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Beck & Trent Parishes

Services January 2026

		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>	4 Jan. <i>Epiphany</i>	9.00am Holy Communion				11.00am Family Service at All Saints	
<i>second Sunday</i>	11 Jan. <i>Baptism of Christ</i>			9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Breakfast Church at Methodist Hall	11.00am Holy Communion
<i>third Sunday</i>	18 Jan. <i>Epiphany 2</i>		9.00am Holy Communion			11.00am Holy Communion at All Saints	
<i>fourth Sunday</i>	25 Jan. <i>Epiphany 3</i>			11.00am Fourth Sunday Worship		10.30am Joint Service at Methodist Chapel	9.00am Holy Communion
<i>fifth Sunday</i>	1 Feb. <i>Candlemas</i>	9.00am Holy Communion				11.00am Family Service at All Saints	

This parish magazine serves the villages of Caunton, Cromwell, Norwell and Ossington and is published monthly. It is delivered free to households in the four parishes.

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Beck & Trent churches update

As you sit down to read this magazine, may I ask a favour? Please grab your calendar and mark down the times and dates that your local church will now have its services in 2026.

For some of us, this will be a time of change as we get to know a new pattern of worship. For others, this will be a new chapter of engaging with church in ways we may not have before.

As I mentioned in the December issue, for the foreseeable future, we will have two services each Sunday morning – a 9.00am and an 11.00am service. Please see the plan overleaf. I know we will each have a

parish church to which we are loyal, however the blessing of a rural Benefice is not only that we can have services every Sunday, but that we get to encourage each other by showing up to worship together in the variety of beautiful buildings just a short drive from wherever we live.

I know many people in this Benefice have waited patiently for a new sense of leadership in the churches. My own experiences have taught me that when the church flourishes, the positive ripple effects can be immense. Romans 8 says this: "We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up

(continued overleaf...)

Help, support and contacts

The church is here to help, support and advise you.

Please get in touch with our Vicar, the Reverend David Lewis, who would like to hear from you. Email david.lewis@beckandtrent.church or call 07742 932444.

Do not hesitate to make contact, however please remember that Wednesday is David's day off.

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to the present time... But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.”

The main encouragement I take from this is that our waiting is never in vain, especially if we fully grasp the opportunity when what we’ve been waiting for arrives. Israel waited for a Messiah and, when Jesus finally came, it changed everything. There has been patient waiting and praying by many people in our churches. I hope many of us can join them in grasping tightly the new season in which we now find ourselves.

Blessings.

Rev. David Lewis

SUNDAY	9.00am	11.00am
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3RD	CROMWELL	SUTTON
4TH	CARLTON	NORWELL*
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Verse of the month:

*“Wait for the Lord; be strong,
and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!”*

Psalms 27 verse 14

Be patient and prayerful and be encouraged by the certainty of His timing. Excellent advice for the New Year.

From the registers

15 Nov. – 14 Dec. 2025

Funeral

12 December 2025

Julie Anne Gaskin

All Saints, Sutton-on-Trent

From the Reverend David Lewis



What is it you need this year? It's easy to say what we want, but not always as easy to say what we need. We regularly assume what others need but sometimes forget to ask to make sure we truly understand.

Both Matthew 20.29-34 and Luke 18.35-43 recount the episode where blind Bartimaeus asks to be healed and Jesus asks, "What do you want me to do for you?" To those around him, this must have seemed like a ridiculous question. Surely it was obvious what he needed from this renowned healer. Yet Jesus asked because he wanted to give Bartimaeus what we now popularly call 'agency' – a feeling of intentionality around one's own journey in life. This is a kindness God does not have to provide us with, but loves to do so.

In that same vein, I ask the question again: what do you need this year? The 2026th year since Christ was born (give or take). Do

you need more community? Do you need help and encouragement in your prayer life? Do you need insight and explanation of the Bible? Do you want to find your God-given purpose in life? The church exists to meet these needs as best we can, and 'with the help of God we will' (regularly said at Baptisms).

If there was ever a time to reach out and tell us what you need, it's now. We want to feel our efforts are meeting the needs of the people of this Benefice, so as we build in new ways upon the foundations laid by generations before, please do get in touch. My contact details can be found in the panel on page 3. I look forward to hearing from you.

All blessings,

David
Your Vicar

Thank You Heather!

The production of our parish magazine relies on the voluntary contribution of many dedicated individuals, and this is an appropriate moment to say thank you on behalf of our readers for that ongoing commitment. It is greatly appreciated.

The design and artwork of the magazine is a very significant voluntary task and, for the past five years, this has been in the hands of the very talented Heather Beasant.

We have all – the editorial team and you, our readers – been beneficiaries of Heather's skill in making the presentation of the magazine so clear and attractive, and it is always heartwarming when people comment favourably on the quality of the publication which, in very large measure, is due to what Heather does.

However all good things come to an end – Heather is moving on to new projects – and this is the final edition for which she is responsible. Thank you Heather for all you have done for us. It has been a pleasure to work with you. We wish you all the best for the future.

Elizabeth Jones
Christopher Senior
Editors

The New Year is often a time for a good declutter of both home and garden, however this can be detrimental to our wildlife, as after winter's cold days, wildlife often struggles to find adequate food and water. Here are a few ways you can help during this time of dormancy.

If you like to bring in the New Year with a garden re-fresh, now is a great time for you to plant your latest additions. If you're thinking of a new hedge or shrubbery, blackthorn and hawthorn are particularly useful to wildlife, as their early spring blossom replenishes reserves and their berries last until the winter, providing a much-needed food source for birds and mammals alike (even humans like sloes – see Naturewatch October 2025!). For good spring and autumn varieties, plant the aromatic honeysuckle, or the gorgeous guelder rose for its beautiful flowers, or perhaps the dog rose for its juicy berries (for the consumption by wildlife!).

If shearing and cutting back, leave seedheads standing and the seeds will provide a food source for birds and mice, whilst the head itself will provide nesting sites for a variety of invertebrates including beetles, solitary bees, and ladybirds. Spiky teasel seedheads, although not native to the UK are particularly good for this (as well as being good natural clothes brushes to remove lint and fur!). If you're not a fan of leaving the heads standing, then cut them down and leave them with fallen stems and logs: leaves as well as grass trimmings in an undisturbed area of garden create lots of protected spots for a variety of species.

If you have a compost heap, leave it until the spring before turning and mixing it. Compost heaps are naturally warmer than their surroundings due to the decomposition occurring, so provide good hibernation spots for grass snakes, slow worms, frogs and newts, as well as hedgehogs. If you feed hedgehogs regularly, then winter is not the



Hibernating hedgehog. Getty Images

time to stop. Hedgehog hibernation is not a continuous slumber and hedgehogs will awaken on milder winter days or if their fat reserves have been depleted and go on the search for food. So keep the bowls topped up with cat biscuits (not fish-flavoured) to keep your garden visitors happy and keep your bird baths and drinking stations free of ice, by pouring warm (not boiling) water over, making sure you leave shallow bowls for the hedgehogs.

If you're stuck for activities towards the end of the Christmas holidays, visit Wildlifewatch.org for more ideas to keep your little ones busy after Santa's arrival and before they return to school!

Although it is tempting to bring in the New Year with a clutter-free garden, sit back, relax (or go on a refreshing walk) and leave it until the spring; wildlife and your post-Christmas self will thank you!

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BIRD *Watch*

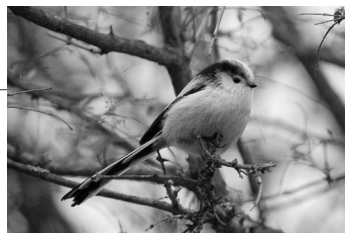
Lists! We all have them. But what about a bird list? I keep one out of interest and to remind myself what I have and haven't seen each year. The great thing about a bird list, just like New Year's resolutions, is when the calendar turns and shows Jan 1st, we can start again with renewed vigour. I remember bird No. 1 of 2025 quite well! Opening the blinds at 7.00am on New Year's Day, I was greeted by 7 or 8 Long-tailed Tits in a tree right outside, and I thought what a pleasant way it was to start the year (better than a pigeon!).

I have an annual bird list going back several years, and what I notice is that whilst the core common species are always there, I can go a few years without seeing a particular species and then that'll be replaced by one I haven't seen in several years...or ever (as was the case of Great White Egret this year!). What I do know is that without much effort, and with the odd holiday to different habitats, I usually see around 80-100 species of bird each year, which is incredible really for an incidental 'spotter' who hasn't really got the time to go chasing up and down the country ticking them off (kudos to those who do though, it must be great fun!).

As well as that sense of newness in the air, January is a month of crisp mornings, fog that creeps in and sometimes doesn't leave for days (a bit like the mother-in-law at Christmas?), and while most villagers are still negotiating with their New Year's resolutions, local birdlife is already getting on with things.

First to be up and at it are usually the robins. Unlike the rest of us, who may still be finishing off the Christmas chocolates, robins are full of energy, singing from fence posts and hedges as if auditioning for some feathery talent show. If you hear one belting out a tune at dawn (and dusk), remember, they're not being festive; they're being territorial.

Blue tits and great tits will be busy investigating every feeder in the village.



Longtailed Tit

If you've resolved to be more organised this year, take inspiration from these little acrobats – they've already planned their entire day around your peanut and seed supply. Keep feeders topped up, and if you're feeling generous, add some fat balls. January is a hard month for wildlife, and even birds appreciate comfort food.

Continue to look out for redwings and fieldfares sweeping through orchards and green spaces in chattering flocks, stripping berry bushes down to the last morsel. If your garden holly suddenly looks suspiciously bare, you can guess who the culprits were.

If you're heading out for a winter walk, keep an ear open (as well as turning on Merlin Bird ID app) and listen for the descending song of the coal tit, or the cheerful chatter of long-tailed tits travelling in family groups – all these little beauties make even the greyest days seem brighter.

Finally, the end of January is an excellent time for taking part in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch. Check it out online and be sure to take part – it is a great family activity if you can keep the kids quiet and interested for long enough to make a tally chart. It's simple: make a hot drink, sit by the window, and count birds for an hour. Even if no birds show up, you've still spent an hour sitting down – a real win-win for the New Year (of course, I'll be making sure I've got my jobs done first!)

Happy birding in 2026!

Greg Hill
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Redwing

RAIN *Watch*

What a difference a month makes! After a dry spring and very dry summer, 2025 seemed destined to end up being a very dry year, but November had other ideas.

Storm Claudia, almost single-handedly, ended the UK drought, filling reservoirs across the country. In two days Norwell got 7.8 cm (3.09 inches) of rain and over the entire month 13.2 cm (5.2 in). That's more than the total rain for February, March, April, May, June and August this year, combined!

Not surprisingly, November in Norwell was significantly wetter than normal with more than double the expected rainfall (228%).

Wet or dry, Happy New Year and look out for the 2025 synopsis in February's action-packed Rain watch!

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Caunton church news



Cake sale

What a wonderful response we had from the village to our cake sale and coffee morning. The generosity of everyone helped to raise nearly £500 (after expenses) which will go towards the rainwater fund. The church was lit up with society Christmas trees and other decorations which added to everyone enjoying themselves. The tombola added another £47 that will go to the same fund. Many thanks to everyone who came.

Village Christmas Trees

How lovely St. Andrew's looks with the village groups Christmas trees all lit up! We had an amazing response and our thanks go to everyone who took the time to bring them to church and also for decorating them. January will certainly seem dull when they have all been dismantled.

Plough Sunday

Our service on 4 January will incorporate the blessing of the plough. This tradition goes back to medieval times when a single plough was shared by all and it starts the beginning of the new agricultural season.

Memory Tree

If you go into church, there is a white tree in the Lady Chapel – this is St. Andrew's Memory Tree. You are invited to write a message on the labels provided in memory of a loved one, or to whoever you wish, and then hang it on the tree. There is still time to write a message as the tree will stay in church until Twelfth Night on 6 January – the Feast of Epiphany when we celebrate the visit of the Wise Men/Three Kings to the Holy Family.

At the time of writing this article, we are looking forward to our carol service on the 21 December. I'll let you know in the February edition how it went as it will be a bit different from previous years!

May I and members of the PCC take this opportunity to wish each and every one of our villagers a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Irene irenecrossley50@gmail.com

Caunton Church Rota

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Sat 27 Dec & 3 Jan – Charlotte & Bow

Sat 10 & 17 – Joy & Dave

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Caunton Parish Council – December Update

As the year comes to an end, the Parish Council would like to thank all residents for their continued support, engagement, and community spirit throughout 2025. It has been a productive year for village projects, and we are grateful to everyone who has contributed time, ideas, and hard work.

The Council also extends warm thanks to the volunteers who helped with the Caunton Improvement Group planting and tidy up, which are now brightening the village for all to enjoy.

Winter preparations are now in place, with grit bins checked and replenished. If you notice any issues on our roads or footpaths during the colder months, please report them to the Parish Clerk so they can be passed on promptly to the relevant authorities.

One thing to note for the next meeting is an application for five bungalows to the rear of existing bungalows on Lower Mill Lane. Members of the public are always welcome to meetings with speaking allowed before we officially start.

Finally, we wish every resident a healthy, happy New Year and look forward to continuing to work together for the benefit of Caunton in 2026.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14 January at 7.30pm in the Village Room at Dean Hole School. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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Caunton Local History Society

AGM – Tuesday 13 January

The first meeting of 2026 will be the society's AGM. If you would like to make suggestions for the content or format of future meetings and/or trips, please do come along and share your views. We want this to be your society. We have a fabulous programme of talks planned for the coming year and will look forward to seeing you there.

In addition to the usual business of the AGM, join us for a display of some of the society's archive, Victorian photographs of Caunton residents and landmarks, and of course, there'll be tea and biscuits!

Do You Remember? – Tuesday 10 February

Speaker: Peter Savage

A highly entertaining, light-hearted presentation which invites audience participation. Trivia, memorabilia and a

little quizzing to explore events of the last century, some of which had a great impact – lots trivial, some serious, and others life-changing, but all have come to be accepted and their impact at the time almost forgotten. This talk was originally scheduled for March 2025 but was postponed due to illness.

Please join us...

Brighten your winter months and become a member of Caunton Local History Society. New members are especially welcome and attending your first talk with the society is FREE. The cost for returning non-members is £5. Annual membership is £20.

We always meet at 7.30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and almost always at Dean Hole School. We look forward to welcoming you. If you would like to add your name to our mailing list and hear about talks, summer trips and local visits, please email lynn1485@gmail.com

Lynn Thompson

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Cauntton Garden Society

The Society met at Cauntton School on 18 November when the speaker was Neil Timm of Fern Nurseries near Lincoln. Neil has spent all his adult life growing and selling ferns and this was evident as we listened to his extremely interesting talk "The World of Ferns".

In early 2026 we have four evening meetings at The School covering a variety of topics:

- 20 January: Jenny Thompson will talk to us about garden design
- 17 February: Ian Stephens of Lawnmasters Retford will visit us describe his many years of lawn care and his wildlife photography
- 17 March: Andrew Young's talk is entitled Japanese gardens
- 21 April, before we break for the summer, our old friend Don Whitton will talk to us about Euphorbias.

We believe that this is an interesting range of gardening topics and if you agree you will be very welcome to join our members at the School on any of these evenings.

Our meetings start at 7.30pm and members gather from 7.00pm. The speakers normally talk for about an hour and we then have refreshments and chatter for another half hour or so. There is a £5 entrance charge but this includes the refreshments and a free raffle. We do try to make the evenings an enjoyable social event as well as an opportunity to improve our gardening knowledge and we will be pleased if you can join us.

We are an active Club with shows in Spring and Autumn, and in summer we arrange visits to interesting gardens. Please contact us at caunttongardensociety@gmail.com if you would like more information.

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Cromwell community news

Church News

Great news! From this month Cromwell will have a regular monthly service on the third Sunday of each month at 9.00am.

We would be very grateful for help in the church, either cleaning inside or with the churchyard: if anyone would be interested, please contact me.

Does anyone have any fundraising ideas? After the recent inspection there is an awful lot of work to be done to keep the church open and safe. We will be calling a meeting in the new year, but in the meantime, if anyone has any ideas, please let us know.

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LIFE AT ST LAURENCE'S

Fourth Sunday Worship in November. This service was well attended and was based around the theme of Great Expectations – looking at the anticipation that characterises Advent. Some thought-provoking statements about Advent were discussed and some words from Nigel Spraggins got everyone focused on the real meaning of Advent and Christmas against a backdrop of commercialism. Advent is a time when we look forward not just to Christmas but also to the fulfilment of God's promises.

Decoration of the Church. The first phase of the redecoration of St Laurence is now complete and looks wonderful. Both side aisles and the north and south transepts have been cleaned, prepared and painted – work which was badly needed. Alliance Painting Ltd pulled out all the stops to get this completed in time for the concert (see below) and we would like to thank them for a splendid job well done. Thanks also to Rhona and Graham Price for their time and energy in getting everything cleared in the church ahead of this. We are now planning to do the same for the central aisle – more about our fundraising plans later.



The Christmas by Candlelight Concert

took place on 6 December. The church looked beautiful and a small but enthusiastic audience enjoyed a programme of classical and popular music together with compositions based on favourite carols. This concluded with singing along to a selection of carols, a wonderful way to kick start the season.

Our thanks go to the wonderful Highly Strung String Quartet for an uplifting performance. We would also extend thanks to all those who worked so hard to clean and put the candles round the church after the painters had left only hours before, to provide liquid refreshment, and generally ensure that the evening ran like clockwork.



CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

As the January edition went to print early in December, there was still much to anticipate at the time and we will report on these events in the February magazine. At the time of writing, decorating the church for Christmas is about to start and a taste of what it will be like can be seen in the display already done in the porch by the school.



Still awaited are the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, the Beer and Carols hosted by the wonderful Linda and Mel, the School nativity (always a hit with parents), the Crib Service for the younger worshippers, and the traditional Christmas communion. Stars will be shining everywhere in the church.

IN THE NEW YEAR

As ever, our Holy Communion Service is on the second Sunday, 11 January. For 2026 however we have a new start time of **9.00am** followed by refreshments. Set your alarms for this new time which is to allow David to lead a later service elsewhere in the Benefice.

Fourth Sunday Worship is on Sunday 25 January. This and other such services in 2026 will start at **11.00 am**. Because of this later start time refreshments will be served before the service commences from 10.30am. This will continue in the informal format introduced in 2025.

Introducing a new system of contributing.

The eagle-eyed amongst you may notice a new 'tap and go' electronic contribution machine on the left as you enter the church to save you from frantically trying to find actual cash before heading out on a Sunday!

This is part of a new plan for funding the church headed by the indomitable Barbara Bateson. More from her about this in the next edition.



Our prayers for you all are for peace and happiness in 2026, and for the strength to cope with any challenges which the year may bring.



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Norwell community news

Norwell and Norwell Woodhouse Parish Council

Dear Parishioners,

At the time of going to print we have yet to enjoy the Christmas period, so it seems odd to be writing to you in what will be the first communication of 2026. We hope you all had a lovely and peaceful time with family, friends, and all those you hold dear.

The village has been awash with festive activities, and it's been delightful to see.

At the November Parish Council meeting, the main talking point was this year's village Christmas tree. Many will remember the difficulties last year when the tree stayed up longer than planned simply because there were not enough volunteers available to take it down safely.

This year the Council looked carefully at what's required – both in terms of people and equipment – and unfortunately concluded that without the right lifting gear and a proper team on hand, putting the tree up would breach insurance and Health & Safety rules. With that in mind, and to avoid putting anyone at risk, it was agreed that there would be no Council-erected Christmas tree this year.

Everyone acknowledged that this would disappoint some residents, but there was

also a positive outcome: the Council will explore installing a permanent tree in the New Year. This would remove the annual need for volunteers and make things much easier in future. The Clerk is already making enquiries about the proposed site and options for lighting that don't rely on a nearby household's electricity supply.

Other brief updates:

- A resident raised concerns about dog waste on Bathley Lane and asked for a new dog bin. The Council will consider this as part of the next budget.
- An application has been submitted for funding to replace the play park fencing.
- Allotment rents were discussed, with one overdue payment to be followed up, as well as quotes to grass over the vacant plots.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 22 January at 7.00pm in Norwell School. All members of the public are welcome.

Wishing you all the best for 2026.

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Norwell Diary – December, January and February

Tues 23 Dec	4.00pm	Crib Service at St Laurence
Wed 24 Dec	7.00pm	Christmas Eve Holy Communion at St Laurence
Wed 31 Dec	PM	‘Willow’ will be appearing at The Plough
Mon 5 Jan	AM	Norwell School opens following the Christmas Holidays
Mon 5 Jan	10.30-12.30	Community Coffee Morning at Norwell Nurseries Pavilion
Mon 5 Jan	1.30pm	Mobile Library ~ Old Chapel, Main Street
Tues 6 Jan	7.00-9.00pm	Village Voices
Wed 7 Jan	8.00pm	Book Club ~ for details 01636 636337
Sun 11 Jan	9.00am	Holy Communion at St Laurence, please note the new time.
Mon 19 Jan	10.15-11.15am	Jigsaw Swap in the Village Hall
Tues 20 Jan	7.00-9.00pm	Village Voices
Sat 24 Jan	7.00 for 7.30pm	Burns Night ~ a three course meal, whisky and chocolates. Tickets £25 available from NorwellVH.Events@gmail.com
Sun 25 Jan	11.00am	4th Sunday Service at St Laurence, please note the new time. Refreshments will be served from 10.30am
Wed 28 Jan	8.00pm	Book Club ~ for details 01636 636337
Mon 2 Feb	10.30-12.30	Community Coffee Morning at Norwell Nurseries Pavilion
Sun 8 Feb	9.00am	Holy Communion at St Laurence.

Book Club

We begin the year with two meetings in one month.

On Wednesday 7 January we shall discuss “The Offing” by Benjamin Myers, which tells the story of Robert, the teenage son of a miner, who tramps across the north of England to Robin Hood’s Bay. There he meets Dulcie, an older woman who changes his life.

“The Bookseller of Kabul”, our choice for

Wednesday 28 January, could hardly be more different. Journalist Anse Seierstad went to Afghanistan in 2001 to report on the conflict there and later lived for several months with an Afghan family. She said at the time the book was fiction, but it provides a fascinating close-up view of a repressive society, which in the years since seems to have changed all too little. Both these books will give us plenty to talk about!

More information about the Book Club from Helen on 636337.

Norwell community news (continued)

Village Hall News

Fundraising is a vital part of the Village Hall Committee's role to finance the maintenance of an important village asset, so please support our imminent event – Burns Night on Saturday 24 January.

This is a fun evening with entertainment by Village Voices, a Piper, addresses to the Lads and the Lassies, all toasted with whisky.

Please bring your own additional drinks and glasses. In order to plan catering for the

evening we ask that you apply for tickets by 12 January. Full details in the advertisement below.

The next Jigsaw exchange is on 19 January.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

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Chairperson



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Monday 5th January and Monday 2nd February. 10.30 to 12.30

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£4 for tea/coffee and cake

Please come and join us, all welcome. It's an opportunity to meet people, chat and renew old acquaintances.

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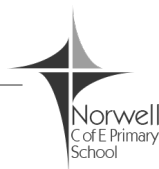
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Norwell CofE Primary School



We hope everyone has had a lovely Christmas and welcomed in the New Year with friends and family!

Before we broke up for the Christmas holidays we invited families in to showcase the children's writing for the Christmas writing competition. It was lovely to see so many families in school and watch as the children proudly showed off their work! Their 'Snowman' writing was wonderful to see and it was lovely to be able to share this with all of our families.

The EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity was also a wonderful reminder of the real importance of Christmas and the children were so proud of the Advent wreath they helped to create. This was then taken to St Laurence's Church for the start of Advent.

Thank you to all those families who sent in Christmas jumpers before the festive period which we sold at the Southwell Shopping Late Night event. All the money we made will be donated to Christian Aid as part of our Global Neighbours Award. We hope to do this again next year as it was so well received!



We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 5 January for the start of a new and exciting term!

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The 1940s in Norwell and beyond

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In the second part they drew on the memories of those who had been living in Norwell in the 1940s. The school photographs taken in 1940 were an excellent starting point. Much appreciated were the memories of June and Percy Dobbs and Ted Brown. The Carey family had provided a written record in the form of a letter that Pearl had written to the Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain and also a letter that Wilf Carey wrote to his sister shortly before he was killed in Italy on 23 October 1944.

Finally, the last part of the meeting was spent sharing memories of rationing, which continued into the 1950s.

General news / Round and About:

Carlton on Trent Village Hall

For details of regular group meetings including craft, sewing, Rummikub, Tai Chi, yoga, book club and film club please see the calendar on the village hall website – Google search for Carlton on Trent Village Hall or go to

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Plans for 2026

As usual we will not be meeting in January, but will start the programme for 2026 on Thursday 19 February. This will begin with an AGM at which we will be reminded that Norwell Parish Heritage Group was founded 20 years ago in February 2006. We shall be reviewing the future of NPHG after two busy decades during which we have very enthusiastically investigated and recorded the heritage of Norwell. **Please do attend as it is possible that we may decide that it will not be appropriate to continue with the present format.**

The AGM will be followed by Jason Mordan talking to us about Nottinghamshire's Historic Parks and Gardens. Jason is the Senior Practitioner for Historic Buildings for Nottinghamshire County Council and has worked with us

generously over the years. We have happy memories of the working party restoring our pinfold. He also helped with the restoration of Auld Cottage. He is a lively and entertaining speaker.



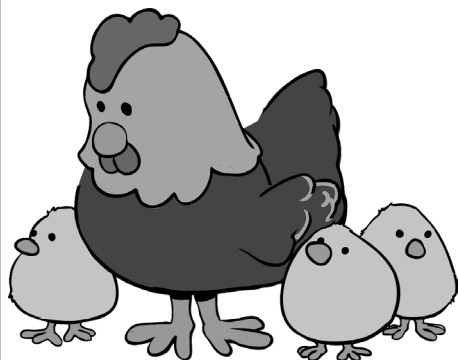


From the Church

The arrival of our vicar David means that a new rota of services is being established. This will allow him to rotate around all the parishes in the group for Sunday services. As a result of this reorganisation, Ossington's monthly service will move to the second Sunday of the month (from the third). The start time will be a little later to allow David to travel between parishes, and so this will be at 11.00am from now on. Therefore January's service will be on Sunday 11th at 11.00am in the Hut.

The PCC is pleased to report that the cleaning operation at Holy Rood is now complete and, by the time you read this, the redecoration should have commenced. All this hopefully brings the reopening of the church a little closer.

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Luncheon Club

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Coffee Morning

After the Christmas break, Ossington Coffee Morning is back on Saturday 24 January. Come to the Hut from 11.00am for homemade cake, coffee and a catch-up.

Wanted – New Clerk to Ossington Parish Meeting / News Collator for Parish Newsletter!

As some of you will know, I have recently moved from Ossington to Wellow. While this isn't too far, I can no longer perform the role of Clerk as I am not now on the Ossington electoral roll. The role of Clerk is not particularly onerous, with a minimum of two meetings a year required. I am more than happy to provide advice and assistance with the change over to a new Clerk.

Someone will also be required to collate and write up the village news for the parish magazine. This involves liaising with contacts for timely updates and forwarding print ready articles each month to Christopher Senior, the general editor.

Please give these posts some thought (it doesn't have to be the same person for both!) and consider giving up a little of your time for the community. You are welcome to contact me on 07885 313574 / jecarr@live.co.uk for further details. Both posts need filling as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Janet Carr jecarr@live.co.uk



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Great North Road Solar Park – development update

Elements Green's application for this Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) is now with the national Planning Inspectorate for its consideration.

In late November, following the Inspectors' initial perusal of the application and associated documents, and written Relevant Representations by interested organisations and individuals, hearings were held at Newark Showground.

There were issue-specific hearings on subjects chosen by the Planning Inspectorate, such as climate change, agriculture and land use, cumulative effect etc. There was also an Open Floor Hearing for groups and individuals to voice any particular concerns of their own. Ossington Solar Concerns Group raised concerns about the effect on the village, landscape,

wildlife and public recreation as a result of the plan to cover a large part of the former airfield with solar panels and associated infrastructure.

As a consequence of the issues raised by groups and individuals, Elements Green has been issued with a substantial list of areas and points to be clarified as part of the ongoing Planning Inspectorate review.

It is likely that the Planning Inspectors will call more hearings and that they will visit sites within the solar development area to familiarise themselves with particular aspects of the plans. Details of all the planned events and timings etc can be found on the Planning Inspectorate website at <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010162>

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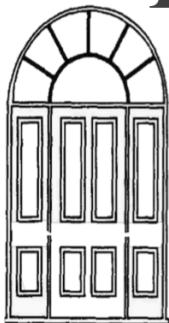
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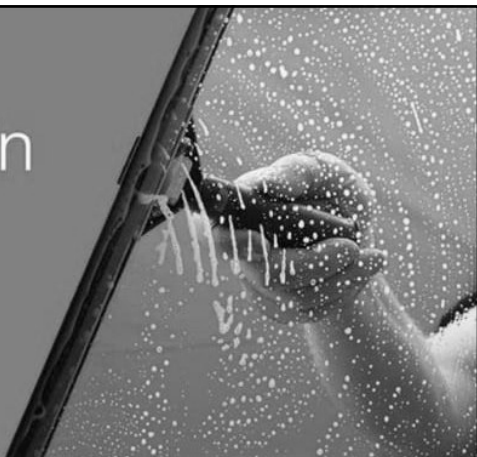
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