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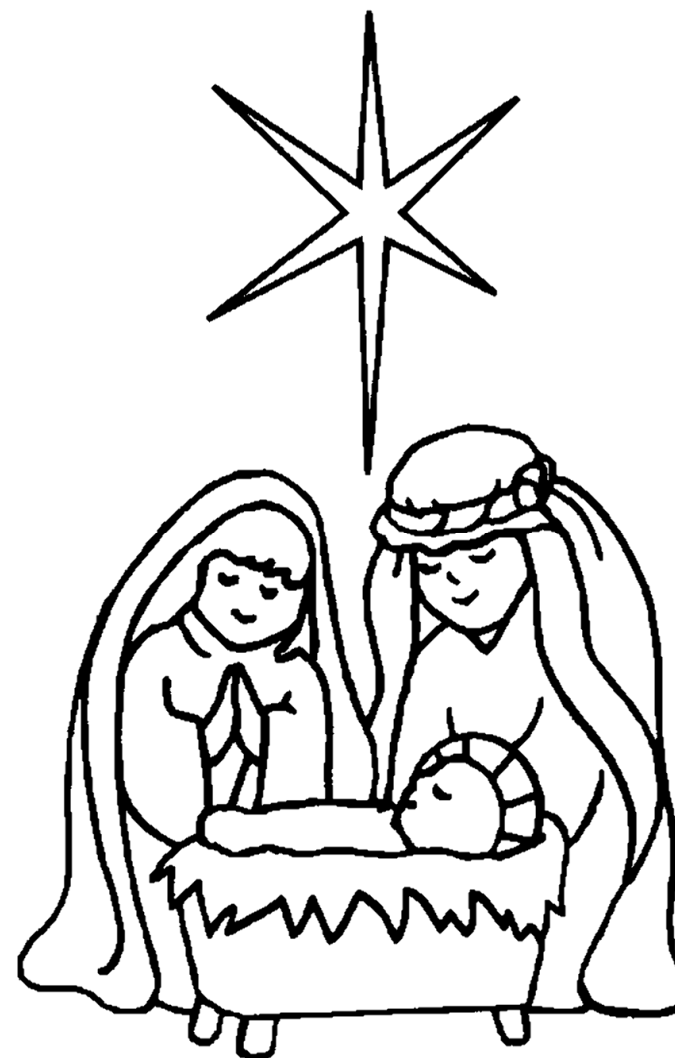
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The Benefice of Hedon, Paull, Sproatley and Preston Benefice Bulletin



Tony and I recently drove to Dover. I won't bore you with the reasons, but we decided to leave shortly after 7pm, which should have allowed us to arrive a little before midnight. I booked a hotel that sounded 'quait naice' and they assured me that a midnight arrival was no problem. Off we went!

Everything was fine until we were a little way down the A1(M) when the carriageway was closed and we were diverted. We coped with it, returned to the motorway and carried on. I was a little bothered about the hotel because I didn't know how big it was and whether the desk was manned all night. What would happen if we arrived after midnight? I phoned- no answer. Again- no answer. Ultimately an apologetic lady picked up the phone and assured me that whatever time we arrived they would be waiting for us.

We drove on and were diverted twice more. We went through lots of little places that were, no doubt, delightful if we'd been able to see them in the dark and through the fog and the rain. Tony was continually directed and redirected by the imperturbable satnav lady, and I supplied him constant encouragement. You could almost hear the grinding of his teeth, poor man!

Around 2.30 am we arrived. What had kept us going was the knowledge that that hotel was waiting for us in Dover, whatever time we arrived.

Advent is a bit like that. We're waiting for Christmas, yes, but we're also waiting for something else, and that something else is the return of Christ, bringing God's Kingdom in all its wonderfulness. The word is a difficult place, and certainly not as God or humanity wants it to be. A few moments thought will remind you of just how much suffering there is. It's depressing, life can be difficult, but we must keep going, and at the end of the journey there's more than a nice hotel- there's the wonderful world God has in store for us. Let's pray for the full coming of God's Kingdom.



The poster features a festive design with a red and green floral border at the top and bottom. In the center, two golden bells are tied with a red ribbon and surrounded by holly leaves and berries. On either side of the bells is the logo for St Augustine's Church Hedon, which depicts a church building with a cross and a group of people. The text is centered and reads:

Christmas Fair
3rd December 2022
Time: 10am -3pm
At: St Augustine's Church Hedon
Home Made Cakes + Preserves -Bric-a-Brac,
Craft work, Old books, Jewellery, Tombola + more
Christmas Refreshments
Hand bell ringers

Saturday 3rd December and Saturday 11th December
Refreshments and tombola
Family Friendly with lots to see

Christmas Carols with the Christmas Story
Sunday 11th December at 11-15am
St Andrew's Church, Paull. Please come along and support your
church. Family Friendly

St Swithin's Church, Sproatley

- Coffee Mornings second and fourth Mondays of the month in the Village Hall, 10.00am to 11.30am. All welcome. **NO** coffee morning on 26 December.
- Church open five days per week, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at least between 10.00am and 4.00pm, and Sunday afternoons until 4.00pm, subject to services taking place (regular and occasional).

All Saints Preston

Preston Church is open on Saturday Mornings for
Coffee/Tea and Biscuits and CHAT
All Welcome
Church's Together Hedon and District
Service of Readings and Carols for Advent
All Saints Church Preston
Sunday 4th December 6-00pm
Refreshments

December Service Schedule.

Friday 2nd December Evening Prayer at Hedon- 6-00pm

Sunday 4th December
Hedon Holy Communion 9-30am
Sproatley Morning Prayer 9-30am
Preston Service of Readings and Carols 6-00pm

Wed 7th December Celtic Eucharist at Hedon- 10-00am
Friday 9th December Evening Prayer at Hedon- 6-00pm

Sunday 11th December
Hedon Holy Communion 9-30am
Preston Joint Service at the Methodist Church 10-30am
Sproatley Holy Communion 11-15am
Paull Carol Service 11-15am

Tuesday 13th December, WI Carol Service at Preston- 7-00pm.
Wednesday 14th December Celtic Eucharist at Hedon- 10-00am

Sunday 18th December
Hedon Morning Prayer, 9-30am
Preston and Sproatley joint Holy Communion at Preston, 9-30am
Preston Christingle 6-00pm.

Wednesday 21st December Celtic Eucharist at Hedon- 10-00am
Wednesday 21st December Carol Service at Hedon- 7-00pm
Friday 23rd December Evening Prayer at Hedon- 6-00pm
Saturday 24th December Carols and Readings at Preston-6-00pm
Saturday 24th December Carol Service at Sproatley- 6-00pm
Saturday 24th December Midnight Mass at Hedon- 11-30pm

Sunday 25th December
Sproatley benefice Holy Communion, 10-00am.

January 2023.

Sunday 1st January
Hedon 9-30am Holy Communion
Sproatley 9-30am Morning Prayer
Preston 6-00pm Holy Communion.

Wed 4th January Celtic Eucharist at Hedon- 10-00am
Friday 6th January Evening Prayer at Hedon- 6-00pm

Sunday 8th January
Hedon Holy Communion 9-30am
Preston Joint service at Methodist Church 10-30am
Sproatley Holy Communion 11-15am
Paull Morning Prayer 11-15

Wednesday 11th January Celtic Eucharist at Hedon- 10-00am
Friday 13th Evening Prayer at Hedon- 6-00pm

Sunday 15th January
Hedon Morning Prayer 9-30am
Preston and Sproatley joint Holy Communion at Preston 9-30

Wednesday 18th January Celtic Eucharist at Hedon- 10-00am
Friday 20th January Evening Prayer at Hedon- 6-00pm.

Sunday 22nd January
Hedon Holy Communion 11-15am

Preston and Sproatley Holy Communion 9-30 (joint service at
Sproatley)

Wednesday 25th October Celtic Eucharist at Hedon- 10-00am
Friday 27th October Evening Prayer at Hedon- 6-00pm.

Sunday 30th October
Benefice Communion 10-00am.

St Augustine's Hedon:

Pantry (foodbank) 10-30 to 12-00 noon every Thursday

Christmas Fair on 3rd December 10-00am to 3-00pm

Enjoy Christmas songs with professional tenor
Mark Baker at St Augustine's Church, Hedon
11th December at 3-00pm.
Admission £7.50 to include tea/coffee and cake.

St Andrew's Paull

Christmas Fayre. Saturday December 3rd 2022
11-00am till 3-00pm.
Santas Grotto, Crafts, Refreshments, tombola and cakes
16 stalls of fabulous gift ideas for Christmas
It would be lovely to see you, please pop along

You are invited to a Christmas Open Garden by Yvonne Elm at
Fletcher Gate, Hedon. 1-00pm till 4-00pm