

VILLAGE VOICE

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



DECEMBER 2020

I have held back on publishing this month's newsletter in the hope that I can bring you up to date information following the recent Covid restrictions. Village Voice is always available on-line on our parishes website, listed under Village News, at www.raddesley.com and www.burroughgreen.com

CHRISTMAS TREES

DIRECT FROM THE LOCAL
GROWER
R. D. JAGGARD



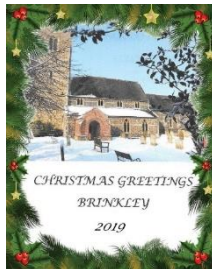
This year we are not selling from the yard in Burrough Green. Instead we are taking orders for delivery. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

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rdjaggardandson@btinternet.com
01638 507330

BRINKLEY CHRISTMAS CARD 2020

Please sign up for our Christmas card - DEADLINE Sunday 6th December.

All you have to do is commit yourself to a donation - however large or small (even just the cost of the few cards you may have delivered in Brinkley) - to either Brinkley Church, or the Newmarket Food Bank. Your name will be printed in the card alongside others who have donated in place of sending individual cards themselves.



This one card in colour will then go to every home in Brinkley in time for Christmas.

For further details, and Gift Aid forms, please contact Ros on 01638 507240, or 07860 128270

MOBILE LIBRARY



The Mobile Library will be at BRINKLEY Memorial Hall on the 1st Tuesday of each month between 3.00 - 4.00pm;

BURROUGH GREEN by the

BUS STOP on 4th Wednesday of each month at 3.50 - 4.10pm.



BURROUGH GREEN SCHOOL

ONLINE AUCTION OF PROMISES for the Burrough Green Primary School Reading Book Campaign

Masses of fantastic lots - open to everyone.
Perfect for Christmas presents. Lots include:

- A flight over your home*
- Jockey racing simulator experience*
- Flowers weekly for a month*
- Gorgeous hampers*
- Handmade and stylish homeware*
- Equestrian offerings*
- Jewellery and clothing*
- Home baking*
- Vouchers for local businesses*
- ...and much more!*

Find the auction at www.peoplesfundraising.com/bg2020 or scan the QR code on your smartphone.



The money you give will make a hugely valuable contribution to support our little learners by helping school with a much-needed revamp of its books.

Bidding is open already and closes on 6th December at 9pm.



*Working together to
discover and learn*

FOOD BANK - Brinkley Church Porch

Thank you for all the generous donations received so far, which have been passed onto the Food Bank,

The last delivery will be on Thursday 17th December. Items can still be left at the church after this but will not get delivered in time for Christmas.



NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

The shop and post office remain open. Please see our Facebook page or email the office for updates on what is happening at the Centre

We will be open from 3rd December but the office will only be open from 9-11am weekdays due to the reduced timetable of activities.

Football and Tennis can continue outside as normal.

Badminton can be played within your family bubble.

Table tennis in your family bubble or with two people from separate households.

Squash played within your Squash bubble.

The Gym can be used within your family bubble.

For classes please contact your tutor.

We Need Your Support

1. Go to smile.amazon.com



2. Enter your existing Amazon account information. Your setting, wish lists and shopping

cart is exactly the same.

3. Under "Pick Your Own Charitable Organization" type in *Ellesmere Centre*

4. Do your shopping and don't forget to bookmark smile.amazon.com for future purchases.

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to the centre.

Dear Ellesmere patrons and supporters,

The Covid-19 pandemic has generated an unprecedented impact on all of us and the Ellesmere Centre is not immune. Following the lockdown period during which the main Centre remained closed, management took action to minimise costs and accepted the support available from the furlough scheme to support our staff as well as grant funding available. These support mechanisms proved crucial in stabilising the Centre's finances. The ongoing restrictions on use of the centre following its re-opening have resulted in revenues for the Centre being severely depleted, and, whilst the costs of operating the centre are subject to constant review to minimise, in some areas they have increased (for instance increased cleaning costs). Overall they are largely unaffected with the result that the Centre's financial resources are being depleted.

At present there appears no prospect for further support of the sort provided in the early weeks of the pandemic. The Centre needs to consider how to address an impending funding issue before matters become critical in order that the Centre can remain open for the remainder of current crisis and resume its place at the heart of our community when normality returns. To this end, the support of local people is sought to provide donations to the Ellesmere Centre, perhaps by setting up a standing order for regular donations or by way of one-off donations (Gift aided

if possible). If you feel you can help, please contact the office.

Your support for the Ellesmere Centre is, as always, hugely appreciated and any assistance you can provide will make a difference.

The Ellesmere Centre Trustees.

The Staff and Trustees would

like to wish you all a Happy

Christmas and better times to come in 2021



The Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth, CB8 9TS.

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BRINKLEY CHURCH PATH

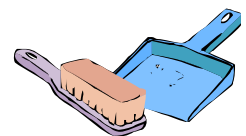
Brinkley Parochial Church Council applied for, and received, a grant from the Wadlow Wind Farm, through Cambridgeshire Communities Foundation. This has partly paid for our new path, which I am sure those who collect newspapers from the church porch, have appreciated.

When we applied for the grant, which was over a year ago, we considered a variety of options for the surface. Stones were considered, but ruled out as being a less friendly surface for the disabled; and also not being friendly to the carpets we have in the church.

We are really pleased with the outcome which, although somewhat 'bright' black at the moment, will dull with time and be less outstanding. Our thanks to Barry Snow of Willingham Green for his work.

Church Cleaning

Brinkley church is open for private prayer during the restrictions and services as advertised, but it still needs to be cleaned! It would be much appreciated if the cleaners could keep to their rota at this time. Thank you.



RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green - Mondays :

Black bin - 14th, 28th December.

Blue - 7th & 21st December. Wednesday 6th January

Green - 7th December. Wednesday 6th January.

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless - Thursdays :

Black sacks weekly Thursdays except for **Wednesday 23rd December**. Followed by **Saturday 2nd January**.

Blue Lid - Thursday 10th & Wednesday 23rd December.

Green Lid - Thursdays 3rd & 17th December. **Saturday 2nd January**

WHAT'S ON AT THE RED LION BRINKLEY

We are sorry to advise that, like many others now placed in the new Tier 2 with its much tougher restrictions on pubs and restaurants, we have decided to remain closed during all of December.



We will continue to offer takeaway food seven days a week for the entire month.



Reviewing Tiers on Wednesday December 16th is utterly useless for the many pubs that receive



their beer deliveries on a Monday or Tuesday.

This has been a horrible decision for us to come to, especially at this time of year, but it is winter now and that is just another unwelcome variable in the equation for us. We are deeply sorry to be writing this and we hope you all understand.

Huge numbers of pubs and restaurants up north were reporting a 75 - 80% drop in income last month when subjected to the ridiculous restrictions we are now moving into. Christmas and New Year fall on weekends this year and we can't even have a two-household family in the pub.

We hope and think East Cambs has a high chance of being in Tier 1 from early January in which case we will open again on Thursday 7th (beer deliveries!) Since March we have been so glad to try and do what we thought might be good for others. It has also been an emotionally draining time for ourselves, and so for December, we are doing what we think may be the least bad thing for our business and for ourselves all things considered.



We are still prepared to provide full-on Christmas meals on Christmas day as a



takeaway and can deliver. We sincerely hope that after all the extended restrictions of November and December, it allows many of you to get together with your extended family over Christmas for a few days since it has been a very long nine months for all of you too.

We wish you all a particularly wonderful holiday time, especially this year.

Gwyn & Morris.

01638 508707

A LITTLE QUIZ FOR YOU

Christmas food anagrams

CUTEST SNUFF THING (8,8).

A BAD RESCUE (5,5)..

IN LEWD MULE (6,4).

NEARBY CARS CURE (9,5).

BIKING PALS NEST (4,2,8).

BUNK EQUALS BE BAD (6,3,6).

OCTOBER WALK FIND



This rare moth (unfortunately deceased) was found in Brinkley by a dog walker in October. It has blue underwings, and when folded is very well camouflaged on tree trunks. The Clifden Nonpareil - whose name means "beyond compare" - is one of the largest and most spectacular moths native to the UK.

It has a wingspan that can reach almost 12cm and a bright blue stripe across its black hindwings, which gives rise to an alternative name of the blue underwing.

These moths have always been rare in the UK.

It's amazing what's about if we all keep our eyes open!

GIRLGUIDING LINTON DISTRICT AUTUMN 2020



What a term we have had here in Linton District. Our Guiding county of Cambs East has produced its annual review showcasing some of the amazing things our leaders have done with our girls. Keep a look out for a copy near you. We have dealt with Lockdown again and have had many virtual meetings. Girls were encouraged to do an age related activity for children in need and remembrance was shared at home. Our Guiding light is shining brightly as we near Christmas and although we will not have the usual parties and Christmas fayres there will still be much fun to be had. Inspiration can come from many sources and it is wonderful to see our girls wave hello... as they are passing.

There have been night time stargazing challenges from Anglia our Girlguiding region and as usual our website is full of exciting activities, challenges and awards to do for every age from 5-18 and beyond! Take a look at our website on

www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/adventures-at-home

which is packed full of new ideas and activities. As always we are offering our full programme of adventures, with adaptations to make it accessible at home. Building skills, earning badges and awards and having time with friends. There is also a special Pantomime Happening in December for everyone in Guiding to see at home. Oh no there isn't!!! Oh yes there is!!! Those who were Brownies with us last year had the opportunity to have a go at making slime and custard pies.

Louisa

Linton DC lintondistrict@gmail.com

LUCY FRAZER END OF YEAR UPDATE

As we look to the end of 2020, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on some of the work I have been doing over the course of this year.

2020 has been a challenging year for all of us and I want to pay tribute to everyone who has helped and supported their local communities and vulnerable individuals during the pandemic. The response to the public health challenge of Coronavirus saw us pulling together, ensuring that our communities across Cambridgeshire kept connected. And I know that our villages are continuing their great support to others. I was pleased to safely meet with local volunteers in person across the constituency during the summer months - and to take part in regular Zoom updates with local leaders and stakeholders.

The Coronavirus pandemic brought an economic shock to the UK like we have not experienced before, but I am encouraged to see that we are taking steps towards a positive recovery. By the summer, in our area 14,700 furloughed workers were supported through the Job Retention Scheme and 4,600 self-employed individuals were given help through the Self-Employment Income Scheme. 1,687 local businesses received a cash grant of up to £25,000 thanks to the local authority discretionary grant fund. Whilst these measures have brought relief to both employers and employees, local shopping has also brought with it further support over the last few months.

Whilst the government is focused on dealing with the pandemic, other projects are still progressing, and I continue to work to improve our area. I welcome the announcement that the Department of Health has awarded Cambridge University hospitals £1.9 million to expedite the complete redevelopment of Addenbrooke's hospital, this will include a new children's hospital. And at the beginning of October, the Prime Minister also announced the building of a new cancer hospital. Residents across Cambridgeshire rely upon Addenbrooke's Hospital for their medical care, and population growth makes its complete replacement with a brand-new hospital in the years ahead a necessity.

I have campaigned hard for continued investment in NHS services in our local area, and the construction of a new hospital has my complete support. This development is further evidence of the government's commitment to this scheme, and the NHS more generally. I will continue to do everything in my power to make sure that Cambridgeshire sustains its reputation for world-class medical services.

Furthermore for some I have been pressing for improvements to the A10 and spearheaded the campaign for its dualling. Some progress has been made on this project. There are eight options for the project, and the Mayor and Combined Authority held

a virtual consultation during the summer to collect feedback from residents and road users. I have continued to press the Treasury on the importance of this work.

The Greenways scheme is one of the local efforts to improve cycleways by constructing routes between central Cambridge and nearby villages. The routes will help to reduce pressure on public transport and offer more environmentally friendly ways to commute and get around. I have supported this scheme since 2017, working with the Greater Cambridge Partnership and other local stakeholders to ensure that local residents were involved in determining the routes. This currently includes 6 routes in our area. I am really pleased that the routes to Fulbourn, Waterbeach and Linton have been approved. Having recently met with the GCP and written to the Board to press for further routes I am delighted that the three further routes in Horningsea, Bottisham and Swaffhams have also been approved. I'm looking forward to using the routes and hope you will do the same!

Education has also been a key campaign pledge since I was first elected. Year after year I have taken heads to Westminster to meet the Education Secretary. As a result of much campaigning with teachers and others the 2021-2022 academic year will see per pupil funding increase by an average of 4%. The National Funding Formula allocations reflect a 60% increase in the total additional funding for small and remote schools and this is good news for small schools in our area who can attract further funding due to their status. I remain proud that East Cambridgeshire is one of 12 Opportunity Areas that enables the region to unlock additional funding.

I continue to hold regular surgeries and am here to help with any issues you may have. Constituents who would like help with a problem or want to arrange a telephone call or a virtual meeting should contact me by emailing lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk.

To keep up with my work follow me on Facebook and Twitter or visit my website - www.lucyfrazer.org.uk. Best wishes for the rest of 2020 and I hope that 2021 will prove to be a better year for us all.

Lucy Frazer MP, South East Cambridgeshire

THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN

Opening Fridays and Saturdays 12 noon - 11pm. Sundays 12 noon til 6pm. Check on Facebook for the special menus.



Traditional Sunday lunch 12noon til 3pm.

Please check on our Facebook page for the latest information on our opening hours over the festive period.

**Rob and I look forward to welcoming you
01638 508333**

NHS CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH

We're here to help you stay well this winter

This winter, it's really important that we all remember that the NHS is here to help you stay well, safely.

We have been working hard to make changes to how healthcare is provided to make it safe for you during the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

If you're worried about your health, don't delay. The sooner you get advice, the better.

Depending on your symptoms, you can get advice from your local pharmacy, GP practice or NHS 111. For minor health concerns, your local pharmacist can help. GP practices offer remote consultations online or by phone, or if you need a face-to-face appointment, they will tell you what to do.

If you need medical help fast, think you need to go to an Emergency Department (A&E) or you're not sure what to do, use NHS 111 first - online or by phone to get clinical advice or direction to the most appropriate services for treatment for you.

You can also help us to help you. If you are over 65, have a long-term health condition or are pregnant, it is more important than ever this year to ensure you have your free flu vaccination. Just speak to your GP or pharmacist to book an appointment. You can also find more information at www.nhs.uk/flu vaccine

Be sure to also stock up your medicine cabinet with winter self-care essentials too. Many over-the-counter medicines (including paracetamol and ibuprofen) are available to help relieve symptoms of common winter illnesses and you can find further information at www.nhs.uk

To help prevent further spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) please follow current Government guidelines for the area you live in at all times. If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus it's important you get tested as soon as possible. You can apply for a test online via www.nhs.uk/coronavirus, or by calling 119.

RON & REG'S POTATO COMPANY

Finest new potatoes, with thinner skins -
£1.00 kg



We can supply all of your Christmas potatoes. Thank you so much for all of our customer's support this year and wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy new year!"

Small or large quantities delivered to your door with social distancing measures by Ronnie & Reggie, 12 & 10yr olds from Brinkley.

07903 600192

E mail - 2323rh2323@gmail.com

FOR SALE

British Racing Green Raleigh Ladies bicycle complete with basket, panniers, bell and pump!
£20.



Please call 0780 8077545 if interested.
(Brinkley)

2523 LINTON AIR CADETS.

With the announcement of the latest lockdown our training has remained virtual through October and November. Cadets continue to achieve and push forwards with the training syllabus with the support of virtual parade nights.

Ground school flight training for the award of blue wings has been on offer, along with a host of activities surrounding Remembrance Day. For the past two decades Linton has adopted the war memorial at RAF Castle Camps as well as parading through the village.

This year has been different, with only a handful of representatives able to attend both Linton and Castle Camps memorial services. A special mention must go to Cadet Joseph Morris for a flawless performance of "The Last Post" at the Linton service.

Many remembrance events have taken place online including a history of RAF Castle Camps and why this memorial is so important to our local area. On remembrance Sunday cadets across the country took part in a doorstep salute instead of the usual large scale parades we normally attend.

Face to face planning continues and we have taken a positive step towards reopening the squadron with Pilot Officers Keenan and myself completing officer training with the Adult Training Facility at RAF College Cranwell, helping to secure the future of the squadron.

2523 continue to parade virtually with a full program as we await our return to face to face date; something that both cadets and staff are looking forward to.

Bradley Wright
Pilot Officer RAFAC
Training Officer
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DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

East Cambs

Charlotte Cane & John Trapp

Licensing Committee considered minor changes to licensing taxis and Covid-19 restrictions. Generally businesses were complying, but some found the rules difficult to understand and our officers are providing advice. Government has given extra funding to help with this.

At the last meeting of the District Council:

- Several questions from the public around Climate Change: divesting from fossil fuels, EV Charging points, energy efficiency of homes
- Petition calling for Mepal Outdoor Centre to remain as an outdoor activities facility.
- Agreed a motion to seek rural area designation for affordable housing, and thus lower the threshold at which affordable housing starts
- Agreed a motion to ask officers to discuss options for parking enforcement in the District with the Chief Constable.
- Adopted our Statement of Licensing Policy (which we do every 5 years).
- Agreed our response to the Planning White Paper - one of concern that the policies in the Paper would reduce local participation.

Councillors were given a briefing on the outcome of the bus questionnaire, and the bus route that meanders from Burwell to Cambridge was deemed to be the most useful of all the others in the District. There were many responses supporting a more extensive timetable, as well as a Sunday service. Concern was also expressed about the time it took to reach Cambridge in the rush-hours.

Surgery :Although we don't normally hold a surgery in December, we have decided to hold one using Zoom this abnormal year for which the joining particulars are:

Topic: John Trapp's Zoom Meeting
 Time: Dec 16, 2020 06:00 PM London
 Meeting ID: 357 775 2400
 Passcode: 098359

DO YOU TRAVEL INTO CAMBRIDGE?

Improvements to travel into Cambridge from the East are being explored by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council working together) and they have started a public consultation that is not limited to their residents, and includes all who travel, by whatever means, into Cambridge. As Cambridge employment expands there will be more people travelling into Cambridge, and this is a vision for the future.

They are considering short-term and long-term improvements. From moving the Park 'n' Ride site, or an underpass under Cambridge airport, to opening up Cambridge East, a rail station at Fulbourn or Six Mile Bottom. Although five options have been put forward in the brochure, there is no reason why you don't make your own observations and suggestions. For example, would a Park 'n' Ride site to the east of the Quy roundabout be appealing? Even though you may only use a car to travel into Cambridge, it will still be useful to let them know why you do so, and what may tempt you to change your mode of travel.

All the information, including ways in which you can respond, is online at www.greatercambridge.org.uk/CEA-Consultation.

If you have difficulty in accessing the internet, or want a hard copy, then please contact Charlotte Cane or John Trapp, your District Councillors, whose telephone numbers are 07976 607512 and 01223 812120 respectively.

The consultation closes at midday on Friday 18 December 2020.

You can always contact us by telephone, Charlotte Cane 07976607512, John Trapp on 01223 812120.

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*Alan Sharp Amy Starkey,*

We are now in the middle of the second lockdown and I hope that everyone is keeping safe.

### **Current working arrangements during COVID-19**

During the current lockdown, the Council offices have been closed to visitors. Please use online facilities or call 01353 665555 to speak to the Customer Services team. Some of the Council team will be working on COVID specific duties rather their normal duties, so please bear with us if the response is longer than normal. Please contact us if you are having difficulty getting the response that you require.

### **Bus Working Group**

The results of the Bus Working Group after the resident's consultation earlier in the year will be presented to The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority and discussions will be had with them. The Working Group will pick up the consultation results of the walking and cycling consultation.

### **Dedicated car parking enforcement**

The Council is exploring implementation of CSAS (Community Safety Accreditation Scheme) as a dedicated car parking enforcement resource for the District. The Council proposes to have discussions with the Chief Constable to discuss this issue and reported to the Finance and Assets Committee detailing any legal and financial implications.

### **Planning White Paper**

The Government has published a White Paper, which is a document to enable discussion around a proposed Act of Parliament, on changing the Planning process. East Cambridgeshire District Council, whilst supporting some of the changes have concerns over several of the draft proposals, either because there is little detail of the proposed changes or they require further working.

ECDC, as a consultee, has sent a detailed response to Government over the details of the proposals that we have concern. This issue will be updated, once more information is available.

### **Surgeries**

If you wish to discuss a Council issue in confidence, please contact us and we will set up a virtual call.

Can we wish everyone a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and to enjoy the festive period even in these difficult times.

**Stay Safe**

East Cambridgeshire District Councillors for the Woodditton Ward

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**BURROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING to be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 7:30pm, via Zoom.**

To access go to <https://zoom.us/join>, enter the meeting id number: 233 390 1270 & the password: 5J6ekm

**Dog Fouling on the Green, Burrough Green.**

It was raised at the recent Parish Council meeting that dog fouling on the green and near the play area, has started to become a reoccurring problem again. I am sure that all residents that own dogs will assist us by ensuring they collect their dog's waste and dispose of it in the Dog Waste Bin provided.

Under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 in England and Wales, a person who doesn't clean up after their dog may face an on-the-spot fine of up to £80. These fines are known as fixed penalty notices. If a person refuses to pay, they can be taken to the local Magistrates Court for the dog fouling offence and fined up to £1,000. The Parish Council hope that this notice will encourage all dog owners to act responsibly, and to improve the problem without the need to introduce fines for offenders, and we thank you for your cooperation.

**Community Speed Watch**

**30mph it is, but many don't!** With Speeding a real issue in Burrough Green the safety of our residents and especially our children is at risk; **action is needed!** We are therefore re-starting our Community Speed Watch Scheme. If you want to do something about it, please join the Burrough Green Speed Watch Team. Time commitment is as little or as much as you like. Training and equipment will be provided.

For info please contact: [clerk.bgpc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.bgpc@gmail.com).

**SELF ISOLATING due to Corona Virus**

Burrough Green has a **COMMUNITY PHONE** scheme you can ring or text if you need help with:

- Picking basic groceries up
- Collecting medicines
- Posting mail
- Or just a friendly chat!
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**Tel: 07715 574296**

Please use this service when you need it. If the phone goes to voicemail, please leave a message and someone

will get back to you ASAP. The Coordinator will then pass your request to a volunteer via WhatsApp.

**COVID-19 East Cambridgeshire District Council**

<https://eastcambs.gov.uk/content/coronavirus-information-residents>

**Care-network**

Delivering essential supplies and prescriptions  
If you are on your own with no one to help you and need an emergency food shop or a prescription to be collected please call 01223 714433.

We are happy to get in touch if you are concerned about someone else, please call 0330 094 5750. Our Community Navigators are ready to help you find the right support for you - from community services, groups and charities 01353 659639

**Coronavirus: Financial Assistance**

If you have been financially affected by COVID -19 please see information and useful links below regarding assistance with your Council Tax and Housing Benefit

<https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/content/coronavirus-financial-assistance>

**BURROUGH GREEN CHURCH**

**Christmas Church Reflection**

**Stewarded drop-in on  
Sunday,  
20<sup>th</sup> December  
From 4 - 5.30 pm**



We would like to welcome you to the church this Christmas time.

We hope that you will take a few minutes to reflect in the candlelit church listening to some carols.

Please note that unfortunately this year there will be no service on Christmas Day.

We hope that early in the New Year we will be able to celebrate the completion of our works installing heating and a WC in the church.



We wish you all a very Happy Christmas from the PCC.

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

**ARTICLES FOR JANUARY 2021**

**VILLAGE VOICE**

To

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**01638 507495**

**by 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020 please**

**CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER**

**ALL WELCOME**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December Second Sunday of Advent**

9.00am Holy Communion Brinkley  
10.30am Family Service Burrough Green  
*Isaiah 40:1-11 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8*

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December Third Sunday of Advent**

9.00am Holy Communion Stetchworth  
10.30am Morning Service Dullingham  
*Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8,19-28*

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9.00am Holy Communion Burrough Green  
10.30am Morning Service Brinkley  
4.00pm- 5.30pm Candlelit Reflection (drop in)  
Burrough Green  
*2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38*

**THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE  
Candlelit Reflections**

4.30pm - 6.00pm (drop in) Stetchworth  
8.00pm -10.00pm (drop in) Brinkley

**FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY**

9.00am Holy Communion Dullingham  
*John 1.1-14 Luke 2: 1-14*

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December First Sunday of Christmas**

10.30am Holy Communion Dullingham  
3.00pm Evening Prayer Stetchworth  
*Isa Ch 61 Luke 2: 15-21*

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**CHRISTMAS WILL ALWAYS COME**

Open or locked down Christmas will come. Together or separated Christmas will come. Shopped til you've dropped or wrapping a single orange, Christmas will come. That very first Christmas - life was pretty fragile too as Jesus, God's own self, entered an uncertain world. The boundaries of heaven and earth were blurred and angels sang. They sang of peace and joy to God's people on earth. Why? Because Jesus's birth breathed new life and hope into a struggling world then, and now.

These things this Christmas remain certain - God loves us, God came to us, and comes to us still.

Christmas blessings of love and hope for 2021 to you all.



A Christmas smile: A young child when asked where Jesus came from said 'An egg'. 'An egg?' The minister puzzled. 'Yes - it says he was laid in a manger'.



Nikki

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**Cryptic Christmas Card**

A man sent his friend a cryptic Christmas card. It said: A B C D E F G H I J K M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z. The recipient puzzled over it for weeks, he finally gave up and wrote asking for an explanation. In July he received the explanation on a postcard: "No L."

**Advent Reflection Course by Zoom**

Sundays 7.00pm -8.00pm from 29<sup>th</sup> November - 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Informal friendly sessions ending with a Christmas Carol!

Please email Revd Nikki for the link [nikkimann40@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nikkimann40@hotmail.co.uk)

**Christmas Services and Candlelit Reflection**

Due to likely restrictions of no large gatherings and not being able to all sing, we will not be holding our usual Carol Services this year. We will though (we hope- regulations allowing) have stewarded open drop-in times for candle lit reflection across our churches: Burrough Green - Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 4.00pm-5.30pm

Stetchworth - Christmas Eve 4.30pm-6.00pm (look out for their Christmas Tree festival opening times too)

Brinkley - Christmas Eve 8.00pm-10.00pm

Dullingham - Christmas Day Holy Communion 9.00am

For all our services see the Church Services schedule.

**Silent Night Doorstep Singalong**

We are all invited to join in singing Silent Night on our doorsteps at

7.00pm on Christmas Eve

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*Happy Christmas*

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