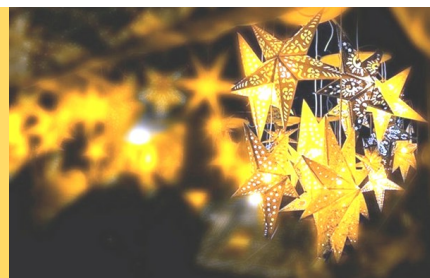


the Stetchworth Newsletter

December 2023 / January 2024

December and January Services at St. Peter's Church

10th December, 9.00 am : Communion service
24th December, 6.00 pm : Carol service
25th December, 10.00 am : Christmas Morning Communion service
14th January, 9.00 am : Communion service
28th January, 3.00 pm : Evensong service



If you wish to book a baptism, wedding, etc., please contact Patrick or one of the churchwardens, details below :

Rev'd Patrick J McEune

The Rectory
23 Stetchworth Road
Dullingham CB8 9UJ

Tel: 07411 761883

email: frpatrick@btinternet.com

Usual working days:

Thursday, Friday and Saturday

CHURCHWARDENS:

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Newmarket CB8 9TT

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Newmarket CB8 9TH

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This month, instead of a letter, here is a brainteaser. Hidden within the paragraph below are sixteen books from the bible – how many can you spot? Answers in the February newsletter.

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a fluke.) It kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam especially since the names of the books were not capitalised. But now the truth finally struck home to the numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a fascinating few moments for you. Yes there will be some really difficult ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them. There will be loud lamentations when it is found. A lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there are 16 names of the Bible hidden in this paragraph. One preacher found 15 books in twenty minutes - but it took him 3 weeks to find the 16th one!

Go well

Patrick

Rev'd Patrick J McEune

Stetchworth - Relief in Need Charity



Did you know that we have a charity to help people in Stetchworth who are in need or struggling for any reason. If you are in need because of unemployment, a change of circumstances, or any other reason and would like to apply to the charity

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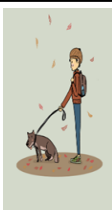


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St. Peter's Church, Stetchworth

Christmas Tree Festival: This will be on **Saturday 9th December from 2.00 – 5.00 pm**. All the trees will be on display and lit. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available, there will be jam/preserves for sale and a raffle. The Kettlefields choir will be entertaining us. Do come along to view the trees, listen to the choir and enjoy some refreshment. If you are involved in placing and decorating a tree, this can be done on Wednesday 6th Thursday 7th or Friday 8th December. The trees will then be in place until after Christmas and may be removed please on 1st, 2nd or 3rd January.

Carol Service: We will be having our usual Carol service on Christmas Eve at 6.00 pm with the Kitchen Choir joining us.

Christmas Morning Communion: This will be at Stetchworth this year at **10.00 am**.

Lily Whymer - Tel: 507576

lilywhymer@gmail.com

Ellesmere Garden Club News

To round off this year we will enjoy our Christmas party/meal out on **Wednesday 13th December**, at the Black Bull in Balsham.



The committee has recently met to plan next year's activities, but in the meantime, we have another talk to look forward to in January, when we welcome back **Tom Cole**. Tom will be talking to us on **Wednesday 10th January 2024** about "**Interior plants – right plant, right place in the home**". Meet in the Ellesmere Centre at 7.30 pm as usual.

Our AGM takes place on **Wednesday 14th February** after which there will be a quiz, so please mark your calendars ready for a new year of gardening activities!

As always, for any queries about the club and its activities you can contact Sandie on 07903 584676.

Stetchworth and Cheveley United Reformed Church

Services and Events

Sunday 3rd December, 11.00 am: Mrs Wendy Roe
Sunday 10th December, 11.00 am: Revd Elizabeth Caswell
Sunday 17th December, 11.00 am: Revd Dr Janet Tollington
Sunday 24th December, 11.00 am: Mrs Wendy Roe
Sunday 31st December, 11.00 am: Service led by the members

Sunday 7th January, 11.00 am: Mrs Wendy Roe
Sunday 14th January, 11.00 am: Revd Elizabeth Caswell
Sunday 21st January, 11.00 am: Mr Richard Lewney
Sunday 28th January, 11.00 am: Mr Ron Wade
Sunday 5th November, 11.00 am: Revd Phil Nevard

Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday, 9th December 10.30 - 12.00. All welcome. This will include a **Jigsaw Swap** - bring a jigsaw you have finished with and take a different one home.





News from the Ellesmere Centre

Join us on Saturday 9th December for our Christmas Party



with

Back in Time (60's)

Tickets on Sale Now £8

Licensed Bar and Raffle



Yoga

Thursdays 6.15pm with Colin Fordham

Fridays 9.30am with Lisa Lovell

Contact colinfordham@btinternet.com or call the office



Judo

Thursdays 4.00pm-5.00pm, 5-8 years

Thursdays 5.00-6.00pm, 8 years +

With Colin Fordham

Contact colinfordham@btinternet.com or call the office

The Staff and the Trustees would like to thank you for your support and wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year



Please see our Facebook for more details

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



A big thank you to everyone who donated to the 2023 Poppy Appeal - we raised a total of £841.63. Thanks also to those who hosted Poppy tins (The Ellesmere Centre, Kettlefields, The Boot, The Granby and The Three Blackbirds).





Raddesley Benefice Services for December and January ≈ All Welcome

3rd December Advent Sunday (Purple) Isaiah 64: 1-9 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 Mark 13: 24-end	9.00 am Brinkley 10.30 am Burrough Green	Holy Communion Family Worship
Saturday 9th December	2.00 – 5.00 pm Stetchworth	Christmas tree festival
10th December Second Sunday of Advent (Purple) Isaiah 40: 1-11 2 Peter 3: 8-15a Mark 1: 1-8	9.00 am Stetchworth 10.30 am Dullingham 6.00 pm Burrough Green	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Carol Service
17th December Third Sunday of Advent (Purple) Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-end 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 John 1: 6-8, 19-28	9.00 am Burrough Green 10.30 am Brinkley	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
24th December Christmas Eve – Fourth of Advent (Purple) 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16 Romans 16: 25-end Luke 1: 26-38	10.30 am Dullingham 4.00 pm Westley Waterless 6.00 pm Dullingham 6.00 pm Stetchworth 11.30 pm Brinkley	Communion service Carol Service Carol Service Carol Service Midnight Mass
Monday 25th December Christmas Day (White) Isaiah 52: 7-10 Hebrews 1: 1-4, (5-12) John 1: 1-14	10.00 am Stetchworth 10.30 am Carlton 10.30 am Burrough Green Peter Talbot	Benefice Communion Lay led Christmas service Lay led Christmas service
31st December 1 st Sunday of Christmas (White) Isaiah 61: 10 – 62: 3 Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 2: 15-21	10.30 am Westley Waterless	Benefice Communion
7th January Baptism of Christ/1 st Sunday of Epiphany (White) 1 John 2: 29 – 3: 6 Jon 1: 29-34	9.00 am Brinkley 10.30 am Burrough Green	Holy Communion Family Service
14th January 2 nd Sunday of Epiphany (White) 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 Revelation 5: 1-10 John 1: 43-end	9.00 am Stetchworth 10.30 am Dullingham	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
21st January 3 rd Sunday of Epiphany (White) Genesis 14: 17-20 Revelation 19: 6-10 John 2: 1-11	9.00 am Burrough Green 10.30 am Brinkley	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
28th January Epiphany 4 (White) Deuteronomy 18: 15-20 Revelation 12 1-5a Mark 1: 21-28	10.30 am Dullingham 3.00 pm Stetchworth	Holy Communion Evensong





Kitchen Choir Tickets Now On Sale! for

Thursday 21st December 2023
Concert at The Granary Barns
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7.00 for 7.30pm

Proceeds to
 East Anglian Air Ambulance

'Pudding on the Glitz!'

the Kitchen Choir
and the Kitchenettes

Seasonal entertainment
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Bar from 7pm

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Sarah Mardon: sarahannemardon@hotmail.com, 07535 001291
or The Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth, tel: 01638 508212

Facebook: [kitchenchoir](https://www.facebook.com/kitchenchoir) Website: [kitchenchoir.weebly.com](https://www.kitchenchoir.weebly.com)

Big thanks for all the support at our Coffee Morning
a fantastic £487.81 raised so far for
East Anglian Air Ambulance





End of Year Update from Lucy Frazer KC, MP



As we approach the end of 2023, I wanted to look back on the year and let you know about some of the work I have been doing for you as your local Member of Parliament.

2023 has been a year of highs and lows. I think most people would join me in recognising the coronation of Charles III and Camilla in May as a memorable highlight. As the first coronation in seventy years, the event was always bound to be a special occasion, but I was moved by the many displays of national unity and celebration I witnessed over the Bank Holiday weekend.

However, for all of its wonderful moments, the year has presented us with challenges. Not only have we had a second year of war in Ukraine, but another conflict has commenced in the Middle East. At home, the high cost of living remains a concern for many, despite the government's work to drive down inflation from 11.1% to 4.6% in the last twelve months. I remain committed to helping my constituents across South East Cambridgeshire get the support and advice they need.

I also know how important quality healthcare is to my constituents. That's why I have been working with my neighbouring MP, Anthony Browne, and senior leaders at Addenbrooke's Hospital to secure a new cancer hospital at

Cambridge Biomedical Campus, which will enable better diagnosis and precision treatments from 2026-27. I continue to campaign for the funding required to deliver a new children's hospital on the same site, which would be a world-first specialist facility for children and young people.

As MP for a largely rural constituency, I also appreciate the need for effective bus services. Following my efforts at the end of last year to prevent Stagecoach from axing or significantly altering 23 local bus routes, I was pleased to assist the Combined Authority with the retendering of bus services for at least another 12 months from April 2023. Recently, I have written to the Mayor to call him to identify how he intends to utilise the new £2.3 million government funding for Cambridgeshire's bus network.

I have also been working with Cambridgeshire Constabulary and the Police and Crime Commissioner to get crime down, so that my constituents can feel safer in their communities. The force is at a record size following the government's 'Police Uplift Programme' and I am pleased that it is paying dividends, with neighbourhood crime down 30% and rural crime down 21% across Cambridgeshire.

If there is anything I can do to support you in any way, or if you would like to notify me about an issue in your village, please do not hesitate to contact me on lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk. I wish you all the best for the rest of the year.

Girlguiding Linton District

Christmas is coming and we are getting busy. Pantomime season is upon us and it will soon be time to say "oh yes you can." It is also time for Christmas fairs and decorating a Christmas tree at the village Christmas tree festivals. Our District went away to Blackland farm for a few days in October. Once there they took part in a host of different activities. This included things such as Crate climbing, Bungy Trampolining, making pasta and doing all sorts of other activities and crafts. Our Trefoil Guild is looking forward to their Christmas meal. They have also planned lots of exciting activities for next year too. We have had two leaders who have gained their going away with license and a third took their license at the Blackland Farm trip. All our amazing leaders are volunteers and give their time and energy freely. Giving the girls the opportunity of trying new challenges and having lots of adventures too. Helping girls know they can do anything.

We are always on the lookout for help and are in need of someone to help lead our district. We are in very exciting times, so if you would like to find out what we do please take a look at our website. www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested.

Also, if you have a girl that would like to join in the fun, please go to www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus.

Come and see us and see what we do, there is something for everyone and at every age too. We even have a trefoil Guild so if you are 18+ you can join in the fun. <https://www.trefoilguild.co.uk/> Linton is the most incredible district, full of friendship with the most amazing, wonderful, dedicated leaders, Young Leaders and dozens of awesome girls.

Louisa, Tel: 07711 614328 / lintondistrict@gmail.com





Cambridgeshire County Council / East Cambridgeshire District Council Report

Congestion Charge

Further to my report last month, when I advised residents that the Congestion Charge had not gone away, I attended, as the representative of East Cambridgeshire District Council the Combined Authority (CPCA) Transport & Infrastructure Committee on 15th November, where the Mayor, Nik Johnson, the County Council representative and those parties who have been pushing the imposition of the Congestion Charge voted through the Local Transport Plan, which includes plans to impose Congestion Charging. I voted against and will continue to press against the Congestion Charge tax.

Weeds

The ruling administration stopped the weedkilling across the County, which has left our roads looking very untidy and causing issues with drains in some areas. The ruling administration has acknowledged that the cut in service was a false economy. I am pushing to get this reinstated in next year's budget.

Potholes

The recent wet weather has exposed the weakness of some of the previous pothole repairs. I am chasing the maintenance team to get these fixed, but if you have any issues in your area, please report them online or contact me.

County Council Budget

The ruling Lib Dem/ Labour Administration has advised that there is a £28m budget gap for 2024/2025 and the Leader of the Council on Radio Cambridgeshire stated that it is likely that the increase for the County Council's portion of

the Council Tax will be 5%. I and the Conservative Group are conscious of the impact that this may have on residents and will challenge all increases in unnecessary spending, whilst raising spend on the real issues that affect residents and trying to keep Council Tax as low as possible.

Waste Services

East Cambridgeshire District Council recently took delivery of 16 new refuse vehicles. This means that the service will be provided by new efficient vehicles, which will have SMART technology that maximise the efficiency of the crews.

We are trialling one of these vehicles being powered by Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil and look to power the remainder if that trial is successful, which will drastically reduce the carbon footprint of the Council.

Government are looking at implementing new procedures around waste collection, probably in 2026, and I will update residents once the full details are known.

May I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I am here to represent you, so if there are any issues that concern you, please contact me.

If I am not aware of an issue, I am not able to solve it.

Alan Sharp - Cambridgeshire County Councillor - Woodditton Division

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E-Mail: alan.sharp@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



Please join us for an



Advent Fair and Switch-on of the Advent Lights

at

The Taylor Hall and St Mary's Churchyard Dullingham
from 3.30-5pm on Sunday 3rd December

There will be Mulled Wine & Mince Pies, Hot Chocolate & Biscuits, Bottle Tombola, Cake Stall, Raffle, Hot dogs and Soft Drinks from the Scouts.

Donations of **bottles** (contact John Dalton 07884 495092) and **cakes** (Sally Peyton 01638 507543) are very welcome

See the village Facebook page for further notices.

Proceeds will be shared between St Mary's Church Fabric Fund and the Local Scout Group.





ST. PETER'S CHURCH STETCHWORTH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2023

2.00 – 5.00 PM

Come and see the Christmas Trees that have been decorated by Community Groups

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

RAFFLE AND CHRISTMAS GOODIES

**ENTERTAINMENT FROM
THE KETTLEFIELDS CHOIR**



You are invited to

**DULLINGHAM
FLOWER CLUB**

Thursday 14th December 2023

8.00pm

The Taylor Hall, Church Close,
Dullingham CB8 9XE

*Come and enjoy a festive
evening with a Buffet
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by

Gill Tarry

entitled 'It's Christmas Time'

**PLEASE PRE-BOOK YOUR CHRISTMAS BUFFET
BEFORE THE EVENING**

Admission £12

Raffle:

**The raffle will include all the arrangements
that Gill makes on the evening.**

Please contact Lesley Bird
for further information
Tel: 01638 507658 or 07786 817154

DATE FOR DIARY:

No meeting in January 2024
Next Meeting - Thursday 8th February

Stetchworth WI

The November meeting was dedicated to our annual craft evening, a delightful event where members gathered to create a Christmas tree decoration for Stetchworth Church. The crafting session was led by committee member Louise, whose preparation and guidance made the experience very enjoyable. Lots of sewing, gluing, and embellishing our decorations with an array of glittering and sparkly elements. The enthusiasm displayed by everyone contributed to making the evening once again fun and memorable!

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 2nd January at 7.30pm** at the Ellesmere Centre.

This will be **Molly Dancing a Talk by Alison Giles.**

Competition: **An item of Folk Art**

Guests welcome (18yrs plus) - £3 to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

The **Annual Meeting/Elections & Resolutions** will be held on **Tuesday 6th February**, plus **Traveller Tales a Talk by David Cumpstey.**

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For any other information
contact Liz Brown on 07757
251010 or visit our website
stetchworthwi.weebly.com





Tickets now on sale for The Ellesmere Devils Pantomime Society's latest show:

Alice In Wonderland

The Queen of Hearts is causing mayhem whilst going after Alice's heart necklace, which she needs to unlock the 'Black gates' to continue her miserable reign. She orders Jack and Sonny Rabbit to steal the necklace - can they do it, or are they just too nice? As Alice goes into Wonderland, she meets magical creatures including the Cheshire cat, a Caterpillar, Tweedle Dee and Dum ... and no Wonderland would be complete without the Mad Hatter and his sidekick the March Hare.

This will be another magical performance like you have come to expect from an Ellesmere Devils panto, with fantastic songs, brilliant choreography, stand out sets, sparkling costumes, and an amazingly talented cast of local performers.

Performed at The Ellesmere Centre Stetchworth.

Fun for all the family. The running time is approximately 2 hours, plus an interval.

For more information and exciting updates from rehearsals visit

<https://www.facebook.com/ellesmeredevilsfantosociety> or <https://www.instagram.com/ellesmeredevilsfantosociety>

Show dates : Wednesday 24th January 2024 to Saturday 27th January 2024

Tickets available at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/edps> or by calling the ticket Hotline on 0333 666 3366.

Cash ticket sales also available direct from Jane Courtenay-Moore @ The Ellesmere centre Community Hub (Wednesday and Friday, 9:00am to 11:00am)

From the Archive

A photo, right, from 1998 of David Brady and Richard Knights (Landlord of the Marquis of Granby) presenting Audrey Raeburn with £700 for the Over 60s Club.

Further photos, documents and memories which have been collected over the years can be found in the Stetchworth Community Archive, ellesmeregardenclub.wixsite.com/scarchive

A Note from the Editor

Dear Reader, the next edition of the Newsletter will be published in February. If you would like to share any items of interest, news, or information in the next edition, please e-mail me at stetchworthnews@gmail.com. The deadline for articles is 20th January.

In the meantime I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Catherine Hartness
Editor

