

Worlington Pump Winter 2022

Special Christmas Services

Carol Service

followed by

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Friday December 16th
7:30 pm
Join us for this lovely service of
Christmas readings and carols

Christingle Service

Sunday December 18th

A special family service for Christmas and an opportunity to make your own Christingle to take home

Midnight Mass

Christmas Eve, Saturday December 24th 11:30 pm

Christmas Day Services

St. Andrew's Church, Freckenham 9:30am St. Mary's Church, Barton Mills 10:00am

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Preparations!

Most of us will be preparing for some event most of the time. For weddings we seem to spend months and months in preparation all for the one big day! We spend time preparing for our holidays, we prepare for our driving tests and school examinations and we prepare ourselves if we are starting our first job after school or college or university. At this time of the year we so much time preparing for Christmas, planning and buying the food; buying, wrapping and hiding the presents we have for our family and friends; and not least making sure we have all the decorations to make our homes look festive for the season, to get us into the spirit of Christmas.

But how much time do we spend preparing for the "real" event of Christmas? Many know the story of Christmas but do you understand the significance of the coming of Jesus into this world? As Christians, we believe that God the Father sent his Son to the world to show us, all human beings, the way to live our lives in love, peace and with justice for all, just as it is in heaven. And eventually to die on the cross so that the price for all our sins is paid once and for all. He came and died that we can have life in all its fulness. What a gift to receive!!

Come and join us at one of the services at your local church this Christmas to receive this gift and start on a journey of faith following in the way of Jesus, God the Father's gift to us all.

Rev'd David Everett, Vicar

A Christmas message from the Pollards

As some of you know, Michael has been in hospital for the last two and a half months and is now in a care home. Due to this situation we are unable to send Christmas Cards or put up our festive lights this year.

Instead Michael and I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year Janet Pollard

Church Cleaner Wanted

Due to retirement there is a vacancy for someone to clean Worlington church twice a month. Please call Elizabeth Klingaman, church treasurer, on 01638 711642 or email elizklingaman@gmail.com if you are interested.

Date for copy for the next edition by: **Sunday 22nd January 2023**. Please send articles to Rob Garry (01638 715611) <u>pump@worlington.org.uk</u> or Ellen Clowes (01638 712043) <u>ellen.clowes@btinternet.com</u>. Thanks.

| All Saints Church Services | | | | |
|---|------------------|--|--|--|
| Sunday 4 th Decembe | er II:00 am | Holy Communion | | |
| Friday 16 th Decembe | er 7:00 pm | Carol Service, Mulled Wine & Mince Pies | | |
| Sunday 18 th Decemb | oer 11:00 am | Christingle Service | | |
| Saturday 24 th December 11:30 pm | | Midnight Mass | | |
| Sunday 25 th Decemb | oer 9:30 am | Holy Communion, St. Andrew's, Freckenham | | |
| | 10:00 am | Christmas Worship, St. Mary's, Barton Mills | | |
| Sunday I st January | 11:00 am | Holy Communion | | |
| Sunday 15 ^h January | 11:00 am | Holy Communion | | |
| Sunday 29 th January | 6:00 pm | Group Service, St. Andrew's, Freckenham | | |
| | | A candlelit service for Candlemas | | |
| Team Vicar | Rev'd David Eve | erett 01638 718801 <u>david.j.everett24@gmail.com</u> | | |
| Elder | Heath Rosselli | 01638 717337 | | |
| Treasurer | Elizabeth Klinga | man 01638 711642 | | |

Worlington Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you to Worlington residents who attended the Neighbourhood Plan Drop-In at the village hall on Saturday November 18th.

All had the opportunity to talk to members of the planning team and read the display boards that detailed the work done so far to create a Neighbourhood Plan for the future of Worlington.

The feedback was positive and the comments from those attending are being added to the Household Survey results and two professional reports, to inform the draft plan being written for the village.

The information that was displayed is now available on the Worlington Parish Council website, http://worlington.onesuffolk.net/worlington-neighbourhood-plan/

From the flow chart on the website you can see further consultation with the residents will take place early in 2023 before submission to West Suffolk Council and a village referendum.

Thank you for your continued engagement in this process.

The Neighbourhood Planning Team

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Bird Talk

The multitude of sparrows that were around the church area of Church Lane at the end of the summer has declined. The parents will have chased the youngsters off to find territories of their own; but sparrows don't travel far so I hope they have stayed within the parish. The number has declined but they are still numerous and continuing to buzz about energetically and cheerfully keeping our spirits up — and it is just as well because there is much to be depressed about.

A deadly strain of Avian Flu has been spreading through bird populations since October 2021 and this year it has run riot becoming the worst attack ever recorded. The results are horrific. Sixty one species have been infected and, tragically, thousands of birds have been killed. The pictures are heart rending and I can't bear to look at them. If you come across a bird suffering from the disease (swans have been badly hit) or a dead bird the advice is not to go near it but to note the location and report it to the DEFRA helpline on 03459 335577.

Sea birds are being particularly badly effected with gannets, my favourite sea bird, probably the worst. Over half global gannet populations breed in the UK so their plight is of international concern. There are 295,000 gannet nests in the UK and up to 25% of the breeding population has been killed in one season – it is horrific. I will not go into more distressing detail.

Of course the disease has spread into domestic poultry flocks which is equally distressing and dire for poultry breeders. Because there is so much other awful news being reported in the country and the world the Avian Flu has not had the publicity such an outbreak would normally have. This is unprecedented and the authorities don't really know what to do so are being overwhelmed. The British Trust For Ornithology at Thetford is working hard to identify exactly what is going on and what can be done to minimise the impact. If you feel like doing something practical to help go to bto.org/avian-flu-appeal to make a donation and get more detail about what they are doing; there is no better organisation to support.

Despite all this awfulness birds have still found ways to surprise and amuse me in the last couple of months. In early September I was cycling from the Isleham Road railway bridge to Jude Ferry when I noticed a flurry of jackdaw fisticuffs with a flash of green mixed in. As I approached the birds dispersed but I heard a peculiar caw cawing so looked aloft.

On top of a large tree was what I initially thought was a parakeet which had emigrated from north London. But no, it was too small and it was actually a parrot. The tree was right beside a scrap yard and the friendly people in the yard told me it had been there for some weeks. They had been feeding it but decided this was not a good idea as they wanted it to go back to wherever it had escaped from but it was still there. It quarrelled with the jackdaws but got on well with the pigeons and seemed perfectly happy. It was still there in late November but the yard people were concerned about how it would survive if we ever get any real winter weather.

I haven't seen many great spotted woodpeckers this year compared with last year and only one in the last two months, but it behaved in a peculiar way. It was a male bird and although it had lost its youthful red crown I suspect it was a 2022 model. I saw it arrive on the bush in the church yard where the peanut feeder is and expected it to go onto the feeder almost immediately – but it didn't. It behaved as if it had never seen a feeder before and maybe it hadn't. It hopped around the outside of the bush, made tentative approaches to the feeder but retreated quickly and so on. This went on for four and a half minutes, I timed it, before it finally started pecking. It had a swift but hearty feed, looked around, and flew off never to return to my knowledge.

Finally, I think I have mentioned that I call the corner on Church Lane just after the War Memorial blackbird corner, for obvious reason. Well this morning it lived up to its name. There had been plentiful rain the previous day and night so there was a large deep puddle in which five blackies were all enthusiastically bathing at the same time. I stopped the bike and watched for a few seconds before they became aware of my presence and flew off. A small incident but it put me in a good mood.

Don MacBean



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Remembering your Faithful Friend this Christmas

Christmas may be a time to remember family and friends - but Dogs Trust Snetterton is also asking local dog owners to remember their four-legged friends this festive time, with a Canine Care Card.

The Canine Care Card is a free service, which helps to ensure your dog's future, in the event of you either passing away, receiving a life-changing diagnosis or moving into a care home. This can often be a great concern to some people, who perhaps do not have a family member or friend in a position to look after their dog, should the worst happen. Therefore, by signing up to the service, Dogs Trust can offer peace of mind, reassuring you that your faithful friend will be well cared for by the charity.

It is easy to sign up to the service, which simply asks for some information on your dog, including their likes and dislikes, as well as your dog's medical history and your vet details. It also asks for you to confirm who you would like as your Dog Guardian. This should be someone you trust, like a friend, family member, solicitor, neighbour or vet, who can sign over ownership of your dog to Dogs Trust on your behalf, should you become seriously ill or pass away.

You can register online by going to www.dogstrust.org.uk and searching for 'Canine Care Card' - or if you do not have access to the internet, you can request a paper version of the application form. Once the form is submitted, Dogs Trust will then write to you, to confirm when your application has been processed.

Once signed up, should your card ever need to be activated, Dogs Trust will then arrange with your Dog Guardian for your dog to come into the rehoming centre or into foster care. With a team of vets, trainers and behaviourists on hand if needed, your dog will then be welcomed, loved and well cared for by the charity, who will work tirelessly to find a loving new home for your much-loved canine companion.

If you would like further information about the Canine Care Card, or to request a paper application form, please contact Dogs Trust Snetterton's Supporter Relations Officer, Paige Pope, at paige.pope@dogstrust.org.uk or phone 01953 497912.

Worlington Cricket Club

The cricket season is well and truly over for 2022. We would like to thank everyone who volunteered and attended the Beer Festival making it such a great event. We have donated £4000 to the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Indoor training for 2023 starts in earnest in February more details to follow. We are always looking for players young and old of all abilities to join our great club. If playing isn't your thing we are always looking for volunteers to help and always welcome you to enjoy a nice cold drink in the summer sunshine.

Have a great festive period. Matt Peachey



What's on in Freckenham

Friday 2nd December, West Side Story (2021). Directed by Steven Spielberg. Adapted for the screen from the original 1957 Broadway musical. £7 a person. Doors & Bar with cocktails, sweet & savoury snacks opens 7pm, film starts 7.30pm with an interval.

Friday 6th January - check out Freckenham Film Night on Facebook or village hall website. Timing details as above.

Saturday 28^{th} January, Farmers Market with some Crafts. 10-12 noon, many of our regular foody stalls and then the ever-changing crafts stalls. Free entry refreshments available.

Bingo &/or Quiz Night, to be confirmed, hopefully in January.

Restarted weekly children's under 5's group. Wednesday 10-11.30.am Lots of toys and we do have some craft facilities available. Donation of £4 per family group to cover costs, drink included. It is also open as a "Warm Space" should anyone want to come along for a chat, cuppa, watch the children at play rather than being at home.

With the New Year, what about trying some of our weekly activities? Check with tutor before attending. Circuits - To suit all ages and levels of fitness, whether you require a chair for the exercise or want to push the intensity, every exercise can be adapted to suit you, all for a duration of a minute, taking breaks when you feel the need!

Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year from Freckenham residents to you all, we hope to see you in 2023.

https://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall/village-hall-weekly-events/

We are on Facebook, Twitter @FreckenhamVH or call 07542 198933

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Christmas Celebration Lunch on Friday 16th December

Starter

Sharing Festive Platter £4.50 per person (vegan friendly version available)

A delicious take on some festive favourites

Main Course

Traditional Christmas Roast Dinner £9.95

A hearty and delicious roast dinner with all the trimmings

Plant-based Christmas Roast Dinner (V) (VF)

A hearty and delicious vegan friendly roast dinner with all the trimmings

Dessert

Mincemeat Tart with Cream £3.95 (V) (VF)

A wonderfully festive dessert with cream (vegan friendly cream alternative available)

Homemade Cake £2 a slice (V)

Ma's freshly made cake selection. Choose from Ma's Date & Walnut Cake, Ma's Almond Rice Cake, or Ma's Lemon Cake. A vegan friendly cake will be available.

Drinks

Tea & Instant Coffee £0.75 (oat milk available)
Luxury Hot Chocolate with Whipped Cream £2
Maynard House Orange & Clementine Juice (175ml) £2

All-inclusive three course meal deal £20 per person – includes unlimited tea and coffee and a slice of cake to take home in case you're too full!

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Bookings for lunch can be made by visiting www.wildeandgreene.uk/events, by emailing lunch@wildeandgreene.uk or by calling 07775 076873

Early booking is advised as places will be limited

(VF) Vegan Friendly (V) Vegetarian

Christingle Service

All Saints' Church, Worlington

Sunday 18th December, 11:00 am

There will be a special service of Christingles, especially for children. Do come along an learn how to make a Christingle to take home especially for Christmas.

Fun and easy to make, bring you parents and family. Special refreshments to follow!

Carol Service

St. Mary's Church, Barton Mills

Saturday 24th December, 5:00 pm

Christingles for children, collection for The Children's Society

Tuesday Coffee Morning

All Saints' Church, Worlington

Tuesday 31st January, 10:30 am - 12:00 noon

The first of the New Year! Join us for coffee and homemade biscuits. If you haven't been before, do join us and meet your friends and neighbours. We meet on the last Tuesday of each month.

We would love to see you!

Flowers

A very special 'thank you' to all the ladies who keep our church looking lovely and colourful with flowers throughout the year. This is very much appreciated and admired. There is a memorial shelf where you can arrange or fill a jug with flowers to remember someone special to you.

If you would like to know more or join our rota, please contact Ann 01638 714873 or Val 01638 714336.

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Office Hours Tues - Thurs 9:30am - 2:30pm

MEETING DATES: First Thursday of the month at 7.30pm

Full Parish Council Meetings:

January, March, May, July, September, November

Planning/Sunnica Update Meetings:

February, April, June, October, December

District Councillor:

Cllr. Brian Harvey (brian.harvey@forest-heath.gov.uk)

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Worlington Parish Council November 10th Meeting Minutes Extract

Please see website or notice board for full minutes.

Tim French and Chris Hall were welcomed to the Parish council following the uncontested election in October.

A report was received from Brian Harvey on county line drug issues, rough sleeping and how to report issues to the police. You can now also report issues online at www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something. He also explained that the process for Planning application reviews had changed slightly. It is now very important that any concerns are raised with the Local Parish Council and the Planning Case officer with copies to brian.harvey@westsuffolk.gov.uk, Brian Harvey, or by telephone on 07801 472461.

A Hythe update was received from Nick Foster describing the work recently carried out and a request for a sign to be erected to welcome and guide visitors, and one for 'no camping, open fires or disposable barbecues', to avoid the risk of open fires causing serious damage. It was also suggested that a work party should be set up next year to continue the management of the Hythe.

Sunnica (Examiners) Accompanied Site visits took place last week. Chris Hall questioned Sunnica about resulting fumes from a potential catastrophic fire at the battery site and was referred to their most recent air pollution report. BH explained that the examination commences in December; compulsory purchase discussions are to be held on 6th December.

With regard to speeding cars the Clerk put in a Fol request last month which showed a total of 38 drivers having been caught speeding in Worlington in the last 12 months.

Worlington Parish Council will vote on the Neighbourhood Plan in January and then WSC will do the same later in the new year. The plan will be in place for the next decade, affecting planning applications. It highlights the decisions of parishioners about how they want Worlington to be and how the village should develop.

Some verges and hedges around the village are not well maintained and are causing a narrowing of pathways and safety concerns. The hedges are the responsibility of home owners and soil from gardens should not overspill on to pathways. The clerk will contact Mark Walsh at WSC/Suffolk Highways to report concerns.

Dogs - Can all owners please pick up after their dogs around the Village including in the cemetery grounds and the track down to the Hythe. Please use the bins provided. Dogs must also be kept on a lead whilst being walked through the Church yard and the cemetery as per the signs.

Help out at The Hythe - Sunday 22nd January at 10am. Please contact Nick Foster at el_fozzo69@hotmail.com or on 07495 764609

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Friday 10.30am - 4pm

Saturday 2 - 4pm

The Museum will then close until March. Looking for gifts? Come and see what we have on offer for adults and children.

The society will not meet in December as the date would clash with Merrie Mildenhall. The next meeting will be on Thursday January 5th, at 7.30, when Kevin Boardman will address the meeting - subject yet to be announced.

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