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Dullingham Newsletter

Dec 2020/Jan 2021

Christmas will always come

Open or locked down Christmas will come. Together or separated Christmas will come. Shopped to you've dropped or wrapping a single orange Christmas will come. That very first Christmas – life was pretty fragile too as Jesus, God's own self entered an uncertain world. The boundaries of heaven and earth were blurred and angels sang. They sang of peace and joy to God's people on earth. Why? Because Jesus' birth breathed new life and hope into a struggling world then, and now.

These things this Christmas remain certain - God loves us, God came to us, and comes to us still.

Christmas blessings of love and hope for 2021 to you all.

A Christmas smile: A young child when asked where Jesus came from said 'An egg'. 'An egg?' The minister puzzled. 'Yes - it says he was laid in a manger'. 😊

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If you need the services of a priest, or wish to book a wedding, baptism or funeral, please contact Nikki as above. Her usual working days are Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Christmas Services and Candlelit Reflection

Due to likely restrictions of no large gatherings and not being able to all sing, we will not be holding our usual Carol Services this year. We will though (we hope- regulations allowing) have stewarded open drop in times for candle lit reflection across our churches:

Burrough Green – Sunday, 20 December 4.00pm–5.30pm

Stetchworth – Christmas Eve 4.30pm–6.00pm (*look out for their Christmas Tree festival opening times too*)

Brinkley – Christmas Eve 8.00pm-10.00pm

Dullingham – Christmas Day Holy Communion 9.00am

For all our services see the Church Services schedule.



Silent Night Doorstep Singalong

We are all invited to join in singing Silent Night on our doorsteps at

7.00pm on Christmas Eve

Brass Band on Dullingham Green

Sunday, December 20 from 4.00- 6.00pm it is hoped (regulations and permissions allowing) that a small Brass Band will play carols on Dullingham Green. Although we won't be able to sing along and social distancing will need to be maintained, it is hoped it will give a Christmas sound smile across the village.

Look out too for the Advent Lights and Outdoor Nativity in the Churchyard.

Advent Reflection Course by Zoom

Sundays 7.00pm -8.00pm from 29 November–20 December

Informal friendly sessions ending with a Christmas Carol!

Please email Revd Nikki for the link nikkimann40@hotmail.co.uk

St Mary's Church cleaning:

Daphne Baldwin in December & Greta Bredin in January please.

Church flowers:

No flowers in Advent and there is a gap in the rota in January, all offers of help welcome, please contact Sally on 01638 507543.

Catholic Parish Services:

These have resumed at Newmarket with some restrictions and booking is essential

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9am & 10.30am

There is a mass on Wednesday at Kirtling

For a full list of services and to book a place at mass

go to <http://www.olise.co.uk/wordpress/>

Stetchworth & Cheveley URC Services

We are not ready to re-open for services just yet, but hope to do so as soon as circumstances permit. In the meantime, if anyone would like to watch a church service on YouTube, Downing Place United Reformed Church is still putting out a weekly service.

Please go to <https://downingplaceurc.org/> and look for the Sunday Worship video.

Mobile Library:

This continues to run and will call at:

Jubilee Court, Stetchworth 2.25 – 3 pm

Kettlefields School 3.10 – 3.40 pm

on **Wednesdays 3rd December and 27th January**

Numbers are limited due to restrictions but books can be ordered in advance on:

<https://cambridgeshire.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/HOME>

or telephone 0345 045 5225

Newmarket Foodbank

Many thanks to all those who continue to donate to this valuable project. The last delivery to the Craven Way Food Bank will be on **December 17th**. Items can still be left in the church porch every day between 10am and 4pm except for Saturday, but after 17th they will not get delivered in time for Christmas. *Please put toilet articles in a separate bag to food items.*

Dullingham Charities

The annual distribution for those that have registered will take place at The Boot on Monday 14th December between 1-2pm. Any queries please contact Lesley Bird on 01638 507658.



Father Christmas is coming to Dullingham!!

He will be touring the village starting at Kettlefields school at **11am on Sunday 20th December** through the streets and up to Hill Farm View. All village children will be given a Christmas gift. Please be at your door or window to wave to Santa and his helpers, keep an eye out and listen for him. Social Distancing will apply of course!

Merry Christmas from Dullingham Parish Council. Ho-Ho-Ho!!



Church Services for the Raddesley Benefice in December & January (next page). All welcome

Please note all church services will be said services as singing is currently not allowed.

6 December Second Sunday of Advent Isaiah 40:1-11 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8	9.00am Brinkley 10.30am Burrough Green	Holy Communion Family Service
13 December Third Sunday of Advent Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8,19-28	9.00am Stetchworth 10.30am Dullingham	Holy Communion Morning Service
20 December Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38	9.00am Burrough Green 10.30am Brinkley 4pm- 5.30pm (drop in) Burrough Green	Holy Communion Morning Service Candlelit Reflection
24 December Christmas Eve	4.30pm – 6pm (drop in) Stetchworth 8 – 10pm (drop in) Brinkley	Candlelit Reflection Candlelit Reflection
25 December Christmas Day John 1.1-14 Luke 2: 1-14	9.00am Dullingham	Holy Communion
27 December First Sunday of Christmas Isa Ch 61 Luke 2: 15-21	10.30am Dullingham 3.00pm Stetchworth	Holy Communion Evening Prayer

Stetchworth Christmas Tree festival

St Peter's church will be open Sunday to Friday as usual between approx. 9.30am and 4.30pm.

At the times below there will be raffle tickets for a hamper and a stall selling preserves with all the trees lit up. The raffle will be drawn on the afternoon of 23rd and the prize delivered to the winner before Christmas.

10.30-12.30pm on Sundays 13th and 20th;
12 noon-4pm on Monday 14th, Thursday 17th
Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd
 Rev'd Nikki will be in the church **4.30-6pm on Christmas Eve.**

3 January Second Sunday of Christmas Jeremiah 31:7-14 John 1: 10-18	9.00am Brinkley 10.30am Burrough Green	Holy Communion Family Service
10 January The Baptism of Christ Genesis 1:1-5 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11	9.00am Stetchworth 10.30am Dullingham	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
17 January 1 Samuel 3:1-10 Rev. 5: 1-10 John 1:43-51	9.00am Burrough Green 10.30am Brinkley	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
24 January Jonah 3:1-5, 10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20	10.30am Dullingham 3.00pm Stetchworth	Holy Communion Evening Prayer
31 January Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Mark 1:21-28	10.30am Westley Waterless	Benefice Communion

The members of Stetchworth WI wish everyone a very happy & safe Christmas!!

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Dullingham Flower Club

In these unprecedented times there are no plans to resume meetings until we can all be safe. It's been a hard year not enjoying the monthly meetings with you all and we can only hope that sometime soon we will be meeting up again. Please watch this space for further updates. In the meantime may I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year Please take care and keep safe, Lesley

Bags2TheFuture

Many thanks to all those who donated to this church fundraising effort, there was a very generous response.

Girlguiding Linton District Autumn 2020

What a term we have had here in Linton District. Our Guiding county of Cambs East has produced its annual review showcasing some of the amazing things our leaders have done with our girls. Keep a look out for a copy near you. We have dealt with Lockdown again and have had many virtual meetings. Girls were encouraged to do an age related activity for children in need and remembrance was shared at home.

Our Guiding light is shining brightly as we near Christmas and although we will not have the usual parties and Christmas fayres there will still be much fun to be had. Inspiration can come from many sources and it is wonderful to see our girl's wave hello... as they are passing.

There have been night time stargazing challenges from Anglia our Girlguiding region and as usual our website is full of exciting activities, challenges and awards to do for every age from 5-18 and beyond! Take a look at our website on www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/adventures-at-home

Which is packed full of new ideas and activities. As always we are offering our full programme of adventures, with adaptations to make it accessible at home. Building skills, earning badges and awards and having time with friends. There is also a special Pantomime Happening in December for everyone in Guiding to see at home. Oh no there isn't!!! Oh yes there is!!! Those who were Brownies with us last year had the opportunity to have a go at making slime and custard pies.

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News from the Ellesmere Centre December 2020

We are really sorry that we have had to close again but would like to remind you that the shop and post office remain open. We will open our doors again as soon as we are able.



We Need Your Support

1. Go to smile.amazon.com
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Dear Ellesmere patrons and supporters,

The Covid-19 pandemic has generated an unprecedented impact on all of us and the Ellesmere Centre is not immune. Following the lockdown period during which the main Centre remained closed, management took action to minimise costs and accepted the support available from the furlough scheme to support our staff as well as grant funding available. These support mechanisms proved crucial in stabilising the Centre's finances. The ongoing restrictions on use of the centre following its re-opening have resulted in revenues for the Centre being severely depleted, and, whilst the costs of operating the centre are subject to constant review to minimise, in some areas they have increased (for instance increased cleaning costs), overall are largely unaffected with the result that the Centre's financial resources are being depleted.

At present there appears no prospect for further support of the sort provided in the early weeks of the pandemic. With no immediate prospect of restrictions easing, indeed further restrictions appear more likely to arise, the Centre needs to consider how to address an impending funding issue before matters become critical in order that the Centre can remain open for the remainder of current crisis and resume its place at the heart of our community when normality returns. To this end, the support of local people is sought to provide donations to the Ellesmere Centre, perhaps by setting up a standing order for regular donations or by way of one off donations. If you feel you can help please contact the office.

Your support for the Ellesmere Centre is, as always, hugely appreciated and any assistance you can provide will make a difference.-The Ellesmere Centre Trustees.

The Staff and Trustees would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and better times to come in 2021

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October final draw winners

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3rd Prize – Mark Baldwin - £25.00

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