

# December 2010 Monthly Special

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## Service Pattern

4.00 & 6.00pm	Christingle Services
10.30am	Dec 26th All Age Communion
8.00am	BCP Communion (all, except 26th)
9.30am	All Age Communion (5th)
10.00am	Nativity Service (12th)

9.30am	Carols and Readings (19th)
11.15am	Matins (5th)
11.15am	Communion (12th)
11.15am	Carol Service (19th)
6.30pm	Nine Lessons and Carols (12th)
6.30pm	Community Carols by Candlelight (19th)

Most Wednesdays      Morning Prayers - at 9.30am  
    Coffee at 10.30am

"Saints and Signers" (Term Time) Tuesday at 10.00am

Thursday 16th at 9.30am- Communion in the Chapel

Fridays (Term Time) from 3.45pm A.S.K. Drop-in (Hall)

### **Calendar of Events -.**

**PLEASE PUT THEM IN YOUR DIARY!**

<b><u>When</u></b>	<b><u>What</u></b>
Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 3.30pm	Cedarwood After School Church
Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm	Digging Deeper
Dec 5 <sup>th</sup> at 4 and 6pm	Christingle Services
Dec 6 <sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm	Bible Study
Dec 7 <sup>th</sup> at 2.15pm	Mothers' Union Carol Service
Dec 9 <sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm	Standing Committee
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup> - T.B.D.	Cinematicus Live Special (inc. "Narnia")
Dec 12 <sup>th</sup> at 10.00am	Nativity Service
Dec 12 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm	Nine Lessons and Carols
Dec 13 <sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm	Heath After School Church
Dec 13 <sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm	Bible Study
Dec 16 <sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm	Cedarwood After School Church
Dec 16 <sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm	Film Evening ("Nativity")

Dec 17 <sup>th</sup> at 3.45pm	Drop In
Dec 19 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast Special
Dec 19 <sup>th</sup> at 11.15am	Farmhouse
Dec 19 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm	Community Carols by Candlelight
Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm	Crib Service
Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm	Crib Service
Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> at 11.30pm	Midnight Communion
Dec 25 <sup>th</sup> at 8.00am	Holy Communion
Dec 25 <sup>th</sup> at 10.00am	All Age Service
Dec 26 <sup>th</sup> at 10.30am	All Age Communion

### **Baptisms Weddings and Funerals in November**

#### Baptisms.

24th October	Samuel Alex Edmunds Oliver David Edmunds Molly Danielle Baystead Ellie Louise Baystead
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#### Weddings.

None

#### Funerals in Church.

4th November	Eileen Chambers
11th November	Lillian Banyard

## **God did create universe, says mathematician**

Professor Stephen Hawking is wrong to say that God didn't start the universe, believes an Oxford University maths professor. Prof John Lennox, a Christian academic who has debated Richard Dawkins three times, challenges Hawking's theory that gravity created the universe all on its own in his new book *God and Stephen Hawking: Whose Design is it Anyway?* Lennox says: 'If the mathematics is very beautiful and very elegant one can think, "Well, that's got to be true", but it doesn't necessarily have to be true.' He adds that life, as well as the universe, shows signs of God's design, particularly DNA, because 'inanimate matter, on its own, doesn't give rise to that kind of complexity'. DNA is 'a bit like the singularity of the Big Bang... Where God did something special.'

Source: *The Times* (17/11)

## **Major study shows believers are nicer than atheists**

Two political scientists have outlined their research on the effect of religion on American society, and it's not good news for the 'new atheists'. Authors like Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens claim that the world would be a better place if we gave up religion, but David Campbell and Robert Putnam's five-year study has found that religious people are 'better neighbours'. Writing in *USA Today*, the authors of *American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites Us All* found that 40 per cent of religious Americans regularly help the poor and elderly, compared with 15 per cent of unbelievers. Worshippers are also more likely to volunteer for school, youth, neighbourhood, civic and health-care activities, do a range of other good deeds and give more to charity.

Source: *Daily Telegraph* (16/11)