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Badby ☘ Newnham ☘ Charwelton ☘ Fawsley ☘ Preston Capes

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### Services for December 2021

	5 December I Advent 2	12 December II Advent 3	19 December III Advent 4	24/25 December CHRISTMAS	26 December IV Christmas 1	27 December I Christmas 2 (Epiphany)
Badby	11:00 Holy Communion CW	11:00 Family Service	11:00 Holy Communion CW	16:00 Christingle  11:00 Holy Communion CW	11:00  United Benefice Service of  Morning Service at  Badby	11:00 Holy Communion CW
Newnham	09:15 Holy Communion CW	17:00 Carol Service	X	09:30 Holy Communion CW		09:15 Holy Communion CW
Charwelton	17:00 Evensong BCP (Chapel)	X	18:00 Carols by Candlelight (Church)	22:00 "Midnight" Communion BCP (Church)		17:00 Evensong BCP (Chapel)
Fawsley	X	X	X	11:00 Holy Communion BCP		X
Preston Capes	X	09:15 Holy Communion CW	X	09:15 Holy Communion CW		X

### OTHER SERVICES

For full details see back page of the Christmas cover

Tuesday 21 December    6.30 pm    Badby    ESOV

## SUNDAY READINGS

### Principal Service CW

- for other services see Lectionary

Date	Feast	First Reading	Gospel
5 Dec	Advent 2	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:16
12 Dec	Advent 3	Phil 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18
19 Dec	Advent 4	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45
24/25 Dec	CHRISTMAS		
26 Dec	Christmas 1	Jeremiah 26:12-15	Acts 6:1-6
2 Jan	Christmas 2	Ephesians 4:17-24	Luke 22:17-20

### SERVICES

Services are being held in our church buildings and the sermon will be available online at [www.knightleybenefice.org.uk](http://www.knightleybenefice.org.uk)

This is a temporary pattern of services as we move into a recovery phase and is subject to change or even suspension if the situation demands.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### HOLY BAPTISM



at Badby  
on 24 October  
Alessia Ruby Worthington

*Shine as a light in the world,  
to the Glory of God the Father*



at Badby  
on 30 October  
Luke Harris  
and  
Rebecca Gravil  
*[By Rev'd Alison Richardson]*

*Blessed are you, heavenly Father  
You give joy to bridegroom and bride*

### HOLY MATRIMONY



at Badby  
on 29 October  
Gary Bell  
and  
Kelly Rose

*[By Rev'd Alison Richardson]*



### IN MEMORIAM

at Badby  
on 22 October  
Doreen Agnes Hyatt

*Grant her peace,  
and let light perpetual shine upon her*

## EDITORIAL

What a splendidly colourful autumn we have had. The trees in Charwelton are a kaleidoscope of leaves, and the berries in red, orange, yellow, black, along with the crab apples, are abundant. The birds are not yet taking great numbers of these, though the expected cold spell we are promised (if you believe the forecasters) may change that.

The crab apples have provided us with many pots of crab apple jelly, and while the annual flowers have gone, what a collection of seeds they have left. We have gathered such things as poppy seeds, foxgloves, teasels, and having sown them all a few weeks ago we now have trays of thriving young plants all ready to go out in the spring. Next year's garden colour for nothing!

It is often said that a plethora of fruits in the autumn heralds a hard winter; we shall see!

On the subject of hard winters, I am presently reading a book called "Frostquake" by Juliet Nicholson which tells the story of the very cold winter of 1962, which I remember well as a medical student in Leeds. It has taken me back with a jolt to the horrendous smogs of that time - long before the Clean Air Acts - when for long stretches of the winter the only safe way of getting around in the towns was by tram; cars and buses were far too dangerous as the drivers simply could not see where they were going, and even walking one could easily get lost even in areas one knew well.

The book also discusses other aspects of life at that time, such as the rise of satirical/comedy broadcasting on television, notably the introduction of "That Was The Week That Was" (commonly known as TW3) which started in the autumn of 1962. Reading that chapter took me straight back to Saturday nights out. I was a member of the University Air Squadron and spent most of my Saturday evenings in the Officers' Mess in University Road. I remember well that every week as soon as TW3 came on the bar would empty and all of us, and our girlfriends would decant into the ante-room (where the mess TV was kept) and where for the next hour we would be convulsed with laughter.

They don't make them like that any more!

And on that note, the Link team wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas.

*David*



## SUDOKU

*With thanks to Robin Baker*

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*[Solutions on page 12]*

## THE RECTOR'S LETTER

### *A Christmas to Sav(i)our*

Well, by the time you read this you may well have had your first (or fifth) mince pie, your tree may be up, and you may be enjoying your favourite tippie. "Go Early and Go Big - you deserve a special Christmas this year" seems to be the message in most Christmas ads which have themselves arrived a tad earlier than usual.

Now, if you want to put your decorations up in November that's your choice, but I know that the earlier we tend to throw ourselves into Christmas the sooner we want to be done with it after December 25<sup>th</sup> and that's a shame. You see, I must confess that I like the Sainsbury's Christmas ad this year, it's not the most charming, or the most ingenious ad, it doesn't pluck your heart strings or even make you laugh, but I do like their strapline - "A Christmas to Savour".

Too often Christmas is a frenetic dash of shopping, cooking, entertaining, indulging and even services. We bounce from one Christmas themed moment to the next until we arrive in a crumpled heap on Boxing Day, pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and do it all again at New Year and then survey the grey wilderness that is January with contempt.

Perhaps we need to stretch Christmas out - not the shopping, cooking, entertaining etc. but the real Christmas. I always wonder how long the shepherds stayed when they went to see Jesus, new born amongst the animals to a young couple in Bethlehem. We are told "So they

hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them." (Luke 2:16-18) but how long did they hang around? After all no mum who has recently given birth wants visitors to stay too long.



Perhaps you know that feeling? Every year by Boxing Day you are desperately wondering when those beloved guests will be packing up and heading home to provide you with a little "you" time; and yet, Christmas invites us to overstay our welcome, to savour this season, to pause, reflect, experience, marvel, wonder, enjoy and celebrate, to let the true impact of Christmas sink in and absorb the reality that God sent us a Christmas Saviour to rescue us from fear and darkness and hopelessness and doubt.

That really is something to savour - a saviour to savour, in fact; good news to dwell on and receive. That's what we will be doing in our Christmas services and you are more than welcome to come and join us as we explore that wonderful truth, sing emotive carols and listen to the timeless readings.

So, by all means, go early and go big this Christmas, but also savour the Saviour and get the very best out of this season.

Merry Christmas.

*Malcolm*

## BENEFACTICE PAGE

### EVENING SERVICE OF THE WORD

This short service is held once a month on the Tuesday evening following the third Sunday at 6.30pm in Saint Mary's Church, Badby. There is always a brief talk about somebody inspirational. All are welcome to participate. The next dates are 21 December and 18 January

### ADVENT CAROLS

Davenport Deanery Mothers Union are holding an Advent Carol Service at Newnham Church on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm, the service will be followed by refreshments.

All are most welcome to attend. You do not have to be a member of the Mothers Union to come to this service.

### BADBY & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Despite COVID, 2021 saw an increase in membership. The Annual Show attracted the second highest number of entries ever! Members took advantage of a new WhatsApp group, sharing ideas, advice and photos as well as keeping each other busy during lockdown. There was an AGM and fun quiz with one team somewhat controversially exceeding the maximum number of people in a team... by 3! Seeds and plants have been swapped and the open gardens took place (although not affiliated to the BDHS).

2022 promises further increases to membership, greater involvement from children and closer ties with other clubs and societies in the village.

If you are keen to join in, please contact the Chairman, Rich Green, on 07899 890321.

### BADBY AND DISTRICT PHOTO CLUB

The club opens the doors of Badby Village Hall most Wednesday evenings between

September and June at 7.30pm when new members are always welcome.

Coming up on 1 December there is a competition - a good chance for newcomers to see the best of the current work as well as meet the members. And on 13 December there is a social event at the village hall which is centred around a mini competition (i.e. not too serious, using small postcard size prints); another good chance to meet the members. Hope to see you there.

A gallery of members' current work and forthcoming events are all listed on the club's website. [www.badbyphtoclub.org.uk](http://www.badbyphtoclub.org.uk)

### BADBY AND DISTRICT FILM SOCIETY

The screening on Friday 10 December, will be the 2019 surprise selection, *Blinded by the Light*, a 'coming-of-age' story of a British-Pakistani Muslim teenager in Luton in 1987: it's a comedy-drama inspired by the life of a journalist and his love of the works of Bruce Springsteen. The reviews comment that: "Like a life-affirming rock anthem, [it] hits familiar chords with confidence & flair..." (112 mins, 12 Certificate).

Appropriate precautions will continue to be put in place to protect filmgoers from Covid-19 coronavirus. Seating capacity will be restricted, seats must be booked and paid for in advance, masks may be worn if preferred, coffee and food will not be provided. Filmgoers will, however, be welcome to bring their own food and drinks for personal consumption. Please note that the village hall will be ventilated throughout the screening.

Please let us know in advance if you will be attending - either by emailing to this address ([banddfs@gmail.com](mailto:banddfs@gmail.com)) or by phoning Karen, evenings only, on 01327 312158.

## JOY MEAD, FARTHINGSTONE

Christmas in the Cloister on Saturday 4th December from 4.30 – 6.30pm - our totally unique and magical celebration of the start of Christmas in the candlelit surroundings of the Joy Mead Cloister (opposite The Kings Arms in the centre of the village). With the brazier to keep us warm, there will be mulled wine and barbecued sausages, carol singing round the Christmas tree, tempting stalls and games to play – and of course Father Christmas has promised that he will pay us a visit. Bring along family and friends for a lovely start to the festivities! More information on our website [www.farthingstone.org](http://www.farthingstone.org).

## PARISH NOTICES

### BADBY

Correspondent - Geoff Pullin ([gccsspullin@yahoo.com](mailto:gccsspullin@yahoo.com))  
 website: [www.badby-pc.gov.uk](http://www.badby-pc.gov.uk)

	Reader	Sidesman
5 Dec	G. Nelson P. McAlister	J. Jordan P. McAlister
12 Dec	C. Wakeford R. McBeth	C. Wakeford P. Wakeford
19 Dec	L. Ingham J. Jordan	C. Nelson G. Nelson
26 Dec	F. Williams S. Rose	F. Williams S. Rose
2 Jan	J. Peel J. Hall	J. Jordan J. Hall

### CHURCH SERVICES

In December there will be a service at Badby Church as usual every Sunday at 11 am, including a Family Service on 12 December. Our Christmas celebrations start with the Carol Service, which will be on the less usual date of Saturday 18 December at 6 pm, followed by festive refreshments. As the excitement mounts in many households, Christmas Eve will see our very popular Christingle at 4.30 pm, again with refreshments to follow, and on Christmas

Day there will be a service of Holy Communion at 11 am. On Boxing Day, which is a Sunday, there will be a United Benefice Service at Badby at the usual time of 11 am. You can be sure of a warm welcome – we look forward to seeing you!

### CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR NORTHAMPTON HOSTEL

This year we will again take presents to people in the Domestic Abuse hostel in Northampton, with a few changes - partly because of the pandemic and partly to help their staff to allocate the presents.

The hostel have produced an Amazon wish list at [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/T62LCC44FL4P?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/T62LCC44FL4P?ref_=wl_share) with suggested presents. Presents must not be wrapped. If you prefer, you can give money via Facebook, their website [www.ndas.co.uk](http://www.ndas.co.uk) or you can text NDASXMAS to 70450 followed by the amount you would like to donate, e.g. to donate £10, text NDASXMAS10.

Your presents can be left under the Christmas tree in St Mary's Church on any day from 12-16 December, but no later (NB: before our Carol Service).

### CHURCH FLOWERS

Decorating the church for Christmas will take place on Saturday 18 December. Any newcomers to the village who would like to join our friendly team would be most welcome. Please contact Jackie Peel at [jackiepeel22@gmail.com](mailto:jackiepeel22@gmail.com) for more information.

### CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

w/b 6: Helen Morris, Gillie Morley, Ann Skinner  
 w/b 13: Jan Cooper, Moira Cooper, Kirsten Dollery  
 w/b 20: Gill Nelson, Jo Hind, Judy Jordan  
 w/b 27: Ann Cotton, Monique Shortt, Ann Syred.

### MONTHLY DRAW

The monthly draw to help St Mary's Church funds takes place at the Coffee Morning in church. On 16 November the winners were: first prize - Jean Hancock; second prize – Frances Williams; third prize – Jim and Ruth McBeth. If you would like to take part, please email Jim McBeth at [twollitgoats@btinternet.com](mailto:twollitgoats@btinternet.com) – as more people join, the prize pot increases!

### TEA & MEET

Tea and Meet will be in the village hall on Friday 3 December 2 - 4pm. It's a great time to meet and chat with friends and neighbours - bring grandparents and babies. Everyone is very welcome

### DONATIONS FOR REFUGEES

West Northants Council has been overwhelmed by the level of support that people have offered. The immediate needs of the refugees have now been met, so they are no longer seeking donations of clothes and toiletries.

### CHRISTMAS WREATHS

For those of you who have ordered one of our Christmas wreaths, a reminder that these will be available to collect from Church from 6 pm on Saturday 4 December. If you haven't yet ordered one, there may be one or two still available – please contact Judy on tel. 07752 384969 asap if interested. We will also be offering a recycling service after Christmas is over – just leave your wreath in the collection box outside Church and we will remove any elements that can be reused and dispose of the remainder in an environmentally friendly way!

### BADBY & FAWSLEY WI

On Thursday 9 December we will be holding our Christmas Dinner, this year at Green Acres in Staverton. An exciting programme of speakers and activities is currently being drawn up for next year. New members are always very welcome. Why not come along and see what we get up to? Contact Jan Cooper on 01327 702833 for further information.

### KNIT WITS

Even if you've not heard of the Badby and Fawsley WI 'Knit Wits', you may have seen some of their work on The Green - the display of knitted poppies on the horse chestnut tree at the corner of The Glebe, and on the bench nearby. The Knit Wits are an enthusiastic bunch of WI knitters (and crocheters) who enjoy getting together to make items such as hats and cardigans for premature babies, sensory blankets for people with dementia, teddies and dolls for children in stressful situations, and decorative items such as the

### Remembrance Day poppies.

They meet monthly in one another's houses, are always very grateful to receive donations of suitable knitting yarn and are also very happy to consider other charitable projects they can knit and crochet for. For more information, please contact Karen Brown (01327 312158).

### CRICKET CLUB

The Badby & Farthingstone Cricket Club held its annual presentation night in Badby Village Hall to celebrate another successful season. The evening of speeches and presentations included Peter Mayne's inimitable 'View from the Boundary' speech and captain Charlie Ashmore delivered an entertaining summary of the season. Chairman Andy Nightingale and family provided a tasty curry.

The prize winners for the 2021 season were:  
 Batsman of the Year: Steve Nelligan (376 runs, average of 47);  
 Bowler of the year: George Dicks (9 wickets, average of 9.67);  
 Wildfowl Duck Award: Andy Nightingale (4 ducks);  
 Young Player of the Year: Alfie Dicks (84 runs, 2 wickets, 2 catches);  
 Captains Award: Ed Hall, Graeme Whitcroft White, Andy Nightingale (shared award);  
 Players Player: Steve Nelligan and Clubman of the Year: Phil Hall and Peter Collins (shared award).



Clubmen of the Year: Peter Collins (left) and Phil Hall



Captain Charlie Ashmore (left) with double award winner Steve Nelligan.

### PARISH COUNCIL WORKING PARTY

The pandemic has eased enough for the working party to get up and running again. The Parish Council organises a working party of volunteers to do general maintenance and improvements around the

village, usually on the third weekend of each month, two weeks after the monthly council meeting. You can do as much or as little work as you want. If you are able to help from about 10 am, please contact Pete Johnson (pete.johnson@badby-pc.gov.uk) or Richard Piner (chairman@badby-pc.gov.uk). Just bring some basic gardening tools, a pair of gloves and a smile. We would love to see you!

#### BADBY VILLAGE HALL

Thank you to everyone – sponsors, horse owners, punters and volunteers – who helped to make the Race Night on 22 October such a success. Together we raised £933 in support of the Hall. That money will be invaluable in various work needing to be done on the Hall, including repair of side windows and replacement of guttering, in particular. Enquiries for the use of the Hall should be made to Sue Blundell (703612) or via the website where you can also check Hall availability at <https://badby-pc.gov.uk/community/village-hall/bookings/>



#### NEWHAM

Correspondent - Ellen Henning  
(ellen.henning@hotmail.co.uk)

#### REMEMBRANCE

Approx. 80 people attended our traditional Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial on Sunday 14th November. Thank you to all those who participated in any way particularly the Guides for their knitted crosses and memorial painted stones, and Catherine (Ingليس) for playing the reveille and last post. Many then moved into the church for a service of thanksgiving led by Revd Malcolm. Thank you to those who read lessons and to James (Millsop) for playing the organ.

It was also a great pleasure to read the many poignant poems written by the school children displayed on the school fence.

#### CHURCH PORCH

Please continue to use the boxes in the porch for food/toiletary items and used tablet foils. They are taken to Daventry on a regular basis.

#### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS/ DECORATIONS

We'd love to see our beautiful village lit up and decorated as last year. If you are able to string a few lights outside your house or in your windows it would be very much appreciated by the children and us all. Three prizes will be on offer for the best displays, judging will take place week commencing 19th December.

#### "CRIMBO BINGO"

FONS friendly family "Crimbo Bingo" - All very welcome. THURSDAY 16th DECEMBER at 6.00 pm in the school hall.

£7.50 adults, which includes bingo cards, and a festive roll with all the trimmings, £5 children which includes bingo cards, a visit and gift from Santa plus a hot dog! Bring own drinks. Tickets available from school or HELEN on 07734 155032.

#### SERVICES

Full details of all services and other Christmas events are highlighted on the inside cover of this edition of the Link magazine

#### PROGRESSIVE SUPPER

Newnham's Progressive Supper is on MARCH 5th 2022. Please save the date. More details to follow.

#### NEWHAM VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

Winners in the November draw were  
£50 Prize No 48 Mr S Cave  
£25 Prize No 137 Mr I Ashwell  
£25 Prize No 191 Mrs S Venner

#### NEWHAM WI

Newnham WI is happy to be back to near normal and in November at our monthly meeting we were able to welcome Jackie's Mum, who provided us with all we needed to print and produce lots of lovely Christmas tags. We also had a beautiful table of Christmas craft all made by Liz our Secretary. Barbara also had a table of beautifully knitted items. There will not be a monthly meeting in December as we will be having our Christmas meal at the Romer Arms.

#### CHARWELTON

Correspondent - David Pound  
(davidpound1939@talktalk.net)

	Reader/Sidesman	Flowers
5 Dec	G&E Bird	
19 Dec	TBA	Fiona Spencer
24 Dec	"Midnight" Communion	

Chapel cleaning	
December	June Pound
January	Fiona Spencer

#### CARDS & CALENDARS

Just a reminder that Calendars (£7.50) and Christmas cards (pack of 10, £5) are on sale, with proceeds going to the upkeep of the church. If you haven't bought yours yet - or if you want even more! - they can be ordered from [charweltonpcc@gmail.com](mailto:charweltonpcc@gmail.com)

#### CHRISTMAS WREATHS

There is still time to volunteer to help make holly wreaths this year. We have a full order-book so additional offers of help would be greatly appreciated. If you've never helped before why not give it a go? No previous experience is needed. New volunteers should contact Penny Cory (pennycory@yahoo.co.uk 01327 700550)

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 9 am – holly-cutting (Meet at Charwelton Hall)

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2 pm – Bunch-making in the Village Hall

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm – Bunch-making in the Village Hall

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 9am onwards bunch - and wreath - making in the Village Hall.

Lunch (home made soup, homemade bread, cheese, and tea/coffee) will be provided *gratis* on this last day for those who wish. Please let June Pound know asap if you would like to have lunch, so that she has an idea how much to make.

If you have placed an order please collect it from the Village Hall between 3.00pm and 3.30pm on Saturday 11th. December. If you are unable to do that please contact David Pound

(davidpound1939@talktalk.net) beforehand to make alternative arrangements

#### CAROL SERVICE

The Carol Service will again be held by Candlelight. There will be an opportunity during the service to place presents under the Christmas tree. These will be donated to Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Service. Please clearly label all presents for children with the age and gender of the child for whom the gift is intended, and also indicate what the gift is. (This prevents any bemused child receiving, for example, several Beano Annuals!) If the present is intended for an adult, please indicate the gender and contents, for the same reason. The NDAS are very grateful for the continuing support that we in Charwelton have given them over the years.

As always, warm sausage rolls, mince pies and mulled wine or soft drinks will be served after the service so please do stay and socialise.

Last year your usual splendidly generous response was well in evidence despite the low (Covid related) attendance, and we very much hope that you will continue to support the Refuge again this time.

#### 100 CLUB

The winner of the October draw was number 62 - Allison Boniface

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Act of Remembrance on Remembrance Sunday was held at the War Memorial at 11.00am as usual. It was attended by 26 villagers, with wreaths being laid on behalf of the Village and the Church, and crosses in memory of individuals who died were laid by some of those attending.

Prior to that the Village Hall Committee had laid on an Armistice Breakfast in the Village Hall between 0900 and 1200. Some 37 scrumptious meals were served (orange juice, bacon, poached egg, sausage, mushrooms, tomatoes, baked beans, followed by toast/croissants and butter, with tea or coffee) at a most reasonable charge of £8 per person. Some £198 was raised for VH funds. We offer congratulations and many thanks to the hard working VH

committee for their efforts in producing this excellent and well attended breakfast each year.

This is the third year the VH committee have done this so let's hope it is now a permanent feature.

#### WHIST DRIVE

The next Whist drive is on 20th December @ 7.30pm. there will be Christmassy refreshments and prizes. Entry will be £1.50 as usual. Raffle tickets £1 a strip. Prizes would be gratefully received.

#### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Charwelton Village Children's Christmas Party will be on Saturday 18th December at 4.30pm-ish, following the Christingle which is at 4pm in the Chapel. An Entertainer and Father Christmas will be there! Please let Chris Gibbs know if you are bringing your children - contact Chris Gibbs for further information on 07854651919.



#### FAWSLEY

Correspondent - Vacant

#### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Fawsley Church Christmas cards are available to purchase from reception at Fawsley Hall Hotel. £3.50 for a pack of 5 or 3 packs for £10 All proceeds will go to the upkeep of the church.

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

Our Christmas Day Service will be held at 11.00am. It will be our traditional BCP communion service and will be taken by Archdeacon Richard. We look forward to welcoming him to Fawsley.



### PRESTON CAPES

Correspondent - Claire Hoare  
caghoare@gmail.com

	Reader	Sidesman	Cleaning
12 Dec	Luke Bridgeman	Heather Wilson	Anabel Lewis-Bowen
17 Dec	TBA	Peter Smith	
25 Dec	Gerard Hoare	Claire Hoare	
10 Jan	Heather Wilson	Mireya Weaver	

#### FLOWERS

No flowers in Advent until 17th when Christmas Flowers can be introduced. Please can all flower arrangers decorate the church for Christmas before the Carol Service on Friday 17th.

#### FLOWER ARRANGERS

Thank you very much for continuing to decorate our church beautifully during the past difficult year, it is hugely appreciated.

I shall be drawing up the new rota shortly for 2022. I hope you can/will all continue. New volunteers will be most welcome. 361263

#### SERVICES

Traditional Carol Service 18.30 on Friday 17th to be followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Please come and join us.

Christmas Day 09.15 Holy Communion taken by Archdeacon of Northampton Richard Ormston.

#### CHURCHYARD AUTUMN TIDY UP

Gerard Hoare writes, 'we had a very good tidy up by the working party of one lady and seven men on 13th November. They achieved so much in two hours. Thank you all.

Also thanks to the Fountaine family we had a telehandler & bucket, brim full of rubbish and kindly removed for us. Trees were tidied around, green mould painted out, brambles cut back, a seat stored in the dry, French drain weeded, and crucially all the rainwater gullies and hoppers to our church roof

were thoroughly cleaned for any storms to come! 2021 was our eleventh such year on these 6-monthly sessions and it really shows Again thank you everyone.'

#### PCC MEETING

PCC Meeting Friday 28th January 17.00

#### VILLAGE HALL

Preston Capes Village Hall is putting on a merry line-up of functions throughout December – we very much hope to share the Christmas cheer and see you there!

We will be putting up the Christmas decorations – we're still rocking that kitsch pink tinsel - for the DECEMBER SUNDAY BAR on 5th December from 12.30pm.

This is also the occasion of the GINGERBREAD PERSON DECORATING COMPETITION – please bring him or her along to the Hall between 11.30am and 1.00pm.

The VILLAGE LIGHTS first 'SWITCH ON' is Saturday, 4th December with following dates of the 11th and 18th.

FRIDAY 10th December will have the Hall rocking for CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHT!

Far more sober but very welcoming and warm will be the CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING on Friday 17th from 10.30am - then a period of rest until.....

THE TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE BAR on.... Christmas Eve from 12.00 noon. Just when you think it's all over..... anyone still standing will be suitably supported with a warm welcome and jollity at the

NEW YEARS DAY BAR from 12.00 noon. Full details of all events will be on the Preston Capes and Little Preston and Preston Capes Village Hall Facebook pages. Emails will also be sent out via the Village List to all participants and posters will be on the Notice Board. Please email rachel.a.bracher@gmail.com with any questions. Happy Christmas!

## DIARY

This diary records the proposed dates of any benefice, parish or village events. We hope that this will help those planning such events to know what else is going on and therefore be able to avoid any unhelpful clashes of dates. If you know, or become aware, of events which ought to be recorded please let David Pound, or your village Link correspondent, know.

Events known about so far are:

#### December

- 1 Newnham Festive Coffee Morning
- 4/11/18 Preston Capes Village Lights
- 5 Preston Capes Sunday bar
- 5 PC Gingerbread person decorating comp.
- 10 Film Soc.
- 10 PC Christmas Party
- 9-11 Charwelton wreath making
- 17 PC Christmas coffee morning
- 18 Charwelton Children's Christmas Party
- 24 PC Christmas Eve bar

#### January 2022

- 1 PC New Year's Day bar
- 28 Preston Capes PCC



## SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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### **Parish Council - Vacancies for Councillors**

There are currently three vacancies for councillors on Newnham Parish Council. There is no formal interview process and anyone who has lived in the parish for one year may apply. All Parish Councillors are unpaid volunteers, working for the good of us all. If you would like more information about joining the Parish Council, contact the clerk at: [clerk@newnham-parish.org.uk](mailto:clerk@newnham-parish.org.uk) or telephone: 07968-215336.

### **Parish Council Meetings**

The next meeting of Newnham Parish Council will be on Monday December 6th, at 7.30pm in The Village Hall. The agenda for the meeting will be on the parish web site, [www.newnham-parish.org.uk](http://www.newnham-parish.org.uk) and also on the parish notice board. Newnham parishioners are welcome to attend any council meeting where they can question the councillors or raise any issues of concern.

### **Christmas Decorations**

The Parish Council are looking to illuminate the large tree on the village green, at the eastern corner of 'The Romer Arms' pub. The tree will be dressed in white lights and hopefully be lit in time for the festive period. There will also be the usual Christmas Tree under the church bell tower adorned with coloured lights.

### **Parish Web Site**

We invite local businesses and organisations to advertise their services or meetings on the Parish web site. There is no charge for this service although any contributions would be most welcome. Please contact; [admin@newnham-parish.org.uk](mailto:admin@newnham-parish.org.uk).

### **Street Doctor**

If you notice any damage or potholes to the road surfaces around the village, please report the problem at: <https://fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk/> You can also report blocked or overflowing drains or anything else to do with the roads/verges which concerns you.

### **Fly Posting**

Village organisation, such as The Church, the Village Hall, the School, the WI, the Girl Guides, the Public House and the History Society are encouraged to advertise their events on the Parish notice boards. There are environmental laws which prohibit 'Fly Posting' on telegraph poles and street furniture etc. Any notices or posters advertising an event for commercial gain will be removed without notice.

### **Dog Fouling**

There is still a problem around the village with dog owners not picking up after their animals. We have joined the Paint means Poo campaign. It was agreed the parish council will join this campaign to highlight the ongoing problems with inconsiderate dog owners allowing dog fouling. If you own or walk a dog, please take a bag with you to pick up after your animal.

### **Posts around The Village Green**

Along the side of the village green, on Badby Road (opposite the telephone box), wooden posts will be erected to stop cars parking on the village green. This is occurring when children are being dropped off at school or are being collected from school.

### **Vehicle Activated Speed Signs**

To help reduce speeding vehicles in and around the village, two new VAS signs are being purchased, making four in total. One will be permanently placed by the Mounts Lane cross roads, for cars entering the village. Three of the signs will be able to collect data, vehicle speeds, times of day and direction of travel, for collation and then forwarding to Northamptonshire Highways and the Police.

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