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As we step into January and February, the season of Epiphany reminds us of divine revelation—when Christ was revealed to the nations. Yet, how often do we experience our own “epiphanies” that seem profound in the moment but quickly fade? Perhaps it’s the fleeting resolve of New Year’s resolutions or a sudden spiritual insight that loses its lustre amidst life’s busyness.

The irony of “epiphany” is that while we yearn for clarity and direction, God’s revelations often come quietly, in ordinary

moments. The Magi saw a star and followed it with faith, not certainty. Likewise, we are called to walk in trust, seeking Christ in the small, overlooked corners of our lives.

So, this season, let us embrace the deeper meaning of Epiphany—not as a moment of clever insight but as a journey of faith. May we open our hearts to God’s quiet whispers, trusting that He continues to reveal His presence, not always in flashes of brilliance, but in the steady light of His love. Let’s carry this spirit into these early months of the year, **finding joy in the irony that true epiphanies often come not when we expect, but when we’re ready to see.**



"For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

(Luke 18:14, NIV)

Places to be, and things to make and do

Not everything costs a lot of money...

Date	Services held at Long Buckby URC - Worship is lead by a team of ministers and lay preachers
All services at 11am unless otherwise stated	
05/01/2025	Margaret Hooper
12/01/2025	Rae Morrall
19/01/2025	Andrew Bodsworth with Holy Communion
26/01/2025	Martin Turnbull
02/02/2025	Andrew Howes Family Service
09/02/2025	Revd Jay Phelps with Holy Communion
16/02/2025	Ruth Osborne
23/02/2025	Revd Geoff Townsend
02/03/2025	Lucy Faulkner

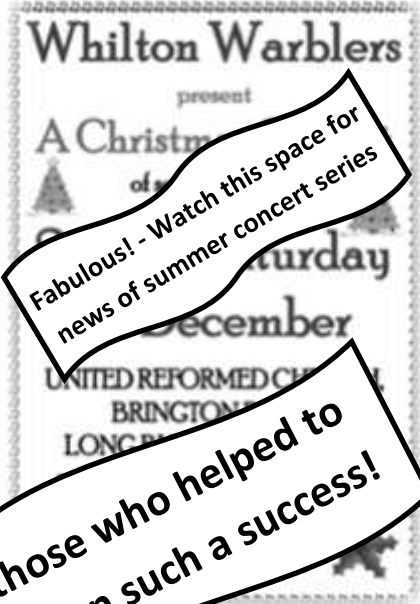
All-Age Advent Activity:

Get creative this winter by making eco-friendly crafts with leftover Christmas cards and wrapping paper! Start by cutting old Christmas cards into fun shapes like stars, hearts, or crosses. Punch a hole at the top of each shape to create unique bookmarks or gift tags that can be used throughout the year. You can also use colourful wrapping paper to decorate notebooks or make beautiful collages. Add Bible verses about creation, like Genesis 1:31, to reflect on how God made the world and called it good. This activity encourages children to think about caring for the Earth by reusing materials, reducing waste, and embracing sustainability. Not only does this craft promote environmental stewardship, but it also sparks creativity, allowing children to express their love for God's creation in fun, meaningful ways. As they craft, they'll be reminded of their role in caring for the world, and they'll have beautiful, personalized items to share with others. It's a great way to teach the importance of stewardship while having fun!



Coming up soon...

Up coming events, come along and join in



A big thank you to all those who helped to make our Christmas Season such a success!

Coffee Mornings

1st Saturday of every month

10am - 11:30am

Except January

1st February in aid of

Motor Neurone Disease



A packed church - thank you to all who attended!

Central to the village... Events space and hall hire

Your space for memorable events ...

Welcome to our charming **Small Hall**, perfect for intimate gatherings of up to 16 guests. This versatile space features an array of small tables and chairs, allowing you to create the ideal layout for your event. Amenities include convenient coffee and tea making facilities, a well equipped small kitchen, and a tidy WC, ensuring that all your needs are met for a comfortable experience. Whether it's a meeting, workshop, or celebration, our Small Hall provides the perfect backdrop for your occasion. Don't miss out on this fantastic venue!



Introducing our impressive **Large Hall**, a versatile space designed to accommodate a range of activities. Perfectly marked out for badminton, this expansive venue can comfortably host up to 16 large tables and 60 chairs, making it ideal for both events and sports activities. Enhancing the experience, you'll find a well equipped kitchen featuring a convenient water boiler and a Range Cooker, perfect for catering to your needs. Additionally, the Large Hall includes standard WC facilities as well as an accessible WC, ensuring comfort for all guests. This is an exceptional opportunity to secure a spacious venue that caters to both leisure and function—don't miss out!



Experience our stunning **Balconied Auditorium**, an impressive space with a larger capacity perfect for a variety of events. This elegant venue is used for worship every Sunday, providing a serene atmosphere for reflection and community connection. Beyond its regular use, the auditorium is also available for community events, public meetings, and concerts, making it a versatile choice for gatherings of all types. With its inviting design and excellent acoustics, this auditorium is sure to enhance any occasion. Don't miss the opportunity to make this remarkable space the backdrop for your next event!



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