

# Village News



## December 2020

Produced by The Hempnall Group of Parishes

## Thought for the month...

Dear Friends,

*“Oh tidings of comfort and joy  
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### **Comfort and Joy**

*These are two words to hold onto over this Christmas season*

Many of the characters in the Christmas story faced changing times: Mary was frightened and bewildered at the way her life was going: Joseph had doubts about taking on the responsibility of a “mother- to- be” and her child. In the midst of their doubts and fears the message to them was, “Do not be afraid.” These young people found themselves taking God’s messenger at his word. They found a way forward with courage and hope.

This year Christmas will feel different. Family gatherings may well be smaller, but it will still be – as always – a time to care for one another and to be together, in person or online. A time to look back on a year when so much has changed. To remember those who have died, to support those who have lost jobs, to be thankful for all who have cared for us.

What has not changed is the story and the meaning of Jesus’ birth. God is with us. With us in the disappointments and the difficulties, in sorrows and in celebrations. Christmas is good news. After a tough year, “Do not be afraid,” says our God. God, who comes to us, walks with us and stays with us always, is our comfort and our joy.

Blessings of comfort and joy to you and yours this Christmastide.

With my continuing love and prayer

Handwritten signature of Liz.

*From The Revd Keith James:*

What will Covid Christmas be like for you? In a time when everything seems to change almost from day to day no doubt it will probably be “different.”

But some things do not change. Christ comes – Always.

May you know God's love in Christ surrounding you this Christmas, and always.



## At Christmas

Always  
in the dark centre  
of this season  
the birth occurs  
noiseless and marvellous  
the seers  
move on their journeys  
there are gestures  
of wonder, and at midnight  
a resting star.

Always.  
It is amazing  
that the mountains  
do not relinquish  
their momentary grandeur,  
bend to the stable,  
let the ermine tremble  
there  
where the oxen  
and angels are.

*Jean Kenward*

# Remembrance Sunday 2020

Remembrance Sunday was different this year - quite unique; here are some of the ways people in The Hempnall Group of Parishes marked this time.



In Woodton Betty and Hector drew these pictures and put them in their window for everyone to see after having their own service at home.



In Bedingham Miles painted these stones and laid them on his war memorial.



At Hardwick Airfield David Woodrow recalled American lives lost in Norfolk and at Hardwick. The bugle sounded and was heard in The Street at Topcroft.

At Shelton, Fritton, Topcroft and Woodton there was an Act of Remembrance and laying a wreath on behalf of the villages.

Some people stood on their doorsteps at 11am. Others looked out of their window or over their garden wall to see the Act of Remembrance in their village.





A couple went into their garden standing under a cherry tree. All was still. At 11am a light breeze fluttered the fallen leaves around, then all was still again.

Another couple put poppies in a vase on their windowsill with medals alongside and played hymns we would have had in church.

Many visited their local war memorials at a time of their choosing to pay their respects.

The Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance echoed the isolation many felt.

Sylvia and I watched the Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph, on the TV. Very moving and so well conducted at this difficult time. Also Sylvia did an arrangement of poppies below the Roll of Honour in St Margaret's Church a few days earlier, and at 0800 hrs on Remembrance Sunday I stood and read out the names of those who gave their all for us.



## November's News from Woodton Primary



This past month has been another busy one for us as we have been working very hard to help other people. After half term we were lucky enough to have a non-uniform day where we dressed up as our favourite Halloween characters and raised money to support our PTA. They are finding it a bit more difficult than usual as they can't fundraise as they normally would due to COVID restrictions. We didn't stop there though as we have also raised money for the BBC Children in Need. We recognise that we are really quite fortunate and there are many children around the world and even in this country that are much worse off than us. On the theme of thinking of others we created a variety of art work, poems and poppies to remember all those who have lost their lives ensuring we can continue to live free and in safety. We also listened to the Last Post and observed a two minute silence to show our respect.

# OUR DECEMBER SERVICES

## ADVENT PRAISE

**4.00pm-4.45pm in Hempnall Church**

An informal service for all the family with songs, story and carols. On Sundays 6th, 13th, 20th

### Sunday 6th – Second Sunday in Advent

8.00am BCP Communion at Fritton Church

9.30am Eucharist at Bedingham Church

9.30am Gift Service at Hempnall Church

11.00am Eucharist at Topcroft Church



### Sunday 13th – Third Sunday in Advent

9.30am Eucharist at Hempnall Church

11.00am Eucharist at Morningthorpe Church

### Sunday 20th - Fourth Sunday in Advent

10.00am Group Eucharist at Woodton Church



## CHRISTMAS EVE with a difference- 24th December

Come and gather **Round the Christmas Crib** with your family.

Liz will meet you at the church door, take individual families to the Christmas stable, say a short prayer and then as you leave you will be given a special Christmas gift.



For **Topcroft Church** please book your 10 min slot from 4pm with **Mrs Jackie Leggett 01508 4822267**.

For **Bedingham Church** please book your 10 minute slot from 5.30pm with **Mrs Jane Bond 01508 518007**.

All Covid safe, and socially distanced. Please come on time and remember to wear a face mask, unless you are 11years or under.

11.30pm **Midnight Eucharist** at Hempnall Church

## CHRISTMAS DAY – 25th December



9.30am Family Eucharist at Woodton Church

9.30am Eucharist at Hardwick Church

11.00am Family Eucharist at Morningthorpe Church



## Sunday 27th December

10.00am Group Service at Topcroft church

If you would like to attend our services it is **ESSENTIAL** to let us know for seating purposes so nobody will be disappointed, please phone 01508 498157 or email: [hempnallgroup.office@btinternet.com](mailto:hempnallgroup.office@btinternet.com) Mon-Thurs 9am-1pm or telephone 01508 482366.



## WILL YOU BE MISSING THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE THIS YEAR?

You are invited to feel the magic of Christingle on a grand scale, by joining the nationwide online service.

The Christingle Service will be on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December ONLINE** at 9am.

**The service will also be streamed onto Facebook and You Tube.**

Further details can be found on the website – [churchofengland.org/comfortandjoy](http://churchofengland.org/comfortandjoy)  
The Christingle Service supports the work of The Children's Society.

## FOOD BANK

We have had such an amazing response for food bank collections the last few months and we are so grateful to all who have contributed. Our next collection will be on **Sunday 6th December**; any items can be left at the Hempnall Church Office, 9am-1pm Mon-Thurs.



## MILL CENTRE LUNCH DELIVERIES

The last lunches for this year will be delivered on Wednesday Wednesday 23rd December and will begin again on Wednesday 6th of January 2021. We would like take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who turn up each week to do the deliveries.



Finally, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New year and we hope 2021 will bring renewal and optimism for the future.

All Our Love, Margaret, Simon, Andy and all members of Hempnall Trust xx

## **JINGLE ALL THE WAY**

Friends of Hempnall School have organised for Father Christmas to ride through the villages of Topcroft, Hempnall, Hempnall Green and Fritton on



Saturday 12th December from 5pm.

Listen for the bells and come out onto your doorsteps for a wave as we ride past.

Please visit the 'Jingle All the Way'

Facebook event for the most up to date details (see link or scan QR Code for more information) and if you would like to donate to the FOHS Charity, any small amount is appreciated. Details will be released on the event page closer to the time - so that we adhere to the safest and most up to date Covid regulations!

## **A NEW QUIZ - Words, Films and Christmas Music**

Something to enjoy with all the family over the Christmas period.

Available now from Church Office, Mon-Thurs 9am-1pm or telephone 498157 or Pat Westley 499418. £1 each, money raised to St Margaret's Church, Hempnall. Deadline for returning the quiz is 10th January.

## **HEATING GRANT**

**Charity Registered Number : 1074433**

If you are finding heating costs a real problem this year, please do apply to the Hempnall Trust for assistance.

The Trust is meeting in early February and will consider applications then, and any grants issued will be sent in March 2021.

You can apply by completing a grant application form which are available from

**Jackie Jackson, School View, The Street, Hempnall, Norwich. NR15 2AD**

or visit our website [www.hempnalltrust.org.uk](http://www.hempnalltrust.org.uk)

or email [jackson.jc@btinternet.com](mailto:jackson.jc@btinternet.com)

Deadline for all heating grant applications 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.



## GARDENING TIPS FOR DECEMBER

Winter frost

As we approach the shortest day of the year in December you will need work to keep you warm outside, such as digging and tree pruning. Check your winter protection and if you have a greenhouse make sure the heater is working. Hopefully there are not too many jobs left to do this year so you will have time for some fireside garden planning.

### 10 Jobs for this month:

1. Check your winter protection structures are still securely in place
2. Check that greenhouse heaters are working
3. Insulate outdoor taps and prevent ponds from freezing
4. Prune open-grown apples and pears (but not those trained against walls)
5. Prune acers, birches and vines before Christmas to avoid bleeding
6. Harvest leeks, parsnips, winter cabbage, sprouts and remaining root crops
7. Deciduous trees and shrubs can still be planted and transplanted
8. Take hardwood cuttings
9. Keep mice away from stored produce
10. Reduce watering of houseplants



**DEFIBRILLATOR AT FRITTON** A fully-automated Defibrillator (AED) has now been installed in the telephone box by the village sign on Fritton Common. It is used for suspected cardiac arrest. **The cabinet is not locked and defibrillator is ready for use now** even if you have not attended a training session. Untrained adults and children aged about 12 have used them successfully. There will a training session about it when circumstances allow, and details will be circulated when a date is fixed.

In the meantime the most important things are:

**Call 999** anyway.

If you know how to do Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), start CPR and apply the AED pads.

If you don't know CPR, then just use the AED. **Do not delay.**

Open the defibrillator case and follow the simple voice instructions

Put two pads on the chest as shown in the diagram inside the case. There are no buttons to press. The AED will do the rest, and it tells you what it is doing.

**You can never cause harm.** It will not produce a shock unless its computer has worked out that one is needed.

Thank you....



## THE LEMON TREE TRUST

We are so grateful to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Appeal, we have collected 186 packets of seeds which will be sent on to the charity to be distributed.

Thank you to the children of Woodton School who also made a generous contribution to our seed collection.

We also raised £282, which has been forwarded to the charity



## BOOKS FOR SALE

Now Christmas is fast approaching, if you need further ideas for gifts or stocking fillers - how about buying one of our very popular Walks Books; **Let's Walk, Let's Walk Again, The Parish Churches of the Hempnall Group** are £2 each. **The Buildings of the Hempnall Group** is £15 - all available from Jill Turner 499344.



# What's happening in January....

## Hempnall WEA

The Autumn art history course on-line was a great success. It was easy to interact with the tutor and work together. Branch members were joined by students from other parts of Norfolk and across the country. We missed the half-time cup of tea, but most of us Zoomed in early enough to have a quick chat before sessions started. Please join us for the Spring course:

**A Jolly Good Murder** with popular local tutor **Dr Kate Jewell**

**Course Ref: C2227754**

**Starts: Wednesday 13/01/2021 at 1.00- 2.30pm**

**Ends: Wednesday 10/03/2021** (half-term break: 17/02/2021)

**Fee: £38.40** for 8 sessions (**Free** for those on income related benefit)

Kate's course explores the rise of crime as a form of entertainment during the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. It starts with real life killings sensationalised by the press. Then we look at songs, penny dreadfuls and melodramas that grew from the public obsession with gruesome crimes. The course concludes in the 1920s and 30s with crime fiction from Golden Age authors such as Agatha Christie and Dorothy Sayers. Why does the public so much enjoy 'a jolly good murder'?

**Enrol** using your postcode and the Course Ref. at [www.enrolonline.wea.org.uk](http://www.enrolonline.wea.org.uk) or by phone on 0300 303 3464 (office hours).

**When you enrol** you will be given links to access Canvas and Zoom. Please do look at the information you are given when you enrol and register on Canvas and Zoom ahead of the first session.

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## **BEDINGHAM 59 CLUB – LATEST WINNERS**

17/10, No.46 N Eastell, 24/10, No.44 M Hooton, 31/10, No.35 F Miles, 07/11, No.44, M Hooton, 14/11 No.13 J Howman

Thank you to every member of the Bedingham 59 Club for your support his year, it has been more than ever needed and we thank you for this.

You should have hopefully had communication from us asking if you wish to subscribe again for 2021 (if you haven't please get in touch) and if you are wanting to support us again in 2021. If you haven't already done so, could you now please either put the payment through Margaret's door or if you would prefer to pay by

BACS get in touch with Rachel. There are some spare numbers so if you would like to join please also do get in touch. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and hoping 2021 is a happier and healthier year for us all! *Rachel 01508 499128, Margaret 482421*

## Happy Birthday to....

### Children

Siraya Stokes who will be 3 on the 12th  
Neeve Cooper who will be 12 on the 28th

### Teenage

Edward Burrough who will be 15 on the  
17th  
Jessica Keeler who will be 16 on the 18th  
Leanne Pretty who will be 17 on the 25th



## From the Registers



### Funeral

2nd Oct Jeanne Priest, aged 92 at Waveney Crematorium  
17th Oct Fiona Clarke, aged 77 at Bedingham Church  
19th Oct Judith Giffard, aged 86 at  
Bedingham Church



**CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE** please call Trevor Tel.  
01508 482268, mobile: 07768 668571



## Need Help?....

All Nos 01508 unless stated otherwise

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WINDOW WONDERLAND: window cleaning services contact Sam Raynes 482679 or 07975579292

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**Wishing you a  
peaceful and blessed  
Christmas**

**with love**

*Wiz*