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Copy deadline for January edition:

Early deadline for January magazine copy – **10 December**

To ensure the January magazine is published in good time please supply copy by Saturday 10 December. Thank you. *Chris Senior, General Editor*

Beck & Trent churches update

Celebration

We all know that Christmas is a time to celebrate – families, friends, food spring to mind. Our churches are busy preparing to celebrate as well, but their focus is different. All will be singing carols, songs of joy and happiness, but what is special about Christmas carols is that they are celebrating the birth of Jesus over two thousand years ago.

Do take time to look at the table of services and at what is on in each church. So much is planned, and we invite you all to join in whether or not you go to church events regularly.

We wish you all a very happy and refreshing time at Christmas and send you 'tidings of comfort and joy'!

At the end of October the Beck and Trent Churches were invited to a joint service with the Riverside churches in North Muskham. It was lovely for all the churches to meet together and worship together. It was a truly happy occasion and the Beck and Trent Churches will be reciprocating at the end of January.

Once again we thank all the clergy who take services for us. We also thank the members of the churches who work faithfully to make sure that churches are open and that everything is ready for regular services but also for baptisms, weddings and funerals. If anyone feels that they could help please do offer assistance to your church. Your help would be more than welcome as the responsibility often falls on a small number of people. We also thank the organists and the bell ringers who make the services so very special.

Beck & Trent Parishes

Services December 2022

		St Andrew's Cauntton	St Giles' Cromwell	St Laurence's Norwell	Holy Rood Ossington	All Saints' Sutton	St Mary's Carlton
<i>first Sunday</i>	4 Dec. <i>Advent 2</i>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion				10.30 a.m. Joint service at Methodist chapel	3.00 p.m. Evensong with carols
<i>second Sunday</i>	11 Dec. <i>Advent 3</i>			6.00 p.m. Carol service		9.00 a.m. Breakfast Church at Methodist hall 6.30 p.m. Carol service	11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
<i>third Sunday</i>	18 Dec. <i>Advent 4</i>	6.00 p.m. Carol service			6.00 p.m. Carol service		3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>Wednesday</i>	21 Dec.						6.30 p.m. Carol service
<i>Thursday</i>	22 Dec.		7.00 p.m. Carol service				
<i>Saturday</i>	24 Dec. <i>Christmas Eve</i>	4.00 p.m. Crib Service		4.00 p.m. Crib Service 9.00pm Christmas Communion		4.00 p.m. Crib Service 11.00pm Christmas Communion	
<i>Sunday</i>	25 Dec. <i>Christmas Day</i>				10.00 a.m. Christmas Communion		11.00 a.m. Christmas Communion
<i>first Sunday</i>	1 Jan. <i>Christmas 2</i>					10.30 a.m. Joint service at Methodist chapel	3.00 p.m. Evensong

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www.becktrent.org.uk/giving or use the QR Code:



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From the church



Christmas Message from Bishop Paul

I wonder if you have a favourite Christmas Carol? If so, what memories of people and places, thoughts and feelings, surface for you when the familiar music begins to play and people start to sing?

For me, it is 'O little town of Bethlehem', a favourite, I know, for many. There is one line that never fails to move me whatever the setting: 'Yet in the dark streets shineth the everlasting light'.

In a cascade of memories across many Christmases, some hard and some more hopeful, I see people wrapped up warm on a wintry evening making their way along streets that only a few weeks before seemed drab and grey as the evenings were drawing in. Now those same streets are sparkling with lights in windows and on lamp-posts. Passing through the town or village centre with its proudly decorated Christmas tree leaning in the wind, they finally join a queue moving with anticipation through the wide-open doors of a candlelit church.

In that place the most wonderful story of all is told once again in readings, songs and prayers. It is the story of the light of Christ that came to shine in the darkness. His light continues to shine all over the world today so that dark streets in the winter need hold no fears. His light shines so that troubled hearts at the close of another year that has brought unexpected pain and sorrow can find comfort and healing. His light still shines so that a world that has inflicted terrible wounds leaving yet more scars on the landscape of history will not finally triumph. None of these things can ever extinguish the 'ever-lasting' light of Christ.

The next line in the carol makes sense of it all: 'the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight'. The sight of the baby in the manger was all the shepherds needed to turn their fearful wonder on a hillside into the boundless joy of that first Christmas. This child would change everything. He is the Saviour of the world and the hope of the nations. He is also the prince of peace.

This year has been very hard on many levels: war in Ukraine, the death of our beloved Queen Elizabeth, and the ever-increasing hardship of an economic crisis on a scale many have not known before. It may have been particularly difficult this year for you on a more personal level too or for someone you know and love. Fear may stalk in the darkness of our sorrow and sadness, or our uncertainties about the future, but it need not overwhelm us, because the light of Christ shines in the darkness, and his perfect love can cast out all fear.

It may be right and necessary to celebrate Christmas more simply this year, but we can still celebrate with all our hearts and focus our best attention on the story itself. That is why churches across the villages of Beck and Trent will open wide their doors as they do throughout the year. And everyone will be welcome to wrap up warm, walk along the streets and lanes to join in a celebration of the light of Christ that truly makes all the difference in the world. I hope you get to sing your favourite carol too!

Thank you once again for all that you do to support our wonderful parish churches and the village communities they serve.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and God's blessing on the New Year.

*Paul Williams +
Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham*



Verse of the month:

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called ‘Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace’.”

Isaiah 9 v6

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Ossington Robin & Jane Drury 07951 439 840

Other contacts:

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Also in the Benefice:

Carlton-on-Trent contact PCC Secretary Edith Crowther via
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Sutton-on-Trent contact the Administrator (see below)

- For Safeguarding contacts please see page 3
- For baptisms, weddings and funerals contact the churchwarden or the administrator, Lorna Caddy, on 01636 555082, mobile 07568 929232, or email lorna.c.caddy@gmail.com
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From the registers

15 October – 15 November

Funerals

St Giles' Cromwell	Iris Kent	25 October 2022
Sherwood Forest Crematorium	Patricia Crosley (Sutton on Trent)	20 October 2022



In December:

- Our theme on Sundays is "Worship in the Waiting" – thinking of Advent as a journey of anticipation and expectation...
There will be Christmas carols and fun activities every Sunday!
- Midweek "Life Groups" and Saturday Breakfast continue – these are a great way to support and encourage each other in our journey of faith!
- Potting Shed Voices will be getting together to sing worship and gospel songs – all are welcome – see website for details!
- Rooted Youth meet on Wednesday evenings – school years 6+.

FOR MORE DETAILS SEE WWW.THEPOTTINGSHEDCHURCH.ORG/WHATS-ON

Starting in January 2023:

Little Seedlings

The Potting Shed will be running "Little Seedlings" in Dean Hole Primary School, Caunton, for babies and toddlers and their parents/carers, as well as the Reception and Year 1 children.

It's a time of creative play with Bible stories, songs, coffee and chat. It will run fortnightly on Wednesday mornings, starting on 11 Jan.



NATURE *Watch*

One of Britain's rarest carnivores (second only to the wild cat) is the enigmatic and solitary pine marten. A member of the mustelid family that includes the otter, stoat, polecat and weasel, the cat-sized pine marten once had an extensive range throughout the UK. However due to hunting for its fur as well as destruction of its forest home it became 'functionally extinct' in the early 1900s, fragmenting populations to the remote parts of the UK – mainly the pine forests in the north-west Scottish Highlands. After gaining legal protection in 1988, there have been efforts to reintroduce pine martens throughout their former range and, in 2015, Scottish pine martens were released in the forests of Gwynedd in Wales and in 2019 in the Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire.

As a generalist predator and superb arboreal carnivore, the pine marten is an expert squirrel hunter and there are early signs of this predator-prey relationship acting as a biological control strategy for invasive grey squirrels. Having evolved alongside our native red squirrels for millions of years, studies in Scotland and Ireland have found reds detect chemical

cues from the martens and avoid these areas. However the non-native greys do not recognise these scents so don't avoid these areas and form a large portion of the pine marten's diet. Red squirrels are better equipped to escape pine martens, climbing thin branches that the bulkier greys cannot access, as well as greys spending more time feeding on the ground, making them easier pickings. There are hopes that a decline in grey squirrels will eventually lead to an increase in red squirrel numbers.

Some people view the reintroduction of native species as controversial; after all the ecosystem may have changed dramatically since the species disappeared and the thought of large predators such as bears and wolves roaming through the woods while you're on a hike may strike fear in most hearts. There may also be implications for the food chain after the absence of the species for an extended period of time. In addition there are the risks of human interference and disturbance, especially farming activities. However reintroduction programmes are carefully planned, trialled and managed and are based on previous successful reintroductions in other countries.

Reintroductions are important in increasing biodiversity and can help balance an ecosystem. I for one would love to see the diminutive red squirrel return to our woodlands and see them jumping through the trees in our churchyards.

Adam Breslin
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Pine martin

BIRD *Watch*

Let's get the bad news out of the way first. The effects of Avian 'Flu (AF) are quite as bad as expected. Though domestic fowl are protected to a degree by the Housing Order, wild birds are totally vulnerable. One fear that has been voiced is the (unlikely) possibility that populations are so far reduced that natural regeneration cannot reach the critical mass to ensure the survival of some species.

One consequence this year is a glut of garden fruit, particularly of apples including crabs, coinciding with the absence of the birds which normally flock to take advantage of the fallen fruit. Where are the blackbirds, fieldfare and redwing? It is possible that the weather has delayed the migration of some and there are other factors than A.F. but people are noticing the scarcity of many of the garden-visiting species.

However, as if to compensate, there are some reassuring and even exciting reports and sightings:

- at the end of October a pair of lapwing was seen on the airfield and more have appeared since.

- a large party of about 300 pink-footed geese seemed to have run out of steam during its migration and dropped into the lake at Ossington for a rest. The following day they took off and headed southeast, probably towards the Wash.
- a flock of some 200 golden plover which in autumn tend to come onto farmland from upland moors where they breed. They wheel in tight formation during flight, alternately showing the golden upper feathers and buff and white under parts of their winter plumage. Their call is an unmistakable high piping double note.
- the most exotic visitor of the month was a pair of Egyptian geese which alighted on a local pond for a short time. This small and colourful ornamental goose is related to, and sometimes mistaken for, the shelduck. Though not rare, it is an only an occasional visitor to gravel pits and ponds away from its most extensive habitat of coastal marshes and wetlands.

Peter Geldart

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RAIN *Watch*

October was very mild and often warm but also wet. We had 70% more rain than the long term Norwell average, getting 10.4cm (4.1 in) – the fourth wettest October in 17 years.

By the end of October we should have had 81% of the year's rain but have had just 69%. Digging down through the lawn on the nursery the top 5cm is damp but below that the soil is still dry. We need a lot more rain to catch up.

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FARMING *Watch*

This is a tale of bacon and eggs...

A recent trip to Tesco and a visit to the bacon counter revealed what is wrong with the relationship between the British farmer and the supermarkets. Wishing to purchase British bacon, the only type available was the high end variety costing almost twice as much as the standard type. Every other pack on offer purported to be 'From trusted farms', but there was not a Union Jack or Red Tractor assurance logo in sight. Sure enough, consulting the (very) small print on the back of the pack, the only provenance given was 'Packed in the UK'. This of course means that the bacon can come from anywhere but was vacuum packed somewhere in this country. Despite paying lip service to the idea of supporting British farmers, when the market and prices get tough, the supermarkets soon look to maintain their margins by sourcing elsewhere.

This brings us to the eggs, and empty supermarket shelves. Bird flu is of course a great problem currently and has resulted in flocks being culled here and overseas. However the main issue with supply is again about the supermarkets maintaining and, on occasion, increasing their margins. As we all know, energy and food costs have rocketed, which of course impacts farmers like everyone else. The retail price of eggs has increased significantly but the supermarkets have failed to maintain the price ratio paid to the farmers. This has meant that, for many producers, each egg leaving the farm has been produced at a loss, due to rapidly inflating input costs. Not surprisingly some egg producers have chosen not to restock their flocks when they would normally have done and an egg shortage has resulted. This was forecast by farmers many months ago but no one was listening. As a result the supply of eggs may be disrupted for some time to come.

So when you next tuck into a 'full English' please try to make sure that the ingredients are home grown. British farmers are proud to feed the nation and appreciate your loyalty!

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Caunton church news



Thank you to those who came along to the Remembrance Sunday service on what was a pretty dank morning. Special thanks to Hannah for playing the Last Post.

Hopefully, society Christmas trees will now have been put in church helping to make St. Andrew's look festive. Our Holy Communion service will take place on Sunday 4 December at 10.30am and we're really looking forward to the traditional Lessons and Carols on Sunday 18 December at 6.00pm. Festive refreshments will be served after the service so please come along to what has proved to be a lovely time to spend with family and friends as we move towards Christmas Day when we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

The Crib Service will take place on Saturday 24 December at 4.00pm. This is very popular with our younger children and is a way for them to get rid of some of their pent up excitement. It will be led by Charlotte with the help of Lucy so please come along as all the children have a chance to take part.

As our Holy Communion in January will fall on New Year's Day, it has been decided to cancel that service but we are having a Plough Sunday Service with Holy Communion on Sunday 8 January commencing at 9.15am.

Our church couldn't function without people giving their time and energy to the care of St. Andrews throughout the year. The churchwardens and PCC members are incredibly grateful to those who do a brilliant job of cleaning, doing flowers and offering refreshments and we are always on the lookout for others to come and join us, so if you feel you could help in any way then please contact Irene on 639123.

We take this opportunity to say a special thank you to Brian, our organist who plays at all our services as well as choosing the hymns – no easy task. Also to everyone who helps in whatever way to keep our church such a beautiful place to come – thank you.

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning

Sat 3rd & 10th Dec – Pat & Irene

Sat 17th & 24th Dec – Sharon & Andrew

Sat 31st Dec & 7th Jan – Wendy & Cathy

Flowers

Sat 3rd Dec – Bo

Sat 10th Dec – Wedding

Sat 17th & 24th Dec – Christmas arrangements

Sat 31st Dec & 7th Jan – Irene

Refreshments

Sun 4th Dec – Mike & Mary

Sun 18th Dec – Christmas arrangements

And lastly, Caroline, Irene and the PCC would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Very Merry Christmas and may you spend it in the company of those you love.

Christmas flowers

For anyone wanting to help decorate the church for Christmas, all arrangements need to be in church on Saturday 17 December ready for the Carol Service on Sunday 18th. Please contact Irene on 639123.

Caunton community news

Caunton WI

What a glorious Autumn we have had! Warm and sunny days, a spectacular display of changing colours on our trees and hedgerows, and an abundance of apples to ensure that we can keep the doctor away all winter long!!

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Members from Caunton WI took advantage of one such glorious morning and went for a vigorous circular walk, starting in Halam and finally finding ourselves at Maythorne for well-earned refreshments! This is just one of the many activities that members get involved in, another being the County Darts Competition where we always field an enthusiastic team and enjoy the sociable nights out. This season we also enjoyed some surprising successes!!

At our November meeting we welcomed the artist and photographer Paul Dyson who told us about his extraordinary life of travelling and working and how he has managed seamlessly to combine the two in an impressive and enviable fashion! Paul brought along lots of illustrations of his work and members were able to purchase items if they wished.

And so to the future. Our December meeting takes the form of a Christmas Dinner at Floral Media, then on Tuesday 10 January we will be back there again having a hands-on go at curling. It all seemed so easy when we had an Olympic referee talking to us about curling, so what could possibly go wrong? Maybe drop in and see for yourself?

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year from the members of Caunton WI. We look forward to meeting you, maybe in 2023?

Kate Ashworth – President
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Cauntton Parish Council – Meeting on 9 November

We were informed there are to be no changes to the local plan for the allocation of housing.

We are looking at grant proposals to replace various pieces of equipment on the playing fields.

Planning applications for Moor Lane Cottage were approved.

There are to be investigations into near fatal accidents around the Cauntton crossroads by Heidi Duffy from Traffic Management.

Thefts in the area appear to be linked to drone activity – a reminder to keep doors secure at all times: keys have been stolen from houses where doors were unlocked. The Safer Neighbourhood Group meets monthly and is looking into all connections. They report directly to the Police.

NottsBus on Demand is proving a success.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11 January at 7.30pm in the Village Room at Dean Hole School. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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

Steven Routledge, Chair



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Caunton community news *(continued...)*

Advance notice of forthcoming attractions

LIVE AND LOCAL (VILLAGE VENTURES)

They're back!! We're so pleased that Pat has been able to book two acts for spring 2023. The dates for your diaries are:

- Sunday 5 March – Daisy Chapman and Sue Lord, two ladies with beautiful voices
- Saturday 1 April – Blair Dunlop

You can go online to view both these acts

Tickets £15 adults; concessions £9 over 60s.

CHRISTMAS BINGO

Friday 9 December

Doors open at 7.00pm ready for a 7.30pm start.

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Caunton Local History Society

November's talk was given by a returning speaker to the society, Mike Higginbottom. His talk, entitled "Country Houses – not quite what they seem", was an interesting and varied introduction to the architectural history of the English country house, many of which stand as palimpsests to their long and diverse history.

The word palimpsest was new to many of us and refers, in this context, to buildings being altered over the centuries but today still bearing visible traces of their earliest form. Eltham Palace was discussed as an example of such a palimpsest. Built in the 14th century as a medieval manor house it evolved into a 16th century royal palace where monarchs often stayed and hunted in the surrounding parklands. However by the time of the Civil War in the 17th century this once great manor house was in ruins and, by the time of George IV, was in line for demolition. It was finally saved when scheduled as an ancient monument before WW1. After centuries of neglect Eltham was then leased to Stephen and Virginia Courtauld in 1933 who built a contemporary Art Deco home that incorporated the original great hall. The result is considered to be a masterpiece of 20th century design.

The November talk was the final one in our 2022 programme. Our December get-together will be at Floral Media where we will no doubt enjoy a wonderful Christmas meal in the company of friends. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members, friends of the Society and those we've yet to welcome in 2023.

On 10 January at 7.30pm we will meet for our AGM. All are welcome.

Our next full meeting of 2023 will be on 14 February at 7.30pm at Dean Hole School when we welcome Jim Crossley for a talk about the 6th Duke of Newcastle. This will be the first of what promises to be a really interesting programme of talks for the new year. Topics will include striking waitresses in 1908, a taste of Tudor Ilkeston, women's suffrage in Nottingham and a foray into the darker side of Nottingham. All great stuff. We look forward to seeing you on the second Tuesday of each month.

Lynn Thompson lynn1485@gmail.com



Above: Eltham Palace
Right: Eltham Palace Great Hall



Caunton: Dean Hole Primary School

The first half of autumn term was incredibly busy but very rewarding. The children never cease to amaze me with the awe and wonder, energy and positivity they bring with them each day.



We began the new afterschool club timetable where children delved into a number of different activities ranging from forest schools, hockey, construction, singing, cricket and modern foreign languages.

Key Stage 1 learnt how to ride balance bikes, learnt the names of parts of the bike and thought carefully about how to stay safe. Then they had to navigate around obstacles before playing many games. It was very exciting.

In the middle of October, the children became fully immersed into "Project Scarecrow". After being fortunate enough to be part of a competition in conjunction with Maxey's Farm Shop, they were also invited to spend the morning at the farm where the children assembled their scarecrow, explored the pumpkin patch, read stories and learned about the way pumpkins were grown. We came 3rd in the competition and won £100 which will be spent on the children before the end of term.

Remembrance was observed through writing and performing a series of poems, prayers and readings at the village war memorial with the help of Mrs Crossley on Armistice Day. Here is one of those written by children in KS2:

Dear God

We ask that you help us remember the soldiers who fought and died for us

We pray you keep them safe with you

We thank you for giving them the bravery to fight for freedom.

Amen.

At Caunton Dean Hole Primary we love to serve our community. This term we have had an array of events including the Macmillan Coffee Afternoon, community lunches for Diwali, Bonfire night and Remembrance to name a few. All of which were well attended.

We are also blessed to have such an active PTA group who work extremely hard to enhance the experiences of our children whilst at Caunton Dean Hole. Their fundraising subsidises the cost of school trips and supports resourcing in school amongst many other things.

Events so far this term have included the Rise and Shine Disco, non-uniform days and an excellent Christmas Fair. The children loved seeing Santa and his reindeer and we enjoyed seeing lots of local stall holders come together to enjoy the festivities, many of whom have already booked their spot for the Summer Fair. The event was well attended; the children all had a wonderful time, and we raised over £1,000 for our church and school.

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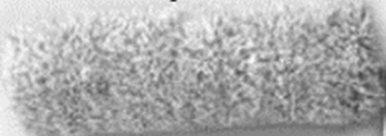
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Cromwell community news

Cromwell Village Hall

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We would like to thank everyone who donated to or attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning back in October. It was really lovely to see so many people and to eat lots of cake!



We are delighted to say that £153.59 was raised for the charity. In addition to that we took ten bags of items to the Barnardo's Charity shop in Newark which they were very happy to receive. Jo also took all the remaining clothes and footwear to the Sharewear Clothing Charity in Nottingham – an amazing organisation who offer free-of-charge clothing choices to people in economic difficulty. So, thank you to everyone who supported not just Macmillan, but other charities too.

Claire Davies

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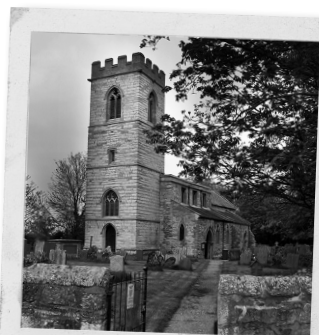
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Norwell church news



The church is here for the parish. The PCC will provide help, support and information. For the present, Elizabeth Jones will continue to be a first contact on emjones.norwell@btinternet.com or 01636 636 365.

Initial enquiries about baptisms, weddings and funerals should be made to the Benefice Administrator, Lorna Caddy on 01636 555082, mobile 07568 929232 or email lorna.c.caddy@gmail.com

Remembrance

On 11 November at 11.00am the children of Norwell School met at the War Memorial for a short Act of Remembrance. They presented fifteen wooden crosses bearing the names of the fallen. In the silence, which even the youngest respected, the cooing of a white dove reminded us of the importance of peace.

On Remembrance Sunday we started the service in church and then processed to the War Memorial where the Act of Remembrance took place. It is always moving when the names of the fallen from Norwell, Norwell Woodhouse and Ossington are read out. This is made specially moving by the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille. Thanks are due to the many who took part in so many different ways and to the Rev Canon John Smith who led the service and preached a thoughtful sermon, and to Brian Robins who played the familiar hymns for us. The flowers and arrangements in the church were a very special and imaginative contribution to our remembering.

What's on in St Laurence church

Frustratingly the deadline is too early to include a report on the Carlton Male Voice Choir Concert, but we are full of anticipation. The same applies to the Advent Sung Evensong.

But the timing is just right to mention all that will be happening in December.

- **Saturday 10 December 10.00am to 12 noon.** A warm welcome to everyone who drops into church for a hot drink (tea, coffee, mulled wine!) and mince pies. It will be an **opportunity to see the decorations done by different village organisations and individuals.** We may need help to finish decorating the church so any holly and ivy would be appreciated. Remember our theme this year is the carol The holly and the Ivy.
- **Sunday 11 December at 6.00pm.** Join us for the traditional **Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.** There will be more mince pies and mulled wine.
- **Tuesday 13 December at 7.30pm Beer and Carols.** We start in the Pinfold and then move across the road to the Plough. Please bring a lantern or a torch; we'll bring the carol sheets.

- **Wednesday 14 December at 7.00pm.** There will be a concert of **Festive Medieval Music by the City of Lincoln Waites** in church. Tickets are £10 – contact Elizabeth 01636 636 365. There will be seasonal refreshments in the interval. The concert is being organised jointly with Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust (we have had grants from them for repairs to the church). Profits will be shared between the Trust and St Laurence's Church. This promises to be a great evening.
- **Christmas Eve 4.00pm.** It's the **Crib Service** again! This year we are finding out what the inn keeper's wife has to say about the first Christmas. She had some good chats with Mary – and what she didn't see, people told her about. Enjoy hearing a hurdy-gurdy. Suitable for all ages from the very young to the definitely not-so-young. Be prepared to enter into the spirit of Christmas.
- **Christmas Eve 9.00pm Christmas Communion.** This is when we are able to pause and remember why we celebrate Christmas. It is a very special time and allows us to reflect quietly away from the hustle and bustle of everything else that is going on. If you do not wish to take communion you are very welcome to join in the singing and the wonderful words of the service.

**The PCC of St Laurence's Church
wishes you all peace and joy at
Christmas.**

And in the New Year...

Our first service here in 2023 is on Sunday 8 January at 10.00am. It will be taken by the Rev David Milner who will be known to some of you as he was formerly Area Dean for Newark and Southwell.

Old spectacles

Do you have any old spectacles? Please put them in the box in the church, they will then be checked and supplied to people in under-developed countries who desperately need them. No glasses cases and no loose lenses, please.



A Concert of Medieval Christmas Music
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St Laurence's Church, Norwell

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and Anthea on 01909 472 324

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Churches Trust
and St Laurence's Church



Norwell community news

Norwell Parish Council

More than fifty people attended the meeting in the Village Hall on 8 November to discuss the feasibility of re-opening Brenda's Village Stores as a community shop. A research survey conducted by the Parish Council was completed by 64 of the 218 households in the village. Thanks to everyone who took the time to respond. The headline findings were:

- 84% of those who responded felt it was either important or very important to have a shop in the village.
- 87% felt it was important for 'top up' shopping – 61% because the shop was the centre of the community and 51% felt it was important because a shop adds to the appeal of the village.
- 98% of respondents, in principle, supported the re-opening of Brenda's Village Store as a community venture.

Roy Pilgrim provided a financial analysis of the challenge ahead, using figures very generously provided by Brenda Thomas and Simon and Nicola Jaine. A Steering Group has now been set up to investigate the feasibility of re-opening the store and will report its findings in early December. If you would like a copy of the research presentation, the financial information or the comments and suggestions raised at the meeting, please email Cllr Penny McQuilkin on penny@imconsult.co.uk

Four parish councillors resigned in September, leaving just three councillors in post. It is clearly not desirable that electors of the Parish are left partially represented for a significant length of time; neither does it contribute to the effective and efficient working of the Parish Council if there are insufficient councillors to share the workload equitably, provide a broad cross-section of skills and interests, or to achieve meeting quorums.

We advertised the four casual vacancies in November. The Returning Officer at Newark and Sherwood District Council did not receive the required request from ten electors to trigger an election and so the Parish Council will now move to fill these vacancies by a process of co-option (where the existing councillors appoint new members following interview, rather than by election). We will once again advertise the vacancies and encourage applications from parishioners who feel they could serve on the Council. If you would like to find out more about the role of a parish councillor or to make an application to join the Council, please email our clerk on ljparishclerk@gmail.com

Via East Midlands have completed repairs to the drainage system outside Marston Cottages in Norwell. They are confident that the work to the gully connections will alleviate the flooding risk to the cottages. They have one other outstanding project in the village – to dig a ditch between Lotterwood and Norwood on Woodhouse Road and hope to begin work on this shortly.

Finally, a date for the diary: our next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, 25 January. All are welcome to attend.

Penny McQuilkin

Norwell Parish Council

Clerk for Norwell Parish Council: Lisa-Jayne Campbell

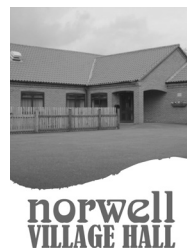
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Norwell Village Hall

Thank you to everyone who supported our October Fundraising event "Elegantly Wasted" in Norwell Village Hall. The local "band" was excellent and got everyone up dancing to brilliant tunes from across the decades. The supper was delicious too! Thanks to the committee for the cooking, preparation and tidying up. A great team of volunteers.



We are planning our next event in the Spring so keep an eye on our website for further details.

We welcome your bookings: please visit <https://norwellvillagehall.co.uk> and/or email norwellvillagehall@gmail.com

Ann Gibson
Chair

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Norwell Garden Club

Norwell Garden Club will hold its Christmas Party on Friday 16 December at 1.00pm in the Village Hall.

The charge for the two course lunch is £15 for members and £17 for non-members.

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Norwell Parish Heritage Group

In October we had a well attended meeting on the history of mining and we were very pleased to welcome so many visitors from other local history groups including Laxton and Collingham.

David Amos gave a very informative talk on the history of mining from the 13th century to the closure of the last working pit in Nottinghamshire – Thoresby in 2015. It was a lively illustrated talk from someone who had first hand experience of the coal mines, having started work at Summit Pit aged 15!

It was also a popular meeting which prompted an interesting question and answer session. Now we know the answer to the urban myth....'Did Frank Sinatra and Shirley Bassey really perform at Ollerton miners welfare?'

Coal miners talking

We carried on with the theme of mining at our November meeting when Natalie Braber talked about the language used by coal miners in the East Midlands. Professor Braber has worked extensively with former coal miners and is passionate about preserving their distinctive language and accents.

The name given to tools used in the mines was usually individual to Nottinghamshire coal miners and sometimes showed black humour. A few examples are:

- Monday's hammer – the heaviest hammer, so unpopular, like Mondays
- Banjo – a round shovel
- Elephant's tab – a large shovel
- The word 'snap', meaning packed meal, was the one word used universally by Nottinghamshire coal miners.



Language is now recognised by UNESCO as a vehicle of the intangible cultural heritage. Using live recordings and photos we were able to hear former miner's speaking about life working in the pit and the unique vocabulary of 'pit talk'. The physical items involved in coal mining are being preserved but Natalie impressed on us the importance of also preserving the language and culture of the coal mines. Life and work was hard but what most men remembered was the brotherhood and camaraderie of working alongside each other.

Christmas party Thursday 8 December

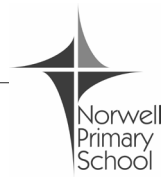
It has certainly been a year of historic royal events and this year the heritage party will have the theme of royal connections. It takes place on Thursday 8 December at 7.00pm and members and non-members are welcome to join us for an enjoyable, fun evening.

Food with a royal theme will be provided but please bring your own drinks and glasses.

Tickets £10 from Kate. Phone 07973 561263 or email xkns@aol.com



Norwell CofE Primary School



Last month was a busy one for us. We helped raise money for Children in Need with our non-uniform day and donated filled shoeboxes for children in Eastern Europe which will be distributed by Teams4U whom we have supported for a number of years.

The children all walked down to church on 11 November and remembered all those who had given their lives in conflict. The poppy display they created at school helped us to remember the significance of the flower.



This year the children have again brought in greenery from home and been part of creating the Advent Wreath used in church during Advent.

We are very busy in school practising for our Christmas production – ‘Cinderella Rockerfella’ and we are all looking forward to visiting The Palace Theatre in Newark to watch the pantomime with the staff and children from St Matthews in Normanton-on-Trent and Dunham-on-Trent.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank David Purveur for all his support and hard work as our Chair of Governors as he has decided not to stand for re-election. Sue Sinclair has now become the Kite Primary Federation Chair of Governors. David has been part of the governing body for 14 years and led it through the creation of the Federation with St Matthews. Hopefully he will take this opportunity to have some time for himself and his family! Thank you from all of us.

The staff, governors and children at Norwell School would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Reminders

INSET day: Wednesday 21 December. School closed for staff training.

School reopens: Wednesday 4 January



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Book Club

No meeting in December,
but on Wednesday 4
January we will discuss
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it deals with surprisingly
modern themes –
women's oppression,
the fight for equality, and
escape from an abusive
alcoholic husband. It
doesn't sound very
festive but it's a great
read.

More information about
the Book Club from *Helen*
636337.

NORWELL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The trustees of Norwell Educational Foundation (Registered Charity No. 528193) would like to draw your attention to the financial support that it can give to young persons with a Norwell connection under the age of 23.

The Foundation's aims, registered with the Charities Commission, are:

'To promote in such ways as the Managing Trustees think fit, the education, social and physical training of children and young persons under 23 years of age who are attending or have attended Norwell School, and also in promoting the education, including social and physical training of those who are pupils or ex-pupils of Norwell School, to support the further education of such young people and to support the social and physical activities of young people living within the Parish or who are involved in Village Clubs or activities which meet in the Parish.'

Each application must meet these criteria. Support is generally given in the form of a financial donation for study books, IT and sporting equipment, music and drama and specific schemes such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, but the Trustees will consider other requests.

For details about applying please contact the Clerk Richard Ward. Phone 07768 817344; email richard.j.ward@outlook.com .

Ossington community news



From the Church

The gifts of tinned and dried food donated at the annual Harvest Festival service at Holy Rood were duly delivered to the Newark Food Bank. They were most grateful for the donation.

Decorating the church for Christmas will take place on Saturday 17 December starting at 10.00am. Any donations of foliage or festive decorations will be most welcome!

Our annual DIY carol service will take place on the Sunday 18 December at 6.00pm with drinks and mince pies served afterwards. Christmas Day communion with the Rev Vaughan Sweet will take place at 10.00am.

As always, everyone is welcome to any or all of these events!

A message from Newark FoodBank

Dear Lorna and everyone involved at Holy Rood Church Ossington.

We are writing to thank you for the generous donations to our Foodbank in October 2022 for Harvest. These weighed in at a total of 13.3 kgs for which we are very grateful.

Thanks again for your support especially in such hard times for all.

Kind regards.

Jenni Harding
NEWARK FOODBANK

Ossington PCC invite you to
the Carol service
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Remembrance Gathering

Our village gathering for remembrance took place on Friday 11 November. Despite this being a working day for many, the event was well attended by villagers and other local residents.

As 2022 marks 80 years since the first aeroplanes flew out of RAF Ossington, we particularly remembered the airmen who were killed and injured in air crashes locally during the war and afterwards. The airfield was used as a training base for bomber aircrew and so inevitably there were accidents. During World War 2 more than 55,000 men in Bomber Command were killed, of which 8,000+ died as a result of crashes and accidents. In a radius of about five miles of Ossington there were at least 15 crashes resulting in 51 deaths and many injuries.

The small village of Ossington was changed forever by the coming of the airfield. The village school and two farms were demolished to build the runways, and thousands of airmen passed through the village during the war, many of them Canadians. The official airfield marker erected earlier this year serves as a permanent monument to all those who served here, and those present at the gathering paid their respects to them, and to all those who have served and lost their lives in the service of their country.

As a fitting conclusion to the event, the following poem was read. It was written by John Gillespie Magee Jnr, an Anglo-American pilot serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He was posted first to RAF Digby then RAF Wellingore in Lincolnshire. In his tenth week of active service he was sadly killed in December 1941 after a mid-air collision between his Spitfire and an Airspeed Oxford from RAF Cranwell over Ruskington. He is buried at Scopwick also in Lincolnshire.

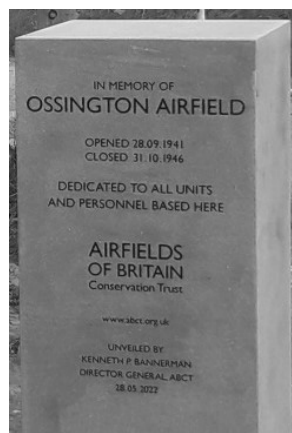
His poem 'High Flight' was written in August 1941 and was inspired by high altitude training sessions with his squadron. It became the official poem of the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Royal Air Force.

Janet Carr

High Flight

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
of sun-split clouds, - and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air

Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark nor ever eagle flew—
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.



Carlton on Trent Village Hall Film Club

Downton Abbey: A New Era – 11 December, 2.00pm

Follow-up to the 2019 feature film in which the Crawley family and Downton staff received a royal visit from the King and Queen.

Tea/coffee & cakes served and entry is free of charge

Visit the website for all events: <http://cotvillagehall.yolasite.com>

Framework Carol Service

Southwell Minster, Friday 16 December, 7.00pm

Join Framework's staff, service users and supporters to sing favourite carols with the wonderful Minster Choir in the glorious surroundings of Southwell Minster, stay for seasonal refreshments afterwards, and donate to the charity's winter appeal to help end homelessness. Seats may be reserved at www.frameworkha.org/events.

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Changes to local bus services

There have recently been significant changes to the Nottsbus services affecting Caunton, Norwell, Norwell Woodhouse and Ossington.

For all the details please visit: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/travel-notts/travelling-by-bus/nottsbusondemand

A1 Work

National Highways are to perform essential maintenance on the vegetation beside the A1 between Stamford and Blyth. The work will be done in sections and, as each section is dealt with, will reduce alternate sides of the A1 to one lane only. The work will begin on 5 December and will continue, between 8.00pm and 6.00am Monday to Friday, until the middle of March.

David Swift

Safer Neighbourhoods Group

On Thursday 20 October there was a meeting of the SNG in South Muskham Village Hall.

Reports from the locality:

- In Maplebeck a Land Rover Defender was stolen following a break-in which targeted the car keys. It was later found stripped and abandoned in Norwell Woodhouse.
- In Cromwell there has been the theft of a catalytic convertor and this matches other such thefts and attempted thefts reported in Carlton on Trent and Laxton. Police agreed with the advice given in this magazine last month viz locks and guards, forensic marking, safe parking, and vigilance. These thefts are generally noisy and can do very expensive secondary damage.
- There has been unexplained drone activity in the Norwell area which seems to centre upon the Bathley Hills. It may be a reconnaissance by thieves.
- A shot gun and four stolen vehicles were recovered at Screveton when a Police drone spotted a stolen trailer in a field. Two road rollers from Lincolnshire, a van from Yorkshire and power tools worth over £5,000 were found.
- A fleeing offender was arrested in a farm north of North Muskham after a high speed chase down the A1. The criminal forced his way into a dwelling with the demand to "Hide Me!". They didn't.
- Rogue traders are targeting the area offering to power wash roofs and drive-ways. They use an unmarked white van and charge extortionate amounts upon completion. Please call 101 or 999 as the Police are very anxious to arrest this crew.
- Police are asking farmers to be vigilant following a recent theft of a cattle trailer and a flat-bed trailer from a farmyard. Thieves had cut through fencing and driven across fields in order to steal the trailers. Suspicious activity should be reported by calling 101 or 999.

David Swift

Message from the Police – Reporting Incidents

The local Beat Team is receiving calls from members of the public regarding incidents that have occurred but have not been reported to the Police. These are being messaged through different social media platforms where residents are asking what the Police are doing about these incidents. We do not monitor these platforms, so please report to the 101 number or 999 if it's a serious incident or a crime is taking place.

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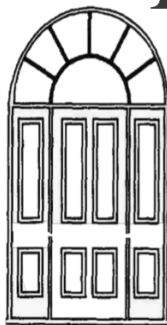
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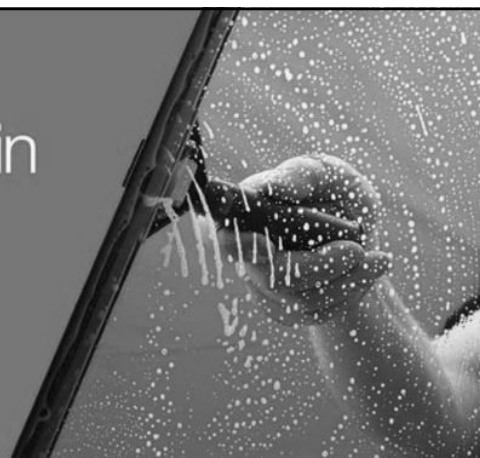
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