

Village News



January 2021

Produced by The Hempnall Group of Parishes

Thought for the month...

Dear Friends,

Christmas is a gift of love.

We often think that Christmas is a child's feast. It is. It is for the child within each of us, the part of us that takes joy in the wonder of life. Our world needs the message of Jesus, its wonder, its joy, and its hope.

We need it at Christmas yes, but it cannot be contained to one day. Christmas calls us to live its message every day.

So let us live the true meaning of Christmas, throughout this coming year by carrying Jesus' love into the world. Let us look at the people we meet and see that Jesus is with them and give thanks for the gift we are to each other.

Our world needs the message of Jesus, his love, his forgiveness, his care. Live in the wonder of the gift of Christmas: that each of us is loved by God. The power of this gift to transform our world is our hope. I pray that this Good News will travel with you throughout this coming year.

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

With my love

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Wiz' with a flourish at the end.

From The Revd Keith James

For me, and perhaps you too, the only poem that really belongs to this season which we call 'Epiphany' tells the story of the Three Wise Men, T.S. Eliot's "The Journey of the Magi," which begins with the line 'A cold coming we had of it' and goes on to recall 'A hard time we had of it.'

For the most of us our journey through much of last year and leading up to Christmas has been cold and hard in many ways, the year of Covid with its restrictions and isolating and fear of catching the disease.

So to brighten us up a poem that looks to hope; not through the breakthrough of a vaccine, but in the gift of new life shown in a single flower bursting in bloom.

AFTER CHRISTMAS

Darkness begins a
retreat: the cold light flows back
over the land.

Put the tree out now:
Hang nuts on its branches – see feathered
decorations come.

Take down the Christmas
cards: arrowheads in the dust
point to spring cleaning.

Pull down the paper
chains: the room grows tall, the floor
deep in coloured snow.

Cold bites deep: warm your
mind at Christmas memories
and look for snowdrops.

Michael Richards



Our January Services

Sunday 3rd 10.00am Group Eucharist at Topcroft Church
Contact: Jackie Leggett 482267

Sunday 10th 9.30am BCP Communion at Morningthorpe Church
Contact: Susanna Cooper frittonsusanna@gmail.com
9.30am Eucharist at Hempnall Church
Contact: Claire Key 499342 clairekey58@yahoo.co.uk
11.00am Eucharist at Topcroft Church
Contact: Jackie Leggett 482267 jackie.leggett@btinternet.com

Sunday 17th 9.30am Eucharist at Woodton Church
Contact: Daphne Littleboy 494318 daphnelittleboy@hotmail.com
9.30am Covenant Service at Hempnall Church
Contact: Claire Key 499342 clairekey58@yahoo.co.uk
11.00am Eucharist at Fritton Church
Contact: Susanna Cooper frittonsusanna@gmail.com

Sunday 24th 9.30am Eucharist at Hempnall Church
Contact: Claire Key 499342 clairekey58@yahoo.co.uk
11.00am Eucharist at Hardwick Church
Contact: 530924

Sunday 31st 10.00am Candlemas at Bedingham Church
Jane Bond 518007 email: jane-bond@live.co.uk

It is **essential** that you let us know if you would like to attend our services.

FOOD BANK

Our Christmas food bank collection was amazing!!!! Thank you so much to all who contributed so generously. All items are so gratefully received.

Our next collection will be on **Sunday 3rd January at Topcroft Church**; any items can be left at the Hempnall Church Office, 9am-1pm Mon-Thurs.



Let's Walk Further, a new book of local walks

Following the popularity of 'Let's Walk' and 'Let's Walk Again' we have produced a third book, 'Let's Walk Further'.

This time the walks cover a slightly wider area and encompass the rivers Chet, Waveney and Yare. There are medieval churches, pubs, windmills and water mills to enjoy as well as wonderful views of marshland and unspoilt countryside.

The walks range from three to seven and three quarter miles in length. The cost is £3.

Books can be acquired from Jane Hazell at the Group office (01508 498157) or Jill Turner (01508 499344 or email: jillemturner@yahoo.co.uk)

All walks books and church guide book are now also available in the churches



Thank you....

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone for their donations to EACH, via our plant and fruit stall. We hoped to raise about £200 – so far £350 has been sent to the charity, and the stall is still going strong.

Thank you again. *Pat Westley, Lesley Mitchenall, Pauline Fell and Jenny Ashcroft.*

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL UPDATE



Thank you all. Together we sent 83 shoe boxes to needy children all over the world. Thanks to all individuals who packed a box and to the children and parents of Woodton Primary school who filled 12 boxes. Hempnall School also sent boxes, but rather than pack them themselves, donated online due to the difficulty of going to the shops. I did

take a peek in some boxes and as always was amazed by the variation of gifts.

If you want to see many of the boxes being delivered there are videos on Facebook and youtube. Just to see the delight on the young people's faces as they dived into their box makes it so worthwhile.

Hope you all had a Happy Christmas and were able to spend it with those you love. Keep safe. *Claire Noakes on behalf of the Outreach Team*

Happy Birthday to....

Children

- * Poppy Hanner who will be 9 on the 3rd
- * Henry Florance who will be 9 on the 4th
- * Stephanie Gray who will be 11 on the 19th
- * Alexandra Styles who will be 12 on the 24th
- * Jonathan Styles who will be 12 on the 24th



Teenage

- * Joshua John Gosling who will be 18 on the 8th
- * Jack Caird who will be 18 on the 17th

BEDINGHAM 59 CLUB – LATEST WINNERS

21/11 - **47**, Z Ratcliffe, 28/11 - **32**, M Hemsby, 05/12 - **18**, Mr Loames, 12/12 - **59**, S Osman-Davies

Thank you to all those who have joined again this year for 2021. We do still have some spare numbers if anyone is interested in joining please do get in touch with Rachel on 01508 499128 or Margaret on 482421

From the Registers



Funeral

11th Nov Lionel Trott, aged 84 at Waveny Crematorium

Baptism

29th Nov Noah Peter Lacey at Morningthorpe Church

Need Help?....

All numbers **01508** unless stated otherwise

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CARRY ALL Supplies of quality aggregates, to trade & public free delivery no VAT 536182 or 07850402845

CHESS Teaching at all levels. Martin Walker (01508) 492471 email: martinwalker723@gmail.com

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LOCAL SKILLED HANDYMAN AVAILABLE only £17.50per hour Call Mike 07534694673 or 494547

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OSTEOPATH, Cranial-accidents, back, headache. 01953 789629 e-mail reception@norfolkost.co.uk

OIL, GAS HEATING AND PLUMBING SERVICES – Alan Bell 07710 515775 or 532393

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PIANO LESSONS Bedingham All ages welcome Marian 482746

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R.B. COPPING FUNERAL SERVICES, PORINGLAND 494434

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Contact us...

Liz Billett – Team Vicar 07891 854219 or 01508 482366

Church Office, open Mon-Thurs 9am-1pm 01508 498157

Our email: hempnallgroup.office@btinternet.com

Our website: www.hempnallgroup.co.uk

Items for the February issue of Village News should be delivered/posted to:
Group Office, The Rectory, The Street, Hempnall, NR15 2AD
before 15th January
or e-mail: hempnallgroup.office@btinternet.com

**Happy New
Year
to all!!**

