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As it's Christmas - and probably one we won't forget in a hurry - a slightly different front page this month. (Contents list at the bottom of page 2).



Please may I have all items for January by FRIDAY, 18th DECEMBER

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EATON PARISH COUNCIL

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DECEMBER NEWS

Parish Council Meeting

Monday, 7th December at 7.30 pm remote by Zoom: details will be available on the web site nearer the date.

Members of the public are welcome.

Agendas and minutes are on the following website: www.eatonpc.org.uk. Details of remote meetings will be made available here.

Seasons Greetings

The Parish Council wish all residents a safe and peaceful festive period and a better year in 2021.

Parish Councillors

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DECEMBER NEWS

Parish Council Meetings

Monday, 21st December at 7.30 pm remote by Zoom. Please see the Council's website for details of how to join the meeting.

Season's Greetings

The Parish Council wish all residents a safe and peaceful festive season and a better 2021.

Parish Councillors

Elizabeth Bryan (chairman)	01664 444206	Brian Dodd	01664 444215
Tim Spencer	01664 444573	Margaret Wright	01664 444354
Robert Ingles	01664 444382	Robert Thring	01664 444496



Chris Hill, clerk

EASTWELL TOTE WINNERS

PLEASE ALSO SEE NOTICE ON PAGE 11

49 Anthony Pedlar : 8 Ian De'ath : 75 Joseph Willars : 4 Tess Ceney : 82 Christine Shearstone

HISTORY GROUP 100 CLUB

The November draw has been made. Apart from member subs this is currently our only source of income. Our recent search for new members has seen results and we welcome them. As a result we are able to raise the second prize to £20 for the foreseeable future. This month's winners are:



1st prize No 19 £35 Marion Wood 2nd prize No 67 £20 Colin Darby

John Wood

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METHODIST CHURCH

Church Minister: The Revd James Skinner, 01664 482132 **Contact:** Stonesby - Jacky Speck, 01664 464 494

IRONSTONE WEBSITE: www.ironstonechurches.org https://www.ironstonechurches.org

Please use the Ironstone website to access all the latest information as it affects the church and church buildings.

Information can also be found on two Facebook pages: the Ironstone Churches and Messy Church at Waltham

Letter from the Rector

Dear Friends.

What will Christmas be like this year? I am writing this in the middle of the second lockdown, and we simply don't know.

Normally at this time across the Ironstone Churches, we would have been finalising our plans for special Christmas services - including Christingle services, Crib services, Carol services and Christmas Communion.

flexible Plan A and Plan B - Plan A if we can gather for services in our church buildings (or outside) from 2nd December, and Plan B if instead we have to do everything online, or by telephone.

And we know that, even if we are allowed to meet together, there will still be many differences from 'normal' Christmas services e.g. no congregational singing, socially distanced seating, advance booking for track and trace purposes, wearing face coverings, and no staying behind for mulled wine and mince pies after the service!

Something we will almost certainly have to do in the run up to Christmas is to undertake still more risk assessments. I don't know about you, but it seems that our life these days involves one risk assessment after another! We have to do our own personal risk assessment, if we are meeting others. And those hosting any gatherings - including churches also have to undertake risk assessments, to ensure that they are doing everything possible to keep people safe on their premises. However, while risk can be managed and reduced, it can never be totally eliminated. Irrespective of the threat of Covid-19, life is always a risky business.

Risk lies at the heart of the Christmas story. doesn't it? For example, think of the risks taken by Mary and Joseph in response to God's call, including the risky journey they made to Bethlehem just before Jesus was born. Or again, there was the long and risky journey made by the Magi, as they followed the light of star to worship the infant Christ. What sort of risk assessment would any of them have undertaken?

This year the best we can do is to have a Yet behind and beyond these risks, there is surely the greatest risk of all. The incredible risk that God chose to take, in sending His Son to be born as one of us. Christmas proclaims that because of His love for this world, God gave His only Son to share our frail and fleeting life.

> Jesus came to lead us from darkness to light, from despair to hope, and finally from death to life. As we look to Jesus, and put our trust in Him, so we receive the comfort and joy only God can give.

> Wherever we are, and whatever Christmas turns out to be like this year, even in those seasonal risk assessments, may we know that abiding comfort and joy in our hearts and

> Wishing you Christ's peace and joy, His light and love, this Christmastime and always,



(John Barr, Rector)



Letter from the Revd James Skinner

ear Friends.

Sunday this week is 29th November, Advent Sunday, the fourth Sunday before Christmas. Where has the year gone?!

Advent is a season that many in their anticipation of Christmas forget is happening. Advent is the very important season of preparation for Christmas.

It is not known exactly when the Advent season was first observed, but it is known that it was being practised at the end of the fifth century. For many years, fasting was an important part | A list of the things you may like to include is of observing Advent, just as it was in the season of Lent, before Easter.

include an Advent wreath, where candles are lit each week to remember the people who prepared the way for Jesus' birth 2000 years ago. On Christmas Day a central white candle If you are intending to practise the Reverse Alternatively, a single, marked candle can be used, where a little bit is burned down each day in Advent, and this is what we will be doing this year.

Recently, a new way of marking Advent has been coming in, 'The Reverse Advent Calendar'. The Reverse Advent is a way of putting something aside for others as we look forward to the coming of Iesus. It has been encouraged by churches and food banks, and schools and other groups also now participate.

Looking on the internet you can find many ideas and suggestions as to how to go about it.

One approach that caught my attention was the 'RE: STORE' project supporting the Food Bank in Northampton. It includes part of a verse of scripture under its title: "Do justice: love mercy: walk humbly". (Micah 6:8).

The way the Reverse Advent Calendar works is by putting one item aside each day in Advent for those in need. In the Melton Circuit this vear we wish to collect for the people who came to the lunch club at Sage Cross twice a week.

We are hoping to present them with a Christmas box of good things before Christmas Day. included in this newsletter. One way you could create your Advent calendar would be to add seven simple things to your weekly shop and In many churches today Advent preparations then put one item each day in your box. If you wanted, you could consider sharing a box with a friend?

is lit, symbolising Jesus as the light of the world. Advent, please let Jenny Oliver know on email at jenni.oliver61@gmail.com so that she can have some idea of what may be coming. If you do not have email, please phone me on 01664 482132. Completed boxes need to reach Jenny by 21st December.

With best wishes.

Tames



IRONSTONE SERVICES ONLINE AND IN CHURCH DURING DECEMBER

Services Online and/or by telephone

Wednesdays at 9.00 am Service of Healing and Wholeness via Zoom.telephone

Contact Mike Alexander for link (wee3mike@btinternet.com)

Wednesdays at 9.00 pm Service of Compline for Advent via Zoom

(2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd December only)

Contact John Barr for link (johnbarr2817@gmail.com)

Sunday, 13th December

9.00 am **Christingle Service via Zoom** Contact Mike Alexander for link

4.30 pm **Telephone Worship** Contact John Barr for access details

Sunday, 20th December

4.00 pm Carol Service via Zoom Contact Chris Alexander for link

(wee3alexander@btinternet.com)

Thursday, 24th December - Christmas Eve

4.00 pm Crib Service via Zoom Contact Mike Alexander for link 11.30 pm Midnight Communion via Zoom Contact Mike Alexander for link

Friday, 25th December - Christmas Day

10.00 am **Christmas Morning Worship via Zoom** Contact Mike Alexander

Sunday, 27th December

4.30 pm **Telephone Worship** Contact John Barr for access details

Services in Ironstone Church Buildings (pre-booking only please)

As we look forward to holding services again in some of the Ironstone Churches after the end of the second lockdown, things will be rather different than 'normal'. In particular, if you'd like to come, please bear in mind the following key points

- **Pre-booking** is required **for all services**, including Christmas ones
- **Face coverings** are normally to be **worn** while in church buildings
- **Socially distanced seating** will be provided for you
- **Spoken service** while there may be music, we can't sing together indoors
- **Communion** this will be administered in one kind (a wafer) and brought to where vou are seated
- **Collection** no collection will be taken during the service, but a plate will be available near the door of the church in which you can place your donation

Wednesday, 2nd December

Holy Communion in Eastwell Church (if you'd like to attend, please contact 12.00 noon

> Stella Macgregor (macgregorstella@gmail.com) or Sue Watford (suewatford@aol.com) and let them know in advance.

Sunday, 6th December

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Advent Service in Eastwell Church (if you'd like to attend, please let Stella 9.00 am

Macgregor (macgregorstella@gmail.com) or Sue Watford

(suewatford@aol.com) know in advance.

Holy Communion in Scalford Church (if you'd like to attend, please let Penny 10.30 am

Clemons (pennyclemons@live.com) know in advance.

Sunday, 13th December

9.00 am Advent Service in Eastwell Church (if you'd like to attend, please let Stella

Macgregor or Sue Watford know in advance.

Service of Matins in Stonesby Parish Church (if you'd like to attend, please let 10.00 am

Jill Stannage (jillstannage@icloud.com) or Debbie Whitton

(whitton_simon@hotmail.com) know in advance.

Sunday, 20th December

9.00 am Advent Service in Eastwell Church (if you'd like to attend, please let Stella

Macgregor or Sue Watford know in advance.

Thursday, 24th December - Christmas Eve

Midnight Communion in Scalford Church (if you'd like to attend, please let 11.30 pm

Penny Clemons know in advance.

Friday, 25th December - Christmas Day

10.00 am Holy Communion in St Peter's, Stonesby (if you'd like to attend, please let Jill

Stannage or Debbie Whitton know in advance.

Sunday, 27th December

10.30 am Holy Communion in Waltham Church (if you'd like to attend, please let

Richard Miller (rjm64004@gmail.com) know in advance.



WALTHAM CHURCH

WINDOW WONDERLAND







With Christmas just around the corner, why not decorate your window with Christmas scenes in silhouette/cut-outs or with colourful tissue so the light shines through and brings a little comfort and joy to those around you? Lots of inspiration on the

internet - go on, get out the scissors and have a



Do share your finished window on Facebook including Waltham Community page and Waltham Messy Church

CHRISTINGLE AND CRIB SERVICES

SATURDAY, 12TH DECEMBER AT 4.00 pm

Christingle Making Workshop via Zoom

Chris and Mike are hosting this in preparation for the following day contact us in advance (wee3alexander@btinternet.com) for the joining link and details of what you will need.

SUNDAY, 13th DECEMBER at 9.00 to 9.45 am - online Christingle

You're invited to a special Christingle. Shining the light together. We know Christingle won't look or feel the same this year, but there's no reason why it can't be bigger and brighter than ever. Join us this year for an online family Christingle service hosted by the Children's Society and The Church of England. This will be a joyful celebration that brings people together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope. This special service will be hosted on The Church of England's Facebook and YouTube channels. The link, downloadable Order of Service + how you can participate in the Christingle making will be shared in the week leading up to the service (Online Christingle Making Workshop the day before - see above).



THURSDAY, 24th DECEMBER at 4.00 pm online Crib Service

Dress up as your favourite Nativity character and join in with an interactive Zoom crib service. Contact Chris/Mike (details as above) for details and ioining link.

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS - IN WALTHAM CHURCHYARD

Explore the real meaning of Christmas with us as we light up Waltham Churchyard! Each Sunday in Advent (starting on 29th November) we will put up a new display around the outside of the church - there will be message boards to read and a QR "Scan me" link to a YouTube video ... come along and see ... and put Christ back into Christmas.



CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Eastwell From Wednesday to Sunday inclusive, from 8.00 am to 3.00 pm Eaton

By appointment only on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons

Please contact Sue Peters on 01476 870476

Scalford Thursdays from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Sundays from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Sundays from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm Stonesby

Waltham Sunday and Wednesday mornings from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

SAFEGUARDING

If anyone has any safeguarding issues they wish to report, please get in touch with either Penny Clemons, tel. 01664 444687 (for Eastwell, Goadby Marwood, Scalford with Chadwell and Wycomb) or Mike Alexander, tel. 01664 464802 (for Eaton, Stonesby, Waltham).

GENERAL NOTICES

EASTWELL FLOODLIGHTING

During December the church will be floodlit:

To celebrate the birthdays of:

FRANCESCA WATFORD on 6th December TRICIA PEDLAR on 11th December

STACEY WATFORD on 13th December : ELSIE WATFORD on 16th December MARTHA WATFORD on 25th December

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would like to wish all their friends and neighbours a

VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS,

HEALTHY NEW YEAR



EASTWELL





T he Eastwell Tote was set up many years ago in aid of the church. It has proved a steadfast fundraiser, each year raising approximately £500.00 for the church. Annual subscriptions average out over the past 11 years at £841.00 year, with prize money averaging £335.00 over the same 11 years. Many thanks to Jenny Barnes for collecting all the subscriptions over the last few years.

Trevor will be shortly be collecting next year's subscriptions. However, although he will call round houses if necessary, he would much prefer - in view of the present fluctuating Covid-19 restrictions:

- (1) either money/cheque to be dropped through his letterbox at 14 Stathern Road) or Sue's at 4 Stathern Road, or
- (2) a BACS payment $\,$ details of the account from either Trevor or Sue.

The annual subscription is £12 per person, and each month five prizes of £5 each are drawn. It has been suggested that, the prize money each month be changed to one of £15, and a second one of £10 (instead of five at £5). If you have any comments, either for or against this suggestion, Trevor (rowbo57@hotmail.com) or Sue (suewatford2@gmail.com) would like to hear them. This would not affect the annual subscription which would remain at £12.

Subscriptions have dwindled somewhat over the last few years, as people have left the village: if anyone who has moved into the village recently (or any others who are not presently in the tote) would like to join, please would they get in touch with either Trevor (01949 861481) or Sue (01949 861256) - or via the email addresses above.

EASTWELL HISTORY GROUP



REMINISCENCES

In the last couple of weeks I have received some hugely valuable reminiscences from two 1940s-and-beyond residents of Eastwell.

These have been supported and supplemented by other villagers who have started to fill in some of the gaps or to elaborate on things. I am in the process of putting this treasure into a format that can be published and distributed to members.

If you have access to any similar documents or have reminiscences of your own, please let me know (jrw@payskills.com). Diary notes, memories, photographs, letters or reports are all welcome in bringing together what will be a substantial addition to 'Aspects of Eastwell', our history of the village. I look forward to hearing from you.

AMAZON SMILE

Eastwell History Group is now eligible to received donations from the **Amazon Smile** programme. It is a simple, automatic way for anyone shopping online with Amazon to support Eastwell History Group - at no cost to you or Eastwell History Group. Log on at smile. Amazon.co.uk and select Eastwell History Group as your charity to support, then make your purchases in the normal way. At the end of any transaction 0.5% of the value of your purchase will be credited to us, for which we shall be grateful.

IN MEMORY OF SCALFORD CHAPEL

With the closure of the Methodist Chapel a need was identified for a Community/Meeting Room for the village of Scalford.



The parish church needs to be used more. The way forward in rural church spaces suggests making smaller, independent units within the whole. The primary school support the development of such a space. The PCC has earmarked an area in church and is seeking permission to develop such a space, whilst being mindful of the need to maintain the character and ethos of the building.

Funds are always tight. Whatever our feelings regarding the chapel closure, the village building is being sold. To remember the many years of association with the village, the PCC has suggested, to the Methodist Circuit for this area, that a donation from the sale proceeds to the above proposed fund would be a lasting legacy to all that work and all those memories for the Methodist past in the community.

Such a space is for the benefit of the community and may well give a new home to the remaining Methodists among us.

If you as an individual or village group feel this is worthwhile, please write in support to the Melton Methodist Circuit - a donation to mark the past and look to the future.

MULTI-MILLION POUND PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE HOSPITAL SERVICES UP FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

http://villagenews.e-kit.co.uk

Proposals to spend £450 million transforming acute hospital and maternity services in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland have begun public consultation. The Building better Hospitals for the Future proposals are set to improve patient care, achieving better patient outcomes, and getting staff all working in the best place to make this happen.

The public consultation, ending on 21st December 2020, concerns the three main hospitals in Leicester, run by University Hospitals of Leicester (UHL), NHS Trust, as well as the midwiferyled unit at St Mary's Hospital, Melton Mowbray.

Get involved

The public are encouraged to get involved in the consultation and have their say. There are a number of ways in which people can find out more, including attending our online events. Full details of the consultation are available on our website at www.betterhosp[italsleicester.nhs.uk, including details of our events and a link to the questionnaire. There are also videos and consultation documents that explain the plans in more detail.

To request a copy of the questionnaire to fill in at home or to arrange to complete the questionnaire with a member of staff, telephone us on 0116 295 0750 or email:

beinvolved@LeicesterCityCCG.nhs.uk

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EVENTS IN DECEMBER



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SCALFORD FISH AND CHIP SUPPER

Friday, 4th December,

with collection if you prefer to eat at home. (orders to Penny by 8.00 pm Wednesday 2nd December) Penny will also fetch an order for you, if you would prefer to take it home to eat. 01664 444687, 07443 618746 : pennyclemons@live.com



SCALFORD TRIANGLE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION Covid Style 2020

Christmas is coming and I think all of us will be glad to see the end of 2020. Due to the current pandemic we are unable to hold our normal Christmas activities and party for our community but in no way is Christmas cancelled.



In early December we will, as we always do, erect our Christmas tree on the triangle at the junction of School Lane and South Street. We will, though, be unable to hold a gathering to light the tree. Am sure around this time Santa will be making an appearance - social distancing of course - around the village and as soon as he has confirmed his dates we will let you know.

We encourage everyone to go big and bold this year with your external decorations and bring much needed cheer to the village. As Santa goes round the village he may wish to acknowledge some of those displays in some way.

One of the things we wish to record is all the great things that have happened throughout the year, from our social distanced Easter, to growing sunflowers, decorating the village with thankyous for key workers and, of course, Halloween.

This year has affected us all in very different ways, especially our children and older members of the village. We plan to place an additional 'Christmas tree in the Church porch and want the village to help decorate it for us. The tree will be a Memory Tree and we invite everyone young and old to create a decoration which is a memory of 2020 which is personal to you. You can create your own decoration or alternatively you can collect some materials from us to create a decoration.

In addition we will create a scrap book with all the pictures you have sent us over the year. If you have any pictures you wish to include or any comments you wish to make, then either complete a card or send us your comments and place them in the post box at Hunters Croft, School Lane.

At the end of 2020 and in the New Year we will take all of the decorations and the scrapbook, place them in a tin and create a time capsule which we will bury for someone to discover in years to come. It will provide a documented community view of what has been a challenging and confusing year, but also show what community spirit looks like, regardless of what has happened.

So when the tree is ready we will post on our facebook site. However, if you have any ideas or feedback, we would love to hear from you.

Watch out for updates.

Scalford Triangle Community Group



THE GREAT EATON CHRISTMAS STAR TRAIL 2020 SWITCH ON SATURDAY, 12th DECEMBER at 4.30 pm

So what's this all about then?

Here's to the start of a great Eaton tradition The Eaton Community Park Committee are planning a trail of Christmas

stars around the village for adults and children to enjoy. You can either choose to have a ready-made star to hang outside your house or for those of you who are more creative, we can supply you with a kit to make your own design.

- Q. How many stars will be in the village? A: 60 plus
- Q: How can we get hold of one?
- A: Please contact by 11th December either
 Kathy Skinner kathyskinner62@yahoo.co.uk, or 07974 328847, or
 Derek Janes downunder2008@me.com or 07730 508153
 First come first served basis and an army of elves will hand deliver your
 Christmas Star to your doorstep.
- Q: Can we have more than one star?
- A: Yes of course ... some people are planning on having three!
- Q: Where do we put it?
- A: Anywhere visible near your property, so people can walk around the village and see our beautiful stars throughout December.
- Q: The stars are going to be lit up so will the lights come with batteries?
- A: Yes, and should last for up to 12 hours.
- Q: Why are we doing this?
- A: As you will appreciate, it has been an incredibly difficult year to fund raise, and it costs about £2000 per year to keep the park maintained (covering insurance, grass cutting and maintenance).
- O: How much do the stars cost?
- A: We are asking for voluntary donations by https://www.kindlink.com/ fundraising/Eaton-Community-Park-Association/christmas-star, or cash or cheque (made payable to EPCA) on delivery.

Thank you for your ongoing support and also a massive thanks to RES Tractors in Harby who have sponsored these kits. Your support is very much appreciated.





