# CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT COPP AND INSKIP

## INSKIP ST PETER’S

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## COPP ST ANNE’S

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St. Peter
Inskip
St. Anne
Copp

Ordinary people called by Jesus to serve the community
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Great Eccleston
Tel: 01995 670386

Open: Tuesday—Saturday
9.15 am to 5.30 pm

Courtesy of lamesalumber.com
The nativity scene with all its characters was in place, as the children (representing angels), gathered around the manger. They sang: ‘Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will among men’. Suddenly a small girl on the edge of the crowd, who couldn’t see what was going on, shouted out, ‘Let Jesus show!’

At Christmas time, we want to let Jesus show, in our churches, communities and lives. We have an amazing message to share: ‘in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord’ (Luke 2:10). It was to the shepherds, apart from his parents, that Jesus was first showed.

No doubt these simple shepherds would have no idea of what the names given to Jesus fully meant (ie Saviour, Messiah and Lord). All they needed to know, and all we need to know, is that God has done something unique in coming to earth as a human being. This is good news of great joy for everybody!

After worshipping the child, the shepherds return to their normal routine. However, they would never be the same again! Even though their work and social standing were unchanged, they had a message to share and let Jesus show. Although we don’t normally see angels, we have the same good news to share! When Christmas is over and we’re back to our normal routines, how will we let Jesus show in our lives?

Both Copp and Inskip wish you all a very joyful Christmas and a happy New Year, on the back cover you will find all the services over the festive period please come and join in any of these and experience the joy of our Saviour’s Birth with us.

Gods Blessings to you all
Churchwardens
Our school is full of Busy Bees, Wise Owls, Super Squirrels and Tough Tortoises, though don’t worry we haven’t had a creature invasion; they’re our super Learning Heroes!

We encourage our youngest pupils to ‘take control of their learning’ through developing the characteristics of these hard working creatures.

**Busy Bees** work well both on their own and as a member of a team; they learn from each other and listen well. **Busy Bees** like to try new things and take responsibility for their learning; they share their thoughts and ideas, discussing problems and solutions. **Busy Bees** encourage everyone to take on a role and get involved, but they can also see when it is best to learn on their own. They are good listeners, empathise and value everyone’s ideas.

**Wise Owls** ask lots of questions and reflect on their learning, thinking carefully about how to overcome obstacles. They also like to solve problems and enjoy wondering about things and playing around with ideas just to see what happens. **Wise Owls** review and adapt to improve their learning and enjoy talking about the progress that they are making.

**Super Squirrels** are real problem solvers; before tackling a problem they think very carefully about any obstacles that might get in their way and how they can be successful. **Super Squirrels** take a step-by-step approach in their planning and always find an answer. They stop what they are doing and review their work to make sure they are on track, setting themselves targets and goals. Super Squirrels are independent and sort out their own belongings.

**Tough Tortoises** stick at a task and never give up, persevering at what they are doing and becoming totally absorbed in the task, overcoming barriers they may encounter including not getting distracted by others. **Tough Tortoises** are really good at noticing patterns and details.

As you can see our pupils are very busy as they develop these skills alongside reading, writing, maths and everything else. However we see every day in the classroom and out that becoming a Busy Bee, Wise Owl, Super Squirrel or Tough Tortoise helps develop every aspect of a child’s learning adventure. We are very proud of our animal learners!

Kate Leyland
Headteacher

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**Elswick Farmers Market**

In the Village Hall
Roseacre Road, Elswick

9 am until 1 pm

All local Vegetables, variety of Meat, Bread, Cakes & Pastries
Preserves, Honey and Garden Plants

Come and enjoy a Bacon Barm Cake
Tea and Coffee served in the Tea Room
A ward and friendly atmosphere

**Admission Free**

This market takes place upon the

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**INSKIP ST PETER’S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER

11am - 3pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME AND CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH US

WE WILL HAVE DELICIOUS FESTIVE FOOD SERVED ALL DAY

A CHRISTMAS QUIZ
Carol Singing

A SELECTION OF WREATHS AND DECORATIONS (TO ORDER FOR HOME DELIVERY IN DECEMBER)

THERE WILL ALSO BE A VARIETY OF BEAUTIFUL CRAFT STALLS, GAMES AND FESTIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE KIDS INCLUDING SLEIGH RACES, PARTY GAMES, FACE PAINTING AND CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE AS MANY OF YOU AS POSSIBLE TO CELEBRATE THIS MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR
**ST ANNE’S CHURCH FAMILY FILM NIGHT**

Come and join us for film night at Church on
**Friday 15th December at 7.00pm**

**CARS 3 (U)**

Suggested Donation: £7.50 (Adults) and will include a hotpot supper and a drink and £3 (Children) with a soft drink and Hot Dogs.

Tickets available from Paul (01253 353773) and Allison (07879467877)

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**CHRISTMAS SING!**

Do you enjoy a good sing song?

Come and join us for mulled wine and mince pies and an informal Christmas sing- a- long of lots of old favourites at 2pm on Thursday 14th December at the WI Hall in Great Eccleston.

Admission is free and all ages are welcome. No experience needed!

For more information or if you would like transport ring Allison on 07879467877

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**Christmas Home Communion**

If anyone is housebound and unable to come to Church and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact our Pastoral Visiting Team by phoning Margaret Wilcock on 01996 671413 for Copp or Mo Williamson 01772 690016 for Inskip

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**BIBLE READINGS**

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St Anne’s Church - Copp
‘Angel Festival’

Come and join in all the fun, as St Anne’s church hosts an ‘Angel Festival’ on the 15th, 16th & 17th December!!

Keep an eye out for the Angels as they start appearing!!!
We want as many entries as possible to furnish the church, so come and join us and be part of the festivities (further info to follow).

Friday Night 15th - Film Night keep a look out for the posters!

Saturday 16th between 1.00p.m. and 4.00p.m. the church will be open for you to vote for your favourite ‘Angel’ and will include:

Crafts (Messy Angels) – come and make an Angel
Angel Pictures – take a photograph of yourself with Angels Wings
Angel Fun Run (must wear your wings) along the Angel Trail.
Angel’s Café – serving up delicious Angel’s Cakes and Angel Nectar.
Angel’s Stall with Cards and small gifts.

Sunday 17th – Morning Worship with the Children’s Nativity and the presentation of the Angel of Angels

All donations received are to go towards the much needed church funds of St Anne Church.
Wiped out
Just got home and found all the windows and doors open and everything has gone. What kind of sick twisted person does that to someone's Advent calendar?

St.Peter’s, Inskip
Diary

DECEMBER
24th  9.30am  4th Sunday of Advent  Morning Service
       11.30pm  Midnight Communion
25th  11.00am joint service and Family Communion at St Anne’s
31st  11.00am 1st Sunday after Christmas  Joint Service at St. Anne’s

JANUARY
7th   9.30am  Epiphany  Holy Communion
14th  9.30am  2nd Sunday of Epiphany  Morning Service
21st  9.30am  3rd Sunday of Epiphany  Holy Communion
28th  9.30am  Candlemas  Holy Communion

FEBRUARY
4th   9.30am  3rd Sunday before Lent  Holy Communion
ST. ANNE’S, COPP

Diary

JANUARY

7th
11.00am 1st Sunday of Epiphany
       All Age Worship
6.30pm  Holy Communion

14th
8.30am 2nd Sunday of Epiphany
       Joint Service of Holy Communion at St. Anne’s
11.00am Morning Worship
6.30pm  Evening Prayer

21st
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
11.00am Morning Worship
6.30pm  Vestry Praise

28th
Candlemas
11.00am Holy Communion
6.30pm  Evening Prayer

ST. PETER’S, INSKIP

Diary

DECEMBER

2nd 11.00am Christmas Fayre at St. Peter’s School

3rd Advent Sunday & Gift Service
   9.30am Holy Communion

10th 2nd Sunday after Advent
     8.30am Joint Service of Holy Communion at St. Anne’s
     9.30am Morning Service

17th 3rd Sunday after Advent
     9.30am Carol Service

All faiths are NOT the same!

For many religions, God is considered unknowable – just a supreme power or presence ‘out there’ somewhere. Not so Christianity. The heart of the Christmas message is His coming to us in peace and love – as the Bible says: ‘The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.’ (John 1:4 RSV)

Jesus was born a baby, grew up amongst us, healed us, did many miracles, taught us, and then went on to die for us. He entered our time and our space, and we could approach Him and talk to Him. Jesus made clear that to see Him was to see the Father. What a wonderful God! He is the Creator of the Universe, but He is also Jesus, who calls us into a daily relationship of love and dependency upon Him.

Father of all good gifts, pray

Thank you for the greatest gift of all – your precious Son, Jesus. Thank you that He chose to live with us so that all who trust Him will one day live with you in peace and wholeness.

Help us Father, this Christmas, to keep you at the centre of our celebrations and, in the midst of all the busy-ness and rush, to know your presence and the peace that only you can give. And Lord, may we reflect your love to those who don’t yet know that you are real and alive and able to help, whatever their situation. In Jesus’ name,

Amen.
The BBC turns its attention to rural vicars

In a new six-part religion series, BBC Two is following the lives of country vicars at the heart of their rural communities in Herefordshire.

‘A Vicar’s Life’ will show how, from opening fêtes to marrying local couples, vicars are knitted into the fabric of country life. They act as a pillar of support in times of crisis and personal sorrow.

The series will span a six-month period, from Whitsun to Christmas, and explore how the vicar’s message of Christianity fits into an ever-changing 21st century. The series will also give a closer perspective on rural life, as seen through the eyes of the church. Village fêtes, shooting drives, and local issues - all served up with a heavy dose of humour, charity, and inspiring local leadership.

Pray with your shoes

With the rush of Christmas almost over, we tumble into the New Year, sleep for a couple of days, take down the decorations and plod back to work, school or our normal routines. There’s a pleasure about getting back to normality, but there’s also the challenge of looking forward to what the year will bring.

Not all of us want this new year. For some of us we know it will bring separations and loss: children growing up and moving away, family and friends moving on. For some of us it brings extra work as we take on new responsibilities, study for exams, look after others. For some we have to start again; to learn to be on our own, perhaps through moving away or the loss of those we have lived with for many years and decades.

Just for this month, while you put on your shoes, ask God to be with you in the day ahead. To walk ahead of you, to be by your side and close behind you: to surround you with his presence. For it is his day that we are walking into and not ours. Let his will be done, and not ours.

And then as you take your shoes off, see what you can thank God for from that day together. To help to remind you, why not leave a single shoe by the main door – that might get visitors asking too.

ST ANNE’S, COPP

Diary

DECEMBER

3rd
Advent Sunday
11.00am All Age Service
6.30pm Evening Prayer

10th
2nd Sunday of Advent
8.30am Joint Service of Holy Communion at St. Anne’s
11.00am Morning Worship
1.00pm Carols in the Square
6.30am Evening Service

14th
2.00pm Christmas Sing, WI Village Hall, Gt Eccleston

15th
7.00pm Film Night—Copp Church

16th
1.00pm Angel Festival—Copp Church

17th
3rd Sunday of Advent
11.00am Children’s Nativity and Angel Service
6.30pm Vestry Praise

24th
Christmas Eve
No Morning Service
3.00pm Crib Service
6.30pm Service of 9 Lessons and Carols
11.30pm Joint service Midnight Holy Communion at St Peter’s Inskip

25th
Christmas Day
11.00am Joint Service of Family Communion at St. Anne’s

31st
1st Sunday after Christmas
11.00am Joint service at St. Anne’s
6.30am Evening Prayer