



# ***SAINTS ALIVE!***



*The Parish Magazine of  
All Saints' Church, North Hillingdon UB10 9BT*

## **Season of Advent**



**December 2024**

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# THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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## **THE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

*All Saints' Church aims to be a welcoming Anglican community, a place of prayer and worship, providing a ministry to all and where people gather to share the love of Jesus Christ.*

### **Normal SUNDAY Times**

Said Eucharist

**8.00 am**

**SUNG PARISH EUCHARIST WITH**

**10.00 am**

**Children's Corner**

*followed by refreshments in the Church Hall, at which all (and especially any visitors) are very welcome.*

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month: Sung Parish Eucharist *in a less formal style*

**10.00 am**

### **USUAL HOLYDAY & WEEKDAY**

**Times**

The Parish Eucharist on Holydays & Feastdays

**7.30 pm**

On weekdays

Wednesday

**10.00 am**

Please see the Parish Website or the weekly ***Parish Bulletin*** on the church porch notice-board for full details or telephone the Vicarage (01895 262024).

Enquiries concerning Baptisms, Banns, Marriages or other parish business can be made during **Vestry Hour** in church, which is normally on Saturdays between 10:00 and 11:00. No appointment is needed.

## ***A VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE***



Dear Saints,

**Luke 6: 38: “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”**

I love the wonder of Christmas. It’s a magical time of year for children and adults, and also quite an expensive one, especially as one’s children get older. It’s never a good time to talk about money and giving, but needs must.

Giving is part of Christian discipleship, and it frees us from the hold money has over us. When we give, we give not only for the upkeep and running of the church, but we also give to God. Wesley humorously once said the last part of a person to be converted was their wallet! God sees what we give, and appreciates it “give and it will be given to you..” Why does All Saints need more money? Mostly because of increased costs. The increase in utility, cleaning and gardening costs alone next year will be around £10,000. We currently also need to replace our heating system (around £30k) and upgrade our electrics (£9k), there is all our regular outgoings, and ongoing maintenance that have also increased. At the same time, inflation has also reduced the value of what we current give; what cost £100 today only cost £20 back in 1980.

So how much should we give? How much is our worship worth to you? These days even a trip to the cinema, a drink and popcorn will cost over £20. Only an extra £10 a week from everyone would cover our extra costs for next year. All over the world the church has traditionally taught tithing, that is giving 10% of our income to the church. Personally, I direct debit 10% of my stipend every month to All Saints. It feels good and right to do that, investing in our worship, and honouring to my Lord. I would encourage you to do the same. Perhaps if that is too much, how about 5%? I think you will find it liberating, and find that God will honour it, and somehow there is always enough at the end of the month. Bank details are in our weekly bulletin. (And please don’t forget to fill in a gift-aid form, so we can claim an extra 20% from the government!) Think of it as giving a present to Jesus this Christmas.

Have a blessed Christmas,

**Rev Ulric Gerry**

Articles for the **January 2025** issue need to reach Rev. Ulric by ***Monday 30th December 2024*** [ulricgerry@icloud.com](mailto:ulricgerry@icloud.com)

***We shall definitely need some new items for the next edition, please.***

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# CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 15th December

5pm Lessons and Carols (followed by seasonal refreshments in the Hall)

Sunday 22nd December

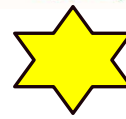
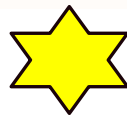
5pm Christingle

Christmas Eve

11.15pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10am Family Eucharist



## Christmas and New Year WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

To minimise disruption to waste and recycling collections during the Christmas and New Year period, we will be working on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 December and Saturday 4 January.

This will enable collections to return to normal as quickly as possible.

Normal collection day	Revised collection day	Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Monday 23 December	Monday 23 December	Monday 30 December	Monday 30 December
Tuesday 24 December	Tuesday 24 December	Tuesday 31 December	Tuesday 31 December
Wednesday 25 December	Friday 27 December	Wednesday 1 January	Thursday 2 January
Thursday 26 December	Saturday 28 December	Thursday 2 January	Friday 3 January
Friday 27 December	Sunday 29 December	Friday 3 January	Saturday 4 January

Please leave your waste and recycling out by 6am on the day of collection by your front gate but not on the pavement. Separate arrangements are in place for flats and business premises.



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**Wednesdays** 10:45am Coffee, Cakes and Companionship  
in the Hall



Wed 18<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Morning Party

Join us for some Festive Food

NO session on 25<sup>th</sup> December

or 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025

December

Season of **ADVENT**

Sunday morning 10am services

AND **Christmas Services**

*see page 4*

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

### Editorial team still needed!

Please contact Rev. Ulric [ulricgerry@icloud.com](mailto:ulricgerry@icloud.com)

*if you want to see a magazine in 2025.*

# Mmmm Cake

This was a very popular recipe that went around in the 1980s.

A budget-friendly Christmas cake, easy and ideal if you are on your own or to share with someone special.



## Ingredients

8 oz. self-raising flour

4 oz. margarine

4 oz. brown sugar

1 egg

8 oz. mincemeat

1 & half dessert spoon  
marmalade

2 oz. glacé cherries, sliced

2 teaspoons sherry

## Method

Cream margarine and sugar until light and fluffy.

Add marmalade and beat again.

Beat egg and add to creamed mixture.



Fold in flour.

Add mincemeat, sliced cherries  
and sherry.

Turn into a well-greased tin,  
(8" or 2 smaller tins.)

Gas mark 3 for 1 & half hrs.

I hope you enjoy it  
Best wishes from Marion Robinson

## Five Popular Classic Story Ballets - part 1 -



The American dancer and choreographer, Agnes de Mille, once said,

“The truest expression of a people is in its dance and in its music. Bodies never lie.”

Ballet has the power to evoke strong emotions through its storytelling, choreography, music, and performances.

A Classic Story Ballet, also known as Story Ballet or Narrative Ballet, refers to ballets that follow a storyline. These are the bread and butter of any ballet repertoire, and they are firm favourites for good reason. They are often based on fairytales and magical myths, featuring recognizable characters and full set designs and costumes, which make them eye-catching and easy to follow.

From *Swan Lake* to *The Nutcracker*, here are some of the greatest Classical Story Ballets ever conceived.

### *Swan Lake*

Tchaikovsky’s 1875 work remains one of the most popular ballets ever written and contains the famous pieces ‘*Dance of the Little Swans*’ and the instantly recognisable Act I Waltz.





The curtain first opened on *Swan Lake* in 1877 at Moscow's Bolshoi Theatre, with choreography by Julius Reisinger; however, the most influential version was choreographed by Marius Petipa.

The ballet, inspired by Russian and German folk tales, tells the story of the doomed love of Prince Siegfried and Princess Odette.

Interesting fact: As well as the famous cygnets' dance, *Swan Lake* also includes some of ballet's most famous moments, including 'The Black Swan Pas de Deux' and 'The Dying Swan'.

### *Sleeping Beauty*

The first performance of Tchaikovsky's now iconic ballet took place in the Mariinsky Theatre, St Petersburg in 1890, choreographed by Marius Petipa.

Telling the traditional fairytale of a princess cursed to sleep for 100 years awaiting true love's first kiss, *Sleeping Beauty* remains one of Tchaikovsky's most popular works today. It is also his longest ballet, totalling nearly four hours (including intermissions). As a result, the ballet is almost always cut.

The ravishing waltz is one of the most joyous and uplifting pieces of classical music, as well as one of the best known. It comes towards the beginning of the ballet, during a grand ball thrown for the 16th birthday of the protagonist, Princess Aurora.



Interesting fact: The ballet is said to have been the first ever seen by an eight-year-old Anna Pavlova, who would become one of the world's greatest ballerinas of all time.

3 more stories next month [Anne Robinson](#)

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BAZAAR**

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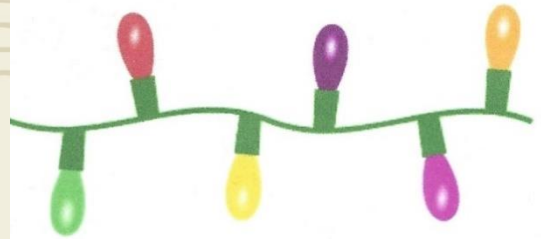
Preparing the raffle prize tickets



Carol and Rev. Ulric choose the prize-winners



*Thank you to our own 'David Bailey' – Karol Sch... for the photos*



WE SHALL BE HOLDING OUR USUAL COFFEE MORNING ON WEDNESDAY 18th DECEMBER, THE LAST ONE FOR THIS YEAR BUT IT WILL BE MORE OF A **CHRISTMAS PARTY** WHICH WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO ATTEND.

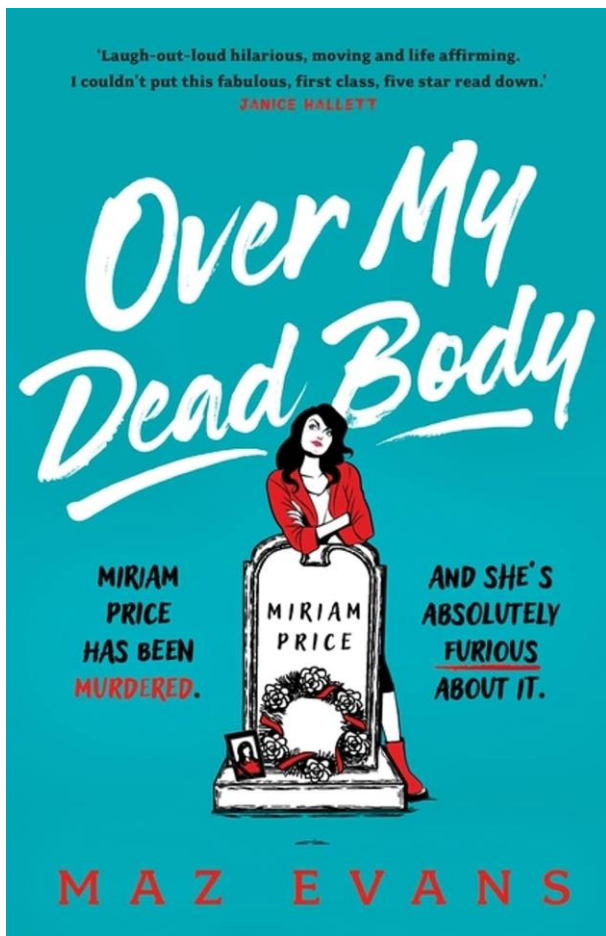
WE SHALL HAVE A GAME OF BINGO AND PASS THE PARCEL ,ANY OTHER IDEAS ARE WELCOME.WE SHALL ALSO HAVE SOME PARTY FOOD AS WELL AS THE USUAL CAKES SO IF ANY OF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ANY FOOD OR A BOTTLE OF BUBBLES THEN PLEASE LET LESLEY KNOW



# Book review: *Over My Dead Body*

by Maz Evans

If you like your murder mysteries served with a dose of British dark humour, then this book is for you.



Dr Miriam Price is dead, and everyone thinks it was an accident. But this alpha female isn't taking her death lying down and she sets out to find out who killed her.

This is a different take on the whodunnit with the initially unlikeable victim – if you can ever call Miriam Price a victim – also acting as the detective who tries to solve her own murder.

The problem is the only person who can see Miriam and she can communicate with is scheduled to die at the weekend and it's her neighbour Winnie. The other complicating factor is that Miriam has been at war with pensioner Winnie for several years, since Miriam accused her of running over her beloved cat.

Fortunately though, Winnie's dead husband was a detective and her nephew a serving police officer so Winnie turns out to be a pretty handy, if acerbic, sidekick to Miriam.

But Miriam is up against the clock. She has only four days to solve her murder before the coroner rules it death by misadventure and she destined for a life in between.

This is a very funny book if you like dry, British humour, the characters grow on you and the plot cracks along at a good pace. It's a fun book to switch off with at the end of a busy day or on the train home.

Fiona Robinson-Morey



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# From November's *Hillingdon People*

## Change to winter garden waste collections

Data gathered during the past three years has shown a distinct drop off in the tonnage of garden waste collected during the winter months, by on average, more than 50 per cent.

To reflect the reduced need, the council is moving from weekly to fortnightly free garden waste collections from December to February, which will also reduce its carbon footprint with fewer vehicle journeys and emissions on our roads, and ensure the service remains efficient and cost-effective.

There won't be a change to residents' collection days, just the frequency, and you will still be able to look up your collection schedule online or report missed collections.

Residents with large amounts of garden waste will still be able to drop off unlimited garden waste, for free, at our civic amenity sites in New Years Green Lane, Harefield and Tavistock Road, West Drayton. Find out more at [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling-centres](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling-centres).



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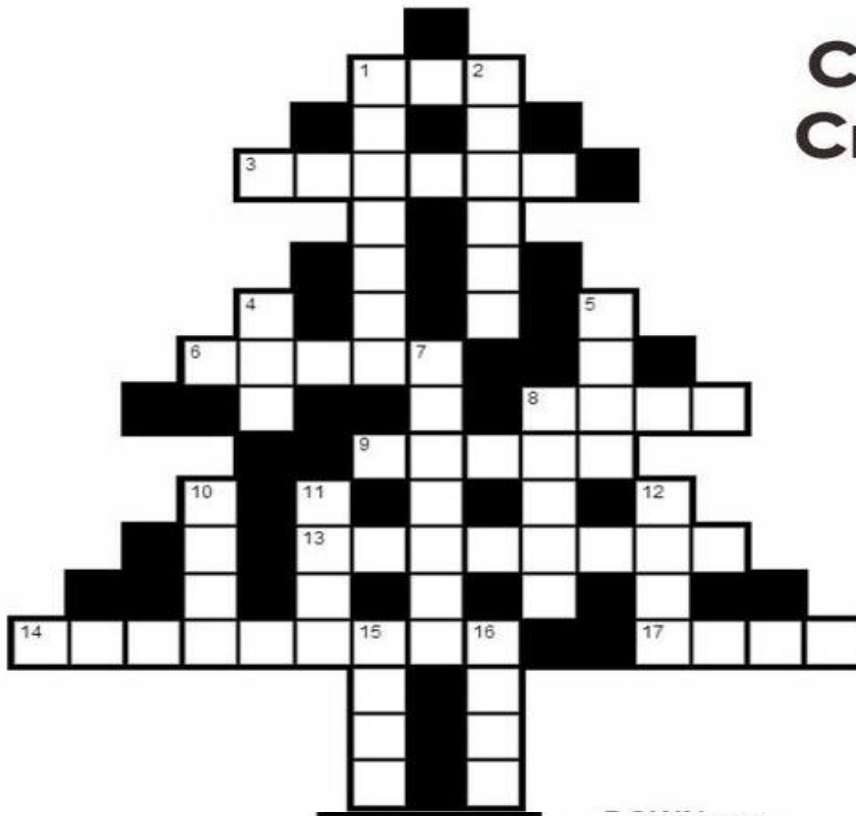


At VLE Outdoors, we work Monday to Saturday from 7:30am to 8:00pm. In addition to houses and farms, we work for businesses and churches. Our goal is to always meet our customers' expectations, and more than that, keep the garden impeccable during the changing seasons. We have several references, if you have any questions, please contact us on this number

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# Christmas Crossword



## ACROSS

1. Pumpkin or mincemeat
3. Santa's ride
6. Celebration
8. Newborn
9. Northpole crew
13. Word of praise
14. Words on a Christmas card
17. It's opened on Christmas

## DOWN

1. Alternative word to 17 across
2. Christmas drink
4. Christmas dinner centerpiece
5. Dec. holiday
7. Christmas warmer
8. "Jingle \_\_\_\_\_"
10. Christmas tree
11. O. Henry's "The Gift of the \_\_\_"
12. What carolers do
15. French Christmas.
16. Snow glider

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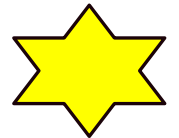
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*Christmas Cracker Jokes*

1	What kind of motorbike does Santa ride?
2	What is black and white and noisy?
3	What do you get if you cross a hen with a bedside alarm clock?
4	What's the fastest thing in water?
5	What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?
6	How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?
7	What says Oh Oh Oh?
8	Where are the Andes?
9	How do snowmen get around?
10	Why is it difficult to keep a secret at the North Pole?

*Found by Jane  
Turnbull*



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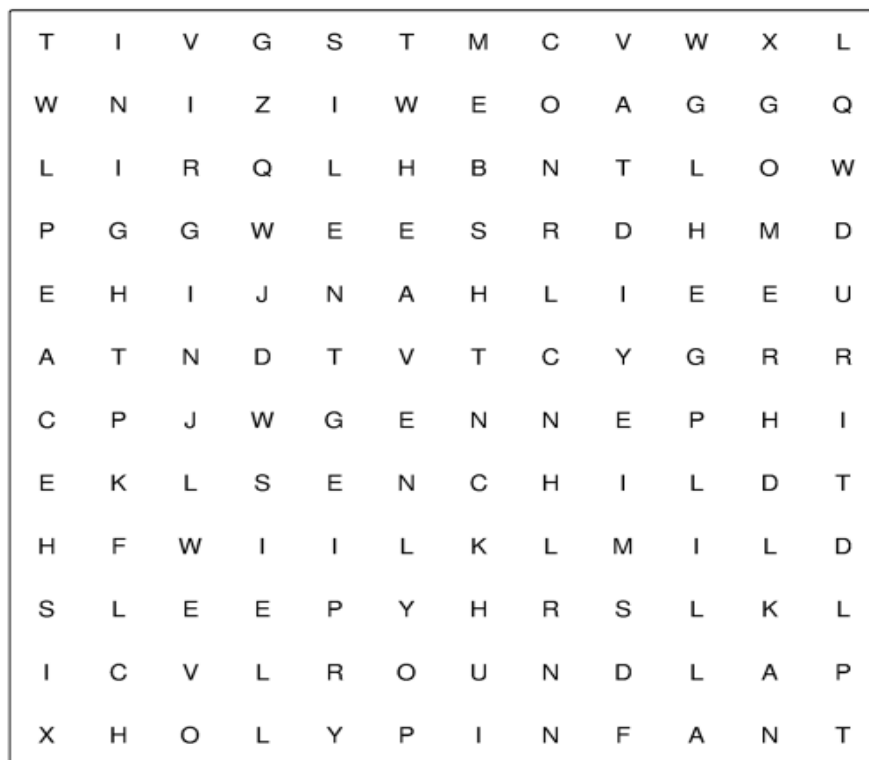
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Activities include the *Monthly Reading Group*, *Computer Taster Sessions* & the *Friday Coffee Mornings (1100-1200)*.

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## Christmas Carol Wordsearch

Which popular Carol has these words?



Words to Find:

HEAVENLY  
SILENT  
BRIGHT  
VIRGIN

MOTHER  
INFANT  
TENDER  
HOLY

NIGHT  
CALM  
ROUND  
MILD

CHILD  
SLEEP  
PEACE

Song Title: \_\_\_\_\_



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There's no correct answer; but here's some suggestions:

- |  |
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| 1. A Holly Davidson                    |
| 2. A zebra with a drum kit             |
| 3. An alarm cluck                      |
| 4. A motor pike                        |
| 5. A Christmas Quacker                 |
| 6. One that's deep pan, crisp and even |
| 7. Santa walking backwards             |
| 8. On the end of the armies            |
| 9. They ride an icicle                 |
| 10. Because your teeth chatter         |

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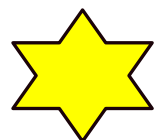
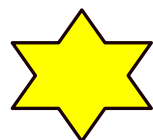
**Carol  
Wordsearch:**

Song Title: *Silent Night*

Words to Find:  
HEAVENLY, BRIGHT, SILENT, VIRGIN, MOTHER, INFANT, TENDER, HOLY, NIGHT, CALM, MILD, CHILD, SLEEP, PEACE

**Crossword:**

- Across**  
1. Pie 3. Sleigh 5. Party 8. Babe /Baby  
9. Elves 11. Alleluia 14. Greetings  
17. Gift
- Down**  
1. Present 2. Eggnog 4. Ham /Hat  
5. Xmas 7. YuleLog 8. Bells 10. Pine  
11. Magi 12. Sing 15. Noel 16. Sled





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