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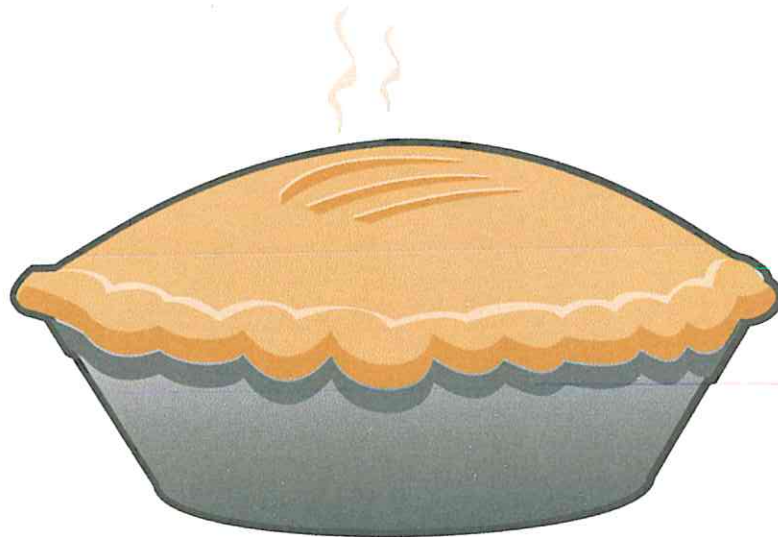
Quiz Night in January

Stuart and Ann Adams invite you to join them for a fundraising quiz night on Monday 20th January 7.00 pm in the Parish Room.

Pie and peas will be served. Dietary requirements can be organised on request.

Tickets will be on sale at the end of December from Ann and Julie at £7.00 per ticket.

All proceeds will go towards the **NewBold** Building Project.



PLEASE NOTE: the change of date for the

Coffee Morning for January only is now

SATURDAY 11TH

10 – 12 noon

2020 Vision

Dear all,

I write this magazine introduction as the season of Advent is drawing to an end. The Christmas preparation is in full swing, and so the possibility for time for reflection (one of the primary foci of Advent) is becoming ever more difficult. However, reflect we must in order to take stock of where we are as a church community, and where we want to be...

The season of Advent looks back in order to look forward. As I referenced in my sermon for Advent 1, Theologian Ben Witherington puts it this way:

'Here, as is always the case, God reveals enough about the future to give us hope, but not so much that we do not have to live and walk by faith day after day.'

Looking back on 2019...

New Faces

It has been great, these past 12 months, to welcome new faces to all of our services (8am, 9.30 & 11). These new faces have brought with them a sense of enthusiasm and encouragement as well as a sense that God is at work .

Schools work

We have this year welcomed pupils from Dunston, Cavendish and our Church School, to 'Experience Easter' and to other services in church. We have also strengthened our links through assemblies, new governors and working in partnership through Newbold Church School's families worker. It was a real pleasure to have their parenting classes in the Parish Room!

Curate & Student

It has also been great to welcome Revd Rhoda Blackwell as our curate and Mel Hartley as an ordinand in training on placement. They have both added a sense of vibrancy to our services and the day to day ministry in the parish. They both have significant skills, and I am looking forward to continuing to work with them in 2020.

For those who ask: Rhoda's curacy will be 3-4 years, and Mel will be with us until she is ordained in Summer 2021.

Community

Our community events, such as coffee mornings, Summer Fete & Christmas Fair, have helped us once again to connect with the parish and offer opportunities for us to bless our community. Our various other groups also offer a place to meet others and share fellowship together.

2020 Vision...

What might be God's vision for his church here in Newbold in 2020 and beyond?

Community Links

We have the opportunity to build on the links we currently have within our community. We have the potential to deepen our relationships with individuals, and organisations, and to make new ones!

Parish Centre

The vision for our new parish centre is primarily that it be a place for community links to be fostered. A place where people meet with each other and with God. A place where we can deepen our faith and our friendships. And this vision is getting closer! By the new year we should have the planning permission in place to enable us to instruct our architects to put the project out to tender. Please pray for its progression.

Church School

The vision for our church school is to continue to foster the links already there. Both Mel and Rhoda will be getting involved in more school based activities, alongside myself. Also, the School Mass will be having a relaunch in the new year, with pupils coming to church for 'Eucharist Journey' - a series of interactive stations explaining holy communion. It is hoped that this will lead to pupils wanting to take communion both at school and church.

The 11 o'clock service

A key vision for 2020 is to build on our fledgling 11 o'clock service. Building relationships with those who might not ordinarily 'do' church. With this in mind, the 11 o'clock service will be changing its pattern of worship in January so that it will now happen three times per month (on the first 3 Sundays). This will include an all-age service of holy communion on the first Sunday. Although this will be initially trialed until the summer, we hope it will continue beyond that and bring a much needed stability to this congregation.

Traditional church

The vision for our other services is to continue to be an authentically traditional Anglican expression of worship. To be a place of encounter with God, a place of learning and a place where we are held in prayer.

What next??

While I can see potential and opportunity all around me, sometimes it is difficult to know how to react to it. We will need to pray regularly for God's mission in Newbold, and to take action when prompted. We will need to put up with some upheaval, especially once the builders move in. We will need to commit ourselves afresh to our church, community and parish. Most importantly, we will need to remain faithful to God's call on our lives.

So as 2020 approaches I pray that we would have clearer vision of God's plans for us and for his church.

A Collect prayer for the New Year:

*God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
whose years never fail
and whose mercies are new each returning day:
let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives,
warming our hearts and giving light to our minds;
that we may pass the coming year
in joyful obedience and firm faith;
through him who is the beginning and the end,
your Son, Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

A miracle in town

What an absolute cracker the KS1 nativity is this year. The children performed a dress rehearsal to KS2 on Friday, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A miracle in town tells the story of the very first Christmas and is narrated beautifully by some of the Year 2 children who speak clearly and confidently. Other children from Year 2 take the main roles of Mary, Joseph, Angel Gabrielle, kings and shepherds all the while being thoroughly supported by their peers in Year 1 and EYFS who take the roles of angels, stars townsfolk, camels and other extra roles.

All of the children speak with such confidence and have made a real effort to learn their lines – most impressive! The songs are fantastic and the children sing with such joy and enthusiasm, accompanied by a selection of very enthusiastic instrument players!

The costumes this year are outstanding and the finale, when all the children are on stage together to sing a final song, is a sparkling, enchanting, magical moment that put me, and I'm sure the rest of the audience, well and truly into the Christmas mood!

Well done to the KS1 staff - your efforts have certainly paid off!

Bringing Christmas cheer to Tesco!

The Year 6 children, accompanied by myself and Mrs Slater, walked down to Tesco on Wednesday afternoon to sing carols and bring a bit of festive cheer to shoppers and staff!

We pitched up inside the entrance in our festive hats (a mixture of Santas, elves and Christmas puddings!) and despite a rather noisy air conditioning unit, the odd gust of wind blowing through the door and the rattle of trolleys being taken and returned, we

managed to sing around a dozen carols and Christmas songs to the general public and a small gathering of parents.

Mrs Slater took the lead from her position in front of the keyboard and the children sang beautifully and definitely brought a smile to many faces.

It was a bit of a wet walk back to school but the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were delighted to have raised £107 for school funds.

Well done to all who took part.

Christingle Celebration

It was a hive of activity in classrooms last Wednesday morning as the children made Christingles ready for the celebration service in church.

The whole school attended church in the afternoon and were joined by a great number of parents and family members – it was a delight to see the church so crowded!

The Year 6 class led the service with readings and prayers which they read both clearly and confidently.

Rev Rhoda spoke about the significance of the Christingle celebration and led the children in lighting their Christingles which is always such a special part of the service.

There were a number of carols that were beautifully sung and the whole atmosphere was happy and festive – a great start to the run up to Christmas!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at NCS.

Claire Riley (Y4 teacher).

Congratulations to all the children and staff for all their hard work which produced a sparkling performance of 'A Miracle in Town' for those of us privileged to attend. The children spoke, sang, and did the actions perfectly, and with great enthusiasm. You can be very proud of your efforts.

BISHOP'S BADGES, St. Thomas' Church, Brampton

It was a delight to read that Marie and Tony Witham of St. Thomas' church were both presented with the Bishop's Badge in September. Tony's was for involvement with Street Pastors, Marie for Leadership of Knit & Natter and both for their contribution to many aspects of church life.

Many of our readers will remember Marie and Tony Witham who attended our church and organised the annual trip to Walsingham.



Their son, Chris and daughter-in-law, Rachel live in Cinderford In the Forest of Dean. Chris is a Reader for Gloucester Diocese and Church Warden at St. Stephen's Church, Cinderford.

Their daughter, Kat, is a curate at St. Matthews Church, Burnley and will be priested on 27th June 2020. She will continue to serve as a curate at St. Matthews until 2023. Her ordination on 29th June 2019 was held at Blackburn Cathedral.



Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Proverbs 3: 5-6

NEWBOLD WOMEN'S GROUP

On 4th December we held our Carol Service in church, with Ben kindly leading the prayers and Stuart playing the organ, again entertaining us with a lovely medley of Christmas music, so our thanks to both of them. Several members gave the readings, reminding us of what Christmas is actually about in the telling of the original story.

We then continued the evening in the Parish Room, with delicious refreshments, to which everyone had contributed. Mavis again provided the music and a quiz, the first part being to identify pantomime characters from just the consonants in their name, some proved quite tricky. The second part was to name people, places and things which all had a connection with Christmas in their name, again some were challenging, but added to the enjoyment of the evening.

There will not be a meeting in January, as New Year's Day falls on a Wednesday, so the next meeting will be on Wednesday, 5th February 2020, when Steve Franks will give a presentation on Barcelona, with particular reference to La Sagrada Familia, the unfinished but spectacular cathedral.

Trish Law, Committee Member
Tel: 450407

200 CLUB

The Club winners for November 2019 were as follows:-

First prize	(£33)	A Blanksby	(Number 128)
Second prize	(£16)	D Such	(Number 63)
Third prize	(£6)	J Drake	(Number 55)

New members are always welcome. Please contact either Richard Peet (Tel. 520697) or Stephen Hewitt (Tel. 275225) for more information.

Next month's draw will be on Sunday 26th January 2020

CRAFT GROUP

At the November Craft meeting we were pleased with the result of our efforts at the Christmas Bazaar and enjoyed a morning of 'doing our own thing' after the last few months being spent getting ready for the craft sale – disappointing – and our own Christmas Bazaar.

Ena and Evelyn did a session between them as Ena cut out bunting for Evelyn and when she arrived part way through the morning Ena relinquished the scissors and went home with a curtain to unpick and recycle into bunting. Also cutting out bunting was Maureen. I was cutting out too but it was nightwear – being unable to find what I wanted in any shop I decided to use my long unused dressmaking skills once more. The rest of the group were knitting. I particularly admired the hedgehogs Beryl was making.

There will not be a meeting in December as it would be too close to Christmas but meetings resume in the New Year on January 25th. We are hoping to have some demonstration days during the course of the year where members will show their particular crafts to those who wish to come along plus a workshop for a Christmas decoration towards the end of the year.

Christine Wieloch

The new year stands before us like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written.

Take a leap of faith and begin this wondrous new year by believing.

THE NORTHERN SAINTS.

St Chad was one of Lastingham's three saints: Cedd, Chad, and Ovin. Lastingham has been a place of Christian life and prayer since AD 654 when Cedd, the brother of Chad, founded a monastery there.

The monastery was originally built of wood, wattle or similar materials, but after Cedd's death during a time of plague in 664, the abbacy of the monastery was bequeathed to Chad who built the first stone church dedicated to the Blessed Mother of God. Four hundred years later in 1087 the Norman crypt was built over the site of the first stone church, the holy burial place of Cedd, where a red light burns today. St Mary's church is one of the 'Major Parish Churches' of the Church of England and the crypt is said to be one of England's holiest places.

Both Cedd and Chad became bishops, and their brothers Cynibel and Caelin became famous priests.

The current vicar of Lastingham is Bishop Bill Godfrey, a son of Chesterfield, who wrote a guide to Lastingham's festival of the Northern Saints held in the summer of 2019. He has kindly allowed the use of the material for a short series in the Evangelist, beginning with the Venerable Bede.

ST BEDE THE VENERABLE. Monk and Doctor of the Church

Bede's writings give us a window into the life and witness of the Celtic Church in England and the Northern Saints. Without them, especially his famous book, 'A history of the English Church and its People' a large part of the knowledge of our history and its holy men and women, would be lost, or at most very sketchy.

Bede was born in Northumbria around AD673 and writes about himself:

I was born on the lands of this monastery, and on reaching seven years of age I was entrusted by my family [to the Abbot of the monastery] for my education. I have spent all of the remainder of my life in this monastery and devoted myself entirely to the study of the Scriptures.

And while I have observed the regular discipline and sung the choir offices daily in church, my chief delight has always been in study, teaching and writing.

I was ordained deacon in my nineteenth year, and priest in my thirtieth.... From the time of my receiving the priesthood until my fifth-ninth year, I have worked, both for my benefit and that of my brethren, to compile short extracts from the works of the venerable Fathers on Holy Scripture and to comment on their meaning and interpretation. [Book 5, A History of the English Church and People]

Although Bede felt the English Church should be under the Authority of Rome, he had a deep love of the Celtic Saints, especially Aidan and Cuthbert. He could clearly see the power of God in the holiness of their lives and spiritual depth, longing to share this inspiration with his readers. He also had a love of the Scriptures, mathematics and science, rightly carrying the title Doctor of the Church.

In 682 Bede moved to the monastery at Jarrow, where he lived until his death in 735.

After his death his remains were stolen from their burial place and taken to Durham Cathedral where they remain today. Legend has it that it was angels who inscribed the word VENERABLE after his name on the grave slab.

Bede was made a saint in 1899

Give us O God, the vision which can see your love in the world in spite of human failure.

Give us the faith to trust your goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness.

Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts.

And show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming of the day of universal peace.

Frank Borman, Apollo 8 space mission 1968



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THOUGHTS ON BIBLE SUNDAY

On the last Sunday in October we celebrated the festival of Bible Sunday. During the 9.30am service, I had just 10 minutes to sum up the most amazing set of books that has ever been written—66 of them to be precise, by 40 or so authors, written over a timespan of about 1000 years.

Ena read for us the portion of Isaiah (45. 22–end) from the set lectionary reading in *Latin*. Why did I ask her to do that?

Before the reformation Latin is all you would have heard in church. The scriptures and all the liturgy of the service was in Latin, which, by then, was a language restricted to the learned and only about 10% of the population understood it.

The Latin version of scripture, the Vulgate, had been in use in the church for about 1000 years. Ironically, Vulgate actually means, in the vernacular, in the language of the people. It was the common spoken language in the Roman Empire when Jerome translated the original Biblical languages of Hebrew and Greek into Latin in the 4th Century.

It wasn't until the development of the printing press and the Reformation that scripture began to be translated into other languages.

The English version of the Bible that was later authorised for use in churches was commissioned by King James the first. The preface includes a note from the translators to the Reader, which, I think, beautifully sums up what understanding can do for us—

*Translation it is that opens the window, to let in the light;
that breaks the shell, that we may eat the kernel;
that puts aside the curtain, that we may look into the most holy
place;
that removes the cover of the well, that we may come by water.*

And earlier, Luther, in translating the Bible for the common people, established the following guidelines—

We do not have to inquire of the literal Latin, how we are to speak German, rather we must inquire about this of the mother in the home, the children on the street, the common man in the marketplace. We must be guided by their language, the way they speak, and do our translating accordingly.

So it seems that all these translators were concerned about the reader being able to understand.

What does the Bible say about understanding?

For me, one of the key stories about understanding is the day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit came, and as the apostles preached, everybody heard in their mother tongue. They probably all had a smattering of Greek which was the international language of the day, and the language that the New Testament scriptures were later written in. Yet, God chose to speak to each one of them in their mother tongue. For me, it's about truly understanding, in their heart and soul, not just with their minds.

In the ordination service, the bishop states that the Church (and that's all of us), professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation.

So, each of us has a responsibility in our generation to enable others to hear the message of the Christian faith, the good news of Jesus, in a way that they understand. We can't just sit behind our traditions and things that are familiar to us. If these things are not reaching others, we need to try something different. We won't get it right all the time, but that is no reason to not try. The Romans reading (Rom. 15. 1–6) is all about our rights versus our responsibilities. In everything we need to take the attitude of Jesus, denial of self and active love of our neighbour.

And what is the faith of the church, the good news, the salvation we are offered?

We have the answer in our reading from Luke's gospel (Luke 4. 16–24). Jesus quotes from the prophet Isaiah:

*“The Lord’s Spirit has come to me,
because he has chosen me to tell the good news to the poor.
The Lord has sent me to announce freedom for prisoners,
to give sight to the blind, to free everyone who suffers,
and to say, ‘This is the year the Lord has chosen.’”*

and then Jesus goes on to say that today this is fulfilled in your sight.

This scripture shows us that the salvation Jesus brings can't just be spiritualised, nor can it just be seen as social reform. Jesus came to offer us spiritual restoration, reconciliation to God, moral transformation, and also rescue from things that oppress us. It's a ministry to all dimensions of human need both material and spiritual. Is that the reality that we are offering others?

Back to our reading of scripture. The translators of the King James Version said that *‘a variety of translations is profitable for the finding out of the sense of the Scriptures’*. They were never hung up on just one translation.

Those of us with English as our first language are so privileged. We have any number of translations to read and compare. The NRSV we use in our services aims to be both a technically accurate and a readable version, and is a good first point of call. But, there are a number of other versions that aim to be more readable in English, and I particularly like the ‘Contemporary English Version’ and also the paraphrase version ‘The Message’.

We want to read, to hear, to understand and to share. Or as our collect prayer for today puts it, *‘to hear, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest’* scripture. Why? So that we can embrace and hold fast to the hope we have in Jesus.

Or as Bishop Libby prays at the beginning of her sermons, that through our study of the written word we may see the living word, Jesus.

The apostle Paul talks about scripture being inspired, God-breathed. As we read it, we pray that God's spirit will inspire us, that we will breath in something of God and be changed.

I'd love for us all to be enthused this morning about understanding more of God from our reading and hearing scripture, and then thinking how we might explain our faith to others.

Every blessing

Rhoda

The collect prayer for the last Sunday of Trinity or Bible Sunday

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FOOD BANK

The foodbank has told us that the following items are in short supply and would be particularly welcome:

UHT milk, juice, small jars of coffee, canned tomatoes and canned meat. Items can be donated at your local supermarket or in the box in church.

THE MONDAY CLUB

The Monday Club programme for January 2020 is as follows:

- 6th Social Afternoon in the Parish Room at 1.45pm
- 13th Trip to the Pomegranate Theatre "CATS". Meet there at 10.45 for the 11am show
- 20th Games or Quiz in the Parish Room at 1.45pm
- 27th A meal out 12pm – venue to be arranged

New members are very welcome to join this friendly club so please give us a try if you think this may be for you.

If you would like to know more about the group please speak to Margaret Beasley, the leader, who is more than willing to give you information about what we do.

Our members wish the congregation and readers of the magazine a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

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JAMS & CHUTNEY

Ruth has the following jams and Chutney for sale at £2 per jar, they can be delivered. See her in church or RING 450797 to order.

CHUTNEY - Plum, Spicy squash, Beetroot, Gooseberry.

JAM - Red Currant Jelly, Plum, Raspberry, Gooseberry, Blackcurrant, Mixed Fruit, BlackBerry.

All the proceeds will go to the NEWBOLD Building Project.

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From the Registers

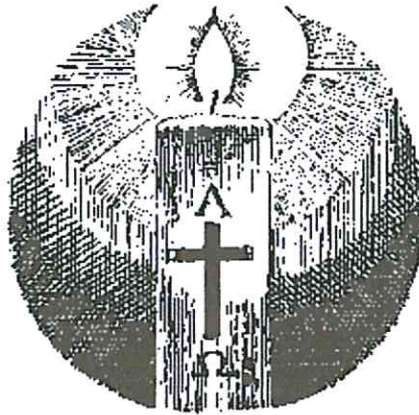
Funerals

4 Dec Terence Newell aged 74
10 Dec Anthony Oldfield aged 82

Churchyard [burial or interment of ashes]

29 Nov Brian William Roberts
4 Dec Jean May Hardy
9 Dec Dorothy Bower

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



Let the just rejoice
For their Justifier is born.
Let the sick and infirm rejoice
For their Saviour is born.
Let captives rejoice for their Redeemer is born.
Let slaves rejoice
For their Master is born.
Let free men rejoice
For their Liberator is born.
Let all Christians rejoice
For Jesus Christ is born.

St. Augustine of Hippo AD 354 -440

DIARY FOR JANUARY 2020

1	W		Bank Holiday
5	S		The Epiphany (S1)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		11.00	11 O'Clock Service
		12.00	Walking Group
6	M		First Day of Church School Term
		13.45	Monday Club [PR]
7	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
8	W	09.30	Morning Prayer
11	Sa	10.00	Coffee Morning (till 12.00) [PR]
12	S		Baptism of Christ (S2)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		11.00	11 O'Clock Service
13	M	10.45	Monday Club Trip to Theatre
14	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
		14.30	Churches Together in Newbold Meeting [St Andrews]
		19.30	Fellowship Group [PR]
15	W	09.30	Morning Prayer
18	Sa	09.00	Churchyard Morning [to 12.00]
		10.30	Men's Group [PR]
19	S		Epiphany 2 (S3)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		11.00	11 O'Clock Service
		18.00	Service of Christian Unity [St Andrews]
20	M	13.45	Monday Club [PR]
		19.00	Quiz Night [PR]

21	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
		14.00	Pastoral Group Meeting [PR]
22	W	09.30	Morning Prayer
25	Sa	10.00	Coffee & Craft Morning (until 12.00)
26	S		Epiphany 3 (S4)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		11.30	Baptism
27	M	12.00	Monday Club Meal Out [PR]
		19.30	P.C.C. Meeting [PR}
28	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
29	W	09.30	Church School Assembly

COFFEE MORNING

This month's Coffee Morning is on Saturday, January 11th 2020

10.00 until 12.00

in the Parish Room

Please invite folks to come!

Everyone welcome

***Items for the February Magazine
to the editors by Sunday, 19th January
2020, please.***

WORD OF THE MONTH

Ortanique

**A citrus fruit produced by crossing an orange and a tangerine
(from orange and tangerine and unique)**



The 11 o'clock service

January marks a big change to the 11 o'clock service.

From Sunday 5th January, we will be introducing a pattern of three services a month:

1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays

The 1st Sunday will be an all-age holy communion service, with the 2nd and 3rd Sundays being a service of the word. We hope that this will allow for more consistency in its pattern of worship, and allow for a broader worship experience for those attending.

Christenings will now happen on 4th & 5th Sundays at 11.30am, or in the 11 o'clock service itself if requested.

The 11 o'clock services in January:

5th January - Holy Communion

12th January

19th January

This also coincides with a change to our communion admission policy. Following permission from Bishop Libby, we will be allowing children who have been baptised, and had sufficient preparation, to be admitted to holy communion prior to confirmation. This will also open up our school mass to allow more pupils to take part once they have been prepared.

CHRISTMAS CARDS 2020

The Fundraising group is planning to sell packs of Christmas cards for Christmas 2020 to raise funds for the NewBold Building Project and to do this we need your creative ideas.

We invite you to design a Christmas card for 2020 based on a 148mm* square. Your design could be a piece of art work or a photograph. We can make it bigger or smaller when it goes to print if this will help you in your design.

It may seem like we are planning well ahead of time, however while you are in the Christmas mood and Christmas still fresh in the memory what better time to do something with your ideas and inspiration.

We would like to have packs of 10 cards. In each pack there would be 4 or 5 designs. We would like a mix of adult and children designed cards. The designs taken to print will be chosen by the NewBold Building fundraising group.

For more information please speak to Julie.

*Size guide: if an A4 sheet of paper is folded in half the shorter side measures 148mm the width of an Evangelist page!





The 11 o'clock service

On Christ the King on 24th November

Mel led the service. We sang Crown Him with Many Crowns; The Splendour of the King and Build your Kingdom here. Mel spoke about following Jesus as our King and drew a chalk line down the aisle. After blindfolding Daniel from our Youth Group, he walked along the line.

On the Second Sunday of Advent (8th December)

Ben led the service. We sang Come thou long expected Jesus, You alone can Rescue and Build your Kingdom here. Ben spoke about Advent not being Christmas but a time of hope as we prepare for the birth of Christ. We watched an Advent video.

Please join us for our contemporary January services.

Sunday 5th January – Holy Communion - Epiphany

Sunday 1th January – Service of the Word

Sunday 19th January – Service of the Word

Please note our new Pattern of Worship from January 2020

First Sunday of the month: Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m.

Second Sunday: Service of the Word at 11.00 a.m.

Third Sunday: Service of the Word at 11.00 a.m.

All services are informal and suitable for ages 0 – 100+

Everyone welcome and refreshments follow along with crafts/activities for children and the young at heart.

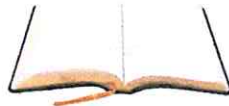
WANTED

Heather Peet will accept any unwanted Christmas Presents to use on a stall at the fete. Dated goods (e.g. biscuits/chocolates) would be useful at other fundraising events e.g. coffee mornings/quizzes/concerts.

Discretion assured either bring to church in January or ask Heather to collect.

THE BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th January. Please join us for an informal look at a bible passage and a discussion on its themes. We are currently working our way through Ephesians. Newcomers welcome. Start at 7.30 p.m. and finish at 9.00 p.m. refreshments are available.



Future Tuesday Dates: 11th February, 10th March

SAVE THE DATE – Saturday 21st MARCH 2020

A musical evening with the local talented musician/songwriter, Adam McCullough. Adam does cover versions from all decades in addition to some of his own material.

It promises to be a good evening entertaining all generations. All details will be finalised by the February Evangelist (if not before).

WITHOUT BORDERS

Richard Peet

What a wonderful inspiring evening we had on 15th December.

We listened to and sang Christmas Carols and other songs with rock, pop and contemporary music.

We sang carols with a twist in worship set in a wonderful atmosphere.

The musicians were superb as were the vocals.

Some may have found the music a little loud occasionally but this added to the event.

Everyone from the young to the more mature were joining in and thoroughly enjoying themselves in God's House.

A big thank you to the band made up of members of different churches, and to the audience of which over 20 were from our church in a total of 99.

Thank you to those involved in serving refreshments, they were certainly kept busy and did a fantastic job as they had no idea how many would be attending. Also a thank you to those who cleared up afterwards.

The whole evening was one of joy where you didn't want it to end.

So well done to everyone for a unforgettable evening of worship in our church.

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve.
Middle age is when you're forced to.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG with 'WITHOUT BORDERS' LIVE BAND

Fantastic! One carol after another was played by guitarists, violinist, keyboard and drummer and a very good singer. Everyone entered into the spirit of Christmas. Rock on!

A selection of comments made during the interval -

It was lovely to see so many different people in church.

Really enjoyable; would like it to become a regular event.

Not what you would expect in a church, but very good.

Brilliant!

Very loud!

Surprised at how much I liked it.

Didn't know Ben could play drums like that.

I love the folk/manic guitar playing and drumming.

Can we have this every week?

This is my type of music.

Ding Dong Merrily on High was so fast, so exciting! Two women at the back were having a jig.

There was a wide range of age in the audience from a 12 week old baby, a few children and parents and grandmothers and lots of different churches brought together through the joy of Christmas, the birth of a special baby.

And finally - **NEWBOLD ROCKS!**

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Chris Barnes being licensed as Reader by Bishop Libby in her chapel on December 3rd. Congratulations!!



THE WALKING GROUP

Ten members ventured out for the monthly walk on a sunny, Sunday afternoon in December.

We managed to park our cars in Baslow despite the fact that many people were parking in the area and then walking to Chatsworth market which was being held on that weekend. Apparently, parking was restricted at Chatsworth, so many drivers were opting for a short walk to their destination.

Our walk, this time was linear rather than the usual circular, due to a variety of reasons, one being the shortness of daylight and another due to an excess of water and mud in the local countryside. We walked to the kissing gate in Chatsworth Park and crossed over a road and onto a wide plastic pathway, kindly placed on the edge of the grassland for the expected foot traffic wanting to reach the market stalls, situated on the approach to the House.

We walked towards Endsor and at the gates, turned around and replaced our steps but on a lower level to the first path used. Many family groups passed us carrying an assortment of Christmas decorations bought at the market, from large reindeers for the front gardens and very big wooden hearts for who knows where. Back at the kissing gate we had to queue to enter. From comments heard, some of these people hadn't used this type of gate before. Back at our cars we discussed the January walk and Steve generously volunteered to sort out a walk which will probably be around and about Chesterfield town, for a change. If anyone would like to join us it will be on Sunday 5th, meeting at 12pm outside the church gates. Please bring a packed lunch and suitable walking boots.

Why not make it a New Year's resolution to try a new hobby. Throw away the Gym subscription and try walking, talking and keeping fit at the same time – and all FREE.

What a wonderful thought it is that some of the best days of our lives haven't even happened yet.

Thank you

The Building Project Fundraising Group would like to thank you for your support in raising funds in 2019 for the Building Project especially the organisations that held certain events:

The Craft group for holding a workshop and having a Christmas Stall at St Thomas' church.

Women's Group for organising a tombola stall and agreeing to have the Building Project as their yearly charity donation.

Monday Club for holding a number of games sessions throughout the year.

The Flower Arrangers for organising a workshop.

The Group would also like to thank those who hosted a Saturday coffee morning during the year and to Michelle and Natasha for the Murder Mystery Event and to all who organised Quiz Nights and concerts with proceeds going to the Project.

Other Fundraising news:

Thank you to everyone who turned up on the first Sunday of Advent dressed in purple. What an impressive sight it was and £68 was raised for the New**Bold** Building Project. We will be trying this idea out again at Easter, so get ready to wear yellow!

The Brass Band Concert held on 14th December was a great success and enjoyed by many. Julie worked very hard to put this event into place – thank you Julie. £490 was raised and shared between our Building Project and the Kirkby Brass Band who didn't charge us for the event.

ASHGATE HOSPICE

On Monday 18th November Ann Roberts, a volunteer at Ashgate Hospice visited the Monday club to talk to us about the work done there, and she then explained how she came to be involved with the hospice with her own personal story, which was inspiring.

The hospice believes every person matters and they matter until the end of their life.

It costs £27,397 a day to run the hospice and only 28% of that comes from the NHS.

The hospice would not exist without the generosity of the people of North Derbyshire, and we may wish to consider leaving Ashgate Hospice Care a gift in our wills

The appeal was launched in 1985, chaired by a local doctor, Dick Atkinson, who saw the need for specialist care, and twenty-one beds were in operation by 2014.

In terms of numbers there are around 300 paid staff & around 700 volunteers.

The hospice has a 21 bed inpatient unit, a 16 place Day Hospice and provides a range of therapy and support services on site. Last year they cared for over 2000 people.

They provide direct care to patients at home, but currently only have enough staff to offer this service during the day Monday to Friday.

They have a clinical nurse specialist team where nurses deliver hospice care in the community.

They offer a lymphoedema service to help patients understand what this is and offer a wide range of treatment options, and help them to improve their quality of life.

They always welcome new volunteers and no matter what gifts and skills a person has, there will be a role available for them, whether it is one of the many roles at the hospice, in retail or in fundraising. A

volunteer recruitment campaign is to be launched in the New Year when anyone who may be interested should contact Mark Steer on 01246 568801 email mark.steer@ashgatehospicecare.org.uk

They have 4 coffee shops in total, one at the hospice, one in the Hasland shop, one at Clowne and one which has recently opened at Shirebrook. There are 15 shops throughout North Derbyshire.

Much of the above information but with more detail, appears in the booklets which are available on the bookcase at the back of church for anyone to read.

One is called, 'please help families stay together', and the other is about the services the hospice provides.

The next major fundraising drive is the Care for a Cuppa which takes place during February when they ask people if they would kindly hold a coffee morning or afternoon tea to raise valuable funds. Care for a cuppa fundraising packs are available on request from the hospice.

The hospice has given people in our area outstanding specialist care for 34 years, and helps to give the loved ones of a member of the family who has died, special and cherished memories.

Richard Peet

A NEW YEAR PRAYER

Lord you make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us a mighty flame,
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise your glorious name.

Amen

CHURCH ON THE BUS

- Started 14 years ago by Alan Parks to share the good news of the gospel to the homeless and isolated people of our area
- The bus arrives in Chesterfield town centre two evenings a week and one afternoon each week in Matlock
- Provide food and the opportunity to share issues and point the vulnerable to the appropriate services to help them manage their problems
- Clothing, sleeping bags and toiletries are available
- Entirely staffed by volunteers
- Recently numbers have increased to between 30 and 40 attending the “bus” on any one evening, the record standing at 47 one night. As space and resources are limited, consideration has to be given to the safety aspects of managing these numbers in a confined space
- John Phillips, the Chair of the Trustees of Church on the Bus, has been offered the use of the facilities at Grace Chapel which include a kitchen, dining area, toilets, showers and space for quiet conversation and prayer.
- In Matlock, a room has been made available above the Christian Book shop in the town centre
- From October 2019, Church on the Bus has changed to Church from the Bus

Please pray for the vision of this work, for all who volunteer and for the guests who use the provision of **Church from the Bus**

For more information

- Follow on Facebook
- Telephone John Phillips 17585 153369

Historic Events in the month of January

3rd 1924 English explorer, Howard Carter, discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun in the Valley of the Kings, near Luxor, Egypt.

4th 1967 Donald Campbell died as his jet-powered speedboat "Bluebird" somersaulted on Coniston Water, Cumbria at a speed of 300mph whilst attempting to break his own world record of 276mph.

6th 1066 Harold Godwin, Earl of Wessex is elected by the Witan to be the next King of England.

8th 794 Danish Vikings attack Lindisfarne Island and destroy its famous church.

9th 1806 Lord Nelson is buried at St. Paul's Cathedral.

10th 1918 The House of Lords gives its approval to the Representation of the People Bill, which gives women over the age of 30 the right to vote.

12th 1970 The first Boeing 747 jumbo jet arrives at London Heathrow after completing its maiden transatlantic flight from New York.

15th 1559 Elizabeth 1 is crowned Queen of England, aged 25.

25th 1965 Sir Winston Churchill dies, aged 90.

27th 1926 John Logie Baird demonstrates his television machine to members of the Royal Institution, in London.

28th 1807 London becomes the first city in the world to be lit by gas lights.

29th 1596 Famous seaman, Sir Frances Drake, is buried at sea.

30th 1649 King Charles 1 is beheaded at Whitehall.

Those were the days....or were they?

Dinner in the fifties —

Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti in tins.

Curry was a surname.

A take-away was a mathematical problem.

Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas.

All crisps were plain. They often came with a small twist of blue paper containing salt.

Rice was a milk pudding, and never, ever part of our dinner.

A Big Mac was worn when it was raining.

Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves, and never green.

Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.

No-one had heard of yogurt.

Cooking outside was called camping.

Kebab wasn't even a word never mind a food.

Prunes were medicinal.

Surprisingly muesli was ready available. It was called cattle feed.

Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we had only ever seen a picture of one.

The one thing we never, ever had, on our tables in the fifties was elbows, hats and mobile phones.

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Revd Canon Dr Elizabeth Thomson, Acting Dean of Derby, writes...



The light comes back

The earth tilts on its axis and the year turns. We are past the winter solstice. Even though the mornings go on getting darker for a couple of weeks, the light is stretching out and the days are a few tiny seconds longer.

'In the mid-midwinter,' writes the Scottish poet Liz Lochhead, when everything is bleak, even so

*the light comes back
the light always comes back.*

Christmas has come and the light is here. The carol services, modern or ancient, hesitant or triumphant, hyper-organised or slightly incoherent, candlelit or floodlit, have all proclaimed it: 'the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.' And now in the church year the season of Epiphany offers us time to take in the light, to blink, to look again, to learn to see. An epiphany is a moment of realisation, when something begins to sink in. Christ is born! we have all sung, and now we begin to look at that light and the state of the world it dawns in.

The world's school report at the end of 2019 was not good reading.

Peace: *shows no willingness to put in the effort demanded and is constantly distracted by rumours of wars.*

Truth: *although this concept has been clearly explained, the world keeps finding ways to avoid it.*

Health: *a very worrying tendency to overheat.*

Overall, *could do better.*

So it's bleak and there's a lot of darkness around. But the light shines in the darkness. Epiphany gives us time to think about that. The wise men come following a star and we see how Herod reacts to a threat to his political power. Jesus is baptised among a crowd of people coming out from the city to try to put their lives right. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity reminds us of our capacity to disagree about God's good news. Through all this, through the complexity of working out that good news in the world and through our ability to get it wrong, the light goes on shining.

The light, in Lochhead's poem, is out there, gathering, strengthening, working its way towards us who are still in the dark of winter. '*The light always comes back*':

Meanwhile
*there will be the winter moon for us to love the longest,
fat in the frosty sky among the sharpest stars,
and lines of old songs we can't remember why we know
or when first we heard them will aye come back
once in a blue moon to us unbidden
and bless us with their long-travelled light.*

Revd Canon Dr Elizabeth Thomson
Acting Dean of Derby



everyday faith

Our daily lives are often very full. Full of things to do. Full of meetings and deadlines. Full of places to be. Full of people to meet.

Where is God during our daily lives? How do we find God in fullness, in the full-ness of life?

On 12 January 2020 (Plough Sunday), the new Church of England "Everyday Faith" campaign will begin, offering reflections and prayers to help Christians find and follow God in everyday life.

Everyday Faith is a Church of England discipleship campaign, and part of the *Setting God's People Free* workstream under *Renewal and Reform*.

Like #FollowTheStar, the campaign includes an app, social media posts, daily emails, audio and a 21-page reflection booklet written by Nick Shepherd, Mark Greene and Rachel Treweek, with an introduction from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Additionally, an accompanying booklet for churches, *Everyday Faith for churches: seven shifts to inspire Sunday to Saturday faith*, will be available (online only) with simple ideas for small changes that make a big difference to being God's church in the world, Monday to Saturday, as well as Sunday.

For more information and to sign up to receive campaign emails, visit churchofengland.org/everydayfaith.

The Church on the Bus seeks new owner

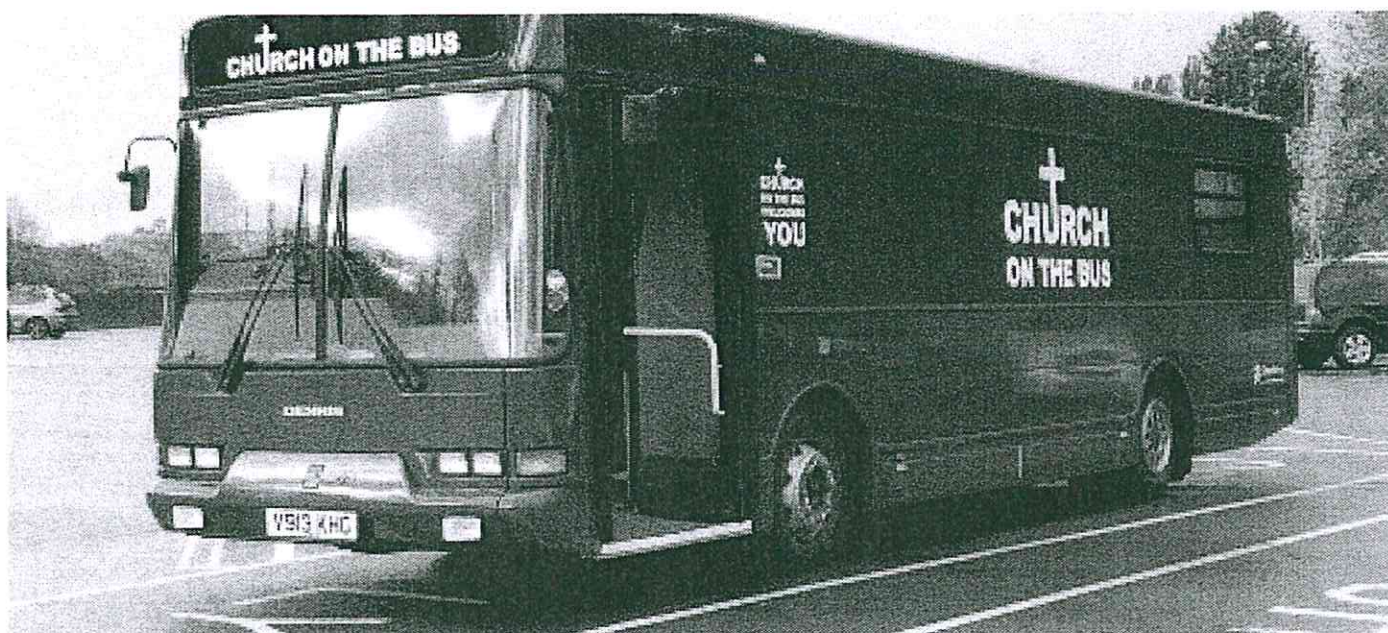
As reported in Issue 7 of Together Magazine, the Church on the Bus, which took the good news of the Gospel to the homeless and isolated people of Chesterfield and Matlock three times a week, was "taken out of service" in October 2019 to move resources to permanent locations in both Chesterfield and Matlock.

The bus itself is now available to buy! The bus is a Dennis Dart SLP automatic and runs on diesel. It is easy to drive with mileage of 124,000km and MOT in place until October 2020.

The bus has had a previous life as both a library and charity bus and is ideal for mission / social outreach charity work.

Onboard, there are 2 seating areas that will seat up to 12 people, storage cupboards, wardrobe areas and a servery for catering.

Offers around £3,000.00. Please contact churchonthebus@gmail.com or phone Stewart on 07729 895392.



Revd Ian Mountford



The Bishop of Derby's office has announced that Revd Ian Mountford died on Saturday 7th December, 2019.

Ian was Associate Priest of Derby St Alkmund and St Werburgh from 2014, Vicar-designate of the same benefice (Derby), previously Curate of Chilwell 1996-2000 (Southwell) and Team Vicar of Thame 2000-2014 (Oxford).

The congregation at St Alkmund's, where Ian worked, was informed on Sunday 8 December.

Revd James Durrant, Assistant Curate at Derby Cathedral, worked with Ian at St Alkmund's.

He said: "He was a fantastic person to work with and greatly loved by everyone in the congregation and by all those in the Diocese that knew him.

"His heart for telling people about Jesus was magnificent and even in his final weeks in the Macmillan Unit he would take time to talk to the staff about Jesus and his faith.

"We were great friends as well as colleagues - this is a great loss and all those who knew him will treasure the memories they have."

Please hold his family, friends and all the ministry team at St Alkmund's in your prayers.

Be a Derby Cathedral Chorister for a day

Derby Cathedral Choir has had a busy December with the hectic Christmas schedule of Carol Services and special events but one thing is certain - the choir has loved every minute and had fun as a youthful energetic team.

So what is it really like to be a Derby Cathedral Chorister? Boys and girls aged 7 - 13 years from across Derbyshire have the opportunity to find out on Saturday, 18 January 2020, when they can join the current choristers from 2.30pm to 6pm for an afternoon of fun musical activities, and the opportunity to sing in the choir for a short service at 5.15pm. Parents are warmly invited to stay for the afternoon to see what goes on behind the scenes!

Places are limited - to book email music@derbycathedral.org or call 01332 202231.



Crowdfunding boost for church roof fund

St Andrew's Church in Radbourne, near Derby, has raised £17,600 through an online crowdfunding campaign as part of its effort to replace the remainder of its lead roof with steel. The campaign ran for four weeks and means that, when added to other donations and fundraising, the project has raised a total of around £30,000 of the £55,000 it needs.

The PCC's crowdfunding project manager, Tim Gretton, said: "St Andrew's has a small congregation - an average of 12 - and raising this money through the usual fundraising activities is not feasible." The church has issued a huge 'thank you' to all those who supported the campaign. Other fundraising will continue this year.

Meanwhile, Monty the nightwatchman helped keep guard over the church and raise awareness during the four weeks of crowdfunding - and he's earned himself a fresh banana!



PRAYER 2020 - CALL TO PRAY

Pray in 2020 on the 20th of each month at 20:20 for 20 minutes

Pray ... that God will give many opportunities to speak about Christ.
(Colossians 4:3 NLT)

This is the invitation from HOPE Together to Christians of all denominations. Through Prayer 2020 we are asking God to work through all that is done in 2020 – personal witness; church outreach plans in villages, towns and cities; stadium events – evangelisation in all its many forms. HOPE's executive director Roy Crowne said, 'Already this is catching the imagination of Christians around the world. 2020 is such a significant year and Prayer 2020 will be a key part of the year.'

Bookmarks and business cards to remind you to pray in 2020 are available from the HOPE shop with more resources being made available soon.

For more information visit www.hopetogether.org.uk

Church Events

The next issue of Together Magazine will be published in early March and cover March, April and May. If you would like your church event or flower festival advertised in this issue please email details to communications@derby.anglican.org by 31 January 2020. Events will also be advertised on the diocesan website and social media channels.

Ashes to Go

Is your church taking part in 'Ashes to Go' on Ash Wednesday?

If so we would like to hear from you.

Please email details of any events taking place to communications@derby.anglican.org

Learning in Faith

Our 2020 course programme is now open for bookings

The new 2020 Learning in Faith course programme, 'Pray, Learn, Tell and Serve Together', is now available. All PCC secretaries should have received a copy and booklets for every church were distributed with the December edition of Together Magazine.

There is a huge array of courses on offer - from familiar favourites, such as 'Talking Faith for Ordinary People' and Vocations Exploration sessions, to brand new sessions on 'Instagram' and 'Twitter', and 'Unexpected Child in the Church Area', to name but a few.

Booking a place is easy - visit www.derby.anglican.org/training or call 01332 388687.

As well as attending sessions yourself, please add Learning in Faith 2020 to your PCC agenda and take the opportunity to discuss what is on offer and how the courses may support your own church to pray, learn, tell and serve together.

In her introduction, Bishop Libby says, 'Taking part in this programme is one way to be fed and nourished by Christ'.

2020 Diary of Events for the NewBold Building Project

20 th January	Quiz night with Pie and peas Ann and Stuart Adams
21 st March	Adam McCullach concert in Church
12 th April	Colour Me Sunday-Yellow for Easter You are invited to wear yellow and donate a £1 to the project
May	Quiz night date to be arranged
31 st May	Colour Me Sunday-Red for Pentecost You are invited to wear red and donate a £1 to the project
June/July	Walking group invite walkers to participate in a sponsored walk for adults and treasure hunt children's walk
July/August	Summer Sensation-Tea with music
September	Quiz night – Joe Howard
24 th October	Craft Group-make a Christmas decoration
November/December	Christmas concert-date to be arranged
December	Film night-date to be arranged

Don't forget Saturday coffee morning on the 1st Saturday in the month. [except January 2020, second Saturday]

We are also planning:-

Songs of Praise with the opportunity to write a verse for a popular hymn.

Scrabble and beetle drive events.

Look out for events on the notice sheet and in the magazine.

If you would like to help or have ideas please see Julie.