

# the Stetchworth Newsletter

November 2021

## November Services at St. Peter's Church

14th November, 10.55 am : Remembrance Day - this will begin at the War Memorial and then move on to the Church - Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft

28th November, 3.00 pm : Evening Prayer - Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft  
**Please note earlier time for this service**



A few days ago, when I was in a school sharing lunchtime with the pupils (following their Covid guidelines, of course) a small boy asked me if I was looking forward to Christmas, as he was, very much! It reminded me of both the preparations and anticipation of the next two months and the energy required.

For here we are, at the start of November with Advent and Christmas 2021 almost upon us.

If you wish to book a baptism, wedding or have any other queries please contact one of the churchwardens initially:

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However, I am glad that before the presents and sparkle of Christmas, there are the gifts of time for reflection and remembrance during November. We commemorate Remembrance Day and hold our Remembrance Sunday Service. We also hold our All Soul's Memorial Service. We will all remember in different and personal ways. As Pope John Paul II said, *'Let us remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, and look forward to the future with confidence'*.

Then, at the end of November, we celebrate Advent Sunday heralding the beginning of another year in the Christian calendar and offering a wonderful opportunity to make a fresh start. The word Advent means "coming" and the weeks leading up to Christmas give us a chance to recognise again the amazing initiative that God took in coming to earth in the Christ child. To help us do this we will repeat our 'Festival of Light' as St Mary's, so please look out for a bigger and better display this year.

Sometimes the best part of an experience is the anticipation - whether it is looking forward to the pudding after the main course or to some other event in our lives. We live in expectation and anticipation because we sense that something wonderful is on the way.

*Anthea Kenna*

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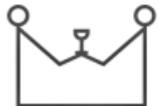
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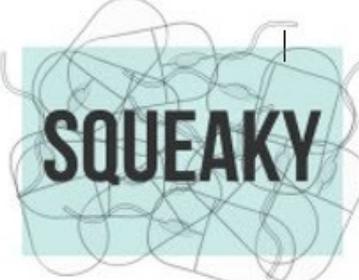
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## Ellesmere Garden Club News



Our next talk is on **10th November** by **Dr Tim Wreghitt** - “**Making a stand for Chelsea**” at 7.30 pm. The hall in the Ellesmere Centre will be properly ventilated and seating socially distanced. Everyone welcome, members and visitors alike.

The Christmas party will now take place on **Wednesday 15th December**, not the previous week as originally advertised. The venue is the **Heath Court Hotel, 7.00 for 7.30 pm**. Members will already have had a message about booking, so this is just a reminder about the date. Any queries about this to Judith on 01638 508336.

And there are still some **Tender Shoots Garden Network** events between now and the end of the year:

Thursday Nov 11th - Doug Stewart - Winter Thrillers, 7.30 pm

Wednesday Dec 8th - Christmas quiz - Gardening themed fun with an individual round and a group/interclub round, 7.30 pm

**Remember you can either use Zoom to join the meetings or YouTube:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4043014750?pwd=SVRibEovRW5mTUFqdG1NbIVxSlJPZz09>

Meeting ID: **404 301 4750**

Passcode: **bonsai**

[www.youtube.com/c/TenderShootsGardenClubNetwork](http://www.youtube.com/c/TenderShootsGardenClubNetwork)

The advantage of YouTube Live is you can start the talk from the beginning if you arrive late, you can pause, rewind and skip any bits and still ask questions to the speaker via YouTube chat box. You can also watch it in comfort if you have a large smart TV via the YouTube TV app. Plus, in most cases, if the speaker has given permission for a recording to be made you can watch on another day and time entirely to suit yourself.

## Stetchworth and Cheveley United Reformed Church

### Services and Events

Sunday November 7th, 11.00 am: Mr Keith Cakebread

Sunday November 14th, 11.00 am: Remembrance Sunday.  
No service in this church

Sunday November 21st, 11.00 am: Service led by the members

Sunday November 28th, 11.00 am: Service led by the members



*Craft 'n' Coffee*

*The meetings are cancelled until further notice.*

## News from the Ellesmere Centre



**Ellesmere Centre AGM on Wednesday 3rd November at 7.00pm.**

**Please come along and support us.**

### **CHRISTMAS MARKET - Sunday 21st November**

at the Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth

11.00am - 3.00pm

Local crafts, food and drink, refreshments and raffle

Entry £1

We now have 28 stalls so come along, do your Christmas shopping  
and join us for festive refreshments



*The staff ensures that regular sanitising takes place and we do our utmost to keep you all safe. At present masks are still required when in the corridors, toilets, shop and post office. Thank you.*

e-mail: [office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk](mailto:office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk) or alternatively call us on 01638 508212

### **Mobile Library** Jubilee Court, Stetchworth

The mobile library visits the fourth Wednesday of every month, arriving at 2.25pm and leaving at 3.00pm.

Call 0345 045 5225 to use the Select and Collect service to request a collection of books based on your taste. Please order at least a week in advance.



We are now able to offer 'drive-thru' and 'drop-box' appointments at Newmarket. Contact us for further details and appointments.

Our office is staffed 10.00am-3.00pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in order to maintain a postal service, to book appointments and any other queries.

A full postal service is still in operation, if you require hearing aid batteries or a minor repair please send your request with your brown book (and hearing aids if a repair is required) with either two standard stamps or one large letter stamp to:

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### **Stetchworth Parish Council**

The Parish Council has had the War Memorial professionally cleaned and the inscriptions re-painted. It is looking good and is in good condition ready for our

Remembrance Day service which will begin at the War Memorial.

Lily Whymer  
Chairman, Stetchworth Parish Council

## Woodditton Ward, November 2021

### Cambridgeshire District Council Update

Meetings of the County Council have been reduced by the ruling coalition, which gives less opportunity to scrutinize the decisions that are being made on your behalf.

Since my last report, there has been no meeting of Highways & Transport Committee and I attended a meeting of the Children & Young People Committee on 19th October, which are the policy committees that I am a member of.

The Children & Young People Committee had an initial look at the budget situation for Education in the next financial year and the budget gap for 2022/23 of nearly £20m that the ruling coalition need to reduce.

In terms of the Eastern Access proposals by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP), I received a briefing from GCP officers about the proposals to move the Newmarket Road Park & Ride nearer to the A14 Stow-cum-Quy roundabout, as well as increased bus lanes along Newmarket Road and a proposal to reduce vehicle access into the centre of Cambridge.

The consultation runs from 3rd November until midday on 22nd December.

The proposals affect residents in this area, but local Councillors in this area have no representation on the GCP and I have been speaking to GCP officers to voice the concerns that I have.

I would ask that once the consultation opens that you look at the proposals and respond to the consultation. In addition, it would be very helpful for me if you could send me your comments, so that I can try to represent your views in further discussions.

Whilst talking about transport, there is a public consultation by Network Rail which started on 18th October on the Ely Area Capacity Enhancement. It may not directly affect your village, but there needs to be major work done at Ely to alleviate a rail bottleneck, where three lines from the North merge into one, as do two lines from the South. This work is needed so that the number of trains going through Ely can be increased, both passenger and freight, which will increase the container traffic that can be moved by rail, thus reducing the number of trucks on the A14. Please read and contribute to this consultation, as it is important for the rail traffic east of Cambridge if we are to achieve our aim of better and more frequent services running through Newmarket and Dullingham.

I would welcome any comments that you may have on the rail proposals.

The County Council have set up a Highways Improvement Board and it had its first meeting on 24th September. I am the East Cambs rep on that Committee and at our first meeting, we discussed the issues of gully cleaning and pothole repairs and improving the performance in those areas. We are due to meet every 6 weeks and I will update on the progress to improve outcomes in future reports.

If you aware of an issue that concerns you, please let me know. If I am not aware of it, I cannot fix it.

### I look forward to updating residents further next month.

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### East Cambridgeshire District Council Update

By the time that you read this, the District Council will have held a Full Council meeting. On that agenda is an item around parking enforcement within the district and we will update next month.

The Operational Services and Finance & Assets Committees have recently met with the Operational Services Committee starting a review of indoor and outdoor sports facilities within the district. We would welcome any comments or suggestions as to the current facilities and where they could be improved or added to.

The Finance & Assets Committee discussed the regular review of the budget for the Council over the next five years. We have previously advised that the District Council may have to raise their portion of the Council Tax for a Band D property by £5 for the first time in eight years. We will continue to keep that under review over the coming months. If we can avoid having to request an increase, we will do so.

### Surgeries

If you wish to discuss a Council issue in confidence, whether it relates to East Cambridgeshire District Council or Cambridgeshire County Council, please contact us. The sad events of 15th October make us all aware of our safety, but our democracy is founded on elected representatives being available to residents and will continue to be available, whilst ensuring our own safety.

### Stay safe

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East Cambridgeshire District Councillor for the  
Woodditton Ward

## St. Peter's Church, Stetchworth

**SPECIAL SERVICES IN NOVEMBER:** We have two 'special' services in November, firstly the All Souls' Memorial service which will be at Westley Waterless at 6.00 pm on 7th November and secondly our Remembrance Day services at Stetchworth, Brinkley and Carlton – see notice below for timings. With regard to the All Souls' service at Westley the names of lost loved ones will be read out during the service. If you would like the name of a relative or friend read at the service you can either let me know, or place the name on a sheet of paper found at the back of any of our churches.

**QUIZ:** Thank you to all those people supported the quiz or helped in any way. It was a successful evening enjoyed, I think, by all those attending. A profit of over £400 was raised for church funds.

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL:** Arrangements for this are coming together. The trees will be decorated and in place from 11th December until the new year and the church is open daily from 9.30 am until dusk. On 11th December all the trees will be lit from 2.00 – 5.00 pm. We will have a raffle and items for sale, refreshments will be available and the Kettlefields School choir will be entertaining us at 3.00 pm.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE STETCHWORTH** – Just an additional note to say that we are asking adults to please wear a mask when in the church.

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22 Cooper's Close, Stetchworth

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### Waste & Recycling Dates

**Green Bins:** Thursdays 4th and 18th November

**Blue Bins:** Thursdays 11th and 25th November

**Black Bags:** Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th  
November

Waste must be ready for collection by 7.00am on collection day, but not earlier than 6.00pm the night before.



ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND  
STETCHWORTH & DULLINGHAM

## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

at

St Peter's Church, Stetchworth  
on Sunday 14th November 2021

at 10:55 hrs



We will gather at the Memorial to remember those villagers and others who gave their lives in the service of our country. A 2-minute silence will be held at 1100 hrs. The names of those villagers whose names appear on the Stetchworth and Dullingham Memorials shall be read out and wreaths will be laid before moving on to the Church.

Covid 19 - Please remember to wear a mask in church

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE COLLECTION WILL BE  
TO THE BENEFIT OF THE CHURCH

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH STETCHWORTH  
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**



**SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

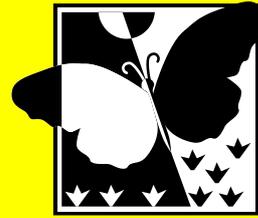
**2.00 – 5.00 PM**

Musical entertainment at 3.00 pm by  
Kettlefields school choir

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

Refreshments available

**RAFFLE AND CHRISTMAS GOODIES**



*You are invited to*

**DULLINGHAM  
FLOWER CLUB**

**Thursday 11th November 2021**

**8.00pm**

The Taylor Hall, Church Close,  
Dullingham CB8 9XE

*Come and join us for an  
entertaining demonstration by*

*David Wright*

*entitled*

*'Christmas with Friends'*

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**Raffle**

Please contact Lesley Bird  
for further information

Tel: 01638 507658 or 07786 817154

**DATES FOR DIARY - Next Meeting:**

**Thursday 9th December 2021**

**Demonstration by Stephanie Laing entitled**

**'Tis the season to be Jolly'**

## Stetchworth WI

In October Anne Datson gave us an interesting talk about the Lives of Gilbert & Sullivan. Her talk was illustrated with lots of pictures and photos of the two musicians and also accompanied by several pieces of their music.

Our next Meeting is **Tuesday, 2nd November 2021 at 7.30 p.m.**

We will be **Making a Christmas Decoration (materials provided)** you may wish to bring your sewing kit with needles, scissors, etc.

Competition: Best Decoration  
Teas: Marie Cope & Fiona Wharton

Guests welcome - £2 to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

Our December event will be the Christmas party (for WI members only). The details will be confirmed at our November meeting.

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For any other information  
contact Lynn Curtis on  
01638 508777.

## Raddesley Benefice Services for November ≈ All Welcome

<p><b>7th November</b> 3rd Sunday before Advent (Green or Red) Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 Hebrews 9: 24-end Mark 1: 14-20</p>	<p>9.00 am Brinkley <i>Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft</i> 10.30 am Burrough Green <i>Rev'd Andrew Rycraft</i> 6.00 pm Westley Waterless <i>Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft</i></p>	<p>Holy Communion  Family Worship  All Souls' Memorial Service</p>
<p><b>14th November</b> <b>Remembrance day (Green or Red)</b></p>	<p>10.55 am Stetchworth <i>Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft</i> 10.55 am Brinkley <i>+Dagmar</i> 3.00 pm Carlton <i>Rev'd Andrew Rycraft</i></p>	<p>Remembrance day service  Remembrance day service  Remembrance day service</p>
<p><b>21st November</b> <b>Christ the King (Red or White)</b> Daniel 7: 9-10,13,14 Revelation 1: 4b-8 John 18: 33-37</p>	<p>9.00 am Burrough Green <i>Rev'd Peter Gill</i> 10.30 am Brinkley <i>Rev'd Peter Gill</i></p>	<p>Holy Communion  Morning Prayer</p>
<p><b>28th November</b> Advent Sunday (Purple) Jeremiah 33: 14-16 1 Thesalonians 3: 9-end Luke 21: 25-36</p>	<p>10.30 am Dullingham <i>Rev'ds Rosemary or Andrew Rycraft</i> 3.00 pm Stetchworth <i>Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft</i></p>	<p>Holy Communion  Evening Prayer</p>

## From the Archive

A photo, right, of A W Carlton (of the Cambridgeshire Regiment) from Stetchworth. He died on 27th October 1943, a prisoner of war in the far east, aged 25.

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

### A Note from the Editor

Dear Reader, the next edition of the Newsletter will be a double issue for December and January. 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](mailto:stetchworthnews@gmail.com).

The deadline for articles is 20th November.

Catherine Hartness  
Editor

