with rising costs i.e. gas and electric which further increase the demands on our already strained financial resources. Unfortunately the gap between income and expenditure is growing to decrease in coveted gift aid and planned giving. As a church we are asked to pray for guidance about our giving as individuals.



After discussion it was agreed that monies given to our Gift Day on 26<sup>th</sup> October (when Christ Church celebrates its 158<sup>th</sup> anniversary) should go to a project in our link diocese of Mara and hopefully to our new link parish of Gesarya.

Our links with St Augustine's are now being progressed by the Diocese. It is proposed that the new united benefice (which means we remain as two separate parishes but share a vicar) would be known as St Augustine's Halifax and Christ Church Mount Pellon.

Although the old graveyard is now closed and is now the responsibility of Calderdale Council it was noted that the PCC remain responsible for the care of the trees i.e. removing branches.

Work is to take place in October to install the screen and projector.

Following Michael Noake's visit back in May 2008 to look at Christ Church's vision and strategy a review of Worship was given with suggestions on how we can make improvements especially around reverence during services and also our work with young people. If you have any ideas or suggestions please speak to the church wardens or John.

Christmas services were discussed and it was agreed that the family service on Christmas Day will start at 10.15 am to give John time to take the service at St Augustine's beforehand.

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Vicar's sabbatical. John reported that the Diocese have approved his request to take a three month sabbatical in 2009. John hopes to take this from approx the middle to end of April - exact dates to be confirmed. The PCC are to work with John to ensure that things are in place for things to run smoothly whilst John is away.

*Jane Webster*

## **BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

in Aid of CICS (Christians in Calderdale Schools)

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# Alpha House - Calderdale

Hi! Its Fran! Some of you will know that I work as a Probation Officer with people who have either been sent to prison or put on a Community Order because of their offending.

Substance misuse (heroin, crack cocaine, amphetamine etc and alcohol) is often a major factor having a negative impact on people's behaviour and ability to lead a happy and fulfilling lifestyle. Often, drug use masks underlying issues which need to be addressed before progress can be made.



Over the years, I have often seen long-term drug users reach rock bottom, get sent to prison, get clean and genuinely want to change their lives for the better on release. However, many come out of prison with no-where suitable to live and so stay with former associates who were part of their old lifestyle. Without the right accommodation, support, social and practical skills and sustained motivation, they soon relapse into old ways.

Several years ago, God gave me a vision of a half-way house for this group of people which would enable them to turn their lives around. It will be called Alpha House as it will be a "place of new beginnings". A group of us have been developing this project for a number of years in our spare time and, after getting some funding, now have a full-time Project Development Manager. Local agencies are supporting us, including Calderdale Council.

We are currently looking at a property in Todmorden and envisage Alpha House opening in 2009/10. We are asking for help in the following ways:

- Prayer for the Project
- 2 or 3 more Trustees, especially anyone with financial, business,

marketing, accounting or legal expertise.

Volunteers to become involved in the Project once it is running; eg to help develop various basic and social skills or residents, to be involved in leisure activities - the possibilities are endless.

If you are interested and want to know more, do speak to me or to Nick Abel, who is also a Trustee.

With many thanks - Fran Nowell



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## How early do you feel stressed each day?

One in five of us feel stressed before we've even had breakfast in the morning, according to recent research.\* Nearly two in every five of us feel stressed by the time we've dropped the children off for school, or have reached our workplace. Half of us struggle to sleep at night, and half of us suffer from headaches. Almost a quarter of us suffer from digestive problems and nearly a fifth of us report having panic attacks.

The biggest cause of our stress? Money - or rather, our lack of it to meet our lifestyles. Next comes pressures at work and strained relationships. As if that weren't enough, 45 per cent of women and 24 per cent of men worry as well about their personal appearance.



The Bible has some comforting things to say about stress. We can ask God for help.

*"I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears."* Psalm 34:3

*"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:6

\* The poll was carried out by the Relaxation for Living Institute.



## From the Registers...

### BAPTISMS

21<sup>st</sup> September

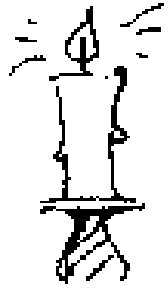
Jenna Louise Shaw

28<sup>th</sup> September

Riley Martyn Nicholl

Lily Rose Shaw

Brooke Leanne Sutcliffe



*our warmest congratulations to  
their families and friends*



### WEDDINGS

None this month

### FUNERALS

13<sup>th</sup> October

Tara Parmar

14<sup>th</sup> October

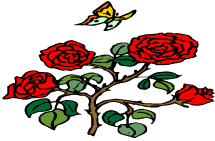
Joyce Firth

21<sup>st</sup> October

Lawrence Lord

*our love, sympathy & prayers to  
their families and friends*





## CHURCH FLOWERS

25<sup>th</sup> October

Ian Andrew and Sarah Louise Leyland

Thank you to friends who have put donations in the flower box at the back of church. It is appreciated.

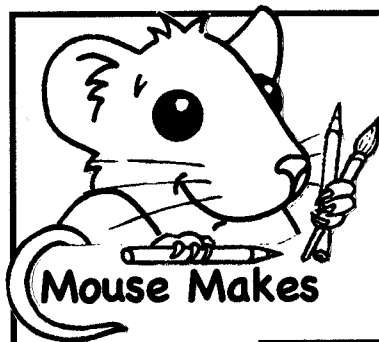
*My thanks again to Graeme for his encouragement and advice.*

‘Be content with your lot; one cannot be first in everything.’

*Aesop*

### COMMUNICANTS AND COLLECTIONS

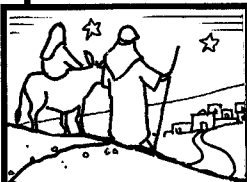
	Communicants	Loose	Stewardship	Total
7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	65	59.14	465.50	524.64
14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	14	52.60	174.00	226.60
21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	85	60.20	230.50	290.70
28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	26	12.00	370.92	382.92



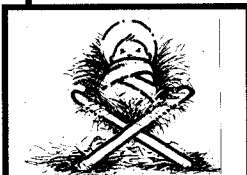
## Mouse Makes

ADVENT comes from the Latin 'AD VENTO' which means 'ARRIVAL'

In advent we celebrate Jesus' birth and look forward to the time when Jesus will come again.



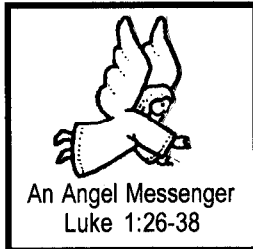
A Long Journey  
Luke 2:1-20



The Best Gift Of All  
John 3:16



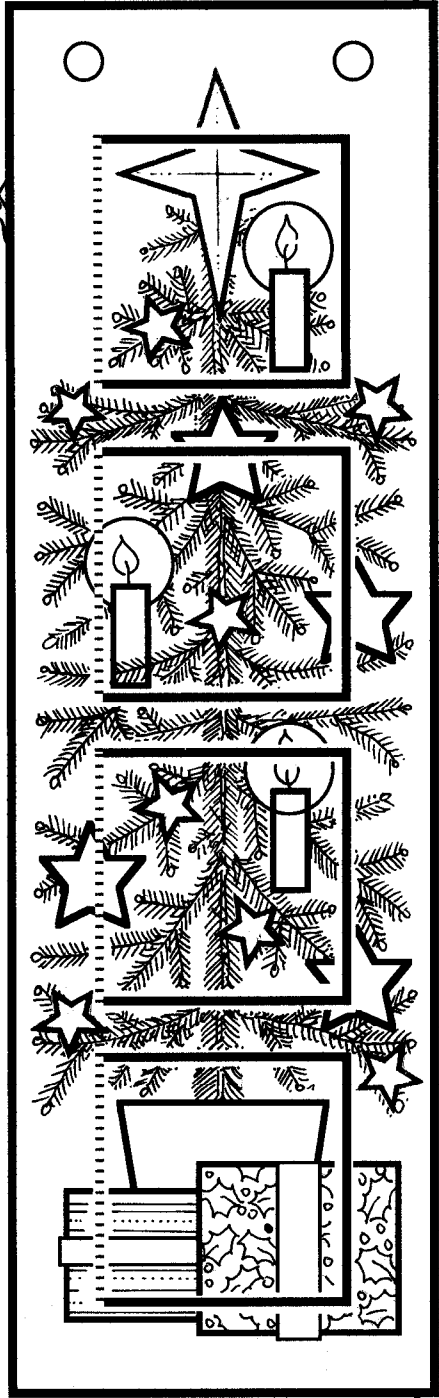
God's Promise  
Isaiah 9:6-7



An Angel Messenger  
Luke 1:26-38

Make this Advent calendar to count down the four Sundays before Christmas

1. Cut out the front of the calendar.
2. Ask an adult to cut around the thick lines of each window with a craft knife, then fold them open along the dotted lines.
3. Put glue on the back of the calendar around the edge and stick onto card.
4. Cut out the pictures and glue onto the backing card behind each window.
5. Punch holes in the top and hang.



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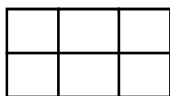
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