

VILLAGE VOICE

BRINKLEY.....BURROUGH GREEN.....CARLTON
WESTLEY WATERLESS



DECEMBER 2022

BRINKLEY CHRISTMAS CARD 2022

IT'S NOT TOO LATE - DEADLINE 3rd DECEMBER.
One aim of the Christmas card is as a fundraiser, partly for the church, and partly for the chosen charity. This year, that charity is Newmarket Open Door. You can choose to donate to one charity, or to both. Once you have 'signed up,' your name is printed inside the card. The card is delivered to everyone in our village.

COME AND SEE THE CARD AT THE WINTER FAIR.
Don't get left out!

For further details, please contact Ros on
01638 507240, or 07860 128270

WINTER FAIR SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER

12noon to 2pm

BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL

Come along and have
lunch of homemade
soups, sausage in a bun,
and delicious puddings.



Cake stall..... Gift stall

Bric-a-brac.....Tombola..... Raffle.....& more

If you have items, cakes, gifts, bottles, nice bric-a-brac, etc (no books please), that you could donate to the fair, or can help run a stall, it would be much appreciated.



Please contact Trish on 01638 507495,
or Ros on 01638 507240

Please support this fund-raising event for your
village church, St Mary's, Brinkley.

St. Peter's Church Stetchworth Christmas Tree Festival



Saturday 10th December 2022
2.00 - 5.00 pm

Musical entertainment

by Kettlefields School Choir and The Kitchen Choir
Come and see the Christmas Trees
that have been decorated by Community Groups.

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Raffle and Christmas Goodies

CHRISTMAS TREES

R. D. JAGGARD

This year we are not selling from
the yard in Burrough Green.
Instead we are taking orders for
delivery. Please book early to avoid disappointment.



07766 566226

rdjaggardandson@btinternet.com

01638 507330

CANDLELIT SERVICE of Carols & Readings



St Augustine's, Burrough Green
Sunday, 11th December, 6 pm

All welcome to stay for
mulled wine and mince pies
following the service



BURROUGH GREEN READING ROOM

SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER FESTIVE VILLAGE BREAKFAST

Join us for a Full English Breakfast and a glass of
Prosecco

from 9.30 - 11am

£7.00 Adults £3.00 Children under 11.

There will be a Christmas raffle.



Booking recommended. Call Joanne on
01638 508888 or message us on the
Burrough Green Facebook page.



WARM HUB

Join us on Thursday evenings after school from
3.30 - 5pm for a free cuppa in our cosy village
hall. Games available to keep the children busy!
We are also open on Friday mornings from 9.30 -
11.30 for a catch up with friends.

Please support these initiatives if you can - our
community needs local facilities to be open and
used.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a
Happy and Healthy New Year.

KNIT & NATTER

Every Monday from 1:30 to 3.30pm
In the Community Room at Sheriff's
Court Burrough Green. All knitters or
potential knitters are welcome,



Bring your own knitting or we can teach you to make squares for the local neonatal unit or knit for other charities. We have odd bits of wool, patterns and needles etc. There will be a small charge for refreshments.

Any donations of wool would be greatly appreciated.

ALL WELCOME

The Ellesmere Devils
Pantomime Society Presents

Dick Whittington

Wednesday 1 st February	6.30pm	£8
Thursday 2 nd February	7.30pm	£9
Friday 3 rd February	7.30pm	£10
Saturday 4 th February	2.00pm	£9
Saturday 4 th February	7.30pm	£10



The Ellesmere Centre,
Stetchworth, CB8 9TS

Buy tickets at:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/edps
or call 07990 513836

Panto returns to Stetchworth - oh yes it does! Dick Whittington arrives in London to earn his fortune, where he believes the streets are paved with gold. His plans are scuppered by King Rat and his rat pack who create havoc. Will Dick, with the help of his side kick cat and wonderful Fairy Bow Bella, thwart King Rat and his evil plan to become Lord Mayor of London?

RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green - Mondays :

Black bin - 12th December

Blue & Green - 5th & 19th December.

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless - Mondays

Black sacks weekly, 5th, 12th, 19th & Wed 28th December

Blue Lid - 5th & 19th December.

Green Lid - 12th & Wed 28th December

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Brinkley Memorial Hall - Friday, 3rd February, 2023

The Trustees are hosting a 'New Year Get Together Supper' with after dinner entertainment.

A 3-course supper to welcome in the new year, please put date in your diaries and come along and join us.

Further information to follow.

MOBILE LIBRARY



The Mobile Library will be at BRINKLEY Memorial Hall on the 4th THURSDAY of each month between 12.10 - 12.50pm. **22nd December**



BURROUGH GREEN by the BUS STOP on 3rd THURSDAY of each month at 3.50 - 4.10pm. **15th December.**

They stock a great selection of books for all ages, plus NHS hearing aid batteries. They can even check and replace the ferrules on walking sticks.

Make use of this wonderful resource.

NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

WARM HUB

Our warm hub is now open every Monday and Wednesday from 9am-12pm.

Please come along and enjoy a warm, friendly space and refreshments (all free of charge).

We have magazines, jigsaws, board games or you may choose to just sit and relax.

There is also a laptop and printer with free use of the Wi-Fi.

28th December we will be serving warm mince pies.

FREE Festive Prize Bingo
Join us in the Warm Hub on
Wednesday 14th December
"Eyes Down" 11am

SL Sport & Education Christmas Fun Activities Camp

A perfect opportunity to fit in some last minute Christmas shopping

Friday 23rd December 8.30am-5.30pm

Book on line at slsportanded.co.uk

Live Music on Friday 13th January 2023

8pm until midnight

Jive and Boogie away those Christmas Blues with the fantastic 60's Band

"Back in Time"

£5 per person entry Raffle & Licensed Bar

The Staff and the Trustees would like to wish you a very

Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year



Follow us on Facebook or Twitter@CentreEllesmere
Email: office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk - alternatively
call us on 01638 508212

WHAT'S ON AT THE RED LION
BRINKLEY



Christmas Eve we will do our usual Taco Night and food will be available from 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Day we will not be open for drinks.

Boxing Day we will be closed.

While we usually do not open on a Tuesday, for **Tuesday 27th** we will open at lunch time and dinner time if there is any demand for it - so call us and let us know if you would like to come in. If we have no bookings even just for some drinks, then we will just stay closed.

Wednesday through Friday will be as normal.

Hogmanay we will be open for lunch, and for dinner and drinks in the evening, and when we are empty in the evening, we will close.

This winter will be horrible for all of us. We know of hundreds of UK pubs that are closing for good from January 1, and many hundreds more that are going to close until March/April. Depending on the supplier, business electricity prices have increased 250-500% this year. We heard from a pub today that their monthly electricity bill has increased from £650 to over £4,000. We will find out next week where we are, but none of this is sustainable for our industry.

What we do in terms of opening hours until Spring will likely depend on how the next several weeks go for us. Please either check our website, Facebook page, or call us as we all roll into winter here, since we will make whatever changes we think we have to do on a daily basis to cut our costs.

We already have Heineken increasing all their product lines again, this time 15-18%, from December 1, on the back end of their two 14% increases in 2022. Other breweries will surely follow. We will not accept having to charge £6 for a pint or £3.00 for a soft drink, and neither will you, so we have been trying to do something about that.

We did everything we could to help out during the pandemic years and are thinking hard again about what we can do for some people this winter that have supported us this past seven years. It is much harder now.

We will try as best we can to not increase prices. If you can though - please, try and do something for us this time around. Most of our food prices have not been increased for three or even four years. We are also looking at how we can provide some good wholesome food on a Wednesday and Thursday, at the lowest price possible. Our target is £10 for some food and a drink.

Please have the best Christmas time, given what we all are going through. Come and join us on Tuesday 27th

in the evening and we will buy you a drink for supporting us during this past seven years - or even just this past one! We'll know who you are. Just remember to let us know you are coming in!
Gwyn & Morris.

01638 508707

ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

The container planting evening was a great success and was enjoyed by everyone there. How lovely to see so many members, plus visitors, and new members too!


Our last get-together this year will be our Christmas Party on Wednesday 14th December at The Pantry in Newmarket. Members should have already made their menu choices and paid, so all that remains is for everyone to have a good time!


But whether or not you are coming to the party don't forget that we have a meeting in the New Year to look forward to. On Wednesday 11th January we will have a talk by Susanna Colaco about the Trumpington Community Orchard. Join us in the Ellesmere Centre at 7.30 pm for this. Also, please note the date of the AGM, which is Wednesday 8th February, when committee members will be elected, and the coming year's subs will be due. More information in the New Year.

Do put these events in your diary, and we hope you can join us. Members and visitors are equally welcome to our meetings and events, and if you have any queries about the club, please contact either our Chairman Sandie, phone 07903 584676, or our Secretary Judith, phone 07740 100660.

All that remains is for the committee to wish you all Season's Greetings and we look forward to meeting you in 2023.

VILLAGE OIL SYNDICATE - Advance notice

 The next oil syndicate order will be placed on 20th January 2023. If you would like to be included in the delivery, please contact Vicky Cavey on 07818 231632 or via email vickycavey@icloud.com

Please provide details of your order ensuring all requests are accompanied by a house name/number, postcode, telephone number  and quantity of oil required (500ltrs minimum).

VILLAGE WEBSITES

- www.westleywaterless.com
- www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk
- www.brinkleyparishcouncil.org.uk

They include information on the facilities of each village and also back issues of Village Voice newsletter and the adverts.

PETER AND RUTH LLOYD TRUST AWARD 2023

We are now inviting applications for pupils starting university in September 2023. Normally one scholarship is awarded each year to the amount of £1000.

Broadly speaking the degree course should be from one of the following:-

Architecture, Engineering, Geography, History, Law, Mathematics, Sciences, Education, Medicine, Nursing and Veterinary Medicine.

The applicant should be living in one of the parishes bordering the old RAF Wrattling Common airfield - Great Thurlow, Little Thurlow, West Wickham, Carlton cum Willingham, West Wrattling, Weston Colville and Withersfield.

The award is intended to be of assistance in the purchase of books, materials, equipment etc.

Final decision and award will be made immediately after 'A' Level/Baccalaureate results and University offer are known.

For further information about the trust and award please contact: Jonathan Drury 01223 290968

For an application form please apply via email to: peter.ruthlloydtrust@sky.com

The application form and supporting documents must be received at the latest by 2nd April 2023

MARSH MAIL - News form Linton Village College

A core vision of our Trust, Anglian Learning, is to enable dynamic, empowered learners who thrive and lead in their communities: locally, nationally and globally. Over the course of November, students have been involved in a number of activities demonstrating their responsibility and care for others and for our environment.

Twenty-two students across Years 7-11 represented the College at Cambridgeshire schools' COP 27 conference at Sawston Village College on 16th November. The day involved a series of workshops focussing on how secondary schools can tackle climate change. Students were involved in debating international environmental proposals and for presenting their local green projects.

Our Eco Forum, led by the Geography department, will continue this work, developing a number of initiatives across the school to help to reduce energy consumption and make improvements to the College environment.

It was great to see a number of students, past and present, with their exhibited artwork at the St Michaelhouse Café in Cambridge. The gallery



showcased the artistic talent of LVC students and included pieces from all Trust secondary schools in a range of media. The event was a great celebration of the arts.

Another way in which LVC students have been creative in the community is through involvement in a Cards for Bravery initiative. Recently featured on the One Show, including Mrs Garner, our Director of Inclusion, Cards for Bravery is a local voluntary organisation focussing on making positive homemade cards for hospitalised and seriously ill children. LVC students have been involved in making cards in the Henry Morris Centre at lunchtime.

Helena Marsh

DISTRICT GIRLGUIDING LINTON DISTRICT

What an incredible experience our Brownies have had. They went to Duxford airfield and slept under the wings of the planes in the Space hanger. Sleeping with 500 other Brownies and 100 leaders from all over our county Cambridgeshire East.



Our girls actually managed to sleep under Concorde. They made dens to sleep in and were able to spend a day going around the museum as well. They had activities especially designed for the weekend, doing things like designing a space suit and making aeroplanes out of pegs. For a bit of fun, why not make paper aeroplanes and see how far yours fly... there are lots of different types to make. One of our Balsham Brownies has achieved her Silver award, which is very well deserved and hard to achieve, so well done. More Silvers coming, watch this space.

Burrough Green Brownies made a beautiful wreath for Remembrance Sunday, and it looked stunning.



Like all our units they represented Girlguiding at all the local services, our Trefoil Guild joining in with the parade in Linton. They also had a very interesting evening hearing about all the

districts girls got up to on the East Meets West County Camp. Guiding is never still and continues as ever to be a voice for all girls.

As the words of an old Guiding song come to mind, come, come light up the fire, join in the ring. Here find dreams to inspire, stories to tell, music to sing. We are as relevant today for every girl and young women and change as the girls change. Inspiring them to achieve their best, raise their aspirations, be confident and encourage them to be a powerful force for good.

Come and see what we do, you will be most welcome, Contact Louisa 01223 833776

Lintondistrict@gmail.com

www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested

BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE

Saturday December 3rd

ELVIS (12)

Doors open 7pm and film at 7.30pm
in Balsham Church Institute

ELVIS stars Tom Hanks and Austin Butler in the 2022 film. The film explores the life and music of Elvis Presley (Austin Butler), and his complicated relationship with his enigmatic manager, Colonel Tom Parker (Tom Hanks). It spans over 20 years, from Presley's rise to fame to his unprecedented stardom, against the backdrop of the evolving cultural landscape and loss of innocence in America. Central to that journey is one of the most significant and influential people in Elvis's life, Priscilla Presley (Olivia DeJonge). A must see movie acclaimed by the critics.

Mulled wine and mince pies on the House.

Guest visitors £3/ ni and Annual membership just £12 for adults.

Dave's bar will be open for pre-show drinks and nibbles as normal.

Advance notice for our January evening which will be the recently released family film.

The Railway Children Return (PG) starring Jenny Agutter and Sheridan Smith

Saturday January 7th 2023. Doors open 7pm and film at 7.30 in Balsham Church Institute.

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**HALLOWEEN FUN IN BRINKLEY**



**DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

*Charlotte Cane & John Trapp - East Cambs Bottisham Ward*

**Transport**

Thanks to a lot of local people and the AtoB1102 group the number 11 and 12 buses have been 'saved' at least until the end of March. However, we still need to persuade Stephenson's and the Combined Authority to reinstate Bottisham on the number 11 route. We also need to address ticket charging and some other matters. But at least we have the buses. We are aware that the buses have not always run and have sometimes not kept to timetable - indeed the timetables are not yet displayed at all stops. That must be incredibly frustrating for people who need to get to work etc, but we must give Stephenson's time to get used to running the new routes which they were only asked to tender for a few weeks ago. Public transport should be reliable and affordable so that all of us can get to work, visit friends, attend appointments, and enjoy our leisure time.

Unfortunately, there is a confusing structure of responsibility - the Combined Authority is meant to be responsible, but the Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership and the County Council also have a major say and none of them has adequate funds for the investment needed, nor are their combined funds sufficient. Earlier this year the Government rejected a bus improvement funding bid from the Combined Authority. Two causes of this rejection have been identified. The first was that the Department for Transport had applied a deprivation score, which did not help our cause as a high growth area. We agree that deprivation has to be tackled, but so does the increasing pressure on our transport system caused by our high growth. The second was the Government's view that the application had shown insufficient commitment to bus priority schemes, active travel and road charging. Bus priority schemes and cycle paths are expensive to deliver on rural roads. In other words, to achieve what everyone wants we need significant investment from central Government.

The Greater Cambridge Partnership's consultation is open and closes at midday on 23 December - [GCP Making Connections 2022 | Consult Cambridgeshire \(engagementhq.com\)](https://www.gcp.org.uk/making-connections-2022). It is offering significantly improved services for most of us, paid for through a road charge for driving in Cambridge. It will have a major impact on these villages, especially on those who commute in Cambridge for work or study. We have some hard copies of the document which we have asked local shops etc to display for those without web access. Please contact us if you would like a copy.

**Cost of Living Help**

The East Cambs Housing and Community Advice Team will be visiting our area regularly to advise on Housing, Welfare Benefits, Energy, Debt and Money. Bottisham was recently added to the regular schedule at our

request and we are still pressing for the Advice Bus to visit other villages. In the meantime, please either go to Burwell or Bottisham or call the team on 01353 665555.

Burwell, Mandeville Hall every Thursday from 10.00am-12 noon.

Bottisham, Sports & Social Club every Thursday from 1.00pm-3.00pm

**Councillors' Surgery**

For January and February, we will be holding our Councillors' Surgeries by zoom, to save people coming out in the cold and the dark. Our next Surgery Zoom will be at 6.30pm on Tuesday 17 January - Meeting ID: 865 7631 8040, Passcode: 490667. If you prefer to join by 'phone, the number is 01314 601196. Or you can contact us directly at any time - [charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk), 07976 607512; [john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk), 01223 812120  
And finally **Seasons Greetings to all readers.**

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EAST CAMBS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Wood Ditton Ward. Alan Sharp & Amy Starkey
CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Alan Sharp

Bus Services

(See the information in Charlotte Cane's report.)
The Mayor of Cambridge and Peterborough (CPCA) is presenting a paper to the CPCA board at the end of November, which having seen the draft paper is very Cambridge centric and supports congestion charging in Cambridge.

If there any questions on bus services, please contact me.

Congestion Charging

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) consultation on implementing a £5 congestion charge between 7am and 7pm on weekdays across the Greater Cambridge area, which would include Addenbrookes is now live, so please go to the GCP website and make your contribution, which runs to 5pm on 23rd December.

I have serious concerns that the questions on the consultation are very leading and are not a proper consultation but aimed at getting their preferred outcome.

Any final decision will need to be agreed by a Full Cambridgeshire County Council, which knowing the opposition to this, is by no means guaranteed.

The GCP is an unelected body that allows no democratic challenge on behalf of East Cambs residents, and I will continue to challenge and lobby for my residents to get the best possible transport service in our area.

County Council Budget

The County Council currently has a £28m budget gap for the 2023/2024 year. The Liberal Democrat led administration made an increase of 1.99% in their precept for the current year and put that straight

into reserves, so they already have some monies to balance the books. In addition, The Liberal Democrat led administration has made spending decisions on certain policies, knowing that this would put a strain on the budget.

I will continue to work to try to protect all County Council services from any cuts that the Liberal Democrats make.

East Cambridgeshire District Council Budget

The District Council has kept their part of the Council Tax bill at the same amount for the last 9 years. We are looking at freezing our portion of the council tax for the 10th year running. We are the only District or County Council throughout the country that have been able to do that.

In the current climate, it is important that residents are able to keep as much of their own money as possible.

Traffic

We are continuing to see increased traffic through the villages south of Newmarket and there is certainly a noticeable increase in speeding through the villages.

Warm Hub

East Cambridgeshire District Council have set up, in conjunction with other partners, several warm hubs throughout the district.

See details of Burrough Green and Ellesmere Centre Warm Hubs on Pages 1 & 2 of the newsletter.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forwarding to supporting you in 2023.

I am elected to represent residents and I will continue to do that to the best of my ability, but if there is anything that concerns you, please contact me and I will try to fix it.

If any resident wants to meet me or call to discuss a particular issue, then please feel free to contact me. I want to hear comments from everyone, as that is the only way that I can truly represent you.

Alan Sharp Cambridgeshire County Councillor - Woodditton Division

East Cambs District Councillor - Woodditton Ward

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**FOR SALE - ART EQUIPMENT**

CRAFT /ART GLASS TOP DESK WITH CHAIR AND EASELS.

LARGE SELECTION OF ACRYLIC & METALLIC PAINTS. BRUSHES. GLUE GUN. ASSORTED CRAFT EQUIPMENT

£50

CONTACT BENA COOK on 01223 290779

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VILLAGE HALLS

Brinkley, Burrough Green and Westley Waterless have excellent village halls, all beautifully refurbished over the last few years; and all available for hire at reasonable rates.

Information on their facilities and availability can be found by contacting them on:

Brinkley Memorial Hall - Contact: Susie Shuter on 01638 508729 : 07836 656643

Burrough Green Reading Room - Please contact Joanne Harrison on 01638 508888
E mailing bgreadingroom@yahoo.com
www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk

Westley Waterless Village Hall - For more information please go to www.westleywaterless.com/hall

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You are invited to

**DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 8pm**

The Taylor Hall, Dullingham. CB8 9XE

Come & enjoy a Festive evening with a demonstration

By David Wright

entitled

**'Let it sparkle and shine, it's Christmas time'**

Admission £8

to include refreshments

Raffle

Please contact Lesley Bird

Tel: 01638 507658 or 07786 817154

**DATES FOR DIARY**

January - No Meeting

February - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
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RADDESLEY BENEFICE WEBSITE

On the website you can find out more about our churches, services, what's on and useful information about baptisms, funerals and weddings; www.raddesley.com

INTERIM PRIESTS:

Rev'ds Rosemary and Andrew Rycraft
19 Cardigan Street,
Newmarket, CB8 8HZ
01638 665421

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and Mrs Liz Gibson, Tel: 01638 508600, lizgibson@me.com

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Carlton: Stephen Roberts 01223 290372 or Stephen.roberts28@btopenworld.com
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**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE**

**Burrough Green**

**Family Worship 10.30 am**

**Led by Peter Talbot**



This is a short service suitable for all ages with refreshments to follow.



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THANK YOU TO ALL OUR ADVERTISERS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT

I THANK YOU ALL. - Trish

*Happy Christmas*  
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ARTICLES FOR JANUARY 2023

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by 18th DECEMBER 2022 please

DECEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 4th December Second Sunday of Advent

9.00 am Holy Communion Brinkley
Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft
10.30 am Family Worship Burrough Green
Rev'd Andrew Rycraft

Isaiah 11: 1-10 Romans 15: 4-13 Matthew 3: 1-12

Sunday 11th December Third Sunday of Advent

9.00 am Holy Communion Stetchworth
Rev'd Robert Van de Weyer
10.30 am Morning Prayer Dullingham
Rev'd Robert Van de Weyer
6.00 pm Carol Service Burrough Green
Lay Led

Isaiah 35: 1-10 James 5: 7-10 Matthew 11: 2-11

Sunday 18th December Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.00 am Holy Communion Burrough Green
Rev'd Peter Gill
10.30 am Morning Prayer Brinkley
Rev'd Peter Gill

Isaiah 7: 10-16 Romans 1: 1-7 Matthew 1: 18-end

SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE

4.00 pm Carol service Westley Waterless
Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft
6.00 pm Carol Service Dullingham
Anthea Kenna
6.00 pm Carol Service Stetchworth
Alastair France
11.30 pm Midnight Mass Brinkley
Rev'd Andrew or Rosemary Rycraft

For Midnight service

Isaiah 9: 2-7 Titus 2: 11-14 Luke 2: 1-14(15-20)

SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY

10.30 am Christmas Service Burrough Green
Peter Talbot
10.30 am Christmas Service Carlton
Lay Led
10.30 am Benefice Christmas Communion Dullingham
Rev'd Andrew or Rosemary Rycraft

Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1: 1-4(5-12) John 1: 1-14

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ADVENT COURSE -

AN INVITATION FROM REV'D ROSEMARY:

The word Advent comes from the word Adventus which means Preparation.

For this reason I would like to hold an Advent course this year. This will be open to all, and it is proposed to hold it at the Ellesmere Centre Café in the Gredley

Room on Tuesday mornings during the four Tuesdays in Advent - 29th November 6th, 13th and 20th December.

Coffee is normally offered after a short time of study and paid for by those attending. Please let me know if you would like to join us - if you are not able to attend all four, feel free to come on the days that you can. My telephone number is 01638 665421 or speak to Lily on 01638 507576. The time is to be confirmed but is likely to be 10.00 am - 12. Noon

This course is based on the Advent Crown.

During the church services we light candles remembering those who have played a significant part in the story of the arrival of Jesus, not only as the tiny baby we think of arriving at Christmas, but also as the young man beginning his ministry spreading the words of God's great love for us.

The first week, called Advent Sunday, is on the 27th November. The first candle is lit so we can remember the Patriarchs of the Jewish faith starting with Abraham, Joseph, Moses and David. These were the great men who listened to God and started the Jewish Faith. Let us remember Jesus was a descendant of David and was of the Jewish Faith. He came to renew the Jewish faith not to change it; But because the leaders of the faith couldn't accept Jesus' authority, a break away faith or the followers of Jesus began. Originally called 'Followers of the Way,' later to be called Christians.

The second week the second candle is lit, remembering the great prophets such as Elijah, Isaiah and Ezekiel to name but a few. These prophets gave us insight to the future of the faith and the promised arrival of Jesus.

The third candle is lit on the third week to remember John the Baptist; as we think how we remember the importance of getting ready for the arrival of Jesus, by asking for forgiveness for our sins.

The fourth candle reminds us of Jesus' Mother called the Blessed Virgin Mary. She has quite a story to tell as we remember her bravery in following God and doing His will.

The fifth candle is lit at Midnight Mass the night before Christmas Day as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

These candles are lit to drive away the darkness of the winter nights as the Christian Faith drives away our fear and helps us to see that Jesus Christ is always with us; so the darkness of the winter nights are not to be feared, for Jesus brings Light and Hope into our lives with the great love God has for us. Amen

Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft
19 Cardigan Street
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