

**THE VENTURE**

**Merry Christmas**



December 2020/January 2021

## FROM THE EDITOR

Lockdown 2.0 – how are you coping?

For me it doesn't seem quite as bad as we have an end date (hopefully), more shops seem to be open and I haven't been furloughed so I'm still going to work. Although it does still seem weird that I can't just pop round a friend's for a cuppa and a chat or give someone a hug just because I want to.

I don't know about you but remembering to take a mask out with me has become almost second nature – keys, money, phone, mask, that's all the pockets checked!

As we had for the festive season, and not knowing what Boris will say about what we can and can't do, please keep your spirits high and remember to check on your friends and neighbours. We all need to look after each other, now more than ever.

Don't forget to let me have anything you would like included in the February/March 2021 issue please let The Editor by **16 January 2021** at the **very latest**. Articles can be emailed to: [venture@horseheath.info](mailto:venture@horseheath.info). To advertise your business please contact the Venture Team on 01223 891086 for more details.

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Dear Friend

As I write this we are just over a week into our second lockdown. That was the bad news, but the good news has been that the Pfizer/BioNTech might be rolled out very soon. The expectation is that we will be out of lockdown at the beginning of December and will then be able to continue with our worship in Church from then, which very much means that we will be open for Christmas. I did want to look on the bright side and see some more hope in the forthcoming festivities, even if we will be limited in how and with whom we can celebrate. Sadly I'm not a glass half full sort of person, in fact my glass isn't just half empty it's flat and stale. But then I thought when Jesus was born things weren't that easy. The birth took place with the backdrop of a despotic ruler, Herod the Great, who was backed up by the might of the Roman Empire. He was, as Luke tells us, laid in a manger when he was born because there was no room in the inn. Our vision of the nativity scene may be somewhat romantic based on the nativity scene we set up in church with the clean straw and the brightly painted plaster figures, but it is more likely it was smelly and draughty. St Matthew tells us that soon after his birth the family were forced to flee as refugees to Egypt. It was into that dysfunctional world that Jesus was born, that God chose to send us his son. As the story continues things don't get better as the conflict between Jesus and the religious authorities leads to his humiliating and painful death on a cross. His death though led to a new beginning at the resurrection in which we can participate as brothers and sisters with Christ in a new creation.

This Christmas we will have our normal range of services in fact we are planning two services at Horseheath on Christmas Eve so everyone can still come (see the Churchwarden's bit). There will though be limitations and restrictions (not least no congregational carol singing) so it won't be the same. Christmas will still be an opportunity to remember that God chose to be born into the difficult circumstances of our world so that the world might be saved through him. The first Christmas was a pivotal time for the world and perhaps as things are going this Christmas might, as regards to Covid-19, be a pivotal time for the world. I would like to say in the words of Julian of Norwich 'All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well.' But I think that another of his quotations "He said not 'Thou shalt not be tempest, thou shalt not be travailed, thou shalt not be dis-eased'; but he said, 'Thou shalt not be overcome.'" Is more appropriate. Because of that first Christmas in difficult circumstances ultimately we shall not be overcome.

A very happy Christmas to you all

Love and prayers

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## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HORSEHEATH

Pat Smith 01223 892484 – Church Warden

The PCC would like to thank everyone who supported our appeal for funds towards the upkeep of our fourteenth century Church. The church is of great historical value to the village and its history is contained in a book (All Saints Church Horseheath) written by a parishioner Catherine E Parsons, printed in 1911 by Cambridge University Press. Catherine is laid to rest in our churchyard. The costs of maintaining the Church are ongoing and monthly standing orders are very much appreciated. With Gift Aid to date we raised £3,819.

Our Harvest Service on Sunday 18 October was very well attended. Henry Wilson from the Haverhill Foodbank came and gave us a talk on the many ways they help the families that have fallen on hard times and how important the word HOPE is. Thank you to all that gave gifts and supported the collection of £225 was donated to the Foodbank.

Christmas is just around the corner and Government Guidelines permitting our Christingle Service will go ahead on Sunday 6 December at 10am. This year you will be assembling the Christingles yourself having been given the necessary materials as you enter the Church. Please bring the family along.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to seat everyone to the one service on Christmas Eve (24 December). Therefore, two services have been planned, one at 4pm and one at 6pm. To book your seat please contact Pat on 01223 892484 or email [chaseways@btinternet.com](mailto:chaseways@btinternet.com) with your preferred time and number of participants. As singing is not permitted by the congregation so we are getting together a small choir to sing the carols. If you are interested in joining the choir please let Pat know.

As 2020 draws to a close we pray you have a merry Christmas and a healthy and near normal 2021.

Pat, Church Warden

### Church Flowers and Cleaning

| <u>Date</u> |    | <u>Cleaning and Flowers</u> |
|-------------|----|-----------------------------|
| November    | 29 | Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison   |
| December    | 6  | Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson    |
|             | 13 | Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson    |
|             | 20 | Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley      |
|             | 27 | Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley      |
| January     | 3  | Mrs Gouldstone & Mrs Mizon  |
|             | 10 | Mrs Gouldstone & Mrs Mizon  |
|             | 17 | Mrs Townrow & Miss Newman   |
|             | 24 | Mrs Townrow & Miss Newman   |
|             | 31 | Mrs Mayes & Mrs Wheeler     |
| February    | 7  | Mrs Mayes & Mrs Wheeler     |
|             | 14 | Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison   |

## HORSEHEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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Facebook: @horseheath

A Parish Council meeting was held by remote video on Monday 9 November. In attendance were our Parish Clerk Melanie Laing, our District Councillor Geoffrey Harvey and our County Councillor Henry Batchelor.

**District Council news** – [www.scams.gov.uk](http://www.scams.gov.uk): [clr.harvey@scams.gov.uk](mailto:clr.harvey@scams.gov.uk)

Greater Cambridgeshire Shared Planning has introduced a new weekly planning summary of applications in each area. South Cambridgeshire District Council has a support system for local Parish and volunteer groups during the Covid-19 pandemic. There is a consultation on social housing allocation which can be accessed at <https://www.scams.gov.uk/comment-on-proposed-changes-to-social-housing-allocation-policy/>; responses must be received by 18 December. It is likely the Zero Carbon Grant fund will be re-opened again when we will apply for new sheltered bicycle racks at the bus stop by the cricket ground.

**County Council news** - [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk); [HenryBatchelor@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:HenryBatchelor@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

The government has made available grants for businesses during this second lock down period. Up to £3,000 is available for all organisations registered for business rates; the advice is to apply even if you are unsure you may qualify. The County Council is also advising all businesses to prepare for a “no-deal” Brexit; see the Chamber of Commerce website <https://www.cambridgeshirechamber.co.uk/>. Greater Cambridge Partnership has agreed to introduce a signalised crossing of the A1307 at Hildersham, and after pressure from Horseheath and Linton, to reconsider the £1M westbound bus lane on the A1307 at Linton.

### **Planning**

*Barns south of Howards Lane – proposed demolition and erection of a new dwelling (previous approval based on a Class Q agricultural conversion application) – decision awaited*  
*New vehicular access, Church Farm – decision awaited*

**Co-option of Perri Concarr, succeeding Rachel Paintin**– we were pleased to co-opt and welcome Perri.

**Section 137 Grant request from the Village Hall** – the Parish Council agreed to provide a grant to the Village Hall to renew external joinery and paintwork inside and out supporting the current renovations.

**The Wildwood Disco in Crofts Wood** – The South Cambs Licensing Authority will hold a formal review of the Premises Licence for Crofts Wood shortly.

**Wild flowers in selected road verges** – Terry Mundy has successfully bid for a £1,100 grant from Anglian Water’s Pebble Fund to increase the number and type of road side and domestic garden wild flowers, supporting the Parish Council’s pollinator project. More information will be available soon.

**Village Strategy Post Covid** – the Parish Council is in discussion with All Saints Church and the Village Hall about how we might work together to support our community. It is hoped that we can jointly undertake celebratory events observing social distancing at Christmas; to jointly communicate more effectively with residents; and to work together to coordinate future events. We think that working together we can enhance care and the community ethos in the village.

**Covid-19 and Lockdown** – the Parish Council’s emergency plan is still active and the marvellous volunteer group continues – sincere and sustained thanks again to all those involved. There are small grants (c£100) available for any resident in severe need such as food poverty available through the District Council. For more details please contact John Howard confidentially.

**Trees and Woods** – There continues to be considerable interest in establishing a new wood within the village as a new common and protected green space. We are awaiting feedback from the Diocese about a particular site, but this may take some time.

**2020/21 Local Highways Initiative** – we agreed to bid for advance warning of the 30mph limit on the road entering Cardinals Green from Mill Green, similar to that which has been installed on the West Wickham Road.

**Social housing** –Outline discussion with Greater Cambridge Shared Planning and landowners is awaited.

**Moving Vehicle Speed Sign** – we hope to purchase our own moving vehicle speed warning sign for permanent use around the village in the near future.

**Burial Ground** – we are soon to commence a new path and gates through the allotments in to the burial ground from the parking space on the West Wickham Road. Thanks to Stuart Miller for his persistence on this project.

**Maintenance** – We are awaiting the installation of LED lamps in our streetlights. We are aware of a few other issues; damaged pavements outside the Church and The Terrace; the overgrown steps down from the cricket ground; and the general state of signs and litter. We hope to have a small party to tackle the worst areas of litter in December, and a sign cleaning and village litter pick event in February.

We continue to chase individual items, but encourage people to complain independently to Cambs County Council at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk) where there is a "report a highways fault" form. We understand there is a greater likelihood of action with more public complaints.

**Meetings** - We continue to attend the A1307 Parishes Forum and the GCP Local Liaison Forum.

Although we have done our best to make our Parish Council virtual zoom meetings accessible to residents, we cannot be certain that our meetings are transparent or accessible enough. Therefore, please do contact John Howard or Mel Laing if you have any issue you would like to discuss.

*Reminders*

**Defibrillators** – Access is via a code gained by dialling 999; instructions are on the defibrillator cabinets.

**Our next scheduled meeting is Monday 11 January 2021. Please look at the Parish Council noticeboards for up to date information, and email Mel Laing if you wish to contribute.**

John Howard, Chair

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## 1ST HORSEHEATH BROWNIES

As we mentioned last time that Girlguiding were allowing us to have face-to-face meetings indoors after 24 September. I duly completed all my necessary forms, risk assessments, detailed programme, etc and got approval to meeting from 4 November then Boris shut everything down from 5 November, so we managed just one face-to-face meeting.

It was an interesting and busy meeting. We completed our Explore skills builder, 1st aid skills builder and also decorated stones for Remembrance. We ended the meeting with the postponed, from March, Promise celebration for Amelia, Esmé and Martha. All the girls went home with envelopes full of badges they had earned during our Zoom meetings and the summer holidays.

We are back to our online Zoom meetings on Wednesdays from 6-7pm. This week Ella completed her Brownie Silver Award having gained four theme awards. Ella had gained her Brownie Bronze award in September for completing two theme awards. Ella is now just two interest badges plus an extra challenge away from completing her Brownie Gold Award, which is the highest award a Brownie can gain. Freya has also completed two theme awards and has been presented with her Brownie Bronze Award.

We welcomed Megan to Brownies during September, she has transferred up from Linton Rainbows. She has fitted in well and has already gained her baking and collecting interest badges plus she has started work on the Jarman Centre 12 days of Christmas challenge.

As government and Girlguiding restrictions are in place the Brownies won't be holding their usual Christmas party for the over 60's this year. We might do something in the summer if we are allowed but for those who have supported us over the years you might find a little something from us through your letterbox.

We still have space if you would like to send your daughter to Brownies, we are meeting online until we can meeting face-to-face again.

If you would like to know more about Brownies or the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards please check out the Girlguiding website ([www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)) or drop us a message on [horseheathbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:horseheathbrownies@gmail.com). Brownies is where the girls have fun learning new skills and enjoy just bring themselves.

PAULINE, KATIE, and LAURENÉ

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[www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/)

## HORSEHEATH VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Hello from the Village Hall. Wow, well what a year it has been, a very strange and challenging one for us all.

The village hall has had some huge changes and will continue to in the coming year. After all the hard fundraising we had completed we thought it was time to start the renovations and then Covid-19 arrived. We have used this time to continue to complete the works and to move on to updating the main hall.

We have kindly received a grant from the Parish Council to cover the decorating of the main hall and we plan to do this over the next few months. We are waiting to hear regarding an energy grant towards replacing the windows. This will help to keep the hall warm and brighten the place up.

The committee has seen its biggest change this year in losing two members who have volunteered for over 20 years. Nita went first feeling it was time to retire and Christine who retired a few weeks ago. They will be very much missed and have been huge assets to the hall. We are very grateful to them in showing us the "ropes" and hope that they feel they can trust us to lead the hall into better times.

We had a belated AGM, voting of members took place and I stay on as chairperson, Linda is secretary and Bev the bookings clerk. Bev has also kindly taken over the role of Treasurer until we find a permanent one. If anyone would like to join us who has any treasurer experience please contact us. We are happy if you would prefer to just do the role of managing the books and not be involved in the other parts of managing the hall. We are always looking for new members so please if you have some time and wish to join us drop me a email. Peter Wilson has also retired as one of our volunteered auditors, his continued support was very much appreciated. Stuart Miller has agreed to stay on, so we need one more to help audit our books once a year. Please let us know if you would be interested.

The hall relies heavily on volunteers to keep it going. The more we have in our team the lighter the load for us all. We are a very friendly team and our main aim is to keep the hall open and have some fun running events for the community.

Before lockdown we were hoping to run a Farmers type market with a Christmas theme. This would be towards the middle of December on a Saturday afternoon. We were hoping it would be the first of many, supporting local businesses is so important now more than ever. Due to restrictions it may be a low key event to begin with and we will adhere to all Covid-19 safety measures. It will be run outside, weather permitting. We will post more details around the village if restrictions are lifted, so look out for posters. We will advertise on "Horseheath whats on" Facebook page and details on the Horseheath website.

We are also going to run a Virtual Quiz Night in January to lift all our spirits. It will run as household teams with prizes for winners and losers! Please email or text us if you want to book a household team and we will let you know how to pay and send you the zoom link.

It has been difficult not to continue with fundraising and our funds are depleting as all businesses are finding. If anyone wishes to make a donation if they are unable to attend any of the hopefully planned events please let us know. Alternatively, we will be holding a Christmas Raffle and tickets are in sale, please let us know if you want a ticket and we will drop off. Strips will be £1. The main prize is a large Christmas Hamper full of delights.

We hope better times are coming next year and that we will be able to return to some normality and be together again.

Thank you all for your continued support over the last year, and we hope to see you all soon

### 100 Club Winners

|           |                           |      |
|-----------|---------------------------|------|
| October:  | Graham Cable, Horseheath  | £30  |
| Harvest:  | Lilian Hale, Horseheath   | £100 |
| November: | Teresa Griggs, Horseheath | £30  |

Mel - Chairperson  
[Villagehall@horseheath.info](mailto:Villagehall@horseheath.info)

## **MACMILLAN FUNDRAISING**

This year we held the MacMillan Fundraising in the garden with no coffee. Through the sale of cakes, jams, marmalades, pickles, chutneys and your generous donations we managed to raise £405 for MacMillan.

Thank you everyone for your support.

CHRISTINE and PAULINE

## **A604 CLUB**

As far as we know all our members are well and free from Coronavirus. It will soon be a year since we last met face to face. We all hope that the restrictions lift and we will be able to meet in the village hall for a good old chin-wag.

I hope you all have a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Christine  
Treasurer

## **WEST WICKHAM AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

On Monday one of our members Clive Boase gave us an online presentation "Wildlife in the Garden" which was watched by 24 of our members on Zoom. So successful was this online meeting we now intend to schedule more after Christmas.

Clive and Sue live at Hazel Stub and have planned their garden with wildlife in mind. They have a large pond with no fish so that pond life can thrive; a lawn that changes from a mass of cowslips to ox-eye daises back to lawn; areas of uncut vegetation especially beneath hedges and have installed a night-time camera to check out the visitors. They were surprised and delighted to find that badgers, foxes and deer frequent the garden during the night. They hope that by making their garden so wildlife friendly they can help make a wildlife corridor across the wider area, something we all could do very easily.

We hope to have a Christmas online Quiz and some more talks in the New Year. Please support us and perhaps by Easter we can all meet up again at the Village Hall.

Best wishes from all the WWDGC Committee.

Rosemary Yallop

## **ARTICLES FOR SALE**

A dinghy which can seat up to 4 people for sale, includes paddles and pump.  
All offers considered. Phone Sue on 01223 892086

We also have a supply of demijohn bottles and wine making equipment for **free** to anyone who makes home made wine. Contact Sue on 01223 892086

## **AUTUMN - SEASON OF SUCH SWEET SADNESS**

Ponds, hidden in silver grass  
Become shining mirrors of polished glass  
as early frosts jewel football grounds  
singeing forsaken blooms on burial mounds.

Fields of stubble ploughed over  
Exhale beneath rank dock and clover  
while partridges spatter into rose hued skies  
following ascendant swallows with their sad Goodbyes.

Squeals of children seem much farther off  
So too the itinerant gardeners cough  
as He obligingly honours bonfire rules  
before searching out his digging tools

The mower is silenced and stowed away  
For now mute in darkness... until one Spring day  
it "splutters" to stripe the verdant lawn  
Under cirrus skies, some gilded Morn

Long dead stars imprint the night  
As we await that first cruel winters bite  
A fox is heard before the village awakes  
sniffing the air when morning breaks

The air is pierced by twelve bore shots  
From hollows once drowned in forget-me-nots  
New shoots of barley are inching through  
Upon stubbled prairies of dripping dew.

Winter is ready and on her way  
No brief respite... she is here to stay!  
Gloves and scarves are turned out from drawers  
So we can embrace December out of doors.

Only dreams remain of scorching days  
Of deck chair naps in a garden haze  
Berries once brown... drooping, rotten  
Remind us summer is past... gone... forgotten!

These days are ragged in sadness torn  
As we lament lost fields of golden Corn  
Though gnawed and chapped by winters chill  
in these shorter days... there is solace still!

Its True... disease has usurped the past  
As we reflect these Days in shadows cast  
yet in adversity We'll find a way to cope  
Springs coming soon... with... NEW LIFE and HOPE!

Paul Banks

## **A MESSAGE FOR LUCY FRASER MP**

As we look to the end of 2020, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on some of the work I have been doing over the course of this year.

2020 has been a challenging year for all of us and I want to pay tribute to everyone who has helped and supported their local communities and vulnerable individuals during the pandemic. The response to the public health challenge of Coronavirus saw us pulling together, ensuring that our communities across Cambridgeshire kept connected. And I know that our villages are continuing their great support to others. I was pleased to safely meet with local volunteers in person across the constituency during the summer months – and to take part in regular Zoom updates with local leaders and stakeholders.

The Coronavirus pandemic brought an economic shock to the UK like we have not experienced before, but I am encouraged to see that we are taking steps towards a positive recovery. By the summer, in our area 14,700 furloughed workers were supported through the Job Retention Scheme and 4,600 self-employed individuals were given help through the Self-Employment Income Scheme. 1,687 local businesses received a cash grant of up to £25,000 thanks to the local authority discretionary grant fund. Whilst these measures have brought relief to both employers and employees, local shopping has also brought with it further support over the last few months

Whilst the government is focused on dealing with the pandemic, other projects are still progressing and I continue to work to improve our area. I welcome the announcement that the Department of Health has awarded Cambridge University hospitals £1.9 million to expedite the complete redevelopment of Addenbrooke's hospital, this will include a new children's hospital. And at the beginning of October, the Prime Minister also announced the building of a new cancer hospital. Residents across Cambridgeshire rely upon Addenbrooke's Hospital for their medical care, and population growth makes its complete replacement with a brand new hospital in the years ahead a necessity.

I have campaigned hard for continued investment in NHS services in our local area, and the construction of a new hospital has my complete support.

This development is further evidence of the government's commitment to this scheme, and the NHS more generally. I will continue to do everything in my power to make sure that Cambridgeshire sustains its reputation for world-class medical services.

Furthermore for some I have been pressing for improvements to the A10 and spearheaded the campaign for its dualling. Some progress has been made on this project. There are eight options for the project, and the Mayor and Combined Authority held a virtual consultation during the summer to collect feedback from residents and road users. I have continued to press the Treasury on the importance of this work.

The Greenways scheme is one of the local efforts to improve cycleways by constructing routes between central Cambridge and nearby villages. The routes will help to reduce pressure on public transport and offer more environmentally friendly ways to commute and get around. I have supported this scheme since 2017, working with the Greater Cambridge Partnership and other local stakeholders to ensure that local residents were involved in determining the routes. This currently includes 6 routes in our area. I am really pleased that the routes to Fulbourn, Waterbeach and Linton have been approved. Having recently met with the GCP and written to the Board to press for further routes I am delighted that the three further routes in Horningsea, Bottisham and Swaffhams have also been approved. I'm looking forward to using the routes and hope you will do the same!

Education has also been a key campaign pledge since I was first elected. Year after year I have taken heads to Westminster to meet the Education Secretary. As a result of much campaigning with teachers and others the 2021-2022 academic year will see per pupil funding increase by an average of 4%. The National Funding Formula allocations reflect a 60% increase in the total additional funding for small and remote schools- and this is good news for small schools in our area who can attract further funding due to their status. I remain proud that East Cambridgeshire is one of 12 Opportunity Areas that enables the region to unlock additional funding.

I continue to hold regular surgeries and am here to help with any issues you may have. Constituents who would like help with a problem or want to arrange a telephone call or a virtual meeting should contact me by emailing [lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk).

Best wishes for the rest of 2020 and I hope that 2021 will prove to be a better year for us all.

Lucy Frazer MP, South East Cambridgeshire

## COMMUNITY WARDEN

I'm Faye Parker and I have recently become the Small Villages Community Warden for Age UK Cambridge and Peterborough covering the villages of Horseheath, Castle Camps, Shudy Camps, West Wickham, Weston Colville, Balsham and West Wrating.

I live in one of the small villages myself, and am looking forward to being able to support our older people to the best of my ability.

If you would like to speak to me about the service we offer, please do get in touch by phone or text on 07436 102856, or you can email me at [Faye.Parker@AgeUKCAP.org.uk](mailto:Faye.Parker@AgeUKCAP.org.uk).



## THE MEADOW SCHOOL, BALSHAM

The month of October for our community always signifies two things, the well-known two day craft fair that sees the whole school transformed for a weekend and in turn raises lots of money for the PTA and Meadow Mile, our sponsored walk around the village. Sadly, Covid put a stop to the craft fair and meant we had to be creative with our sponsored walk. Meadow Mile, instead became the Meadow March!

The whole school took turns to march around the grounds in their bubbles, dressed in amazing rainbow colours. Through the day, we updated the children on how much money was being donated, with our reception classes deciding to complete an extra lap due to the amount raised! We managed to raise over £2,000 with the money being used to update the non-fiction books in the school library which sits at the heart of our school.

November, too set challenges for us as we had to be inventive in the way we marked Remembrance Day. Instead of standing on the school playground, laying pennies on our giant poppy and using the church bells to mark the time, we held a virtual zoom assembly, followed by a two-minute silence in the classrooms and had to rely upon the school bell. The children did really well at respecting the two-minute silence and we were especially proud of our youngest children who were quiet as mice.

As we move towards December, the month which usually brings so much sparkle and cheer we again are having to think in different ways. We are determined to put on a Christmas show of some sorts and the teachers in the Infants are working hard to plan how to do this following all of our Covid rules. Sadly there will be no real life donkey this year, but there will be sparkle, costumes, singing and dancing, it will just be a little bit different!

With the New Year on the horizon, we all hope that life at some point can return to a little more normal. The things we used to do without even thinking about, are perhaps the things we all miss the most now. I know for one, I can't wait to give my wider family a hug again and to go and sit in a class and read with the children or play a game with children in different classes. Sometimes in the life the little things that cost nothing are the things that are most precious.

Nichola Connor  
Headteacher

A promotional graphic for Mandy's Home Help. It features a photograph of two elderly people walking outdoors on the left. On the right, there is a portrait of Mandy Coe, a smiling woman with grey hair. The text includes the company name 'Mandy's Home Help', the website 'www.mandyshomehelp.co.uk', and contact details for Mandy Coe: 'Tel: 01440 382392', 'Mobile: 07825 331777', and 'info@mandyshomehelp.co.uk'. At the bottom, a list of services is provided: 'Domestic Cleaning - Ironing - Shopping', 'House Sitting - Accompanied Outings'.



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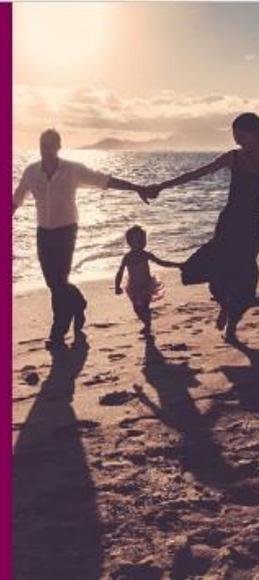
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## CHURCH SERVICES

| <b>Sunday 6 December – Second Sunday of Advent</b>      |         |                                                                   |                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Linton                                                  | 10am    | Holy Eucharist                                                    | Revd Maggie Guite                 |
| Horseheath                                              | 10am    | Christingle Service                                               | Revd Ian Fisher                   |
| Bartlow                                                 | 10am    | Holy Eucharist                                                    | Revd Lesley Gore                  |
| Castle Camps                                            | 4pm     | Service with readings and Carol Choir (no congregational singing) | Lindi Kent LLM<br>Revd Ian Fisher |
| <b>Sunday 13 December – Third Sunday of Advent</b>      |         |                                                                   |                                   |
| Castle Camps                                            | 10am    | Holy Eucharist                                                    | Revd Ian Fisher                   |
| Barlow                                                  | 10am    | Stir up Sunday                                                    | Cathy Watts                       |
| <b>Sunday 20 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>     |         |                                                                   |                                   |
| Horseheath                                              | 10am    | Holy Eucharist                                                    | Revd Ian Fisher                   |
| Bartlow                                                 | 6pm     | Carol Service                                                     | Revd Lesley Gore                  |
| <b>Thursday 24 December – Christmas Eve</b>             |         |                                                                   |                                   |
| Horseheath                                              | 4pm     | Crib Service – <b>please note this is a ticketed event</b>        | Revd Ian Fisher                   |
| Horseheath                                              | 6pm     | Crib Service – <b>please note this is a ticketed event</b>        | Revd Ian Fisher                   |
| Castle Camps                                            | 11.30pm | Midnight Mass                                                     | Revd Ian Fisher                   |
| <b>Friday 25 December – Christmas Day</b>               |         |                                                                   |                                   |
| Castle Camps                                            | 10am    | Holy Eucharist                                                    | Revd Ian Fisher                   |
| Bartlow                                                 | 10am    | Holy Eucharist                                                    | Revd Lesley Gore                  |
| <b>Sunday 27 December– St John</b>                      |         |                                                                   |                                   |
| Shudy Camps                                             | 10am    | New Year Covenant Service                                         | Revd Ian Fisher                   |
| <b>Sunday 3 January– Christmas 2/Epiphany</b>           |         |                                                                   |                                   |
| Linton                                                  | 10am    | Holy Eucharist                                                    | Revd Maggie Guite                 |
| Bartlow                                                 | 10am    | Holy Eucharist                                                    | Revd Lesley Gore                  |
| Horseheath                                              | 4pm     | Evening Service and Healing                                       | Lindi Kent/Revd Ian Fisher        |
| <b>Sunday 10 January – Epiphany 1 Baptism of Christ</b> |         |                                                                   |                                   |
| Castle Camps                                            | 10am    | Holy Eucharist                                                    | Revd Ian Fisher                   |
| Bartlow                                                 | 10am    | Family Service                                                    | Cathy Watts                       |
| <b>Sunday 17 January – Epiphany 2</b>                   |         |                                                                   |                                   |
| Horseheath                                              | 10am    | Holy Eucharist                                                    | Revd Ian Fisher                   |
| Bartlow                                                 | 4.30pm  | Evensong                                                          | Revd Lesley Gore                  |
| <b>Sunday 24 January – Epiphany 3 Wedding Sunday</b>    |         |                                                                   |                                   |
| Shudy Camps                                             | 10am    | Holy Eucharist                                                    | Revd Ian Fisher                   |
| Bartlow                                                 | 10am    | Morning Service                                                   | Congregation led                  |
| <b>Sunday 31 January – Epiphany 4</b>                   |         |                                                                   |                                   |
| Shudy Camps                                             | 10am    | Joint with URC                                                    | Revd Ian Fisher                   |

## CHURCH WARDENS

| <b>All Saints' Horseheath</b>                                    | <b>St Mary's Shudy Camps</b>  | <b>All Saints Castle Camps</b>                                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mrs Pat Smith - 01223 892484<br>Mrs Judith Jolley - 07960 440039 | Mr Andrew Webb - 01799 584489 | Mr David Neal - 01799 584264<br>Mrs Patricia Haylock - 01799 584254 |

## VILLAGE DIARY

|          |    |                                                                                                                     |
|----------|----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| November | 29 | Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison                                                             |
|          | 30 | Horseheath: Black Bin, Cardinals Green: Blue and Green Bins                                                         |
| December | 6  | Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson<br>Christingle service, 10am at All Saints Church Horseheath |
|          | 7  | Horseheath: Blue and Green Bins, Cardinals Green: Black Bin                                                         |
|          | 13 | Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson                                                              |
|          | 14 | Horseheath: Black Bin, Cardinals Green: Blue and Green Bins                                                         |
|          | 20 | Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley                                                                |
|          | 21 | Horseheath: Blue Bin, Cardinals Green: Black Bin                                                                    |
|          | 24 | Christmas Crib Service, 4pm and 6pm at All Saints Church Horseheath                                                 |
|          | 27 | Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley                                                                |
|          | 28 | Horseheath: Black Bin, Cardinals Green: Blue Bin                                                                    |
| January  | 3  | Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Gouldstone & Mrs Mizon                                                            |
|          | 6  | Horseheath: Blue and Green Bins, Cardinals Green: Black Bin                                                         |
|          | 10 | Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Gouldstone & Mrs Mizon                                                            |
|          | 11 | Horseheath Parish Council meeting                                                                                   |
|          | 12 | Horseheath: Black Bin, Cardinals Green: Blue and Green Bins                                                         |
|          | 17 | Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Townrow & Miss Newman                                                             |
|          | 18 | Horseheath: Blue Bin, Cardinals Green: Black Bin                                                                    |
|          | 24 | Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Townrow & Miss Newman                                                             |
|          | 25 | Horseheath: Black Bin, Cardinals Green: Blue Bin                                                                    |
| February | 31 | Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Mayes & Mrs Wheeler                                                               |
|          | 1  | Horseheath: Blue and Green Bins, Cardinals Green: Black Bin                                                         |
|          | 7  | Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Mayes & Mrs Wheeler                                                               |
|          | 8  | Horseheath: Black Bin, Cardinals Green: Blue and Green Bins                                                         |


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