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A very warm welcome to your December Magna.

This edition of MAGNA looks forward to Advent, Christmas and Epiphany – in the centre pages you will find full details of the Holy Cross seasonal worship. Our Rector Neil asks the question, “When does Christmas begin for you?” and Betti Thomas shares with us a ‘Boomerang Greeting’.

We remember Violet Alexander R.I.P. a long standing member of the Holy Cross Church and her qualities of caring, commitment and consideration.

Gary Marsh compares the Remembrance Day ceremony at Hythe in Kent with Greenford's. Neil's 2009 series 'Poems that shaped me' draws to a close. We look forward to Neil's new series for 2010, where he will be presenting a selection of his own poetry with comment and background.

And of course there's plenty more inside this bumper edition, including posters for the Craft Market and Christmas Come All Ye! We hope you will enjoy this bumper edition of MAGNA.

We wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2010.

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