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EDITORIAL

Welcome to your December 2006 issue of Magna, perfectly designed to be enjoyed at leisure on those cosy winter evenings, snuggled up in that favourite armchair by the fireside.

Mulled wine, mince pies and Magna Bliss!



We have much to interest in this seasonal edition including a reflective Advent message from Neil, an introduction to the forthcoming 2007 major series exploring the Ten Commandments, Richard Jameson's Diary of the Soul and Neil's Enquire Within, to name but a few. There are four pages of jollity to commemorate Johnny's landmark birthday and one page of sadness in our farewell to Brian and Margaret Bainbridge. You will also find details of the forthcoming Christmas craft market and a Scarlet and Lace "Come all Ye" Access fundraiser.

Sadly, Christmas as a celebration of the birth of Christ seems to have been almost washed away by a torrent of consumerism and greed. We must find the time to reflect and not lose sight of the true spiritual meaning. The Holy Cross programme of seasonal worship for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany can be found in the centre pages.

As always, the editorial committee welcomes contributions for Magna from all members of the congregation. The deadline for the January issue is Sunday 10th December 2006. Contributions may be sent by e-mail, placed in the Magna pigeon hole in the New Church, or handed to a member of the editorial committee.