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Remembrance Sunday at Barlow Church



We will remember them.

DECEMBER 2021 JANUARY 2022

Dear Readers,

Have you by any chance seen this year's John Lewis Christmas advert on television? These adverts are eagerly awaited every year, because they have always told a highly acclaimed heartwarming story. This year's advert is about a boy trying to show an alien who is experiencing Christmas for the first time what it is all about. According to the short film it appears to be about mince pies, presents, snowfalls and fairy lights. Is that the impression people ought to create for people who don't know? If you had the opportunity to teach an alien about Christmas, which aspects would you choose to highlight?

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CHURCH ROTA

December 2021

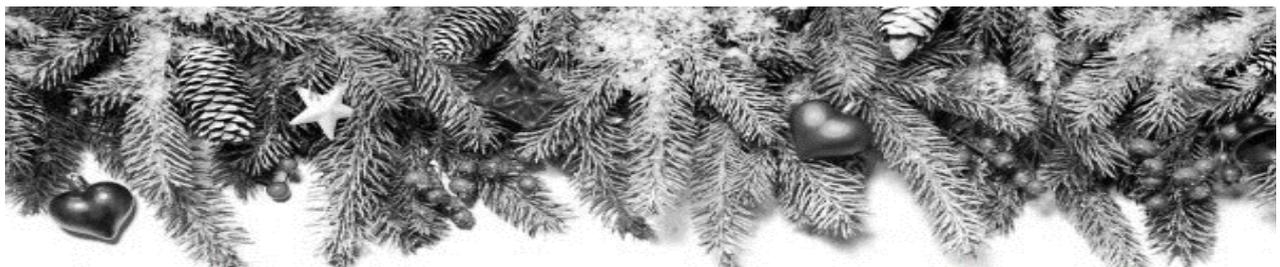
*****SERVICE TIMES VARY DURING DECEMBER*****

Services	Sides-person	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning Wednesdays
Sunday 5 th December 11am Mass	N/A	D Windle	P Gouldthorpe	L Pearce / G Gilmore
Sunday 12 th December 8am Said Mass 11am Mass	J Cook N/A	--- J Windle & Children	--- Rvd Sarah / Children	--- ---
Sunday 19 th December 11am Mass	N/A	A Haslam	J Banks	S Rushby / J Banks
Monday 20 th December	7.30pm	Christmas Carol Concert		
Friday 24 th December	3pm	Christmas Crib Service		
Friday 24 th December 11.30pm Midnight Mass	N/A	P Gouldthorpe	J West	---
Saturday 25 th December Christmas Day 9.00am Parish Mass	N/A	D Barnes	Rvd Janet / Rvd Sarah	---
Sunday 26 th December 10.30am Mass	N/A	To advise	P Gouldthorpe	---

CHURCH ROTA

January / February 2022

Services	Sides-person	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning Wednesdays
Sunday 2 nd January 11am Mass	N/A	A Haslam	J Windle	T Maley / T Woodhouse
Sunday 9 th January 8am Said Mass 11am Mass	J Layton N/A	--- C Mitchell & Children	--- Rvd Sarah / Children	--- ---
Sunday 16 th January 11am Mass	N/A	C Gore	J Banks	---
Sunday 23 rd January 11am Mass	N/A	H Hicklin	P Gouldthorpe	L Pearce / G Gilmore
Sunday 30 th January 11am Mass	N/A	M Barnes	J West	---
Sunday 6 th February 11am Mass	N/A	D Windle	J Windle	---



BARLOW CHURCH

(ST. LAWRENCE)



Dear Friends,

We find ourselves once again approaching the turning of the year and there will be many people who will be relieved and glad to welcome 2022, with the chance to begin again.

Back in August of this year, the Village Green Well featured a portrayal of the shepherds of St Luke's Christmas story being greeted by a heavenly host bringing 'Tidings of Hope' (rather than joy) – hope being something that had been in short supply for quite some time. So for this Christmas local churches are developing the theme, thinking particularly about the roles of the angels which feature in our Christmas readings. Among them we're remembering the angel Gabriel who announces to a shocked young woman that she is with child; the heavenly host who sing 'Hosanna in the highest' and give those shepherds a fright on the hillside; and the angel who brings a warning to Joseph that he must flee with his young family into exile, to become refugees in Egypt. In all these examples angels are the messengers of God in a human-like form, yet bearing something of the glory of the divine within them: their very presence in the narratives brings hope as well as an expectancy of change. As it is good to see angels around and to be reminded of their message, church members with nimble fingers are currently knitting angels by the dozen for use as decorations and as gifts!

The past year has not been an easy one and few of us would have expected that the lingering shadow of COVID would still be with us. Whilst many aspects of our lives are back to normal, we are still living with the after-effects of the pandemic and the notion of a constant and invisible threat to our own wellbeing and that of our loved ones. This heightened

background level of stress has taken its toll on many people and continues to do so, often manifesting itself in less emotional resilience and higher levels of stress and anxiety. Patience and kindness need to be at a premium right now.

So, as we plan our gatherings to celebrate the coming of the Christ child, a spark of light in darkness, let us remember particularly those for whom this Christmas will not be easy. May we be patient and kind with those who need time and space to heal, and may we all, like the Christmas angels, be bearers of hope and joy to one another.

Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:
“All glory be to God on high
And on the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth from
heav’n to men
Begin and never cease.”

Nahum Tate, 1700



'Madonna and Child with Angels' by Hans Memling (1465-1494)

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A choir of angels – photo from Pixabay

With blessings for Christmas
and a Happy New Year,
Revd Sarah.



From this year's well dressings



Save the date....for a concert

*Celebrating
The Life of
David Megginson
(25.7.43-21.7.21)*



‘Songs of Love & Connection’
composed & sung by Albion choral group
St Lawrence Church, Barlow
Sunday 17th July 2022
Strawberries & Fizz

✠ YEARS MIND FOR DECEMBER

From the church registers

**Denotes date of funeral or ashes burial*

- 1ST** EDITH WARDLEY-1977
2ND WILLIAM TURNBULL---1970
EILEEN MORAWSKI---1999
LESLIE DAVID WHITEHOUSE---2015
3RD FRANK FAWSON---1968
MARY A. PICKERING---1979
GEOFFREY WHITTAKER---2010
RITA SMITH---2020
4TH GEORGE H. NEEDHAM---1999
*NEIL JOHNSON---2014
5TH NELLIE HAYES---1980
6TH LESLIE HASLAM---1971
EDITH TURNER---1974
BETTY COBB---2011
7TH MARY NEEDHAM---1981
JAMES H. NEEDHAM---2003
JOHN L NEEDHAM---2011
COLIN M. SIMPSON---2006
8TH MARY MILTON---1971
SHEILA BARLOW---1993]
THOMAS BOSTON---1994
9TH ETHEL A. HOLMES---1968
GEORGE WRIGHT---1970
HARRY BOWLER---1979
JAMES WILFRED NEEDHAM---1998
11TH HARRY WHITTAKER---1970
10TH *KENNETH HASLAM 2008
DAVID H. NEEDHAM---2000
JOHN FEATHERSTONE (priest)---
2000
*CLARICE R NEEDHAM---2007
HERBERT FRANK BURGESS---2014
12TH ELAINE L. FAWSON---1993
14TH GERTRUDE JOLLEY---1971
EDNA BOOKER---1985
CONSTANCE GRATTON---1989
MAURICE COULSON---1990
MAVIS TWIGG---1992
15TH MAY SIMPSON---1964
MARY BETTY GILLYATT---2015
FRANK SHAWCROFT---1971
LUCY MORGAN---1975
EMMA MORRIS---?
FRANCES J. MILWARD---1997
JOHN A. BRIGHTMORE 2001
LESLIE ROBINSON---2002
16TH VALERIE M BINKS---1987
ELIZABETH BARGH---1994
FRANCIS MASON---1997
EILEEN SHEMWELL---2000
MONICA JEAN SIMPSON---2006
*PETER LAYTON---2009
17TH JANE BRAKES---1969
*ALAN MUSSON---1991
MAURICE HAYES SLACK---2004
ADA BOWN---2010
18TH TOM MORGAN---1970
19TH FRANCIS J MILWARD---1997
STANLEY PEARSON---2002
CHARLES R TANN---2009
20TH IDA SHAWCROFT---1972
*STANLEY HUGHES---2012
MARGARET MORGAN--2014
21ST VERA BRADBURY---1995
23RD ETHEL M. SIMS---1995
24TH FRANCES BLAKEMORE 1983
NORA WESTON---2000
ENA BLAIR---2018
26TH ELLEN WOODALL---2001
BERYL GOULDTHPORPE---2018
KATHLEEN FOGARTY---2018
27TH THOMAS BINNS---1972
ANNIE KINGSTON 1984
WILLIAM H. WILSON---2001
INA RHODES---2011
28TH ERIC WHITTAKER---1972
WENDY BARNES---2018
HENRY WESTON---1979
ROSA NOBLE---1976
ELSIE MORTON---1977
JOHN H. BOOKER---1993
AUDREY KNOWLES---2016
29TH WILLIAM SPRY---1972
ANDREW KAY---1972
ELSIE STEVENSON---1987
CLAUDE HARRISON---1991
ROY MARTIN---2016
30TH PAULINE ELSIE HIND--2020
31ST ALFRED PICKERING---1974
CECIL JONES---2000
BILLY MARPLES---2006

✝ YEARS MIND FOR JANUARY

From the church registers

**Denotes date of funeral or ashes burial*

- 1st** HAROLD LAYTON---2009
MICHAEL HASLAM---2009
- 2ND** ETHEL D. GRATTON 2004
BRIAN J. REEVES---2005
*IDA BRANSON---2014
- 3RD** MURIEL BOOKER---1993
BOB PARKIN---1996
MARY (MOLLIE) HASLAM---1998
- 4TH** LAURA REVELL 1969
MICHAEL HASLAM---2009
- 5TH** ERIC F.A. JAKEMAN---1983
MAUD M. HASLAM---1995
GODFREY HOLMES---1998
JOAN BOYES---2019
- 6TH** ELLEN NEEDHAM---1980
- 7TH** ELLEN WILSON---1964
PATRICIA A. SALISBURY---1995
RACHEL DORIS HASLAM---2005
- 8TH** ADA CROOKES---1966
ANNIE KINGSTON---1985
JOHN STATEN---1971
JOHN DEREK FOGGARTY---2014
RONALD W SIMPSON---2019
- 9TH** CLARA NEEDHAM---1963
AGNES HASLAM---1965
FLORENCE HILL---1978
- 10TH** JUANITA LAYTON 2011
- 11TH** HUBERT REEDER---1988
BILLIE BLOUNT---1998
GEORGE C. HASLAM---2005
KENNETH SKINNER---2012
- 12TH** HARRY THOMPSON---1988
ALFRED E. STUBBINS---1993
JOHN F. DEY---1996
BETTY E. MUSSON---2005
HAZEL B MEAKIN---2010
ENA ROSALIE BRADBURY---2017
- 13th** GERTRUDE WHATLEY---1965
DENNIS HASLAM---1971
FRANK MORGAN---1979
- 14TH** EMILY NEEDHAM---1964
MARGARET SAVAGE---1997
- 15TH** TERRY G. NEEDHAM---1993
CRAIG ATKINSON---1995
EVELYN BRIGHTMORE---2006
- 16TH** MARY STEVENSON---1964
SIDNEY SMITH---1975
JEAN FROOME---1994
IVY M. LAYTON---1994
- 19TH** ROY BRANSON 1990
JOHN A. NEEDHAM---1991
CONSTANCE M GREGORY---1999
ERNEST LONGDEN---1999
ADRIAN HURT---2016
- 20TH** HANNAH BRANWELL---1978
JOHN WALLACE---1982
ALAN ROY POWELL---2006
WILLIAM BRAMWELL---2014
- 21ST** HENRY WILSON---1981
MARGARET M. WARD---1998
- 22ND** CLARENCE J. SHAWCROFT---
2001
CHRISTINE CARR---2014
- 23RD** CLARA WHITTAKER---1965
PHYLLIS BUXTON---2020
- 24TH** MARTIN M SLACK---2021
- 25TH** KATHLEEN MATTHEWS---1979
- 26TH** MARY SMITH---1972
JOHN JOHNSON---1981
HARRY NEEDHAM---2001
COREEN RHODES---2019
- 27TH** ADA BERRESFORD---1968
JOSEPH MARSDEN---1979
MAMIE WRIGHT---1992
- 28TH** ISAAC POWELL---1976
WILLIAM MARGERRISON---1978
JAMES COLLINS---2005
- 29TH** FLORENCE WARD---1969
FLORENCE M BLANKSBY---2010
- 30TH** CATHERINE PLATTS---1964
- 31ST** MAUD HASLAM---1963
LENA WHITE---1977
BADEN POWELL---1970
OLWEN MARY HALL---2019

BARLOW CHURCH NEWS

(ST. LAWRENCE)

Dear Friends,

Last year, in our Church news, we reported to you our worries that services would not take place at Christmas because of Covid restrictions as it was very difficult to predict anything at all. This year, we can advise you of services and events with more certainty, as Church has been running as normal for some time now. We have had to make some adjustments and the minor changes are working well and help maintain everyone's safety.

It was great to be able to report on the Harvest Supper last month and we were very pleased to have School back in Church with their Harvest Service on 22nd October 2021.

We held our "All Souls Thanksgiving and Remembrance Service" on Sunday afternoon 31st October 2021, when those who had lost family, friends and loved ones came together to light a candle for them and listen to readings and pray for them. It was a very moving ceremony and well attended and very much appreciated.

Thank you to Revd. Sarah and Revd. Janet for making this meaningful service possible.

Remembrance Day on 11th November 2021 was marked by the church flag being placed at half mast and the names of the fallen soldiers of Barlow were called out with readings and the 2 minutes silence observed.

On Sunday 14th November 2021, the annual Remembrance Service was held at the earlier time of 10.45 am to allow for the 2 minutes silence to be respected. Wooden crosses were placed on the war memorial to remember the 32 fallen of Barlow.

The British Legion wreath was placed by veteran George Hill, followed by wreaths on behalf of St Lawrence Church and The Parish Council. The Barlow School wreath was placed by Elodie Shore, representing the school governors and the children.

The flag flew at half mast and the bugler played the Military Last Post followed by the congregation returning to church for the Parish Mass. Please look at the photos on page 2.

We are pleased to report that in a return to normal, Barlow School, led by Emerald class, attended Church on Tuesday 16th November 2021 along with a limited number of parents for another enjoyable event.

On 1st November, Bishop Libby visited Walton, Clowne and Holmesfield churches to spend time with us and discuss the Diocesan Vision in more detail and listen to opinions.

Our usual family service with refreshments was delayed until the third Sunday in November because of the Remembrance Service timing and as we write this, before publication, Charlotte is organizing craft activities with a welcome card for baby Archie, who will be baptized on that day and Amy plans to read the Gospel for us and Maria and family are giving us the talk. Elodie and Joe will also be reading the prayers.

Thank you all for making our services so enjoyable.

We are looking forward to the Christmas Carol Concert on Monday 20th December at 7.30pm with the congregation singing carols and enjoying readings and, of course, listening to our own Barlow Singers.

Sherry and mince pies will be served.

Please see the separate page (p15) for all details and try to join us if you can for this festive occasion, you will be very welcome.

The Singles Party this year is at the Village Hall on Saturday 4th December at 12 noon.

HELP NEEDED!!!!!!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME MINCE PIE BAKERS !!!!!

Are you able to make a few mince pies for our Carol Service on 20th December, if you can please phone either Churchwarden, we would be very grateful for your help.

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR HELP WITH CHURCH CLEANING.

If you have an hour or so every 6 weeks and could volunteer for our church cleaning rota we would be grateful. It is only a little light dusting, polishing and vacuuming in the vestry and kitchen floor mopping.

If you can help and are willing to join the rota please contact either Churchwarden. Thank you.

Meetings are already taking place (even though it is our busy Christmas time) as we are working out our plans for the Lent Breakfasts and Open Gardens in 2022 and also a special musical evening in July. So, watch this space as there are good things to look forward to in the new year.

FUTURE DATES PLANNED

Singles Party in the Village Hall - Saturday 4th December 2021 at 12 noon.

Christmas Carol Concert - Monday 20th December at 7.30 pm, with The Barlow Singers.

School Christingle in Church - Wednesday 22 December 2021 at 2.00pm. (Limited seats, please book through school only).

Christmas Eve Crib Service - Friday 24th December at 3.00pm.

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass - Friday 24th December at 11.30pm.

Christmas Day Parish Mass - Saturday 25th December at 9.00am.

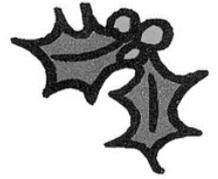
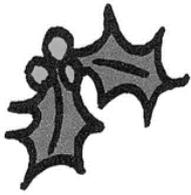
Boxing Day - joint Parish Mass with Loundsley Green & Old Brampton at St Lawrence Church - Sunday 26th December at 10.30am.

Best Wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Stay safe and look after each other,

Pete and John.





An Evening of
Christmas Music, Carols &
Readings

with

Barlow Singers

BARLOW CHURCH

Monday 20th December 2021

7.30pm

sherry & mince pies

Admission Free.

Retiring collection to help cover our costs.

Any enquiries to John 07821 985218
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**"Your Parish
Council Needs
YOU"**

We still have a vacancy to fill at Barlow Parish Council!

If you could spare some time and would like to make a positive contribution to life in our village you could become involved in making decisions which hopefully will benefit our community.

Please contact the clerk to register your interest.

We would love to hear from you!

Police Report

PSCO Flower has submitted the following report:

"There are no crimes recorded for last month.

We are continuing to work within the community in respect of parking and issuing warnings and giving advice etc. when required.

This time of year has often in previous years seen an increase in burglaries and we are keen to remind residents that security starts at home. We are always willing to come out and offer further support or advice.”
PCSO 12853 Jonathan Flower

Barlow Neighbourhood Watch

It would be good if more residents across the parish could come forward to sign up as members and get involved in the scheme. If you are interested, please contact the parish clerk in the first instance. The earlier we can get this scheme up and running the better for our community.

Poppies

The Parish Council would like to say ‘thank you’ to Simon Woodhouse, who did a great job sorting out the Remembrance Day poppies throughout the village this year.

Spring Bulb Planting

As in previous years, members of the Parish Council have been busy planting a large number of daffodil bulbs alongside the main road through the village. We were fortunate again this year to have the support of the school. Sapphire class did a great job of helping to dig and plant and level the ground. Thanks for their help.

Planning Applications / Decisions

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

- NED 21/01165/FLHPD – Part 2 storey extension with main extension as 4x6x4m orangery. Adjustments to existing window and canopy adding to front elevation at Oxton Rakes Hall Farm, Grange Lane, Barlow

RESOLVED No Comment

- NED 21/01043/DISCON – Application to discharge condition 5 (contaminated land) pursuant of planning permission 18/00756/FL at Sycamore Farm, Far Lane, Barlow

RESOLVED No Comment

PLANNING DECISIONS

- NED 21/00505/FL – Construction of single storey outbuilding for use as home office and hairdressing at Mathom House, Millcross Lane, Barlow – **Refused – 30 September 2021**
- NED 21/00979/FLH – Application for a single storey side extension to provide ground floor living with bathroom facility at 29 Springfield Road, Barlow – **Conditionally Approved – 20 October 2021**

ANY OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Thimble Hall, Valley Road have asked the Council if there would be any objections to a Conservatory being installed.

RESOLVED There is not enough information in the email, the Council will only comment when a formal planning application is made through NEDDC if one is required.

Ongoing Road Closure

Commonside Road --- 25th October 2021 – 29th May 2022

“To facilitate repair to carriageway subsidence”



BARLOW PRE-SCHOOL



Hello,

It's that exciting time of year again: CHRISTMAS! This is particularly exciting for our pre-school children. At pre-school we want to make it as exciting and magical as possible for the children.

The decorations will be going up at the beginning of December. The children will be making Christmas crafts, writing letters to Father Christmas, wearing Christmas jumpers and really getting into the spirit.

We are having a nativity this year, however, this will be filmed for parents to see on Tapestry. This will be followed by a Christmas lunch and a Christmas party, followed by a visit from Father Christmas, who will bring gifts for the children!!

As parents aren't allowed in to watch the nativity, we will be holding a small Christmas fair outside where the children will come and do some singing and parents can buy refreshments. We will also be holding a stall with some Christmas merchandise, the children's Christmas gift bags and the usual raffle. This will hopefully be a good fundraiser for pre-school.

This will all take place on Tuesday 21st December, then pre-school will close for the Christmas holidays and re-open on Monday 10th January.

In January, the children will be learning about Winter, learning how to adapt as the weather gets colder, putting extra layers on and enjoying hot chocolate in the woods to keep warm. They are learning about growth and decay and the changes that happen in the world around them. The children will explore the wider woodland and look at the farmers' fields going from newly ploughed to seeing new shoots coming through.

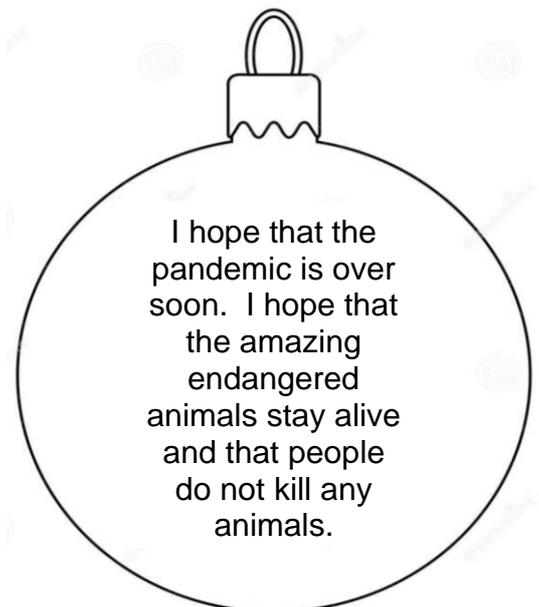
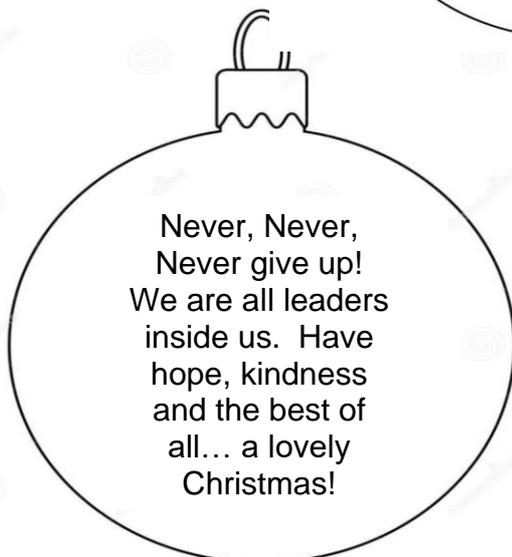
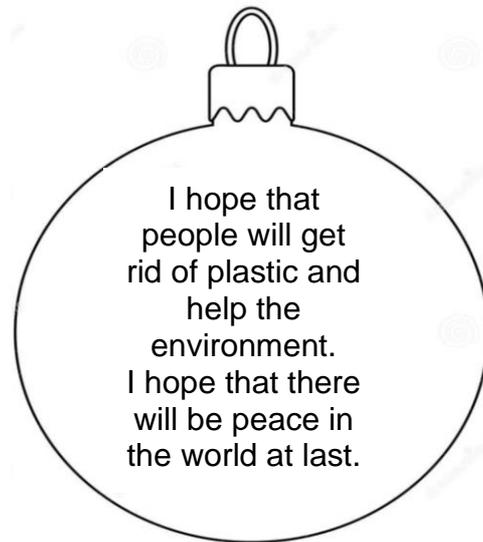
We are hoping to do another big fundraiser in the New Year, as we greatly rely on fundraising to buy resources.

We are currently full, but if you are interested in a place for September, please email barlowpreschool@gmail.com.

Thank you, Emma Bointon,

BARLOW CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas has definitely been in the air. I hope many of you have had a chance to visit the Crooked Spire in Chesterfield and see the Christmas tree festival. Our theme for our Christmas tree this year was 'hope'. All our baubles represented different colours of the rainbow and then each child wrote a message of hope. Lots of the younger children focused on their hopes for their family and for a lovely Christmas. The older children had thought more about issues in the world around them. Here are some of the messages below:



For our first event back hosting parents in Church, Emerald class organised a class collective worship on the theme of 'trust' which is our value for this half term. The children told the story of the woman who trusted that touching the hem of Jesus' cloak would make her better, followed by the story of the Boy who cried Wolf (or girl in this case). The children then shared some of the values and qualities they thought a good friend would need and finished by singing 'Special Kind of Heroes'. It was so lovely to have a live audience back in front of the children and great to be able to share some of our work on this half term's value.

Topaz class were also thinking about heroes as they took part in a special Superhero themed sports event at Netherthorpe School with other local schools. Over November, December and January, every class has got sports events scheduled, including balance bikes in Amethyst, a Winter festival in Emerald and a Bouldering competition for some of the members of Sapphire class.

You might have seen Sapphire class outside in November supporting the Parish Council with the work of bulb planting. Last time we did this in November 2019, the daffodils appeared in the spring of 2020 and many of the children who planted them were at home in the very first lockdown, so were not able to enjoy them. We hope this year everyone is able to be out and about enjoying the daffodils.



We are still inviting prospective parents to book a tour of the school with Mrs Watkin either in person or online. Please email Heather and Michelle in the office on info@barlow.derbyshire.sch.uk or call 0114 289 0413.

CHRISTMAS CRINKLE COOKIES

Ingredients

- 60g cocoa powder, sieved
- 200g caster sugar
- 60ml vegetable oil
- 2 large eggs
- 180g plain flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 2 oranges, zested
- 2 tsp mixed spice
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 50g icing sugar



Method

• STEP 1

Mix the cocoa, caster sugar and oil together. Add the eggs one at a time, whisking until fully combined.

• STEP 2

Combine the flour, baking powder, orange zest, mixed spice, cinnamon and a pinch of salt in a separate bowl, then add to the cocoa mixture and mix until a soft dough forms. If it feels too soft, put in the fridge to chill for 1 hr.

• STEP 3

Heat the oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5 and tip the icing sugar into a shallow dish. Roll heaped teaspoons of the dough into balls (about 20g each), then roll in the icing sugar to coat. Put the balls on one large or two medium baking trays lined with baking parchment, ensuring they're evenly spaced apart.

• STEP 4

Bake on the middle rack of the oven for 10 mins, then transfer to a wire rack to cool – they will firm up as they cool, but still be fudgy in the centre. *Will keep for up to four days in an airtight container.*

POETRY CORNER

Christmas Carol
by Sara Teasdale

The kings they came from out the south,
All dressed in ermine fine;
They bore Him gold and chrysoprase,
And gifts of precious wine.
The shepherds came from out the north,
Their coats were brown and old;
They brought Him little new-born lambs—
They had not any gold.
The wise men came from out the east,
And they were wrapped in white;
The star that led them all the way
Did glorify the night.
The angels came from heaven high,
And they were clad with wings;
And lo, they brought a joyful song
The host of heaven sings.
The kings they knocked upon the door,
The wise men entered in,
The shepherds followed after them
To hear the song begin.
The angels sang through all the night
Until the rising sun,
But little Jesus fell asleep
Before the song was done.

The second poem in this month's issue was sent in by one of our regular readers, Jane Booker, who loves poetry and has given us the following reasons for her selection:

"Here is a poem about snow. I think I've always been amazed at the way a blanket of snow transforms the ordinary into something magical! As a child I was always very excited to see the first flurries and even as an adult I love to watch it falling, piling up in drifts or whirling about."

Snow

by Gillian Clarke

The dreamed Christmas,
flakes shaken out of silences so far
and starry we can't sleep for listening
for papery rustles out there in the night
and wake to find our ceiling glimmering,
the day a psaltery of light.

So we're out over the snow fields
before it's all seen off with a salt-lick
of Atlantic air, then home at dusk, snow-blind
from following chains of fox and crow and hare,
to a fire, a roasting bird, a ringing phone,
and voices wondering where we are.

A day foretold by images
of glassy pond, peasant and snowy roof
over the holy child iconed in gold.
Or women shawled against the goosedown air
pleading with soldiers at a shifting frontier
in the snows of television,

while in the secret dark a fresh snow falls
filling our tracks with stars.

CARNIVAL

Hello!

As 2021 draws to a close we take a look back at what a fantastic year it has been. The Carnival returned after a year's break and what a fantastic Carnival it was! A massive thanks must go to all the team that made it happen and everyone who supported all the events throughout the week! We look forward to making Carnival 2022 even better.

Join us for 'Carols Around the Christmas Tree' on the Village Green on Friday 10th December from 6pm with carols from the Barlow Singers, mulled wine, mince pies and a visit from Santa with presents for the children.

Planning for Carnival 2022 kick starts with the Annual General Meeting at the Village Hall on Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 7pm. If you want to join the committee, get involved or just find out more about Carnival then come along. All welcome!

We'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



BOOK EXCHANGE

Book Review by Jane Booker
“A Single Thread” by Tracy Chevalier

“Set in the early 1930s, this book tells the story of Violet, 38, who lost her father, brother and fiancé Laurence to the First World War and is trying to make her way in the world without them – one of many “surplus” women around at the time.

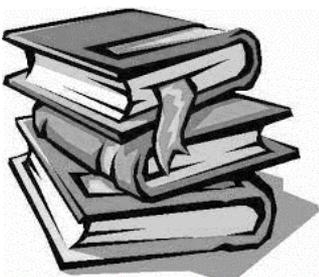
She is spirited and independent, but doesn't find it easy when she moves away from her over-critical, complaining mother to begin a new life in Winchester. However, she soon makes some new and interesting friends when she stumbles across the Winchester Cathedral Embroiderers and becomes immersed in their work making kneelers and cushions in needlepoint. The fine details of the selection of designs, colours and stitches reflects Violet's fascination with the work and the meditative qualities found when complete absorption and concentration are required.

Through the Embroiderers she meets Arthur, a Cathedral bellringer, and their unfolding story is told with such warmth and empathy. It is deeply moving – two people whose lives have been all but destroyed by war, ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances who are faced with seemingly insurmountable problems. The bitter-sweet ending will have all but the most hard-hearted reader shedding a tear, but hopefully smiling a little too.

Tracy Chevalier's writing is compelling, subtle and moving and I can wholeheartedly recommend this book. Hope you like it too.”

If you would like to recommend or review a book you have recently read please send it in. We would love to hear about it!

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CHRISTMAS SONG ANAGRAMS

These anagrams once solved will lead to the titles of Christmas carols or songs.

	ANAGRAM	CHRISTMAS SONG/CAROL	
1	THIS WARM ETHICS (2)		
2	FLASHY ASTRONOMER FROM LEG GEL (6)		
3	SONIC GAS KNOWLEDGE (3)		
4	THY LION HOG (3)		
5	WILD RENOWNED RANT (2)		
6	RACY ADDITIVE ONLY SONIC (5)		
7	HID HEALTHY NOVELTY (5)		
8	TINSEL TWO (3)		
9	THE CHALK SLED (3)		
10	MANAGE RAIN WAY (4)		
11	TROUBLEDLY TRIM ME (3)		
12	GREEN MOTEL DYSENTERY GERM (5)		
13	KNEEL DOTTILY (2)		
14	EARTH SHAKING DANGER SHELL (5)		
15	SWEET GHERKIN (3)		
16	HANDWRITTEN BIKE MILE (4)		
17	HARDY SYMBOLIC (3)		
18	LIFT SHELTER NOW (3)		
19	JILL BEGS LEN (2)		
20	DUG MAINTAIN PETROCHEMICAL (6)		
21	WORTHY JOLT ODE (4)		
22	BOOM, TWENTIETH HOTEL FELL (5)		
23	WHERE STEPCHILD WED SHAH (3)		
24	DEPLORED, HE IS THE ODDER RUNNER (5)		
25	TO WISHY WASHY,RARE CRUMMIES (6)		

PUZZLE PAGE ANSWERS

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	CHRISTMAS SONG/CAROL	ANAGRAM	
1	WHITE CHRISTMAS	THIS WARM ETHICS (2)	
2	ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY	FLASHY ASTRONOMER FROM LEG GEL (6)	
3	GOOD KING WENCESLAS	SONIC GAS KNOWLEDGE (3)	
4	O HOLY NIGHT	THY LION HOG (3)	
5	WINTER WONERLAND	WILD RENOWNED RANT (2)	
6	ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY	RACY ADDITIVE ONLY SONIC (5)	
7	THE HOLLY AND THE IVY	HID HEALTHY NOVELTY (5)	
8	LET IT SNOW	TINSEL TWO (3)	
9	DECK THE HALLS	THE CHALK SLED (3)	
10	AWAY IN A MANGER	MANAGE RAIN WAY (4)	
11	LITTLE DRUMMER BOY	TROUBLEDLY TRIM ME (3)	
12	GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN	GREEN MOTEL DYSENTERY GERM (5)	
13	LITTLE DONKEY	KNEEL DOTILY (2)	
14	HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING	EARTH SHAKING DANGER SHELL (5)	
15	WE THREE KINGS	SWEET GHERKIN (3)	
16	IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER	HANDWRITTEN BIKE MILE (4)	
17	MARY'S BOY CHILD	HARDY SYMBOLIC (3)	
18	THE FIRST NOEL	LIFT SHELTER NO (3)	
19	JINGLE BELLS	JILL BEGS LEN (2)	
20	IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR	DUG MAINTAIN PETROCHEMICAL (6)	
21	JOY TO THE WORLD	WORTHY JOIT ODE (4)	
22	O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM	BOOM, TWENTIEFH HOTEL FELL (5)	
23	WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED	WHERE STEPCHILD WED SHAH (3)	
24	RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER	DEPLOYED, HE IS THE ODDER RUNNER (5)	
25	WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS	TO WISHY WASHY, RARE CRUMMIES (6)	

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CHRISTMAS CARDS

People have been sending Christmas greetings to each other for hundreds of years. The first recorded use of 'Merry Christmas' was in a Christmas letter sent in 1534

The first known item that looked a bit like a Christmas card was given to King James I of England (who was also King James VI of Scotland) in 1611. This was more like a large ornamental manuscript rather than a card as we think of them today. It was 84cm x 60cm (33" x 24") and was folded into panels (it might have been folded so it could be carried around). It had a picture of a rose in the centre and a Christmas and New Year message to the King and his son was written into and around the rose. Also on the manuscript were four poems and a song - so rather more than are on cards today!

The custom of sending Christmas cards, as we know them today, was started in the UK in 1843 by Sir Henry Cole. He was a senior civil servant (Government worker) who had helped set-up the new 'Public Record Office' (now called the Post Office), where he was an Assistant Keeper, and wondered how it could be used more by ordinary people. Sir Henry had the idea of Christmas Cards with his friend John Horsley, who was an artist. They designed the first card and sold them for 1 shilling each. (That is only 5p or 8 cents today(!), but in those days it was worth much much more.) The card had three panels. The outer two panels showed people caring for the poor and in the centre panel was a family having a large Christmas dinner! Some people didn't like the card because it showed a child being given a glass of wine! About 1000 (or it might have been less!) were printed and sold. They are now very rare and cost thousands of pounds or dollars to buy now! The original cards were advertised with the slogan: "Just published, a Christmas Congratulations Card; or picture emblematical of old English festivity to perpetuate kind recollections between dear friends"!

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The first cards usually had pictures of the Nativity scene on them. In late Victorian times, robins (the national bird of Great Britain) and snow-scenes became popular.

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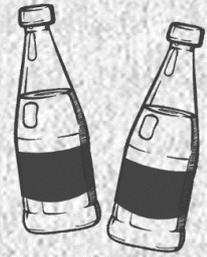
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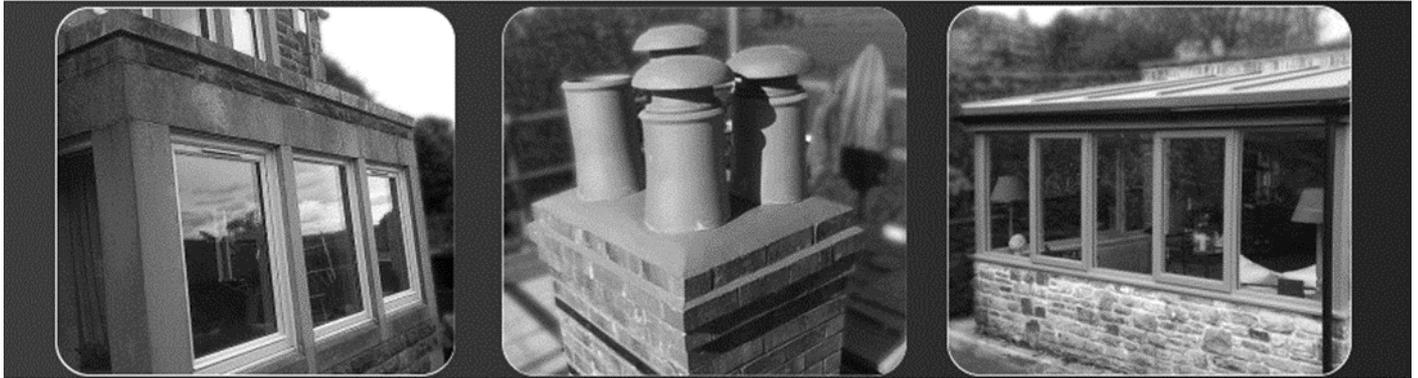
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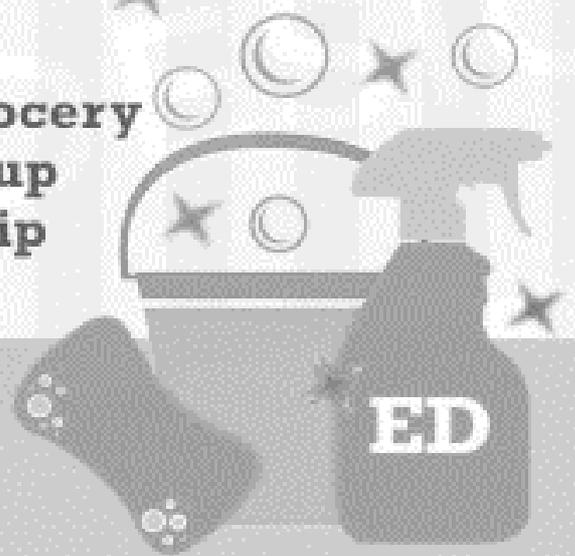


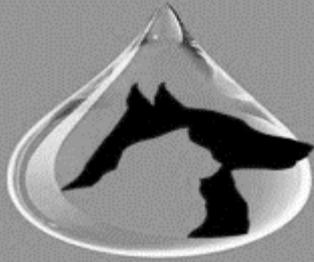
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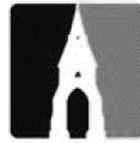
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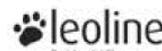
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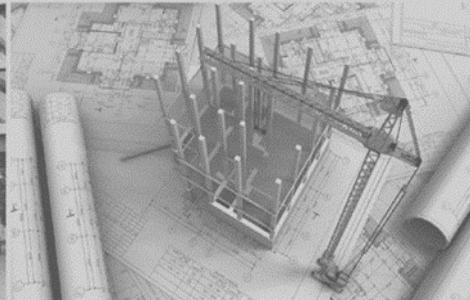
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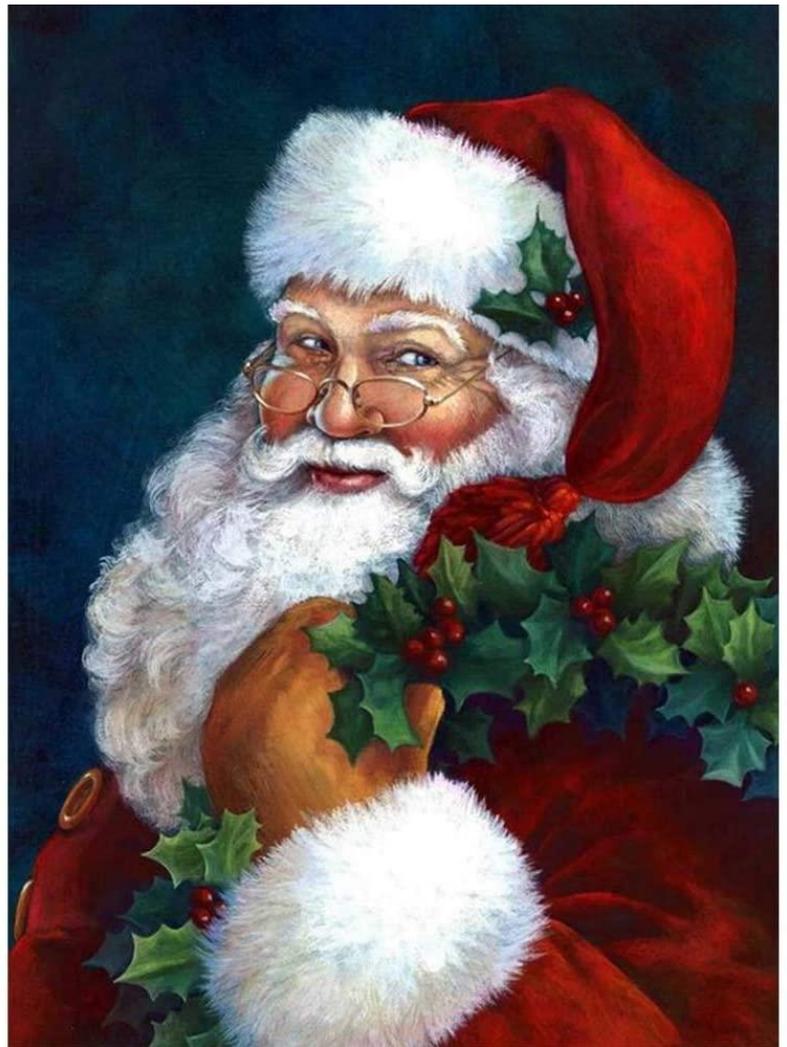


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FATHER CHRISTMAS

Santa
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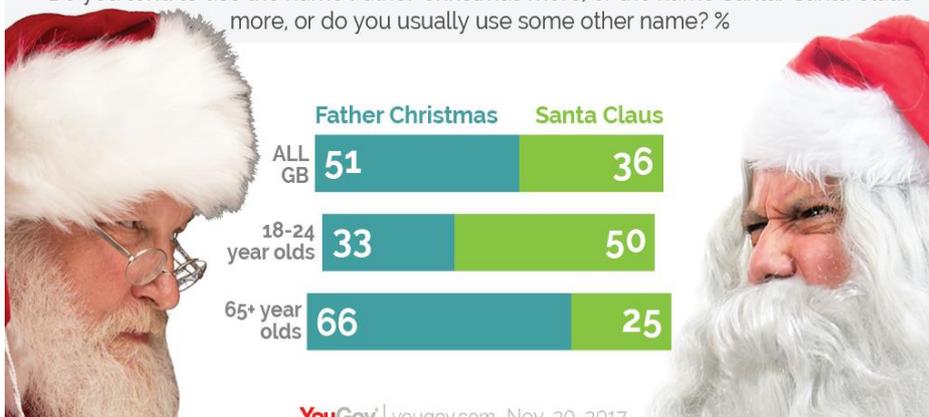


An English postcard of 1919 epitomises the OED's definition of Father Christmas as "a personification of Christmas, now conventionally pictured as a benevolent old man with a long white beard and red clothes trimmed with white fur, who brings presents for children on the night before Christmas Day".

Modern dictionaries consider the terms Father Christmas and Santa Claus to be synonymous. The respective characters are now to all intents and purposes indistinguishable, although some people are still said to prefer the term 'Father Christmas' over 'Santa', nearly 150 years after Santa's arrival in England.

Father Christmas vs Santa Claus

Do you tend to use the name Father Christmas more, or the name Santa/Santa Claus more, or do you usually use some other name? %



A very modern 'minimalist' Nativity scene...



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