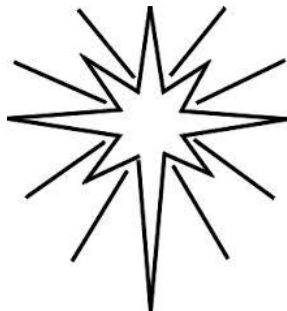
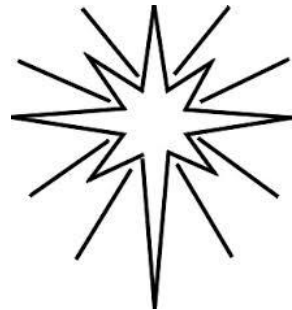
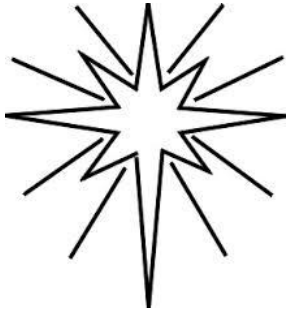


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Services

SUNDAY	09:00 HOLY EUCHARIST (BCP) 10:30 SUNG EUCHARIST	Coffee / lunch in the Hall
WEEKDAY	Tuesday at 19:30 Thursday at 10:30 Saturday 10:30	
	Confession by appointment with the clergy	

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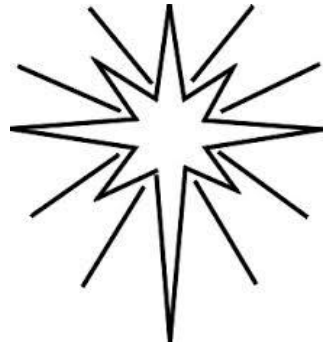
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The Chaplain writes

It is encouraging to have a good number of young people preparing for Confirmation - enough to make up two groups who will be exploring the Christian faith together before being presented to the Bishop at a Confirmation service at the end of January.

One thing is certain - the way young people think about faith and respond to it will be quite different from when most of us went to confirmation classes. We live in a digital age, an age of instant connection with friends and like minded people. There is a freedom to share ideas around the world which was unheard of in the past. Opinions are presented as facts; and anyone can present themselves as an expert or an authority on any and every subject. Nowhere is this more true than in the field of religion. Post a religious idea online and it immediately attracts a response - usually of condemnation or ridicule.

At our recent Archdeaconry Synod, Professor Grace Davie spoke about the role of religion, particularly in Western Europe. Here (and only here) the traditional religious narratives that drove our world view, and produced ideas such as free education for all, the welfare state, human rights and yes, the



European Union are almost all completely lost. This comes at a time when religion is the driving factor on the world stage. Our broadcasters, journalists, many of our politicians and almost all of those internet pundits no longer know how to talk about faith, or understand its role in human life. That means that in the west, we are losing our ability to relate to the vast majority of the world's people and their leaders.

This is the world in which our confirmation candidates are coming to faith. They will be asking questions such as "what difference does believing in God make?" "What sort of God do we believe in, and why is it important to get that right?" "Where do we look for reliable teaching about faith?"

Please remember them in your prayers. Take time to look at who they are - their photo's will be in church, to help you - and get to know them, because not only do they have much to explore and learn, but they have so much to teach us...

St Boniface M U Group

Caring for young and old

The St Boniface Mothers' Union is supporting NYUMBA YA WAZEE -a day care centre for elderly people in N.W. Uganda. The main goal of the project is to establish a practice of care where the elderly persons are exposed to ways through which they can improve their coping mechanisms, self-worth, self-esteem and management of their health challenges so as to live lives of dignity and contribute to community development.



For the younger ones, Sunday school now meets weekly, working towards special celebrations or feast days. Recent themes have been Harvest and All Saints. We are now focussing on Christmas and in particular the Children's Christmas Service, planned for Wednesday 21 December, 18h30. All are welcome to attend so please encourage friends and family to bring their little and not so little ones along. The service will last about 30 minutes and a sweet treat is promised afterwards.....

The dates for the next meetings will be available shortly. Would like to be included on the MU mailing list? Then please contact Lucy:

lucyjanehess@ymail.com

DIARY DATES

Remembrance Service with RBL	November 13th at 18:30	Check out the details and follow-up on events: Photos on boniface. be on Facebook or Twitter
Anglican Council for Belgium	November 19th at 10:30 at St George's Ieper	
Christmas Fayre St Boniface - see P6	November 26th 11 - 16:00	
Christmas bazaar MTS	Dec 3rd 11 - 16:00 Stella Maris -Italialei	
Pastoral visit of Bishop Norman and Bishop Robert	December 18th 10:30 Eucharist	St Boniface Anglican News will be published quarterly from now on. Up-to-date dates and news are always available on church notice boards, and on-line via Facebook, Twitter and the website.
Service of Lessons and Carols	December 18th at 18:30	
Christmas Services	See Page 6	
Sung Eucharist	January 1st 2017	
Confirmation by Bishop of Richborough	January 29th at 10:30 Buffet afterwards. Can you help?	

Christmas fayre - November 26th

This year our Christmas Fayre will take place in the church and Parish Hall from 11 to 16:00 on Saturday, November 26th. We really need your support on this day- please visit us and bring friends! There will again be a selection of stalls in the church and food and drink all day in the Hall. The heating will be on and we really look forward to offering you all a warm welcome!

Stalls include:

Christmas decorations *British Products* *Home Produce*

Christmas Puddings, cakes and mince pies *Bric-a Brac*

Tombola- prize every time *Trapp Soaps*

Handmade paper and Candles from Kluis van Moria

Christmas Cards and Advent calenders from Mothers' Union and MTS

Refreshments:

Coffee and cake from 11 *Lunch from 12 to 14:00* *Tea and Cake all afternoon*

Christmas services

Lessons and Carols: Sunday 18th December at 6-30pm
Children's Christingle: Wednesday 21st December at 6-30pm

Christmas

Midnight Mass: Saturday 24th December at 11-30pm
Mass of the Dawn: Sunday 25th December at 9am
Mass of Christmas day: Sunday 25th December at 10:30am

News from the parish

On Wednesday 2nd November we were delighted to host a study afternoon for ARK. Their speaker was Archbishop Joris Vercammen of the Old Catholic Church and he reflected on Guilt and Shame, Sins and Forgiveness. This afternoon rounded off the Year of Mercy.



Walsingham Pilgrimage 2017: This will be from 26 to 30 June. If you would like to join us, please see Ann Turner or Fr Andrew. To book a place we ask for a €25 non-returnable deposit. The final cost is between €350 and €400 depending on the exchange rate and mode of transport.

Congratulation to Rev'd Dr Paul Vrolijk, Chancellor of the Pro-Cathedral in Brussels, on his appointment as the Archdeacon for N.W. Europe.

Cleaning for Christmas. Please join us if you can for a cleaning day on Saturday 17th December when we will make the church sparkle for Christmas!

The Anglican Centre, Rome

In October the Anglican Centre in Rome celebrated its 50th birthday. "The centre is a living symbol of our Communion's commitment to the full visible unity of the Church. It stands for our desire to work collaboratively with all Christians for justice and peace in the world and for the flourishing of all God's children whatever their origin or status."

The Centre was established 50 years ago and offers a ministry of hospitality and prayer, provides educational opportunities and resources. It is there to foster dialogue, friendship and respect. Above all, its vision is of One Church, for one world - God's world.

Their celebrations co-incided with the 50th anniversary of the meeting between Archbishop Ramsey and Pope Paul VI and it also marked 20 years work on reconciliation by ARCIC II.

As Diocesan representative to the Anglican Centre I was privileged to participate in the week's discussions and prayer. If you can access the internet have a look at their website and please pray for their work. www.anglicancentreinrome.org.

Ann Turner

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