

VILLAGE VOICE

BRINKLEY..BURROUGH GREEN..CARLTON..
WESTLEY WATERLESS



DECEMBER 2018



SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2018

4.00 - 5.30 pm

MESSY ADVENT

THE READING ROOM, BURROUGH GREEN

ALL WELCOME

Come and join us - have a go at various crafts
(adults too!)

Refreshments available

Ring 01638 507576 for more details



BURROUGH GREEN CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2018

10.30 - 16.00

Reading Room Burrough Green

There will be plenty of opportunity to buy presents
for those "difficult to buy for" friends and family
members.

Serving refreshments, cakes, pastries throughout
the day and light lunches from 11.30 - 14.30

If you are interested in booking a table to display
and sell home crafted items (£8) then please contact
Kathie on 07923 526555. I may not answer
immediately but if you leave a message, I will get
back to you.

The Reading Room needs your support

NEWMARKET FOOD BANK

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS:

My last collection from the churches will
be in the week beginning Monday 17th
December and I will deliver this food to the Food Bank
on Tuesday 18th December. Any food given after
these dates will not go in until after Christmas. Thank
you again for your help and kindness. *Alix*



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to those people who collected in Brinkley,
Willingham Green and Carlton on behalf of the Royal
British Legion Poppy Appeal; and thanks to those that
gave to such a worthy cause especially in this
centenary year. A total of £434.50 was raised.



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CHRISTMAS TREES

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8/9th & 15/16th DECEMBER

9.00am - 4pm

From R. D. JAGGARD

Charter House, Burrough Green

TEL; 01638 507330



BURROUGH GREEN PLAYGROUP
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON



MONDAY

3rd DECEMBER

3.30 - 5.30pm

Hot Dogs Mulled

Wine : Face Painting

Child's Craft Activities : Sweetie Cones

Hot Chocolate



COME AND SEE

SANTA IN HIS

GROTTO

And receive a gift



SCRABBLE and MAHJONG

We meet in December on Monday 10th at 7.30pm in
the Community Room at Sheriff's Court. Do come and
join us in a game. £2 includes refreshments.

Trish 01638 507495



CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICE AND CAMPLAY

Do you want a rewarding and flexible job supporting children with disabilities?



We are looking for enthusiastic, creative and compassionate people to join our growing team in the clubs and the community across Cambridgeshire

To find out more about this role and how to apply please contact:

community.supportservices@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
Call: 01480 379800

School Holidays : After School : Weekend Job Opportunities

WHAT'S ON AT THE RED LION BRINKLEY



Sincere thanks to everyone that came up here on 11/11. We know we're far from 'the Pub is the Hub' here but we'll not forget all of you that joined us in remembering.

Wednesday 12th - Coffee Morning Christmas lunch at 12:00. If you'd like to come and we don't have your name already, please get in touch.

Sunday 16th - **Family Meal**, 5:00pm for 5:30pm.

No quiz in December

Christmas Day. If you're a pensioner that would otherwise be on your own, or you know one that might be, please call us. We'd very much like to invite up to 18 people to come and have some turkey, pudding, drinks and company on Xmas Day in our bar, on us. Nobody should be alone on Xmas Day and we'd like to offer an alternative to anyone that might be alone. We can take everyone home, and we'll figure out getting anyone here too if needed.



Christmas Day drinks: open in the bar only for 11:30am and we need the bar to be empty no later than 1:30pm.

We'll be open at 5:00pm on Christmas Eve - the Monday - dinner or takeaway available. Boxing Day we'll do Sunday hours with a limited Sunday Brunch/Lunch type menu. New Year's Day hours and menu as Boxing Day. We'll be closing January 2nd and 3rd but will then be open normal hours in January (as in we're not closing for two weeks in January this year). We'll also be doing lunch on a Wednesday again starting January 9th

Morris & Gwyn

01638 508707

HORSE LOAN / PART LOAN WANTED:

Do you have a horse that you would like help with? I am a small adult (5'2") with a quiet seat living in Brinkley, looking for local riding opportunities. My ideal horse would be a 15.3 Tb x type, but I am flexible. I am fairly experienced, but not competitive, and enjoy schooling, lessons, hacking (alone and in company). I have loaned several horses in the past (reference available), but not yet built up a local network. Please call Jenny if interested (07920 072622).

RECYCLING

Carlton - Mondays : Black bin - 3rd, 17th, 31st December

Blue - 10th & 24th December;

Green - 10th December.

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless - Thursdays : Black sacks weekly except **Saturday 29th** December.

Blue Lid - 13th & 29th December.

Green Lid - 6th & 20th December.

Ink Cartridges The Opportunity Group which meets at the Ellesmere Centre would be very grateful for your old ink cartridges to help with fund raising. Please drop them in the box on the gate at White Hart Cottage, High Street Brinkley or in the box at the Ellesmere Centre. Thank you.

(The Opportunity Group provides one to one care for children with special needs and their siblings, also provides respite for their parents/guardians.)

BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL

If you wish to hire the hall, please contact Susie Shuter on 01638 508729

The charges to hire the Memorial Hall are £8.00 per hour for VV cluster and £11.00/ hour for outside. We cater for one off parties and Groups looking for a venue. The Hall can cater for 80 people.

CATHOLIC SERVICES

NEWMARKET & KIRTILING.

Mass Times

Saturday	6.30pm	Newmarket
Sunday	9.00am	Kirtling
	10.30am	Newmarket
Holy Days	9.00am	Newmarket
	12noon	Kirtling
	7.30pm	Newmarket

Our Lady with St. Etheldreda, Exeter Road, Newmarket

Our Lady & St Philip Neri, Kirtling

Main Address: 14 Exeter Road, Newmarket, CB8 8LT. **Telephone:** 01638 662492

Email: office@olise.co.uk

Brinkley contact, John Conti 01638 508304

NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE



Yoga-The Thursday evening class with Colin from 6-7pm still has some spaces. This is a lovely relaxing class suitable for all abilities. Just turn up and give it a try.



Walking Netball has started at the Centre on Tuesdays from 9-10am. New members of all abilities are welcome, just come along.

Children's Football-We now have a new class running on Monday evenings for children aged 4-8yrs old with Shane Lebbon Sports. The class starts at 3.45pm call the Office if your child is interested in joining or just turn up.



Do you suffer from Parkinson's, MS or similar- If so would you be interested in chair based classes and use of spin bikes and exercise aids? We are trying to start a weekly/fortnightly class in the New Year. Carers will be welcome, either to join in or just for refreshments. Sessions will be light-hearted and informal. Please contact the office if you would be interested in this.

For a full list of all our classes visit our website.
The Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth, CB8 9TS.
www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk
Tel 01638 508212
Email office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk.



The Staff and Trustees at the Ellesmere Centre would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB NEWS

By now all those intending to come to our Christmas party on Tuesday 11th December at Kings, Newmarket. should have placed their order and paid for food. This is just a reminder of the date - meet at the restaurant at 7.30 for 8 pm. If you would like to take part in Secret Santa, which is completely optional, please bring along a wrapped present £5 in value. We will also have a quiz.

After the Christmas break from regular activities, talks resume with a return visit from David Coop, who this time will talk on "Flowers and Bees". Come along to the Ellesmere Centre on Wednesday 9th January at 8pm to help banish the winter blues.

The following month sees our AGM on Wednesday 13th February. But please don't avoid this date, as the business part of the meeting is very short and will be followed by a talk on "Aquatics and Marginal Bog Plants" from Ian Seager. More details in the New Year. We hope to see as many of you as possible at our meetings, and remember you can always bring a friend,

or just come along even if not a member - you will be very welcome.

If you have any questions about our events or the club in general, just give Sandie a call on 01638 507542.

In the meantime, Season's Greetings from the Ellesmere Garden Club committee.

MARSH MAIL News from Linton Village College

November marked an important anniversary of remembrance. The playing of The Last Post from the College roof was a poignant moment and two LVC students contributed to the Armistice church service at Linton.

The month has also marked other events in which to focus on being reflective and caring with Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need fundraising. Students wore odd socks and Pudsey ears to support charitable causes and raise awareness of children's welfare and wellbeing.

It's also a time when we invite past members of the College back for a Presentation evening to celebrate their time at LVC, awarding GCSE certificates and prizes to recognise their achievements. Aside from catching up with past students, it's a lovely opportunity to listen to their tutors speaking fondly about their memories and highlights of their form group, reflecting on time spent together and relationships built. A school reunion for LVC alumni also took place in the school hall - it is great to see past students booking the College for important events.

Bottisham Village College, another one of the early examples of Henry Morris's vision for community education, recently celebrated its 80th anniversary. Part of the celebrations involved their students visiting LVC for their commemorative 'Project 80'. They explored the similarities in our Art Deco architecture as well as the more modern buildings as they formally opened their new Morris Wing. We featured in the video screened at their anniversary event.

What happens inside school buildings is more important than the buildings themselves. However, Henry Morris believed in the importance of schools' architecture to inspire and support learning. We are fortunate to benefit from some beautiful spaces at LVC. We are also keen to bid for funds to make improvements to dilapidated parts, including ageing mobile classrooms. We are bidding for capital improvement monies from the government to enable us to update and improve our facilities but need to invest ourselves. If any community members would be able to support with philanthropic financial donations or fundraising to support this venture then please do get in touch with Mr Darby, Deputy Principal.

Helena Marsh

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH BURROUGH GREEN.

Would you like to help our small band of flower arrangers to keep our church looking special? You would only be required to do an arrangement around 4/5 times a year.



We could also do with a few cleaners to assist some of the arrangers.

If you are interested, please contact Marilyn on 01638 508177.

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**CAMBRIDGE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

Christmas is approaching! The time of year when we're enjoying a tippie with friends, cooking up festive feasts for the family and entertaining loved ones.

With all the fun to be had it is easy to be distracted when cooking in the kitchen.

50 per cent of all fires in the home start in the kitchen and more than half of those are as a result of distraction whilst cooking.

We want to help ensure your festive cheer doesn't go up in smoke this Christmas by sharing our tips below for safe cooking over the festive season:

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Do not cook when tired or under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medication that makes you drowsy.
- Regularly clean the grill pan and oven. Built up fat can easily catch fire.
- Never leave anything cooking if you leave the house.
- Do not leave anything flammable on or near the hob - tea towels, oven gloves and even washing baskets can catch fire.
- Take care when using microwaves. Fires can start when people put food in too long.
- Oven chips or temperature control deep fat fryers are safer than using a chip pan. If you do use a chip pan, do not fill it more than one third with fat and turn the heat down if the oil starts smoking.
- Fire can break out in household appliances, so you should regularly maintain dishwashers, washing machines and driers, never leave them on if you go out or go to bed and register your appliances online to ensure you are made aware of any faults or recalls.
- Have a working smoke alarm on each floor of your home. If it keeps going off when you are cooking it is probably in the wrong location or you may have the wrong type of smoke alarm.
- Never take the batteries out of your smoke alarm.

If you do have a fire in the house, get out, stay out and dial 999.

For more information or to get in touch contact us at [firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk](mailto:firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk) or on 0800 917 9994.

For more information log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk), follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.

**HOME START**

Home-Start Cambridgeshire's aim is for every child to have the best possible start in life.



The charity supports families across the county who are going through difficult times. We are in an exciting period of change and are keen to appoint two Trustees who are passionate about supporting families with young children, keen to make a difference, creative and who enjoy being part of a team.

Both will be enthusiastic promoters of the charity and will be able to give time and energy to their role. Ideally one of them would have significant experience in HR.

Contact the office on 01480 700242 or email [office@homestartcambridgeshire.co.uk](mailto:office@homestartcambridgeshire.co.uk) [www.homestartcambridgeshire.co.uk](http://www.homestartcambridgeshire.co.uk)

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BURROUGH GREEN READING ROOM.

We are licensed to cater for 100 people and are available on various days of the week.

The charges are £8.00 per hour for village and £10.00 for outside. To hire the Reading Room, Please contact Joanne Harrison on 01638 508888

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



**SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

from 2.00 pm

Musical entertainment by Kettlefields Choir

And the Kitchen Choir

Presentation of British Empire Medal

By the Lord Lieut. Julie Spence (at 3.00 pm)

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

**Raffle, Mulled Wine, Refreshments**

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THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN

Christmas opening times



Christmas Eve 12 - late

Christmas Day 11 - 2 drinks only

Boxing Day 12 - 7

New Year's Eve 12 - 3,; 5 - late

New Year's Day 11 - 7 Newmarket & District Car Club gathering.

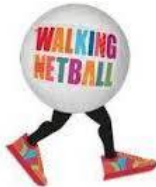
We would like to wish all of our customers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Rob and I look forward to welcoming you

01638 508333

WHAT IS WALKING NETBALL?

Like many sports, netball has a walking version of the game, devised to keep people playing longer.



Walking Netball is a slower version of the game; it is netball, but at a walking pace. The game has been designed so that anyone can play it regardless of age or fitness level.

From those who have dropped out of the sport they love due to an injury, to those who believed they had hung up their netball trainers many years ago, or those who just want to give it a go, it really is for everyone. It can still be just as competitive as standard netball. The game follows almost the same rules as regular netball, with no running or jumping permitted, an extra step between moves and four seconds between passes allowed (as opposed to three in the regular format).

Women across the country have begun playing the game of Walking Netball for the fun, laughter and camaraderie the social session brings, as much as the health benefits it provides. It can give those who feel isolated an outlet, provide an activity for those who don't deem themselves fit enough and offer a stepping stone for those looking for a pathway back into netball.

Sometimes the hardest part of walking netball, or any sport, is walking through the door. It's the going out of your door and through this one. Because you don't know the people, you're thinking, 'am I wearing the right thing?' and 'what will they think of me?' But once you've made that brave decision to walk through that door, your life will change, and you will be greeted with smiles and an instant group of friends.

The walking sessions are run in the same format as the original version of the sport - a warm-up, fun mini-games and drills followed by a full-court game.

Tactics, teamwork and fast thinking make a successful netball player. These skills are taught in a gentle but engaging manner with the emphasis undoubtedly on having fun.

Despite the slower pace of the game, the physical and mental benefits of walking netball are evident.

People may say, 'well it's only walking', but the challenge is in the pace of the walking.

Local sessions run Wednesday 6-7pm indoors at Linton Sports Centre. £3.50 per session with your first session free.

Why not come along to see for yourself how much fun you can have walking!

For more information please contact Angela Bridgeman on angelakbridgeman@gmail.com

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**BRINKLEY CHRISTMAS CARD 2018**

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for this year's Christmas card, and thanks to Louis Hrebeniak who enhanced my photo.

If you missed the deadline this year, there's always 2019!

Donations totals in January's Village Voice  
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CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN BURROUGH GREEN

CHRISTINGLE FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday 2nd December at 3 pm

With the Christingle and the start of the 'Posada' (Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem) there will be much to enjoy and celebrate - as well as



refreshments after the service

CANDLELIT SERVICE OF CAROLS AND READINGS

Sunday 16th December at 6 pm

Do join us for this service of Carols and Readings by Candlelight.

All welcome to stay afterwards for mulled wine and mince pies.



A SHORT, CELEBRATORY CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Tuesday 25th December at 10.30 am



Start Christmas Day with family and friends - singing Carols and listening and reflecting on the Christmas story. Led by Peter Talbot.

There will be refreshments after the service

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY BRIDGE?

There is a small group of people in Burrough Green and the neighbouring villages who enjoy playing bridge. They regularly meet and play in Burrough Green at a cost of £2 per evening with refreshments. We are a friendly group and do not take the game too seriously. We would like to invite a few more local bridge players (or local people who would like to learn to play) to join our group. If you are interested in finding out more, please e mail Kathie on k.f.butcher@btinternet.com or call 07923 526555. Please leave a message if I am not available and I will return your call.



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**END OF YEAR UPDATE FROM LUCY FRAZER MP**

As Christmas approaches and we near the end of another year, I wanted to reflect on the last 12 months which seem to have flown by once again.

Working with partners across the constituency, from local campaign groups to councillors and the Mayor and Government, I am delighted that projects which I have championed are now reaching fruition. The Ely Bypass, which I helped obtain Government funding for, has now been finalised. After regular meetings with BT and Connecting Cambridgeshire, open meetings with residents and regular phone exchanges, 95% of premises in our constituency now have access to superfast broadband (although I continue to press for full rollout in some of the outstanding 'not-spots'). Also, a free to use, Government backed teacher recruitment website, which I've actively pursued for 3 years, is now being rolled out nationally, having been piloted in Cambridgeshire.

I am proud to have supported a number of successful local campaigns: ensuring the continuation of the pilot at the Local Urgent Care Centre at Ely's Princess of Wales, following regular meetings with local health authorities and the great local campaign by Emma Watson, Helen Wright and others and reinstating a pre 9am off-peak train service to Cambridge after numerous meetings with Chief Operating Officer of Govia Thameslink Rail, Nick Brown, and a well led local campaign by Lauren Thomas.

Longer term projects such as upgrading the A10, building a station in Soham, improving junction 37 on the A142/A14 are ongoing.

Also ongoing is my commitment to local schools. £6m extra funding over 3 years, owing to the 'Opportunity Areas' status I helped secure for schools in East Cambridgeshire, is now being made available in the form of grants. My parliamentary inter-school debating competition, which encourages students to develop their debating skills, is now in its fifth year. In the last 3 months I have met with all the pupils taking part and this year's final is being judged by Sir Brian Leveson.

I have brought a number of Cabinet Ministers to our constituency this year to press our local causes including Education Secretary, Damian Hinds, Secretary for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Michael Gove and Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Grayling.

Business continues to thrive in our region and I was delighted to visit a local success story, Almath Crucibles, established 20 years ago by Michael Misson and now globally recognised. While there, I got to sample some wonderful home baked treats courtesy of Michael's wife, Ana, micro biologist turned entrepreneur of the recently founded [honeyshedbakery.co.uk](http://honeyshedbakery.co.uk).

I always enjoy meeting constituents, whether welcoming you to Westminster or seeing you at an event, group gathering or surgery. If you would like to arrange a tour of the House of Commons for yourself or a group you belong to, please do send me an email. I am always happy to arrange this and wherever possible I will try to be around to say hello and answer any questions you have.

I am extremely grateful for your ongoing support and will continue to work hard on your behalf in the coming year.

If you have anything you wish to raise with me personally or would like to be added to my email newsletter distribution list please email me at [lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk).

To keep up with everything I'm doing on a more frequent basis, you can also follow me on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/FrazerLucy/> or visit my web page [www.lucyfrazer.org.uk](http://www.lucyfrazer.org.uk)

*Wishing you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.*

*Lucy Frazer MP*



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**by 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018 please**

**PETER and RUTH LLOYD TRUST**

We are pleased to report that this year the Trust presented its eleventh annual award to Ben Newey. Ben is from West Wickham and after successfully obtaining A levels at Hills Rd, Cambridge has gone on to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Warwick University. Very well done!

We are now inviting applications for pupils starting university in September 2019. Normally one scholarship is awarded each year and the amount is approximately £800. Broadly speaking the degree course should be from one of the following:- Architecture, Engineering, Geography, History, Law, Mathematics, Sciences, Medicine and Veterinary Medicine.

The applicant should be living in one of the parishes bordering the old RAF Wrattling Common airfield - Great Thurlow, Little Thurlow, West Wickham, Carlton cum Willingham, West Wrattling, Weston Colville and Withersfield. The award is intended to be of assistance in the purchase of books, materials, equipment etc.

Final decision and award will be made immediately after 'A' Level/Baccalaureate results and University offer are known.

For further information about the trust and award please contact: Jonathan Drury 01223 290968

For an application form please apply via email to: peter.ruthlloydtrust@sky.com

The application form and supporting documents must be received at the latest by 31st March 2019.

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WESTON COLVILLE EVENTS

Weston Colville Cinema Club

On Wednesday, 5th December, Cinema Club will show Frank Capra's comedy drama *It's a Wonderful Life*, to get us all ready for Christmas. Then in case you're ready to hear about the new year, on Wednesday 2nd our January film will be *Il Postino*, a gentle heartwarming tale for a winter's evening, set on an island in the Gulf of Naples. Both films will be in the Reading Room 7.30pm. Donations. Refreshments available. All welcome.

Weston Colville Circular Walk c5 miles

Our next walk will be on New Year's Day, meeting in the Reading Room at 11am, to give you a little lie in. As always, BYO lunch and maybe something to share back in the Reading Room afterwards. All welcome, For all events in Weston Colville - refreshments available, all welcome, details on our website. www.thereadingroom.org.uk

Enquiries: jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com
01223 291475
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**TINY TOES BALLET CLASSES**

*tiny toes ballet*

Tiny Toes Ballet, the UK's first pre-school ballet syllabus to be fully integrated with the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, will launch Saturday morning classes at Burrough Green Reading Room in January 2019.

Oonagh Phelan, who also runs Bourn Ballet School to the west of Cambridge, opened the Cambridge franchise of Tiny Toes Ballet in September 2018, and is delighted to be able to deliver this exciting and fulfilling programme to families in the area. The classes give children early ballet skills in preparation for a more formal training when they are older, but that is just the beginning! Each lesson is an adventure, where we share, in our imagination, a story which takes us on a journey based on that term's theme, which could be Fairytales, the Nutcracker, Superheroes... We do one theme for each 6-week block of classes. The children build confidence, social skills and language skills as well as gaining strength, agility and good posture.

Classes in Burrough Green will be taught by Ella Price, who has just done her training with the founder of Tiny Toes as well as assisting Oonagh's Cambridge classes since October. Ella trained at Hazelwood Dance School in Bury St Edmunds, and then at Chichester University where she graduated in Musical Theatre. She is currently studying for her ISTD dance teaching qualifications.

There will be classes for 4 age groups from 18 months to 6 years, on Saturday mornings at Burrough Green. **Book now for the Free Taster Classes on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December. As places are limited, you do need to book by going to [tinytoesballet.co.uk/cambridge](http://tinytoesballet.co.uk/cambridge).**

If you have any questions, then do contact Oonagh at [oonagh@tinytoesballet.co.uk](mailto:oonagh@tinytoesballet.co.uk) or call 07415 977432.  
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RADDESLEY BENEFICE WEBSITE

On the website you can find out more about our churches, services, what's on and useful information about baptisms, funerals and weddings;

www.raddesley.com

If you wish to book a baptism, wedding etc., please contact Nikki.

Rev'd Nikki Mann 01638 507980 ;The Vicarage, 23 Stetchworth Road, Dullingham. CB8 9UJ
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DECEMBER SERVICES

Saturday 1st December

4.00pm **Messy Christmas**
Burrough Green Reading Room

Sunday 2nd December First Sunday of Advent

9.00am Holy Communion Brinkley
3.00pm Christingle Burrough Green

Jer 33:14-16 1 Thess. 3:9-end Luke 21: 25-36

Sunday 9th December Second Sunday of Advent

9.00am Holy Communion Stetchworth
10.30am Morning Prayer Dullingham

Mal. 3:1-4 Phil. 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18

Sunday 16th December Third Sunday of Advent

9.00am Holy Communion Burrough Green
10.30am Morning Prayer Brinkley
6.00pm Carol Service Burrough Green

Zeph 3: 14-end Phil 4: 4-7 Luke 3: 7-18

Sunday 23rd December Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.30am Holy Communion Dullingham
6.00pm Carol Service Stetchworth

Mic 5: 2-5a Heb 10: 5-10 Luke 1: 39-45

MONDAY 24TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE

4.00pm Carol Service Westley Waterless
6.00pm Carol Service Dullingham
11.30pm Midnight Mass Stetchworth

Isaiah 9:2-7 John 1.1-14



TUESDAY 25TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00am Benefice Family Communion Brinkley
10.30am Family Service Burrough Green
10.30am Family Service Carlton

Isaiah 52: 7-10 Luke 2: 1-14;

Sunday 30th December First Sunday of Christmas
10.30am Benefice Communion Westley Waterless

Isaiah Ch 61 Luke 2: 15-21

Are You Ready for Christmas?

It struck me as funny that many of us spend so much time 'preparing' to be as ready as possible for a 'perfect Christmas' but that first Christmas when Jesus was born was actually so far from being perfect and prepared! We have the unmarried heavily pregnant teenager Mary carrying a baby which is not Joseph's, travelling miles from home to be counted for the Roman census.

There is no Trivago or Booking.com, all the places to stay are full and as we know baby Jesus the King of the world is born not in luxury but in dirt and straw. The first Christmas was raw not perfect. It may be that circumstances this year mean that 'raw' is closer to how you feel, God meets you there. It maybe that circumstances mean this is a particularly special Christmas filled with the joy of angels, God meets you there.

God was incarnate in Jesus (That is, God came to us in bodily form in Jesus) to meet us, whatever our circumstances however prepared or unprepared we are, however raw or joyous we are. The Christmas message is one of love, God loves us and came to us, and comes to us still.

*Christmas blessings of love to you all,
Nikki*



*Wishing everyone a
Very Happy Christmas*

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**[www.raddesley.com](http://www.raddesley.com)**

**1 December 4pm : Messy Christmas : Burrough Green  
Reading Room**

**2 December 3pm : Christingle : Burrough Green**

**8 December 2pm : Christmas Tree Festival : Stetchworth**

**9 December 4pm : Soham Brass Band : Dullingham**

**16 December 6pm : Carol Service : Burrough Green**

**Sunday 23 December**

**10.30am : Family Communion : Dullingham**

**6.00pm : Carol Service : Stetchworth**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**4pm : Carol Service : Westley Waterless**

**6pm : Carol Service : Dullingham**

**Midnight Mass : 11.30pm : Stetchworth**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**10.00am : Benefice Family Communion : Brinkley**

**10.30am : Family Service : Carlton**

**10.30am : Family Service : Burrough Green**

**30 December**

**10.30am : Benefice Communion : Westley Waterless**

*All Very Welcome*

*Merry Christmas*