

Services and events for December

- 1st - The Parish Eucharist 10.30am
Advent Carol Service 6pm
- 5th - the Eucharist 9.30am
- 8th - Morning Praise 10.30am (see inside)
- 12th - Christmas Tree Opening Service 7pm
- 13-22nd - Christmas Tree Festival
- 14th - Bel Canto concert (see inside)
- 15th - The Parish Eucharist 10.30am
Taize Service 6pm
- 16th - Schools Christingle 7pm
- 19th - The Eucharist 9.30am
- 22nd - The Parish Eucharist 10.30am
Tree Festival Closing Community Carol Service 6pm
- 24th - Crib Service 4pm
Midnight Mass 11.30pm
- 25th - Christmas Parish Eucharist 10.30am
- 26th - St Stephen Eucharist 9.30am
- 29th - Benefice service at Rowsley **10am**



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All Saints with St. Anne's Parish Pump

DECEMBER 2024



Dear Friends,

Yes, Advent and Christmas is one of the busiest times of the year for clergy, but it is a nice busyness with the variety of services, events and opportunities to meet and share with people of all ages. For some people it is the one time in the year they come to church, and I rejoice that they do so, sharing as we do the reason for the season, celebrating God's generosity in giving his only Son who came to earth and lived a human life, to be our Saviour.

I love the Season of Advent with the themes that draw us not only closer to the coming into the world of God's living presence, but prepares us spiritually for the day when we will stand before God. It is tempting to become absorbed in the preparations for Christmas and give a passing thought to Advent, especially when there is a lot going on in church and at home

Do try to find moments every day to open an Advent door into your heart to spend time with God and let him re-create us into the people he made us and wants us to be. Find a quiet place in the house, or where you are, and reflect for a few moments on one of the Advent readings for the week, and perhaps saying the Advent Collect for each of the four weeks. This will help to keep any stress levels down and help keep the important part of the forthcoming celebration of Christ's Incarnation in focus.

The various Services during Advent and over Christmas enable us to offer our praise and thanksgiving to God and remember not only why Jesus was born for us, but to pray for God to show us how we can help people to prepare a place for Christ in their celebration and thanksgiving.

Every blessing

Tony

Archdeacon Nicky met in a packed village hall with an impressive turnout from all the PCCs in the Benefice as well as other church members, all eager to hear about the arrangements for appointing a new vicar after Tony's retirement after Easter next year. If you want to know more, ask anyone on PCC for the latest news.

Alison Davidson



Christmas Card Post box

There will be a post box on the table at the back of the church for anyone wishing to give a card to a church friend. It will be available for postings from 1st December and the cards will be laid out on the table for collection on Sunday 8th, Sunday 15th and Sunday 22nd. Last posting Saturday 21st.

You are invited to make a donation to the church for postage - and shoe leather - you might have saved!



Coffee Concert

On Saturday, 14 December the ever popular BEL CANTO are to perform a concert of festive music in church.

Bel Canto are an all ladies choir, based in Baslow and are under the guidance of their leader, Claire de la Haye.

The concert will begin at 11.15am and will be preceded, from 10.45, by coffee and biscuits.

Entry is free, with any donations going towards the maintenance of the church.



CHUNKY CHORIZO AND SWEET POTATO SOUP

Ingredients:-

- 40 gm chorizo, diced
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- ½ tsp paprika (sweet or hot)
- 1tbsp fresh thyme leaves, plus sprigs to serve
- 600 ml hot vegetable stock.
- 600 gm passata
- 2 large sweet potatoes, cut into chunks
- 400 gm can mixed beans, drained and rinsed
- Chopped fresh parsley to serve



Method:-

Tip the chorizo into a large non stick saucepan, put over a medium heat and cook for 2 mins or until the chorizo releases its red oil. Remove with a slotted spoon and set aside

Add onion, garlic, paprika and thyme to the pan and fry in the chorizo oil for 5 mins or until the onion begins to soften

Pour in the stock and stir in the sweet potatoes, passata and beans.

Bring to the boil over a high heat then cover, reduce the heat to low and simmer for 15 mins or until the sweet potatoes are tender

Season to taste. Add chorizo to the soup and heat through gently. Scatter over thyme sprigs, parsley and serve.

Serves 4.

Dot Bushen

100 club October results drawn on 3rd November

1st prize	8	£40
2nd prize	54	£20
3rd prize	25 and 20	£10

A Word from St Anne's

As we move from a mild, if mainly grey, Autumn into a colder December we are reminded that we are now in the season of Winter. Even so, it looks almost certain that, globally, 2024 will have been the warmest year on record - after already having recorded the warmest day and the warmest month in human history. It is also worth noting that the carbon dioxide content of the atmosphere is now consistently over 50% above its pre-industrial level, again the highest in human history. The two records are not unrelated.

One reason why this is so important is because global warming translates into chaotic and destructive weather events. This year there have been almost too many to mention, although the devastating floods in Spain are probably still on our radar. What, as Christians, we should remember is that it is God's Creation we are damaging so wantonly and that the only way to start to put it right is by moving towards "carbon neutrality." So when I put more coal (smokeless but still carbon-emitting) into my bunker or diesel fuel into my car I know I have a long way to go in changing my lifestyle! And so do most of us.

At St Anne's church in Over Haddon we recently filled up our oil tank so that, when we have church services on cold Winter Sundays, the building can be made tolerably warm (or, at least, not uncomfortably cold!). It is our ambition, as part of the church's plans for re-ordering, to replace our inefficient oil-fired central heating system with a more effective and eco-friendly system, and this is another thing we need to get on with....

However, the three services that are planned for December will happen in a modicum of comfort: our Advent Communion service at 10am on the 8th, our Carol service at 5pm on the 22nd and a Family service at 10am on Christmas Day. The celebration of Jesus being born into this world is a reason for great hope. And God knows, we need that right now.

Roger Truscott



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL - A REMINDER!

As if you needed a reminder, but just in case!

MONDAY, 9 DECEMBER - trees to be delivered

TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER - 9am-7pm and

THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER - 9am -12 noon -trees to be decorated

THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER 7pm - Opening service with Bishop Malcolm, to be followed with wine and nibbles

FRIDAY, 13 DECEMBER- SUNDAY, 22 DECEMBER -tree festival open - 9.30-4; Thursday - 9.30-6.30; Sunday- 12-4

Refreshments daily - 10-3.30, Sunday- 12.30-3.30

SATURDAY, 21 DECEMBER - 11.15am Bel Canto festive coffee concert- free entry.

7.30pm Bakewell Choral carol concert- tickets £12

SUNDAY, 22 DECEMBER - 6pm Closing carol service

Any offers of help would be most welcome. Rotas for welcoming, and in the cafe are at the back of church. Please sign up as soon as you can. If you can provide cakes, biscuits, and/or mince pies, please have a word with Dot.

Your help is so much appreciated. This event means a great deal to the whole community but it's success is wholly dependent upon our volunteers. We rely on you and your help is invaluable.

Thank you.



CHRISTMAS

Christmas doesn't have to be about spending lots of money on lots of presents. Use your imagination and chat with friends and family to try something different this year, like:

- Secret Santa – common in workplaces, everybody buys and receives just one gift, reducing impact on the environment and saving money too.
- Limit spending to just one present per person, or agree a smaller budget.
- Donate what you would have spent to a good cause instead.
- Buy virtual gifts with no packaging or transport costs involved, like a goat, or books or seedlings from World Vision's Must Have Gifts
- Handmade presents only! The time and effort required makes this so much more special. From creating delicious treats with foraged goods to cosy knitted garments and kids' crafts, this type of giving makes long-lasting memories.
- Handwritten vouchers to spend some quality time together. You could offer to cook a meal, host a movie night, visit a nature spot or favourite place together, or go for a picnic. The opportunities are endless.

. Give experiences instead of objects. One friend is going up and down the lifts at Battersea Power Station.

- And if you do decide to buy "stuff", can you find gifts that are handmade, or locally made, or fairly traded or made by disadvantaged people? Buy antiques or vintage or charity shop, or edible, or my favourite, a plant.

Let us remember that the reason we give gifts at Christmas is to remember the greatest gift of all, God's own Son

Alison Davidson

Morning Praise - Cloth for the Cradle

We shall be in the Newark for this service and we are giving it a new look as we wait for the coming of the Christ child.

The basic structure will be the same but instead of two short talks we will be having two spoken resources from *Wild Goose*.

Towards the end of the service you will be invited to bring the strips of cloth you have already been given to lay in the cradle to give a warm welcome to the awaited Christ child.

Do come along and join in this preparation for Christmas



Art Group

Due to the Christmas Tree Festival in December the art group will take a seasonal holiday during the Christmas period and resume its creative activity on 7th January. Welcome back and welcome any new people who might like to join us.



Cryptic Christmas Card

A man sent his friend a cryptic Christmas card. It said: A B C D E F G H I J K M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z. The recipient puzzled over it for weeks, finally gave up and wrote asking for an explanation. In July he received the explanation on a postcard: "No L."

O M Witherb

