



Newbold Parish Church

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Items for the next edition to be with Rhoda or Sue

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Public Worship

Sunday 10am Mass

The use of the common cup has been restored, and communicants are free to decide if they wish to receive from this or not.

Please be assured that Communion is received in full with just the wafer (host). Please note that dipping the wafer in the chalice is not permitted.

Please do not attend if you feel unwell.

First Sundays 4pm Messy Church

A time of worship based on craft activities, singing and stories, followed by food. Ideal for families.

Tuesday Morning prayer 10am

A 30min service of prayer on Zoom continues each week gathering at 09.50 for a 10am start. All Welcome.

Contact church office for Link.

Wednesday 10am Mid-week Communion

A service of mid-week Holy Communion

Now taking place in the Parish Room

From the vicar

Revd Rhoda



I'm writing this in the third week of Advent, during which we light the rose-coloured candle on the Advent wreath.

Advent, like Lent, was traditionally a season of penitence in preparation for the Christmas Season, which is why the traditional colour for Advent is purple.

But, on the third Sunday in Advent, Gaudete Sunday, the colour is rose-pink—a lighter colour for a break in the sombre season to acknowledge the joy of waiting for Christ's coming at Christmas.



Gaudete is Latin for Rejoice, and the epistle readings for Advent 3 in year B and C both encourage us to “Rejoice always”.

In his Gaudete Sunday sermon in 2014, Pope Francis said that instead of fretting about "all they still haven't done to prepare for Christmas", people should "think of all the good things life has given you." In all life's difficulties we can always turn to God, and know that his presence is with us, alongside us.

This made me think of the new calendar year beginning on the first of January. Many people take stock of the previous year and set themselves new year's resolutions.

In the church here, we are facing a deficit in our income again (as last year) and have to work out how we are going to close the gap.

One thing we are looking at is new fundraising initiatives, and, during January you will see a board at the back of church with possible ideas (see Page 20)—please indicate which of these you would support and let us know if there are any others you can think of.

We also face the exciting yet daunting need to move the building project on to address the church roof and increasingly dilapidated state of the parish room, and especially the link between the parish room and the church. What is a wise use of the monies that have already been set aside for this use, and how much can we realistically do with the increased building costs, and where might there be grants available?

Gaudete Sunday reminds us, that even in our uncertainties and challenges, whatever they are, we can still experience joy. Joy is not the same as happiness. Joy is the experience of knowing that we are unconditionally loved by God, and that, absolutely nothing can take that love away from us or separate us from that love.

May we know that joy with us in this new year.

A collect prayer

Merciful God,

teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,

that trusting in your word

and obeying your will

we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Every blessing

Rhoda +

Churchwardens Corner

From Richard Peet



May I on behalf of Carol and myself, your churchwardens, wish everyone a happy, joyous, and peaceful new year filled with love.

The last year appeared to go by so quickly. Did you do any or many of the things you set out to do?

What are you looking forward to during 2024, and what have you planned so far?

We have been able to have many events in 2023 and have recently had a meeting to discuss what we would like to do during 2024 (see page 20).

Ideas are always welcome.

We have had so many wonderful and special baptisms during the last year and it has been my privilege to assist at many of them.

We also had many services in church with our local schools, our Church School, Dunston and Cavendish, and we have been into the schools as well.

In 2023 we were able to visit our local residential and nursing homes Elm Lodge and Ridgewood House taking communion, having a remembrance service and carol services, and talking to the residents. It is a privilege and pleasure to visit, and I always come away feeling uplifted.

We were very pleased excited and blessed to have Rhoda installed as our new vicar.

We are hoping to move forward with the development of the Parish Room in 2024.

Perhaps you would like to join us at our midweek service in the Parish Room on Wednesday at 10am and stay for refreshments.

On the **21 January at 6pm**, the Churches Together in Newbold service for **CHRISTIAN UNITY is at St Andrew's URC** on Newbold Road, everyone is welcome.

We give thanks for the work of the Foodbanks, Food Hub and Pathways, and, especially at this time of year, all who work with the homeless in Chesterfield.

We send love and prayers and our best wishes to all our church members who are unable to attend church on a temporary or permanent basis. Through the pastoral group we hope to contact them and offer communion at home if they so wish.

If anyone is ill and would like to be prayed for during our time of intercession (prayers) please let us know via a church member or our church wardens Carol or Richard. We must receive your permission to mention you in the prayers.

Do you have any ideas for services we could possibly try in 2024, as we hope to make our church grow?

May we look forward to this new year with anticipation and excitement, and continue to bring church and the community of Newbold together.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come;
The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

Diocese of Derby monthly message for January 2024

From Dean Peter



Epiphany is my favourite season of the Christian year. There is a richness to the season and some powerful themes emerging from the incarnation of the Word of God that the church is able to proclaim effectively in the public square.

The word ‘epiphany’, which we have adopted from the Greek language, means ‘revealing’ and ‘unveiling’. When we have an encounter with someone or something we call it a ‘manifestation’.

In the Western Church we most often associate the Epiphany with the story of the wise men, the Magi, arriving in Jerusalem to greet the young Christ-king. God is being ‘unveiled’, ‘made manifest’, to Gentiles from a land far away from Judea.

In the Eastern Church the Epiphany has a much wider story base. It’s as much about the revealing of the Son of God at his baptism at the hands of John the Baptist, and also the wedding at Cana in Galilee where Jesus is declared as having ‘first manifested his glory’.

In Epiphany we relate the evident unity of the whole of humanity through our shared experience across the globe to the call for peace and justice and the equity of all nations.

This is why the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is in the season of Epiphany. This is why we preach about and pray for the

missionary task of the church which ultimately is about bringing humanity together as one in all its diversity. This is why it's a good opportunity in Epiphany to pray regularly for the church's interfaith work and also for our local colleagues who lead the other faiths in their many responsibilities.

There are some lovely Epiphany hymns that we can recall. One is by Christopher Wordsworth who draws the baptism and the wedding at Cana into our Epiphany orbit:

*Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and king supreme;
And at Cana wedding-guest
In thy Godhead manifest.*

The early Victorian hymn writer James Montgomery captured the universal dimension of Epiphany in some of the words from his carol, Angels from the Realms of Glory:

*Though an infant now we view him,
He shall fill his Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to him,
Every knee shall then bow down:*

This sums up the Epiphany vision that we will enter into on the twelfth day after Christmas and which will continue to root our worship right up until the feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple on 2nd February. We have an opportunity with all the

troubles the world faces at this time to make the universal vision of Epiphany meaningful for ourselves and our communities.

The Very Revd Peter Robinson

The Dean of Derby



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Address Book and Emergency Contact Lists

During January we are planning to compile a new address book and emergency contact list starting from scratch, to ensure we capture our congregation fully and accurately.

Keep your eye out for forms, which will be available in the new year. Please complete and return these to Richard or Carol, our churchwardens.

The **Address Book** is a way of staying in touch with each other. The **Contact List** is a confidential, password protected list, stored on the church office computer, Rhoda's computer and a hard copy is kept in a locked safe. This is used to store contact details for those whom you would like us to call in the event of an emergency.

If you are **house bound** or unable to attend church currently, we will be sending forms out to you. If you haven't received a form by the end of January and want to be included, please do call Sue in the church office on 0778798961.



Christian Resource Exhibition

From Sue Wheeler, Administrator

In November, Rhoda, Chris, Hilary and I spent a fruitful day at the Christian Resource Exhibition, which was held over two days in Birmingham.

This event showcases businesses that support all aspects of church life, from furniture to worship resources, puppets to Bibles! It also ran a diverse and extensive seminar programme covering topics such as “How do we get our church members talking about their faith” to “You, your church and social media”.

We all made very good use of the day. Hilary focused on some worship seminars and resources. Rhoda and Chris attended seminars related to building projects and were particularly inspired by the talk on “Collaborative design for your new church building”. They also tried out a few different chairs, with our building project in mind, and had a very useful conversation with some architects.

I attended a talk on Net Carbon Zero, which covered things to consider when trying to reduce the carbon footprint of your building, and I had a very helpful chat with the company who provide our digital pay station, who were able to resolve a couple of issues we have had.

We all came away inspired, with plenty to think about and we enjoyed sharing our experiences and insights on the return journey.



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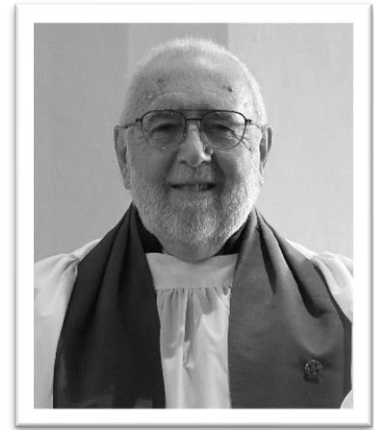
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A Time for Sacrifice?

From Chris Barnes



On Remembrance Sunday, some familiar words struck me in a new way – “for your tomorrows, we gave our today.” Over the next few days, I pondered these words, thinking how true they were, how much the freedoms we take for granted in Britain were so hard won.

Then on Christ the King, I took the chalice and paten back to the high altar after we had finished communion; a job I do nearly every week. This day the purificator (the cloth we use to wipe the chalice between each sip) was draped over the chalice and for some reason the wine stains were more obvious than usual. They looked like blood stains and it hit me how when we say “the blood of Christ” this was precisely what we were remembering. I was moved to tears at the enormity of this. I had to fight the tears back and hoped no one would notice.

The sacrifice of soldiers in war time was very important to us; the self-sacrifice of Jesus on the cross was all important to the whole world and in all times. We are called as Christians to live our whole lives as a continuation of Christ’s own sacrifice.

This is the first church magazine of the new year. If like me, your new year’s resolutions have already been broken, let me ask you a new question. As we leave 2023 behind and start 2024, what new sacrifices are we being called to?

It may be to increase our giving to the church and other charities. It may be to give more of our time to good causes or to looking after someone who is vulnerable. It may be giving up some of the

expectations of what we receive from our church and looking at what more we can give back to the church in remembrance of Jesus' own sacrifice.

Whatever it is for you as an individual, and all our circumstances are different, please pray through this question; what sacrifice(s) is God calling me to make now?

Festival of Sleep

From Sue Wheeler

Did you know that, in some parts of the world, on 3 January, they hold a Festival of Sleep Day? No, neither did I, but as a retired public health nurse knowing the value of good rest, I thought this whimsical and light-hearted holiday dedicated to the joys of sleep and relaxation was worth a little attention.

It's a day when people are encouraged to take a break from their busy lives and catch up on some much-needed rest. You can decide to sleep in, take naps, or simply lounge around in your pyjamas. The Festival of Sleep Day is all about embracing the importance of a good night's sleep and rejuvenating your body and mind.

In a world that often values productivity and busyness, this day serves as a reminder that taking time for rest and relaxation is essential for overall well-being.

Top tips for a good night's sleep

- Have a regular bedtime.
- Unwind *before* going to bed.
- Avoid the use of "screens" for an hour before going to bed.
- Keep your room cool and well ventilated.
- Eat well and get some exercise.

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From the Registers

Holy Baptism



10 December

Orla Eileen Austin

*May all things belonging to the Spirit
live and grow in her.*

Readings and Collects

Sunday 7 January Epiphany

Isaiah 60.1-6, Ephesians 3.1-12, Matt 2.1-12

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 14 January Epiphany 2

1 Samuel 3.1-10, Revelation 5.1-10, John 1.43-51

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.



Sunday 21 January Epiphany 3

Genesis 14.17-20, Revelation 19.6-10, John 2.1-11

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Sunday 28 January Candlemas

Malach 3.1-5, Hebrews 2.14-18, Luke 2.22-40

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.



DIARY January 2024

Sunday 7 January **Epiphany** 10am Mass
4pm Messy Church

Sunday 14 January **Epiphany 2** 10am Mass

Sunday 21 January **Epiphany 3** 10am Mass
Christian Unity Service at St Andrew's 6pm

Sunday 28 January **Candlemas** 10am Mass

Every Tuesday 9.50am **Morning Prayer** via Zoom

Every Wednesday 10am **Mid-week Communion** in Parish Room

Wednesday 3 January **Women's Group** 7pm Parish Room

Saturday 6 January **Community Coffee Morning** 10am-12pm
Parish Room

Sunday 7 January **Walking Group** Meet outside church 12pm
(see page 25)

Monday 8 January **Monday Club** 1-3pm Parish Room

Saturday 13 January **Churchyard Tidy** up 10am-12pm

Monday 15 January **Monday Club** 1-3pm Parish Room

Saturday 20 January **Men's Group** 10.30am-12.30 Parish Room

Monday 22 January **Monday Club** 1-3pm Parish Room

Monday 29 January **Monday Club** 1-3pm Parish Room

Churches Together in Newbold
Service of Christian Unity

Sunday 21st January 2024 at 6pm
St. Andrew's United Reformed Church

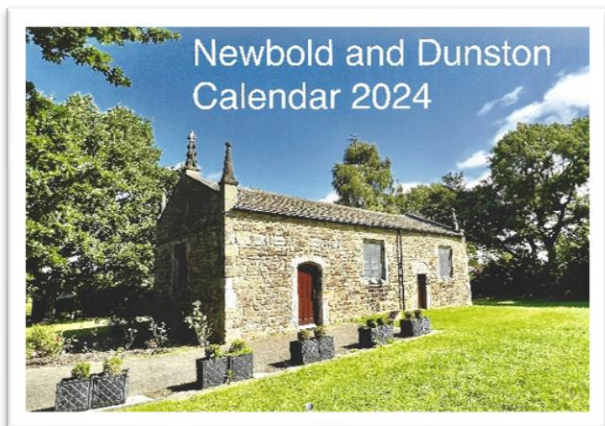
Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, praying together is success.

Monday Club

Wishing everyone a peaceful and Happy New Year!

The Monday Club is a social gathering, meeting weekly, in the Parish Room. We enjoy a cuppa and a chat and often have activities. We also arrange trips out.

We are always open to new members; you will be made very welcome.



There are still a few
2024 Calendars

for sale at *half price*

now £4

Proceeds to Church Funds.

Speak to Chris Barnes.

Fundraising and Socials

From Julie Franks

The fundraising/social group have started to put together a diary of events for 2024.

Dates for your diary

Date	Activity	Co-ordinator
January 6 th	Community coffee morning-for the Church Building Project	Ruth and Marilyn
January/February	Quiz night with pizza	Ann and Stuart Adams
February 3 rd	Community coffee morning-for the Air Ambulance	Annette and David
March 2 nd	Community coffee morning- for Church funds	Rodger, Richard and Chris
March 16 th	Easter wreath or table decoration-for Church funds	Julie Franks
March 31 st	Easter Sunday. You are invited to wear something yellow and contribute into the yellow jug for Church funds.	Evelyn
April 6 th	Community coffee morning	
April 27 th	Earth Day, series of talks with pie and peas	Rev'd Rhoda
May 4 th	Community coffee morning- for Churchyard funds	Samantha and Rev'd Rhoda
May 19 th	Pentecost Sunday. You are invited to wear something	

	red and contribute to the Church funds	
June 1 st	Community coffee morning	
July 6 th	Church Fete at the Eagle Club	
August 3 rd	Community coffee morning	
August 18 th	Patronal festival-social event to be announced	
September 7 th	Community coffee morning	
September	Race Night	Richard and Christian
October 5 th	Community coffee morning-Church funds	Men's Group
November 2 nd	Community coffee morning	
November 16 th	Christmas Bazaar in Church	
December 1 st	1 st Sunday of Advent. You are invited to wear something purple and contribute to the Church funds	Richard
December 7 th	Community coffee morning	
December 7 th	Christmas wreath making workshop-for the Church flower fund	Julie

We will be planning a **quiz night** based on facts about Derbyshire to be organised by Chris and Hilary, date will be announced in the magazine.

During January you will see a board at the back of church. We would like you to use the post it notes available to let us know which of the following ideas you think would be good to do in 2024 and if you would support them:

- **Church Recipe Book.** This will include recipes supplied by you and your friends that we can share. We hope to print ourselves and sell for around £3 to £4.
- **Church Christmas Cards.** Buying a pack of 10 cost around £4 to £5.
- **Church Calendar.** Cost around £8.
- **Visit to Bakewell Pudding shop** to make a Bakewell pudding and have either afternoon tea or a meal. Transport could be arranged. Cost will be between £30 and £35.
- **Sing-a-long,** would you be interested and what would you like to sing?

Can you remember the wooden Church we had at the back of Church? We plan to get it out again to sit at the back of Church with information about the cost of running the Church. If you have any spare change, you are welcome to add it to the Church by posting money in the hole at the top in the roof.

Evelyn and Lesley are planning to re-set up the 100 club, for more information see page 24.

Please don't forget to pass your magazine on to members of the community who may be interested in the activities we do in Church. Invite friends and family to join in any of the activities.

If you are interested in helping with any of the activities, please speak to Julie.

Let Us Smile

I was at lunch with an old friend and pointed at two elderly ladies across the room and said, "That will be us in 10 years' time".




She said, "That's the mirror".

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Fundraising – The 100 Club

From Evelyn and Lesley

We are intending to revive the “200 Club” in order to generate regular funds to the church finances.

The title will now be the “**100 Club**” and will be organised by Lesley Howard and Evelyn Lowe, beginning in February 2024. The cost each year will be £12 per number and for this, you will have your own, same number, which is put into a monthly draw which will be drawn during the Parish Breakfast on the second Sunday of each month. Half of each month's winnings will go towards church funds, with the remaining being used as prize money. If 100 numbers are entered in a month, £50 will be for Church funds and £50 as total prize money. There will be three numbers drawn each month, so three possible chances of winning a cash prize: in this example, first prize will be £30, second prize £15 and third prize £5. The prize money will obviously increase (or decrease) depending on how many entries are purchased per month.

You can have more than one number- each costs just £12 for the year. You could also invite family and friends to join!

If you would like to take this opportunity to win, please see Evelyn or Lesley to sign up.

Please make direct electronic payments to Newbold PCC Income Account,

Sort Code: 40-17-15 Account No: 61331795 using the reference “**100 Club**”

Cheques are payable to '**Newbold PCC Income Account**'. You can also pay by cash if you prefer. Both cheques and cash **need to be clearly identified as for the 100 Club**.

This is a great way to raise vital funds for our Church, whilst also having a chance to win.

The Walking Group

From Steve Franks

On the first Sunday in December, we all woke up to 2-3 inches of snow in Newbold and Hasland. As we live on a hilly estate, Julie and I decided that we would not be able to drive to church so 'Church Walk Sunday' became a Sunday walk to church for us.

Once we had trudged through the snow from Hasland, the main roads into and through Chesterfield had been kept clear and salted.

It took us just over an hour to get to church, where we joined the other 18 in the congregation.

Bob and Evelyn were there so we discussed what we were going to do about the walk. Nobody else arrived at noon outside church so we agreed that Bob would drive the four of us back to Hasland and we would do a local walk there.

Parking on Storforth Lane, we started our walk. As we walked towards the railway bridge on Storforth Lane we noticed under the bridge was flooded, cars were getting through carefully by mounting the raised pavement on one side. Luckily the footpath on the other side was raised by over three feet so we were able to continue our walk without getting our feet wet.

We continued up Storforth Lane before turning left onto Derby Road. Leaving the road, we crossed a field on the left before entering The Avenue Washlands. This area was the site of the Avenue Coking Works which was decommissioned in 2005 and turned into a wetland reserve consisting of reedbeds, marsh, ponds and grassland. The River Rother also flows through the reserve.

The area is important for its water voles and great crested newts. There are also farmland birds such as skylark and yellowhammer, wetland birds including lapwing, tufted duck

and little grebe breed on the reserve and, as the reedbed and marsh develop, it is hoped that reed warbler and sedge warbler will become regular summer visitors. The scrub and tall herb areas of the site attract other birds such as grasshopper warbler, linnets and whitethroats.

Today we did not see any wildlife, with a covering of snow everywhere and the fog; white was the dominant colour. The path snaked around the pond and reedbeds before meeting a length of boardwalk.



There were fishing platforms here although no fishermen on this bleak, cold, murky day.

After crossing under the railway line in a low tunnel we walked up a frozen farm track

before joining the B6038 and turning left onto Churchside. The road took us past St Paul's Church Hasland which was opened just seven years before St John's.

We soon entered Hasland before turning left onto Storforth Lane. Here we left Bob and Evelyn so that they could drive back to Newbold, we continued our walk half a mile across Hasland to return to our home.

If anyone wishes to join us, then meet us outside church at 12pm with a packed lunch on

Sunday 7th January 2024.

You will be made very welcome.

The Light of the World

From Chris Barnes



On the first Sunday of Advent, we celebrated Jesus as the Light of the World. One of the crafts was making a candle out of a chocolate mini roll, icing sugar and a cherry. The children enjoyed that, especially as they could eat the result afterwards. As it was Advent, we tried to get the children to understand that sometimes you have to wait for the good things in life as we lit the first Advent candle. Perhaps we had less success with this idea than with the enjoyment of the chocolate candles!

Immediately prior to the worship, we got the children to dress in nativity costumes. As part of the service, Rhoda got them to dress the crib, with she herself dressed as an angel. Ben read the part of the STAR, setting the scene for the others. Ben's sister, Evie, took the part of Mary, but we had no takers for Joseph! Maybe the costume was too dull.



One of the crafts was to make prayer stars which the children hung on the tree. We offered these prayers to God during the service.

The other craft activities included making Advent calendars, Christmas crackers, wreath tree decorations, and a Christmas card. After the service we had some festive chicken and stuffing sandwiches, which were yummy.



We had a good turnout, despite it being rotten weather and competition from Chesterfield in the FA Cup. Many thanks to all the families and helpers who made it through the snow.

Next Messy Church is
Sunday 7 January 4pm

*A new year is like a blank book,
and the pen is in your hands.*

St. John's Church Christmas Fayre

From Evelyn Lowe

It was heartening to greet so many families and local people as they walked into church and mingled around the various stalls, buying cakes, jams, handbags, books and home-made craft items. Father Christmas was very popular, and the cooks and



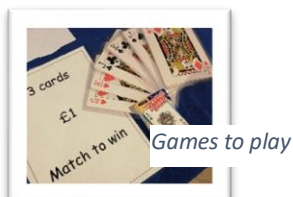
waitresses were rushed off their feet in the parish room, catering for hungry customers. The water and wine stall sold out completely and the other stalls where people could chance their luck proved very popular as folks were walking out of church with carrier bags

full of goodies.

There was a great atmosphere with Christmas music playing in the background and we raised the magnificent sum of

£2250!

for church funds.



Christmas Wreath Workshop

From Julie Franks

A big thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas wreath making workshop which took place in December. We raised **£230 for the Church flower fund**. This will go a long way to enable the flower arrangers to put fresh flowers in church during 2024.

All 21 who attended the workshop made a wreath to take home. Some were going on doors and some onto graves. One person was poorly but with paper instructions and a few pictures managed to make her wreath. I took a few orders for wreaths which added to the funds raised.

Everyone appeared to have a good time and be happy with their results. At the end of the day, we appeared to have more bags of left over greenery than we had when we started! leading to a discussion about the loaves and fishes' parable.

See list of events for 2024 you may like to join us and make a wreath yourself next year (see page 20-21).



Christingle Service

Gallery



The popular Christingle Service this year engaged with children and adults alike, as we can see from the pictures below.



The tradition dates back to 1747, from the Moravian Church, where a candle and red ribbon were given to children to remind them of the light of Christ. I wonder what other sermon illustrations have lasted nearly 225 years!!!

The orange represents the world, the candle reminds us that Christ is the light of the world, the red ribbon represents Christ's love and blood shed, the four sticks can represent the four points of a compass or the four seasons, (suggesting all the time, everywhere) and the sweets remind us of the good things in God's creation and His gifts to us.



Churchyard Bird Watch

From John Drake

Trish and I undertook the churchyard birdwatch on Saturday 16 December rather later than planned as the weather had been so bad the previous weekends in December.

The morning was fresh and bright with some sunshine and as the morning continued the sun became warmer and the cold wind had decreased.

The churchyard was relatively quiet with mainly Wood Pigeon and some corvids occupying the skies. The grass had been recently cut and many of the shrubby bushes had disappeared. with only a few bare branches still visible. Some birds were difficult to see even though the leaves are now off most of the trees.

It was close to the end of our circuit when suddenly some small birds flew out of a conifer and landed on the branches of a nearby tree and to our delight, they turned out to be a pair of Goldcrests.

In total we saw 15 birds; Blackbird, Black headed Gull, Blue Tit, Carrion Crow, Collared Dove, Goldcrest, Great Tit, Herring Gull, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Long tailed Tit, Magpie, Robin, Wood Pigeon and Wren.

The next birdwatch is scheduled to take place **on Saturday 6 January 2024** so do join us if you can and start your bird list for the year.

Until next time have a Happy New Year.



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