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		St Andrew's Caunton	St Giles' Cromwell	St Laurence's Norwell	Holy Rood Ossington	All Saints' Sutton	St Mary's Carlton
<i>first Sunday</i>	5 Dec. <i>Advent 2</i>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion				10.30 a.m. Joint service with Methodists – chapel	3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>second Sunday</i>	12 Dec. <i>Advent 3</i>			6.00 p.m. Nine Lessons & Carols		9.00 a.m. Breakfast church – Methodist Hall	11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
<i>third Sunday</i>	19 Dec. <i>Advent 4</i>	6.00 p.m. Carol service	10.30 a.m. Christmas service		6.00 p.m. Carol service	4.00 p.m. Carol service (Christmas Tree Festival)	3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>Friday</i>	24 Dec. <i>Christmas Eve</i>	4.00 p.m. Crib service		4.00 p.m. Churchyard Crib service 9.00 p.m. Christmas Communion		3.00 p.m. Crib service 11.15 p.m. Christmas Communion	
<i>Saturday</i>	25 Dec. <i>Christmas Day</i>				10.00 a.m. Christmas Communion		11.00 a.m. Christmas Communion
<i>fourth Sunday</i>	26 Dec. <i>St Stephen's Day</i>						3.00 p.m. Evensong

Churches may still be following some Covid-19 precautions. Contact details for churchwardens can be found on page 5.

Verse of the month:

*“And the angel said to them,
‘Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy
that will be for all the people.’”*

Luke 2 v 10

Good news at Christmas is something that will encourage us all.

Beck & Trent churches update

We shall surely look back on 2021 as a time of uncertainty and even anxiety.

At times like this it is ever more important that we hold firm to the certainty of the Christian faith. At Christmas we are reminded of the prophecies that are fulfilled in the birth of Christ, the Saviour of the world. The timeless passage in I Corinthians 13 reminds us of the importance of faith, hope and love. Together they help us to look forward to whatever the future holds for us personally, our families, our churches and the world. It is human nature to wish to have the future clearly set out before us, but these last 20 months, and the deep concerns about the environment, have shown us that that is not possible. Loving God and our neighbours, and in turn being loved by them can hold us together when life is difficult.

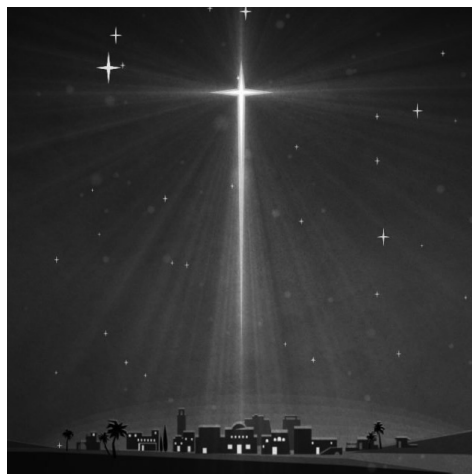
We still wait to know what the future holds for our churches and pray that in 2022 this will become clear.

The churches join together in praying that you will all find both comfort and joy this Christmas.

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EARLY COPY DATE FOR JANUARY

We will be preparing the January edition earlier than usual due to the Christmas holidays. Please send copy to the usual editor by Friday 10 December.

From the church



Hope is Born at Christmas

A Christmas Message from Bishop Paul Williams, Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham

It was a joy to be with you back in the summer in Norwell for a special service celebrating the ministry of Beck & Trent group of churches. How quickly time has passed since then and now we are preparing for Advent and Christmas.

It is quite something to imagine the many carol services that have been hosted in the villages over the centuries as people of deep faith and no faith, and some who are just clinging on to faith, come together to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas. If you've not been to a carol service for a few years then get along to one if you can – this year we can join in with the singing too!

There's something about a carol service that turns Christmas from a festival of food and presents into a celebration of living hope. The sound of a lone voice singing the opening verse of 'Once in royal', the wonder in a child's face as they gaze on a nativity scene, a candle flickering in the darkness as someone reads from John's Gospel about the light of Christ.

Never has our world been in greater need of hope. The hope of Christ born that first Christmas is not a temporary respite to mid-winter blues or post-pandemic gloom. The hope that Jesus brings is not merely wishful thinking, it is rock solid and life-changing on a deeply personal level. It's also vital for a healthy society. God's hope makes us less anxious, gentler and kinder in our thoughts and actions towards one another, and more sensitive to injustice, poverty or pain.

The hope that Jesus brings sets people free to be themselves as God intended. In a world that is every bit as broken as it is beautiful, experiencing true joy and peace is a rare thing. But that is what the birth of Jesus makes possible, and not just because the Son of God was laid in a manger but also because he died on a cross and rose from the dead.

From that moment on no life however hard, and no situation however desperate, need ever be truly hopeless. That's why Christmas is a time for decision with extraordinary consequences for our lives and our world. What will we do with this hope God freely offers to us? The Christmas story invites us to receive it with child-like faith; for a new hope to be born in us. It's what every church seeks to share by practical care and by telling the story of Jesus all through the year. And so my prayer for you in Sutton-on-Trent, Carlton on Trent, Norwell, Caunton, Cromwell and Ossington is simply this: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope through the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15).

I wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Bishop Paul Williams

More from the church...

God's messengers

As we think again about the events of the first Christmas we are reminded of the important part that the angels played. They were God's messengers. Through them God was able to talk to Mary, the shepherds and indeed, to all of us. Throughout 2021 we have been privileged to have many of God's messengers bringing God's messages to us by taking services for us and supporting us in so many different ways. We thank them all. We are pleased to share the following from the Rev Georgie Hadley:

Christmas thoughts.

December marks the beginning of the Christian calendar, so Happy New Year.



Christmas is such a high spot for many, especially this year as it looks like families can get together. However, for many, it's a tough time. Some of the roots of Christmas go back to the Celts and the Winter Solstice – the chance to celebrate in the darkest days*. We celebrate the birth of Christ, the light of the world. But, remember, Christ is not just for Christmas. He is our light and companion throughout the year.

The Revd Georgie Hadley, Associate Priest of the Riverside Parishes

**See p33 to read about Yuletide*



From the church *(continued...)*

Help, support and contacts

We want to assure you that even though we have no vicar at the moment the church is here to help, support and advise you.

- For baptisms, weddings and funerals contact the Benefice Administrator, Heather Sirrel. Ring 01636 555082 or email admin@becktrent.org.uk
Heather works 10 hours per week and will respond to all messages left as soon as possible.
- For local support and booking for services contact your churchwardens:

Caunton Irene Crossley 01636 639 123 / Caroline Harvey 01636 636 298

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Norwell Elizabeth Jones 01636 636 365

Ossington Robin & Jane Drury 07951 439 840

Also in the Benefice

Carlton on Trent Contact Benefice Administrator

Sutton on Trent Steve Hall 07772 468836



- For Safeguarding contact the Safeguarding Co-ordinator via the Parish Office
01636 555082 safeguarding@becktrent.org.uk.

See the Beck and Trent website for more contact details www.becktrent.org.uk.

From the registers

Baptism

Holy Rood, Ossington	Reggie William Coupland	17 Oct 2021
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Funerals

St Laurence's, Norwell	(Robert) David Garnett	6 Nov 2021
St Giles', Cromwell	Walter Henry Jackson	17 Nov 2021
All Saints', Sutton on Trent	Maureen May Brammer	17 Nov 2021

It is possible to give to your church online. Go to
www.becktrent.org.uk/giving or use the QR Code:



Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service consultation

The Fire Service has recently issued a draft community risk management plan for 2022-2025, together with a survey to provide views on the plan. If you would like to know more, together with links to both the plan and the survey, please contact Janet Carr on jecarr@live.co.uk

Lasting legacy continues to help the elderly of Newark

The Mary Elizabeth Siebel Trust (MES Trust) has continued to help the elderly of Newark throughout the pandemic and now that winter is drawing near, the Trustees would like to help even more people.



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TRUST

The MES Trust offers grants to people over 60 years of age who suffer from a disability, illness, or mobility issues and also live within a 12 mile radius of Newark Town Hall.

Sarah Allen of Tallents Solicitors and Clerk to the Trustees said:

"If you meet the criteria for the grant, or a member of your family does, and help is needed to continue to live in your own home, then we would be delighted to receive an application from you.

"Winter can be particularly hard for our local elderly, so if you, or someone you know could benefit from a grant, please do apply now by contacting Tallents Solicitors on 01636 671881."

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- Minor property repairs and renovation • Cookers • Carpets • Fridges

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NATURE *Watch*

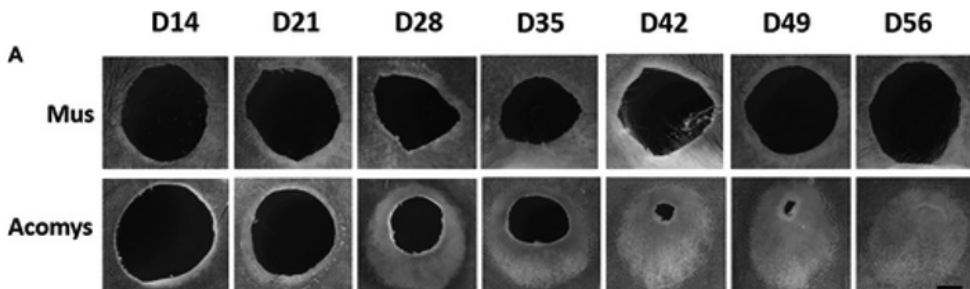
Mice are in the order Rodentia, or rodents, classified by their continuously growing incisors, and a lack of canine teeth. In fact the word Rodentia is derived from the Latin word rodere (to gnaw) and dentis (tooth). Other members of the order include voles, rats and squirrels. There are six different species of mouse found in the UK – five are native and the edible dormouse was introduced from Europe in the early 1900s.

Mice have a small body but a voracious appetite. They have to consume 10-15% of their body mass in food each day due to the need to maintain a high respiratory rate (this is compared to 4-7% of the much larger elephant). Due to their fast-paced lifestyle their heart must beat between 500-700 times per minute. In the wild, mice have a short life expectancy of up to a year. The exception is the dormouse which can live up to five years.



Mice are widely studied in the scientific world as a model organism and have yielded some fascinating findings. Recent studies have found that in mice with physical impairments, like loss of limbs or partial even total loss of vision, there is no reduction in survival chances compared to healthy mice. Another study on spiny mice found they can heal severe skin wounds without leaving a scar. They also have the ability to regenerate severely damaged internal organs, which in other mice would have led to total organ failure. The spiny mouse is the first adult mammal to demonstrate total kidney regeneration. In the words of Walt Disney, "Remember, it all started with a mouse".

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Ear wound regeneration in Acomys, spiny mouse vs Musculus, house mouse (Santos et al, 2015).

BIRD *Watch*

After one of the quietest Autumn migrations in recent years there is still nothing of real interest to report.

At the moment a few fieldfares have arrived but the main flocks from Scandinavia have obviously not yet been pushed to us by hard weather and there have been no reports of redwings at all. Flocks of linnets have been seen on seedheads and in hedgerows, and some siskin have been at feed points.

Of more concern is that many people are noticing a substantial reduction in the number of the usual species which come to garden feedpoints. The smaller birds are more vulnerable to changes in weather patterns and the availability of food but there are conflicting views about the use of bird tables and feeders. Some think that we are encouraging birds to become too dependent on supplementary food; the contrary opinion is that it is helpful because modern agricultural practice is reducing food supplies. For example the speed with which arable fields are drilled after harvest means there is little grain left for foraging birds. If that is a factor it is only one of many: extensive research is going on to try to pinpoint all the reasons for population decline.

More sightings of kingfishers continue to demonstrate the health of the brooks and becks.

Peter Geldart petergeldart@btinternet.com



Fieldfare



Linnnet (male)



Siskin (male)



Kingfisher

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FARMING *Watch*

With autumn drilling of over-wintered cereals complete, attention now turns to the harvesting of sugar beet. Historically this crop has been grown extensively in Nottinghamshire and other eastern counties. Our local sugar beet factory dominates the Newark skyline, and is a significant local employer.

In fact, Newark Sugar Beet Factory is celebrating its centenary this year having been opened by a company called Home Grown Sugar Ltd in 1921. The process of extracting sugar from beet was discovered in 1747, although the use of sugar from cane in England was first recorded in 1099! Cane sugar was the main source of sugar in this country, because of our colonies in the West Indies, until World War 1 when German gun boats successfully sank many trading ships. At this point the government intervened to encourage home production, and by 1928 there were 18 sugar beet factories operating in Britain.

Nowadays, there are just four factories that together produce 50% of the UK's sugar requirement. Newark factory receives approximately 1.2 million tonnes of sugar beet during the 'campaign' from about 700 farmers, resulting in 230,000 tonnes of sugar. On arrival the sugar beet is washed, sliced, and mixed with hot water to extract the sugar. The syrup is filtered, heated and seeded with tiny sugar crystals, which grow into the required size. The sugar crystals are then washed, dried, cooled and packed in a range of products for both industrial and retail markets.

Interestingly, because of the sale of manufacturing by-products (aggregate, topsoil, animal feed products etc), the entire process results in almost zero waste – only 200 grams of waste for every tonne of sugar produced. Coupled with the fact that the average journey length of harvested sugar beet to factory is only 28 miles, home produced sugar is a very environmentally friendly product.

So next time you are travelling behind a tractor or lorry trailer laden with sugar beet, it may remind you to put UK 'Silver Spoon' sugar on your shopping list!

Janet Carr jecarr@live.co.uk

RAIN *Watch*

October was a very wet month with very nearly double the rain (198%) expected. A typical October in Norwell would bring 5.7 cm (2.2 in) of rain; we had 11.3 cm (4.4 in).

By the end of October we had had 7% more rain than expected by this time of year.

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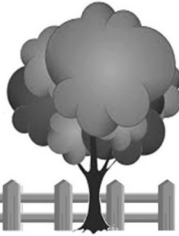
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REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

School and church came together in St. Andrew's on Thursday 11th for a Remembrance service. We started in church with a short service taken by Caroline, with her asking questions and the children eagerly wanting to be picked to answer. There was one hymn which the children had been rehearsing and three children then read the poem 'In Flanders Field' and I don't think there was a dry eye at the end! We then made our way to the Memorial, with the children lining the church path and adults outside the gates. Parents, you should be very proud of your children as every one of them remained silent during the playing of The Last Post, the Two Minutes Silence and Reveille. We were also very lucky to have a mum playing the cornet. After the service we went to school to join the children for lunch.

Our Remembrance Sunday service was well attended by young and old. We started the service in church, again led by Caroline, then made our way outside to the Memorial for the official Act of Remembrance.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. ANDREW'S

We're really looking forward to St. Andrew's being filled with decorations for Christmas. This year's theme is 'The Holly and the Ivy'.

The society trees will be in place during the week commencing Monday 29 November ready for our 10.30 Holy Communion service on Sunday 5 December.



Cake Sale

Saturday 4th, 10.00am-4.00pm is when you can come to church and buy homemade cakes. We've done this twice for church and it's proved very successful and, because the church is now open, we are also offering tea/coffee for you to enjoy inside. We will also be selling the cakes inside this year where it will be warmer.

You can place cake orders with Irene on 639123 or Pat on 636523.

Christmas Services

School will be having their Christmas service in St. Andrew's on Wednesday 15th at 11.15am and is open to villagers to attend. No need to book, just come along.

At the moment of writing, the hamper draw will take place after the service.

Our Traditional Lessons and Carols will be on Sunday 19th commencing at 6.00pm. I always look forward to this service as it's just one week before Christmas Day and tells of the story in a few short readings of the coming of Christ. Come and join us as we listen to the readings and sing some favourite carols.

As usual, after the service, we'll be serving mulled wine, stollen and biscuits.

We also look forward to the mayhem of the Crib Service at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve! This is truly one of the best services of the year with the children dressing up in all sorts of costumes to tell the Christmas Story. It's debatable who gets the most excited – parents or children! If you fancy an hour of sheer joy then please come along.

As previously stated, due to the lack of clergy, there won't be Midnight Mass this year at St. Andrew's, but there is an evening service in Norwell.

Please see the service pattern on the inside cover for all services in December.

If you don't come to services but would like to see St. Andrew's decorated, the church will be open during daylight hours for you to pop in.

Irene Crossley, Churchwarden

CHURCH ROTA DECEMBER

Sat 27 Nov: Cleaning – Cathy & Wendy; Flowers – Bo

Sat 4 Dec: Cleaning – Mike & Mary; Flowers – Bo

Sun 5 Dec 10.30am: Sides – Irene; Reader – Caroline; Refreshments – Charlotte

Sat 11 Dec: Cleaning – Mike & Mary; Flowers – Pat

Sat 18 Dec: Cleaning – Joy & David; Flowers – Christmas arrangements

Sun 19 Dec: Sides – Irene; Readers – Various; Refreshments – Irene & Pat

Sat 25 Dec – Christmas Day

Sat 1 Jan: Cleaning – Joy & David; Flowers – Irene

Sun 2 Jan 10.30am: Sides – Irene; Reader – Caroline; Refreshments: Mike & Mary

Caunton community news

Caunton Local History Society

Our November meeting. It was great to be able to meet back in our usual venue of the Community Centre (school hall). Mike Higginbottom gave us a very thorough and informative talk about the incredible quantity of design and engineering that had to be undertaken in the mid-19th century to create a water and sewage system fit for the huge population that had developed in London, replacing the totally inadequate ancient arrangements.

Victorian engineers were set to work to create massive tunnels and design immense pumping wheels and ancillary machinery. Believing that huge buildings should be inspiring to look at, as well as functional, the civic leaders commissioned pumping stations that resembled Venetian palaces with their columns, coloured brickwork and decorative detail. Minor examples of similar work of course happened at Papplewick, Boughton and other places closer to home. The result was that London was transformed from a fetid swamp where Parliament found it almost impossible to meet on the banks of the Thames, to a world-leading modern city.

Our December meeting will be on the 14th when we're holding our annual Christmas dinner, this time at Floral Media. Details have been circulated to members. If any other friends of the Society are interested, contact me or another member.

Brian Robins – Treasurer brian_robins@btinternet.com

Caunton Parish Council – Meeting of 10 November

The Council considered and supported a planning application for a single storey side extension to Skindles, Newark Road and also had no objection to a proposed access at Shady Rest, Newark Road.

It was noted that the screening application for solar developments at Knapthorpe Grange and Muskham Wood had been decided so no further comments were made before a full planning application is registered. Also noted was The Bothy, Mill Lane application for a new dwelling has been permitted.

The Council was briefed on a proposed planning application at Dean Hall Farm, Ollerton Road.

Recent work to clear and CCTV survey the existing highway drainage in areas prone to flooding in Caunton was noted and appreciated.

There is no scheduled meeting in December so the next meeting will be on Wednesday 12 January at 7.30pm in the Village Room at Dean Hole School.

Any representation to the Parish Council should be made to the Clerk at parishcouncilcaunton@gmail.com

Chris Jagger – Chair

Caunton WI

Is it just me or has time started to race now that we are all out and about again and back doing all our old favourite activities?

At Caunton WI we hold monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at Floral Media and somehow we have had two such gatherings since I last wrote.

In October we welcomed Andy Smart who gave us a great insight into the history of theatre in Nottingham. He took us right back to the days when there was practically a theatre on every street corner and explained through many illustrations and stories how we now come to have the Theatre Royal and the Playhouse in the city.

Then almost by magic it was our November meeting when John Devlin from Nottinghamshire Blood Bikes came to talk to us about the amazing work that his group undertake for the NHS 100% free, 365 days of the year! Even though most of us had never heard of them they are a group of volunteers, predominately keen bikers, who deliver not only blood but vital samples and donor breast milk around the area on demand, helping to save lives in our community. We were all left with the greatest respect for John and his team and will certainly try to do some fundraising for their charity in the future.

Our December meeting will take the form of a Christmas Dinner at Floral Media and we do need to know the numbers for that.

If you fancy joining our happy group, the New Year would be a perfect time to make a new start and come along. You would be most welcome. Or make contact with me anytime!

Kate Ashworth – President

kate_ashworth@hotmail.co.uk

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Caunton Improvement Group

Huge thanks to everyone who helped with planting and cleaning up the village at the October event. More than 20 people joined in on the day, winter displays were created and spring bulbs planted.

All the on-going support with litter picking, sweeping up and maintenance of the troughs and planters is much appreciated.

Thank you all for helping keep Caunton looking colourful.

Margie Asker 636221

Steve Routledge 07811 399113

Caunton: Dean Hole Primary School

May I begin with an apology for our absence in the last issue due to circumstances out of our control. We have been very busy over the last few months with many activities and events supporting the school and children's learning.



It was a pleasure to have met many of you at the school's Harvest Festival service where our children performed a short and sweet poem and showed off their joyful noise with our prepared hymn! Children also recently enjoyed visiting the village's war memorial on Remembrance Day.

Children have really enjoyed learning away from school and this term saw our first trips in such a long time! Our younger charges loved visiting Skegness as part of their Seaside topic while older students thrived at Rand Farm for a two night residential that taught them all about life working a farm!

An even tastier prospect for our children was our recent whole-school Chocolate Day: in their family groups, older pupils worked with their younger counterparts to complete four fabulous confectionary-inspired activities. Our children returned to competitive sport as our hockey team kicked off their campaign in the local school's league – for a school of our size, we're more than holding our own.

I would like to thank everyone who took part in our school's big clean up in October: the school is in a much better state than before hand and we couldn't have done it without all the parents who gave up their time to support the staff. We will hold another in the new year and any help you could provide for that would be much appreciated.

At long last, work to install a new boiler has been completed and we are proud to show off our new solar panels. All we need now is some sunlight! However, both of these will help us make our learning environment more pleasant for our children and help us be a greener school.

We are sorry to be saying farewell to our midday supervisor Sue Fawkes who hung up her apron in November. We are seeking a new mid-day supervisor, so please get in touch with the school if you could give up an hour a day to help out at lunchtimes (we can make this a job-share with a couple of people so you don't have to over-commit!).

The school is also on the look-out for new governors. At the beginning of this new phase for the school, a healthy and varied governing body is vital for the sustained success of the school and it is an opportunity to get involved in influencing the school's future. We hold two full governing body meetings a term (six per year) and, over the course of the year, governors undertake occasional additional duties. Please get in touch with the school if you would like to get involved.

Now we are enjoying our Advent festivities including our much-anticipated Nativity

production on Tuesday 14 December, our Christmas Service led by the children on Wednesday 15 December and our Christmas Dinner on the same day. Please come along or support these beautiful traditional events.

On behalf of all the staff and students, may I wish you a very Merry Christmas – stay safe as you spend cherished time with your loved ones.

Andy Liles
Headteacher



(Above) Key Stage 1 children doing their bikeability training



(Left) Key Stage 2 children creating some Jackson Pollock-inspired paintings

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Saturday 11th December doors 7.30pm for 8pm until late: 80s NIGHT WITH THE 4 CAST

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Enquiries Claire Davies 07796 133656

Sunday 5th December 2pm - 5pm: SANTA'S WORKSHOP

STOP PRESS - It's now fully booked! Thank you!

Saturday 15th January 2022 10am - 12 noon: JUMBLE SALE

with tea, coffee and cake.

Cromwell Parish Meeting

Speeding

At the last meeting the speed of some traffic through the village was reported to be excessive and safety concerns were expressed. Cllr Bruce Laughton has arranged for a professional "tube count" to be done to quantify this problem. This will be completed in November.

Dog Bins

Two bins for dog mess have been ordered from the Council but some delay is probable due to their supply problems. They will be positioned near the end of Fly-Fish Lane and near the old telephone kiosk.

David Swift, Chair cromwellparishmeeting@gmail.com

Cromwell Messenger

To share news and information with the village please contact Tracy Koefoed who runs the Village Messenger service:

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Next service –
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see p2 for details



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Churchwarden: emjones.norwell@btinternet.com or 01636 636 365

The PCC and churchwarden of St Laurence's church wish you all a Christmas full of joy.

Celebrating Christmas

You can't help noticing St Laurence's church. It dominates the village as you come in from Cromwell. But it is particularly at Christmas and Easter that we are challenged to think about why the church is there. It stands as it has done for the last one thousand years and still we worship there. We worship together throughout the year and we celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas and remember his death and resurrection at Easter.

This Christmas we invite you join in with the various things that are happening during December. There are events for those for whom the traditions of Christmas are very important, and also for those who like to explore new ways of worship; for those who like to think quietly; and those who like to sing robustly!

We will respect Covid guidelines and will respond accordingly if circumstances change.

Calendar for Christmas

- **Thurs 9 & Fri 10 December – Decorate the church for Christmas.**

Societies, organisations and individuals are invited to help decorate a window, a pillar, a niche or a step. The theme this year is 'See amid the winter's snow'. White and snowflakes are obvious theme but read the whole carol and you can do almost anything you like (within reason). The school will be decorating the porch – snowflakes everywhere.

- **Sat 11 December between 10.00am and 12 noon – Drop in**

Come and see the decorations and have a cup of coffee, a mince pie, a glass of mulled wine and a chat.

- **Sun 12 December at 6.00pm – Service of nine lessons and carols**

This is the traditional service with the readings which are used every year and the carols which are known so well. Mulled wine and mince pies will be on offer after this service as well.

- **Tues 14 December 6.45pm – Beer and Carols**

Wrap up warm and meet in the Pinfold. You will need a torch to read the words of the carols, but if you have a lantern to stand on the wall that would be lovely. We'll sing some carols and then move across the road to the hospitality of the Plough and more carols – this time in the warm.

- **Christmas Eve**

- 4.00pm – Crib service in the churchyard** (weather permitting)

- This is the first time we are doing this so expect the unexpected! You will need to wrap up warm, wear 'stout' shoes or boots and bring a torch. The service will take about 20 mins and we'll tell the Christmas story as we move round the churchyard. This is specially for children but we think everyone will enjoy it.

- 9.00pm Christmas Communion**

- This is when we invite you to pause and remember why we are celebrating Christmas, but you can have a good sing as well.

Remembering

In 1921 the Celtic cross in the churchyard was dedicated to those from Norwell and Norwell Woodhouse who had fallen in the Great War. Sadly more names had to be added after the Second World War and after the fighting in Malaya.

In 2021, a hundred years later, the children and staff from Norwell Church of England Primary School gathered round the War Memorial. At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month they stood in silence to remember the fallen and then brought forward 15 named wooden crosses. It was a privilege to be there with them and listen as they read the words of the poem In Flanders fields. It was moving to say together 'We will remember them'.

Our second service of Remembrance was on Remembrance Sunday. We all moved from the church to the War Memorial. It was wonderful to hear the Last post and Reveillé played on the trumpet by Joshua Ward. The sun shone as over 60 people listened to the words of remembrance and stood in silence for two minutes to remember those who had given their lives for the freedom we enjoy today. Thank you to the many people who contributed in so many different ways, both in the church and outside.

Sad news

This has not been a happy autumn in Norwell. We have lost two more longstanding members of the community. We have to record the deaths of David Garnett and Bernard Shaw. Each made their own very valuable contributions to life in Norwell. They will be sadly missed. We extend our condolences and sympathy to their families and friends.

Norwell community news

Norwell and Norwell Woodhouse Parish Council

In January 2022 the Parish Council will be discussing which option to take with regard to village signs. This has been extensively discussed and we are aware there are a variety of views. Therefore I wanted to ask your opinion and give you plenty of time to respond. There will also be a notice on the village noticeboards.

The options we will consider are as follows:

- Do not have new signs.
- Four traditional village gateway signs.
- Two bespoke ornate village signs for Norwell
- Two bespoke ornate village signs for Norwell Woodhouse.
- One bespoke ornate village sign for Norwell and one for Norwell Woodhouse.

All decisions are subject to approval by the relevant authority and funds being available.

Accompanying this article are pictures of the two different types of sign.

We have a grant which will cover most of the cost of the four traditional signs or of two bespoke signs. The latter are much more expensive; hence the grant would cover less than half the cost of two bespoke signs for both Norwell and Norwell Woodhouse.

If you would like to tell us your views, please write to LJ Campbell, our Parish Clerk. Her email is ljparishclerk@gmail.com. You are also welcome to come to our meeting on Wednesday 26 January at 6.30pm to express an opinion and hear the debate.

*John Hobson,
Chair, Norwell Parish Council*

Sample sign 1

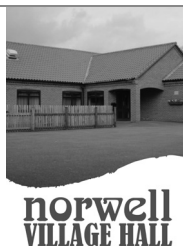


Sample sign 2



Norwell Village Hall

Our village hall is an incredible asset which helps shape our community and provides a venue for both life important and more frivolous occasions. You may not be aware that it is self-funded, supported by a group of villagers who, in non-Covid times, put on events to fundraise or simply as a good social event that you don't even need to get into your car to get to!



The quality of these events can be second to none and the catering should be Michelin-starred. During lockdown the committee secured funding to improve the kitchen, meaning that it will be easier to cater for the large number of villagers who invariably come to these 'dos'. It also means much improved facilities for your use if you choose to hire the hall.

Tickets

In the past we have been lucky enough to have Brenda to take bookings and sell tickets in the shop. Moving forwards, and trying to keep abreast of these modern times, we are in the process of developing a new website where bookings can be made, and tickets secured and paid for online. For those who prefer, paper bookings will still be available.

Help needed

However the hall does need to be opened up for hirers and checked after use, heating needs to be set and lights switched off etc.. These are not onerous or difficult duties but have now fallen on a small number of villagers which means that the rota has become too frequent. The addition of just one or two more volunteers would make a real difference meaning that each person might only have to help out every six to eight weeks – surely a worthwhile commitment if it means the hall can remain open.

Please contact Ann Gibson on 07773 293339, Hilary Ward on 07973 699113, or pop in to chat to Helen and Andrew Ward at the nursery, 01636 636337, for more information. It's not onerous: you can choose your weeks and full instructions and a walk through will be given.

Our hall is too precious to lose. Please help keep it functioning for all our activities.

Andrew Ward

Monthly Draw

The winner for October was Sheila Davenport with lucky number 80.

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25th: CLOSED

26th: CLOSED

27th: 8am-5pm

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12 Eggs

*Any extras you would like please do not hesitate to
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Norwell CofE Primary School



It's amazing to think that we are now in December and Class 1 will be practising their Nativity which they will perform in a couple of weeks and which will help us all to remember the true meaning of Christmas.

We are also all looking forward to watching the pantomime 'Dick Whittington' at the Palace Theatre in Newark with all of our friends from St Matthews as we were not able to do this last year due to Covid restrictions. It is always a good opportunity for the children to enjoy the fun and laughter of a live performance!



From all the children, staff and governors at Norwell C of E Primary School we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and we hope you have a lovely festive time with your families.

Reminder: Friday 17 December is an Inset day and school will be closed for staff training.

School will reopen after Christmas on Tuesday 4 January.

Best wishes

Kathryn King, Headteacher



Snow at Christmas?

Do we really expect to have a white Christmas anymore?

Norwell church is inviting you to recreate something of that feeling by helping us to decorate the church for Christmas inspired by the carol 'See amid the winter's snow'.

See Norwell church news for details of helping (p. 24).

An invitation.

We invite everyone to come on the morning of Saturday 11 December to have a look at what has been done and enjoy, coffee, mulled wine and mince pies.

Also – see church news for details of Christmas services (p. 24-25).

East Midland Accents

We had to go to 'press' too early to report on this. But it is awaited with anticipation.

Christmas Party – Norwell through the ages

Our Christmas Party this year will stretch across a thousand years (and more, perhaps) of the history of Norwell. The events in Norwell may not have been world shattering but they capture the spirit of this small essentially agricultural village as it was in the past. We think we have devised an imaginative way of doing this, but time will tell.

The party will be on Thursday 9 December in the Village Hall at 7.00pm

We provide the food (again across the ages!) and entertainment. You are invited to bring your own drinks and glasses. Tickets will be £8.00. Please let Elizabeth know that you are planning to come so that we can cater accordingly: emjones.norwell@btinternet.com or 01636 636 365. All are welcome.

Programme for 2022

We are working on our programme for 2022. On Saturday 15 January we are planning to have an open afternoon in the Village Hall where we can display some of the books, photographs and objects relating to the history of Norwell which we have gathered over the years. It would also be an opportunity for people to bring along to show anything they have found and which add to the history.

As the year progresses there will be the opportunity to find out about Women in the lives of the Dukes of Newcastle, Bess of Hardwick, Bomber Command and the air crash in Wellow, as well as the Bretons in Nottinghamshire – a varied programme.





From the Church

This year the **Carol Service at Holy Rood** is at **6.00pm on Saturday 19 December**. We look forward to welcoming you to this well-loved service in the Ossington calendar, plus there will be a **Christmas morning service at 10.00am**. Leave the turkey if you can and come and join us!

Remembrance Gathering

Despite it being a working day for many, there was a good turnout for the gathering at the war memorial on 11th November. Richard Weaver, Ossington's oldest and most loyal honorary resident, laid the wreath and Doris Drabble, great niece of William Drabble - one of the fallen, read the roll call of those from the village who gave their lives in both World Wars. Two passing cyclists even stopped to join the tribute. Afterwards light refreshments were enjoyed in the Hut.

Ossington PCC invite you
to
The Carol Service
at
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Sunday 19 December 6.00pm
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Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to Tom and Lily Hickman of the Lodge on the birth of their baby boy last month!

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Yuletide

Christians all over the world celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day, which of course falls on 25 December. However, Christmas is also sometimes referred to as Yule, which is derived from the Norse word *jol* referring to the Winter Solstice. In Scandinavia fires were lit to symbolise the heat, light and life giving properties of the returning sun. A Yule or Juul log was brought in and burned on the hearth in honour of the Scandinavian god Thor.

A piece of the log was kept both as a token of good luck and as kindling for the following year's log. In England, Germany, France and other European countries the Yule log was burned until nothing but ash remained. The ashes were then collected and either spread on the fields as fertilizer every night until Twelfth Night or kept as a charm or as medicine.

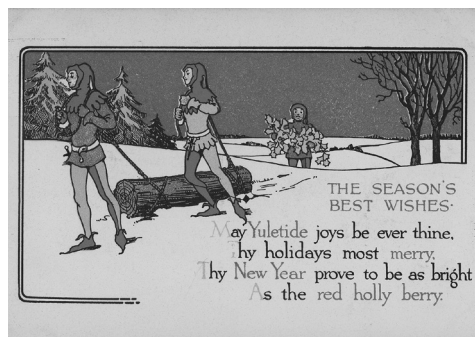
Many such ancient traditions were adopted into the Christian faith. For Christians the symbolism of the Yule log came to represent the need to keep the stable warm for the infant Christ.

In modern times, we are more familiar with the Yule Log cake, or *Buche de Noel*, which dates back to 19th century France. This rolled sponge cake, shaped and decorated like a wooden log, was inspired by the actual log burnt during the Christmas season. For many this is the last vestige of a tradition dating back over 2000 years!

And finally, from Ada V. Hendricks:

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Information about the Book Club from
Helen 636337

Carlton on Trent Village Hall

Film Club, Sunday 12 December, Downton Abbey.

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