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December 2021

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Village Diary

November 2021

- 27th Christmas Market in the Village Hall
28th 'Come and Say Hello' session with Parish Council, Cricket Club, 10.30am

December 2021

- 1st Christmas Messy Church, St Luke's Church, 3.30pm - 5 pm
1st - 24th Village Advent Windows - see centre pages
7th Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
19th Father Christmas and his Reindeer, 4 The Green, 1.30pm - 4.30pm
19th Carols by Candlelight, St Luke's Church, 5.45pm
20th Carols on the Church Green, 5.30pm
24th Crib Service for the Little Ones, St Luke's, 2.30pm

January 2022

- 18th Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
21st Pudding Party - 7pm, St Luke's Church
25th Kislingbury Friendship Club, 2.30pm, Village Hall
26th Messy Vintage, St Luke's Church, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Regular Events

Play Group open during Term Time at Village Hall
Bell Ringing Monday Nights 7.30pm – 8.30pm
Pilates - Tuesday, 2pm at Village Hall
Kislingbury Parish Council meets 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall
Kraft Shack Group - Every Wednesday - 8pm

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Voyage of Light every 2nd Tuesday of the month excluding January and August.
KOFs - Every Thursday 10.30am at the Village Hall

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Art Group - Thursday afternoons at the Village Hall 2pm - 4pm
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Kislingbury Parish Council November 2021

These notes highlight some of the many issues that the Parish Council is involved with, and supplement the publicly available minutes which are published online (on the Parish Council website) and on the notice boards around the village.

The Parish Council meets at the Village Hall at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month apart from August. The next meeting will be on the 7th December 2021. Please note that the December meeting is a change from the usual third Tuesday as this falls in Christmas week.

Kislingbury residents are most welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting and have an opportunity to raise any issues as part of the Parishioner's Voice agenda item. Parishioner's Voice is a very direct way of raising issues and concerns with your Parish Council. However, the Parish Council recognises that not everyone would wish to come out on a Tuesday night especially as the clocks have gone back. We are therefore trialling 'Come and Say Hello' sessions on the last Sunday morning of the month at the Cricket Club. At these sessions Janet Mallett (the Vice Chair) and I are available to discuss any concerns you might have and to report them back to the Parish Council. The first session was on 31st October. Unfortunately this coincided with the time that the Northamptonshire 'tornado' was passing through the village and no parishioners attended. Many thanks to Cliff at the Cricket Club for making us so welcome and for sheltering us from the storm. The next session at the Cricket Club will be on Sunday 28th November 2021 at 10.30 a.m. Please do come along.

The Parish Council still has one vacancy. There is a complicated process run by Electoral Services of the West Northants Council but do keep an eye out for requests for people to stand and do consider putting yourself forward.

The Parish Council has now agreed how the various roles, that you can find in the Parish Council Directory at the front of each edition of the Kislingbury News, will be allocated. At future Parish Council meetings each of these 'portfolios' will be reported on by a named Parish Councillor. We will also be encouraging the various wardens and others who are not parish councillors to follow the lead of our Flood Warden, Dennis Tidmarsh, in providing regular updates to both the village and the Parish Council.

As I have said in these notes before, the Parish Council exists solely to work, within the limits of rules about local government, on behalf of the village as a whole. In some areas the Parish Council can use the money allocated in the annual precept to do things directly. These include getting the grass cut on the Greens, making sure that all the street lights are working and providing dog bins.

In many other areas, we rely on communication when, through our Parish Clerk, we raise issues of concern both within the village and relating to external organisations, especially our new unitary authority West Northamptonshire. In the last notes I mentioned the report prepared by two parish councillors James Ball and Sue Deane on the river footbridge. This has been sent to West Northants for their action. We are still awaiting their response. The

Parish Council is in the process of preparing another report on the sad state of the Kislingbury Mill Pond to encourage the Environment Agency to take action.

Both these examples highlight that getting organisations external to the village to take action is often a long process. Another example has been the replacement of the VAS signs which were removed by Anglian Water. They have now, after many months, agreed to pay for a replacement.

I would also like to reiterate what I wrote in the Parish Council Notes September 2021, that the Parish Council is seeking to build on links we already have with a range of very active village organisations. The Parish Council is happy to work with any organisation for the wider benefit of the village. Please do get in touch, come to a Parish Council meeting or to the Cricket Club to say hello on 28th November.

I have mentioned the precept, this is the money that is paid by Kislingbury council taxpayers to fund things like street lighting. Kislingbury Parish Council will have its precept-setting meeting on 7th December. Our precept has not been raised for a couple of years. In order to provide parish council services, this precept will have to be raised in order to take account of increased costs, for example fuel and energy prices. The precept setting will also have to take account of the fact that the Parish Council have agreed in principle to adopting street lights that will illuminate the pedestrian access from the new Rothersthorpe Road development to the top end of the High Street. The Parish Council would welcome any thought you have about the precept. Please contact our Parish Clerk with any comments.

On the 16th October 2021, I attended a virtual briefing about the West Northants Strategic Plan. At this stage the consultation is considering a wide range of potential sites (spatial options) for the development of spaces where the “housing and economic needs” of the area might be met.

Full details are available on the West Northants Strategic Plan Consultation Website (<https://westnorthantsplan.inconsult.uk/>). Responses to this stage are required by 16th December 2021. Kislingbury Parish Council will be making a response, especially as one possible ‘spatial option’ is on the north side of the A4500 near Junction 16 (opposite Panetone Park).

A number of points struck me about the consultation. In terms of employment (economic) needs between 2020 and 2050 the ‘residual’ need is just 48 hectares (which is just slightly less than the current Junction 16 development). Over the same period the residual need for housing is 30,000 homes (an average of 2,139 homes per year). In rural areas the planned rate would have seen another 7,800 houses built in these areas by 2050. In fact, the current rate of growth is almost twice this and will see an additional 15,200 homes. Many of these are large expensive homes which are out of reach of many younger villagers.

As these are the last Parish Council Notes of 2021, I would like on behalf of Kislingbury Parish Council to wish you and yours a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

On behalf of Kislingbury Parish Council

Jonathan Hughes

Father Christmas and his Reindeer Will be visiting the grotto at 4 The Green



Sunday 19th December
1:30pm - 4:30pm

Post your letters to Santa in the Grotto Post Box!

**Numbers will be restricted in the grotto to
maintain social distancing!**

-Miriam Harris

If any local business or individual would like to contribute towards the cost of hiring the reindeer please contact Miriam Harris on, 01604 831835.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST LUKE.

SERVICE TIMES are listed on the back page and any last minute alterations will be advertised.

BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL the loose collection taken at the Remembrance Sunday service amounted to **£78.04** which has been sent to the British Legion Poppy Appeal. Thank you.

CHURCHYARD – thank you to those very kind people who donated such a wonderful variety of plants for the church flower beds, and to the ladies for planting them!

TEA-CAKES – thank you to all who came to our Toasted Tea Cakes events. It was lovely to see everyone again and we hope you all enjoyed it.

“MESSY VINTAGE” – held on the last Wednesday afternoon of the month –

2.30pm – 4.30pm We started Messy Vintage again at the end of October when all the old faces, and some new, attended which was lovely. We usually have afternoon tea with quizzes and puzzles followed by an activity. Come and join us.

PLEASE NOTE: There is no Messy Vintage in December - next one is on **Wednesday 26th January.**



CHRISTMAS AT ST LUKE'S

CHRISTMAS MESSY CHURCH

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CRIB SERVICE – 2.30PM CHRISTMAS EVE

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ST LUKE'S CHRISTMAS TREE

Following the success of last year, we will have a Christmas Tree in the church porch for all to decorate, **from Sunday 18th December for the Christmas period.** As last year, wooden decorations will be available for you to collect, and decorate and then to place on the tree in memory of someone special and these will be available for collection from the Church Porch on Saturday 11th December 10am - 12.00noon.



They will also be available in the Church Porch from **Sunday 18th December.**

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

A big thank-you to everyone for their contributions over the last year.

The grand total of £299.24 was raised from the box collections and donations.

Thank you also to those kind people who have stopped me around the village to give me a donation. So many children need the help of the Children's Society at this time, most especially following the last couple of years when mental health has become a real issue.

Judith Tonge

Kislingbury Highways Charity Grant 2021 Applications

Applications are invited from clubs, organisations or groups from within the village for financial help or to improve their facilities. Applications must not have received help from the rating system when initially formed.

The trustees will meet in February 2022 to discuss applications. Please send applications directly, ideally by email, to me including a copy of a current bank balance sheet by 16th February, 2022. Thank you.

Sarah Parker, cookiesh@sky.com
37 Nene Way, Kislingbury

The Highways charity still has a vacancy for a trustee, please contact Sarah Parker if you are interested on 07840731451.

PUDDING PARTY

Friday, 21st January 2022 at 7.00pm. Venue - St Luke's Church.
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to purchase tickets. Book early to avoid disappointment
and by the latest 14th January 2022.

Also, please contact us for any offers of making a dessert/pudding.



DECEMBER 2020 FLOODING ISSUES - UPDATE No. 5

Well it has taken nearly 12 months to resolve the problems we had with the flooding issues last December 2020 Christmas Eve. I am pleased to report that all necessary work required in Beech Lane has been carried out at a cost of £20,000. This included much investigation work using a camera in pipes, connecting a gully that had wrongly never been connected to the main drain line going into the river, installing a new gully on the lower bend of Beech Lane to replace one that also did not appear to be connected to anything.

The gully problems encountered in The High St, on the bends by the Old Rectory where it often flooded, required some rectification work. Hodges Lane was also a problem and with the camera we found that the pipes were blocked with tree roots. These were removed but as there are Weeping Willows in Hodges Lane I am afraid that they will return in time. One householder had asked for a tree in their garden to be heavily cut back but the Council refused as they live in a conservation area!! What is more important drains or Weeping Willows? I have mentioned it to the Parish Council so we will see what happens.

Not only did we do all of the above work but but I inspected ALL of the village gullies. Highways arranged for a tanker to come to the village so I joined the truck and we cleared all of the drains that I had highlighted over a period of a couple of days. You may recall, that in one of my earlier reports, I wrote that there were 3 gullies in the village that were damaged and need to be replaced. The West Northants Council has put this work on the back burner due to financial restraints and I can assure you that these gullies do not have any effect on the flooding issues. But watch this space!!

I must say that the support given to us by the Highways Dept. has been excellent and they co-operated with me all of the way. I cannot say the same for Anglian Water as it is easier to get hold of the Pope than someone in authority at AWA! As I have said before we need to have some severe weather, with the river in flood, to test everything out.

A Plea. One villager has complained to me about having to clean out their foul water chamber every 6 months to remove WET WIPES that are blocking their pipes. This person lives near The Sun so the guilty folk doing this live on the Western side of the village. Please STOP doing this and put them in your general wheelie bin.

This will be my final update.

Dennis Tidmarsh---Flood Warden

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Village Directory/ Information

We are in the process of putting together a Village Directory for each household containing lots of useful information.

One idea is that we would like to hear from village businesses, trades etc. - from Builders to Beauty. Please get in touch with your details if you would like to be included.

Thanks, Sarah, 07840731451, Sam, 07855388678 or Sheryl, 07801 934003.

Rosalyn, Hilary, Pat and families would like to thank all those who gave their support at the funeral of their cousin, John Furniss.

Thank you to those who contributed to the floral offerings from the village and to Emma for arranging them.

Thank you also to the staff of the Sun for helping to give John such a good send off.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all my kind friends and neighbours for the lovely cards, flowers and calls offering support and sympathy to me and my family after the death of my beloved youngest daughter Helen.

Your thoughts and prayers have helped us come to terms with our sad loss. In 1997 Helen was told she was in need of a liver transplant, her life expectancy was fourteen months without one. On August Bank holiday of that year she received a new liver from her gracious donor.

The one thing Helen prayed for was that she could see her two young daughters to adulthood. She achieved this and even lived to see her three grandchildren born. She had twenty four years and lived every moment of them. Helen was many things to many people a loving wife to Julian, a caring mother to Anna and Lindsey and a doting grandma to Elizabeth, George and Eric. She was a treasured sister to Sarah and her family and to me a most precious daughter.

Blest are the ties by bind our hearts in Christian love, thank you all.

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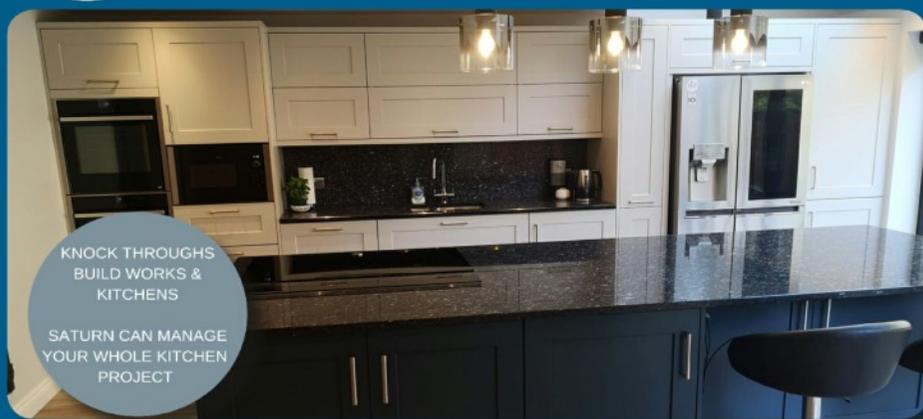


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This works like a normal advent calendar in that on each day in December there will be a new window to look at around the village.

The windows will be lit between 6pm – 9pm.

Thank you once again everyone for taking part in 2021 advent windows. I can't wait to see everyone walking around the village.

Here is the list of the windows and their date in December from which they will be available to view.

Happy Christmas, Nicky Wilmot



1

8 Willow View

2

18a High Street

3

5 High Street

4

51 Willow View

5

1 Ballaster Gardens

6

23 Church Lane & 3 Ballaster Gdns

7

1 The Orchard

8

15 Watts Close

9

3 Watts Close

10

1 Lichfield Close





11

28a High Street

12

46 Willow View

13

25 Willow View

14

37 Church Lane

15

11 The Green

16

The Olde Red Lion

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The Chapel

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11 Willow View

19

The Sun

20

16 Watts Close

21

15 The Orchard

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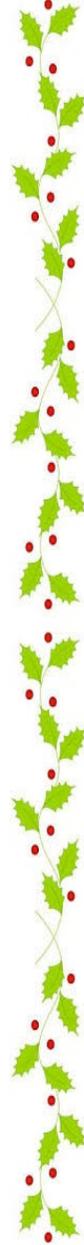
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To enable a Watch Scheme to be truly effective within the community the Scheme relies upon the efficient communication between Neighbourhood Watch, Police and the community. At present due to certain areas having no street representatives the communication is breaking down. To date the Scheme still needs Street Representatives in Ashby Court, Bugbrooke Road and the High Street, this has been an ongoing concern since I took over the Scheme and without representatives the Scheme will fail. As a street representative it requires passing information you receive from me to others in your street, this can be done in any way but is really quick if done via email. With regard to Bugbrooke Road and High Street these are both long streets and could be split between one or two people. Please consider doing this, active Schemes provide many benefits to the community.

Together we can make a difference. Please be aware of any vulnerable neighbours, protect your homes, keep them safe by keeping them locked and well-lit during these dark nights.

Online shopping increases during the lead up to Christmas, unsurprisingly fraudsters also ramp up activity during these times too, they prey on victims in a rush, and not being thorough when using websites, clicking on emails or text links. Don't be caught out, check thoroughly, it takes just a few minutes.

Be observant and keep an eye on what is happening in the community. If you think you are seeing a crime being committed phone **999** or if you notice something out of the ordinary and become suspicious dial **101**.

Working together we can continue to keep our community safe

Take care everyone, stay safe

Deni Topliss

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

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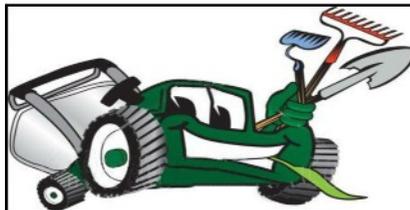
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KOFS FUTURE ACTIVITIES

On November 11th the KOFS presented a cheque for **£740** to Carol, an eastern region representative of the Macmillan Charity, following this year's very successful **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** which was supported by the KOFS, village business organisations and members of the local community.



The cheque being presented by Eddie Harley (Chairman) and Shirley Faulkner (committee member)

Events

Thursday 23rd November

Thursford Christmas Spectacular

Saturday 27th November

Christmas Market in the Village Hall - KOFS will have a bring and buy stall and we look forward to your support on the day

THE KOFS WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY CHRISTMAS AND WISH YOU ALL GOOD HEALTH FOR THE COMING YEAR. STAY SAFE.

**The KOFS meet at the Village Hall every Thursday at 10.30 am for coffee & a chat.
For further information contact a committee member.**

**John Dunkley 01327 342588
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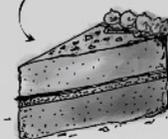
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and

Janet Mallett (Vice-chair, Kislingbury Parish Council)

at

Kislingbury Cricket Club

at

10 a.m. Sunday, 28th November 2021

The Parish Council exists to try and make
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Kislingbury Amblers



We are a group of like minded individuals who meet usually twice a month to have a walk of about 5 miles in the local area. Due to the current restrictions all information will be sent out by email giving times and meeting places when walks can re-start.

If you are not on our email list and would like to join the group please phone 07758225140.

ALL ARE WELCOME

October

Having been informed by a member of the group, that he had been on this walk seven days earlier, more on this later, he kindly agreed to be our leader.

Seven of us assembled outside the church in Silverstone. Leaving the village, we headed across the fields towards the playing field containing several football pitches and a cricket square, the latter being inspected by our resident group cricket expert. Turning right and walking up the road towards the village of Abthorpe, we were nearly run over by a motorist who was more interested in her mobile phone than the road.

Turning left we entered Bucknell Wood, when after a short time, disaster, we were lost. A voice was heard to say, "Are we heading towards Scotland?" With this hiccup sorted, we proceeded, coming out of the wood and across fields. Then, lightning struck for the second time, which way, left, right, through that gap, over that stile or what?

Having sorted this out we continued across the fields towards Abthorpe and the church, resting by the green for refreshments. We headed back across the fields by a different route, this time skirting Bucknell Wood, and upon reaching the road we returned by way of the playing fields back into Silverstone. The whole party retiring to the White Horse in Silverstone to partake of an excellent lunch.

Our second walk in October was cancelled due to inclement weather.

November

After meeting in the Bugbrooke Parish Church car park we set off heading back into the village, catching sight of an egret searching the stream for his mid-morning snack. Turning left close by to The Homestead and Manor Farm in the High Street, we followed the path up the hill and eventually to open fields to join the Nene Way.

We headed towards Nether Heyford, across the village sports ground through the churchyard and joined the Midshires Way which follows the canal tow path, where we had our break, on the way spotting the fairy grotto and sweets left on gate posts from

Halloween. Whilst doing so we were joined by a very enthusiastic puppy who greeted us all with great excitement.

While all this was going on one of the walkers dropped the top to his flask which promptly rolled straight into the canal. Taking his coat off and rolling up his sleeves he attempted to retrieve it. As he was lying down our puppy thought, "This looks like a good game," and jumped on his back, at one stage it looked like they would both end up in the canal, which fortunately did not occur. Having failed to retrieve the top to his flask with a little sigh he said, "I have had that for twenty years or more!"

We then proceeded along the tow path (Midshires Way) back to Bugbrooke and lunch at Harpole Turn. Whilst walking along the canal I was assured, although not witnessed by your correspondent, that a kingfisher was sighted.

Tales from Kislingbury Archives



High Street 1920 - photograph taken from the Church Tower

We have had several new donations of photographs and documents this year. If you have anything of interest please get in touch.

Anne Upton 833422

Felicity Dunkley 830514



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Kislingbury Friendship Club (Previously Kislingbury Arts & Crafts Society)

John Perkins came along to our October meeting and gave a very interesting talk about coins. As he is an ex-teacher he kept everyone's attention and explained how many different issues of various post decimal coins there have been. Some have become scarce and have increased in value. We found ourselves checking our purses hoping to discover one such coin. We even checked the raffle money. No luck!

November will see Margaret Burgon coming to talk about weddings and then during December we are planning to have a Christmas Lunch.

On Tuesday 25th January next year we will be welcoming Susy van Rooten to tell us all about The Good Loaf. Meeting starts at 2.30pm. Everyone welcome. Entry fee for non members is £2. Raffle tickets available at £1.00

In February Paul Southworth will be talking about the Northampton Community Foundation.

Best wishes to everyone for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.
Doreen Hartwell.

Christmas at Canons Ashby

The team are starting to get into the Christmas spirit with the latest crafting and planning for the traditional Christmas decorations. The Coach House shop and Tea Rooms are also open with festive tasty treats and seasonal gift inspiration ideas.

2nd December - 24th December, 11 am - 2.30pm (closes at 3pm)

Feast your eyes on a **traditional Christmas in historic Canons Ashby**. Explore a fascinating house dressed with festive cheer or enjoy a fresh winter stroll outside.

Normal admission prices apply.

December – 3rd January (property closed 24th December - 31st December)

For the little ones, we have the Percy the Park Keeper's winter wander trail, ideal to let the little ones blow off some steam and get outside.

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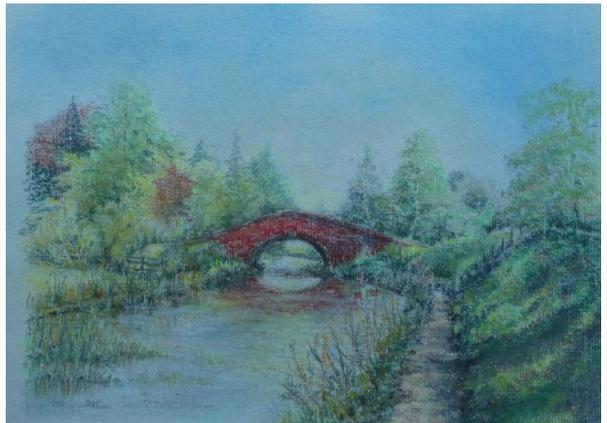
CHRISTMAS 2021

The ART GROUP have had a very successful year with the return of our members after the long shutdown since 2020.

New members are welcome to join us



**We wish you
all the very
best for the
coming New
Year**



For further info contact either Judith 830421 or Mike 831747

Let Us Go Now To Bethlehem(Luke Ch. 2 v 15)

Since September 1986 I've been a massive fan of the television soap Casualty, travelling with the multitude of characters' and storylines in the good, bad and indifferent!

However, if you've not seen it before and tune into an episode, although you're not familiar with the characters or story lines, you're learning quite a lot from watching just one episode. You're seeing most of the main characters and getting an idea of their personalities and relationships. You're watching developments in story lines: there's a wedding being planned or thwarted, someone's moving accommodation, there's dodgy behind the scenes political shenanigans etc! By the end of the episode you should be interested enough to want to watch again to see what happens. After a while you get to know the characters better. You learn some of the history behind the stories and how individuals and families relate to each other. You can join in conversations about the latest twist in the plots and speculate as to what happens next. Nevertheless irrespective of how you engage with the programme it's harmless entertainment, a bit of escapism.

As we once again hear in one way or another, the story of the first Christmas in some ways it's a bit like watching an episode of a long running drama with vivid characters, complicated relationships and strands of different stories weaving together to make the complete picture. The difference is this is an episode in God's eternal story and we're characters in it. We're not viewers, we're involved as participants; it's not escapism; it's for real.

This episode in God's drama is probably familiar to us. We know the characters: Mary who willingly accepts God's plan for her to bear his Son. Joseph, a man of integrity and faith who marries Mary knowing she's pregnant with a child that's not his. The baby, born to be a King but cradled in a manger since his parents couldn't find a suitable place. The Shepherds, told by a whole company of angels that, in the city of David, they will find a Saviour who is the Messiah, the Lord.

It's a dramatic episode with many stories: the people of an occupied country being made to travel for registration by the occupying authorities; the arrival of a heavily pregnant woman in the crowded town; the birth of a baby; angels in the sky and amazed shepherds spreading the story of what they had heard and seen.

What we witness in this familiar story is none other than God coming to be a human being alongside us and we can continue to witness the unfolding of this story. In Jesus, we'll see God sharing in all the experiences of human life, good and bad. We'll see God's love openly demonstrated, his healing power at work and even his willingness to die upon the cross rather than compromise the love revealed by God in Christ; above all, we'll see the triumph of love over death when Jesus is raised from the dead into new and eternal life.

What about our part in all this? We have all come to this Christmas Season by different routes and with different experiences behind us and we'll go forward into 2022 in separate ways to face varied futures.

But has this episode in God's great story made us want to know more about the characters, their history and what happens next? It's an important question because we're not spectators of this drama. We're the people this baby was born for. We're the people this baby grew up to heal, to teach and to make whole. We're the people this baby grew up to die for and we're the people who bear witness to his resurrection into new life.

Perhaps we're already playing the part that God has called us to play. Perhaps we're still just watching but interested enough to want to be more involved and to know more. Each year the Church celebrates Christmas but throughout each year the Church also tells again the story which goes back in time to the creation of all things and looks ahead to the future when God's kingdom is established on earth. Maybe this is the year when we re-engage, or make a new commitment, to be among the people who gather week by week to hear more of the story and to share their experiences of being part of it.

Whoever we are and wherever we come from, we will receive a welcome at the manger from our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, who is born to set us free and to bring us into his eternal resurrection life.

Christmas Blessings.

Stephen French Rector of Bugbrooke, Harpole, Kislingbury and Rothersthorpe



LIGHT UP ST LUKE'S

The draws for October and November have been completed. Many thanks to Mike Topliss who drew Trevor Harrison's winning ticket for October and to Eddie Harley who drew November's winning ticket out which was held by Zachary Wilmott.

Congratulations to both winners and thanks again to both Mike and Eddie.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and a very Happy Christmas to you all.

Stay safe, keep well.

Deni Topliss Mob 07754471120

HERE TO HELP in 2021

Your community charity, Kislingbury Town and Charity Estates, exists to provide financial or other assistance to elderly village residents in need, or to promote participation in sports and recreation, for the benefit of villagers.

How has the charity helped Kislingbury and its residents?

Here are some recent examples:

- Funding towards installation of a chair lift
- Purchase of a defibrillator for the village playing fields
- Funding of additional medical aids for elderly residents
- 50% funding of a new artificial pitch for the village cricket club
- Support for elderly residents to cover exceptional medical expenses

Know an elderly resident who could do with some support – what can I do?

Please contact our Clerk Jim Wood on (01327) 872670 for a confidential discussion – the Trustees can meet at short notice to consider applications.

Equally, if you are looking for funding towards facilities in the village which will promote community participation in sports or recreation, please give Jim a call.

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST LUKE

NB: Service times are correct at time of issue. Any changes will be advertised on the village website and via the church newsletter and notice boards.

Services for December 2021/January 2022

Sunday 5th December	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 12th December	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 19th December		NO SERVICE AT 11am
	5.45pm	CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
Monday 20th December	5.30pm	CAROLS ON THE CHURCH GREEN
Friday 24th December	8.00am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	2.30pm	CRIB SERVICE for little ones
CHRISTMAS DAY	11.00am	Christmas Communion for all the family
Sunday 26th December		No Service at Kislingbury, 10am Service at Bugbrooke
Saturday 1st January		No Service at Kislingbury, 10.30am Service at Bugbrooke
Sunday 2nd January	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 9th January	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16th January	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 23rd January	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30th January	10.30am	Benefice Communion at Kislingbury

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