



Dear Reader,

In light of Porsche's illness (she unfortunately has Covid - we do wish her a speedy recovery) this is a last-minute notice-sheet rather than a full newsletter!

Included are only those items which need communicating now. Apologies to anyone who has submitted a less urgent notice for inclusion. It will get published next week.

Lynne



Choral Evensong

There will be a service of Choral Evensong on **Sunday 9th January** (tomorrow) at 6.30pm, in addition to the usual Church Family Worship at 10.00.

Please do join us for this reflective time of traditional liturgy (Book of Common Prayer) and music, led by the choir.



Let's Eat Together

The next **Let's Eat Together Sunday** is on Sunday January 16th

Please bring some food to share - I am banning turkey!!!

After the morning service we stay behind for a chat and a cuppa, then we prepare our food and eat Sunday lunch together.

Food can be cooked in our wonderful kitchen.

Contact Tricia Atherton for more information



Music@Mike's

The first concert of 2022 is on Thursday 13th January and features pianist Adam Parrish playing a mixture of classical and modern favourites.

As usual the recital starts at 1.15pm and will finish by 2.00pm.

Entrance is free, and light refreshments or hot meals will be available from the Angel At My Table café before or after the event.

David Mayers

Posada News

Mary, Joseph and the donkey are now safely ensconced on the Communion Table in church, their journey complete.

But here is another picture of one of their overnights stays: this time at Tricia's home.



Film Evenings



There will be three film evenings this year:

Friday 14th January - *Kind Hearts and Coronets* (by popular demand from those who came along in 2020)

Friday 28th January - *Billy Elliot* (an uplifting yet at times quite "gritty" story of a boy's passion for ballet dancing rather than boxing, set against the miners' strikes in the 1980s - strong language warning!)

Friday 11th February - *The Dig* (a gentle 2021 film dramatising the unearthing of the Sutton Hoo Anglo-Saxon ship and its accompanying treasures, against the backdrop of impending war in 1939 - featuring Ralph Fiennes and Carey Mulligan)

Please arrive at 6.30pm for a cup of tea. The film will start around 6.45.

The usual format is that we have a cup of tea on arrival, watch the film, then have another cuppa and a piece of delicious cake at the end.

The aim is of course to watch a classic film together, but is also just to meet together on a dark winter evening in a friendly and warm environment (when I say "warm" I am not necessarily referring to the temperature of the building, which can be somewhat unpredictable in winter!). I know that most of you will have seen the first two films before (perhaps several times) but that's not the point!!

We will probably use the nave (for distancing reasons) although, if numbers are quite low, we *might* use the upstairs room as in previous years. Do bring a blanket or rug to make sure you will be warm enough - it's all part of the fun!

It is very helpful to know numbers in advance so that we can set up seating etc. as appropriate. **To this end, please let me know by phone (01625 614819 or email lynne.norbron@gmail.com or sign the list at the back of church as soon as possible).**

If you need a lift to church and home again, please let me know and we will do our best to arrange this.

I hope to see you there,

Lynne Spedding

Thank You!

Nativity 2021



Hil and Tricia play two of the innkeepers

An enormous thanks, as always, to the excellent cast of the 2021 Nativity. Special praise must be given to the younger members who broke with tradition and LEARNT THEIR LINES! with particular thanks to Thomas who stood in at the 11th hour as an innkeeper, and was nonetheless word-perfect.

It's such a lovely service when young and old enjoy some fun together but also have an opportunity to learn a little more of what the birth of Christ means for us all.

Thanks to the wonderful band, who added much celebratory music to the proceedings, and also to the AV team who worked quietly and efficiently in the background.

Lynne



Shepherds (David M., Fraser and Quentin)



Megan and Thomas play the other two innkeepers (the ones who did learn their lines!)



Satsuki-Mae (by mic) and Harry (behind chair) as Mary and Joseph, surrounded by Wise People, angels and shepherds



Gabriel (Heike) and Caspar (Garrie) looking magnificent (and very pleased with themselves!)



Gabriel (Heike) and the heavenly host (Poppy, Evie, Isla, Thea, Sarah, Sakura-Yumi and Sarah) make their appearance



Herod (Martin) and his servant (Dominic)

Roman Official (David S.)



Wise Woman (Tina), with Wise Men (Ambrose and Mike) and Herod (Martin)

