



Ludham Parish News –December 2023



Vicar's Christmas Message

Dear Friends,

As we approach Christmas and the New Year of 2024, we look forward to celebrations of one kind or another- parties, family reunions, a time for giving and receiving, or maybe even just having a quiet Christmas! Whatever it might be, it can be a time of great optimism, too. Let's face it, there is much going on in the world right now that cries out literally for peace, and the word and concept of hope becomes something of paramount importance for all of us. It's great for us to be able to take a moment, and to reflect on the true meaning of the hope of Christmas for this world.

I heard recently of Christians in the Middle East and elsewhere who, through the most challenging times, hang on to their hope in Christ- not just at Christmas, but each day of the year. They know, and we can know too, that the coming of Jesus to us changes everything, and God calls us to respond to his love for us in some way. We all know ourselves pretty well, and we know the best way that we can do that.

So, may you find God's true blessing in Christ this Christmas- that our lives may be changed and burn even brighter, whatever we happen to be facing at the moment. Here is a Christmas Prayer for us all to share in Waterside Benefice, whether we are in Catfield, Ludham, or Potter Heigham: (Feel free to use it in whichever way suits you).

Lord God, help me this Christmas time to find a moment to reflect on the real meaning and impact of the coming of Jesus to us- to be still, and find healing and peace. Renew me, I pray, and may I know your power and presence as I prepare in true hope for the coming New Year. I pray this in the name of Jesus, as I also pray for those around me who need your touch at this time. Amen.

With our love and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Gary and April

HOME ALONE AT CHRISTMAS Ludham Churches Together and the Kings Arms will again be providing a lovely Christmas meal for those in the village who will be on their own at Christmas. If you will be on your own and would like a meal delivered to you on Boxing Day, please contact Margaret Watts 678570 or Ken Grapes 678437 by 15th December

Christmas gifts for St Martin's Housing Trust If anyone wishes to donate this year-toiletries, confectionery, warm clothes, all new and unwrapped for both men & women, please bring to Flycatcher, School Road or ring 01692 678060 by Wednesday 6 December. Your gifts will be most appreciated by the homeless supported by this Norwich based Trust.

Waterside Benefice- new Life Group Wednesday 13th December music, reflection, discussion, prayer, Everyone is welcome to join us, Revd. Gary-678842, granoyes@gmail.com.

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH

Ludham, Catfield and Potter Heigham Benefice

For enquiries contact: Vicar: Revd Gary Noyes

Email : granoyes@gmail.com 01692 678842

Churchwardens: John Savage 01692 678654

Peter Wall 01692 678060



METHODIST CHURCH

Norfolk Broads Methodist Circuit

Pastoral Assistant: Shaun Cushion 01493 740237

shauncushion@yahoo.co.uk

Steward: Mr. Alan Croft, Hi-Timbers

The Street Catfield NR29 5AZ 01692 582104

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER-REMEMBERING

At 6.00pm in St Catherine's church - a service to commemorate loved ones who have passed away. Time to remember and reflect and an opportunity to light a candle for them, to leave it as a beacon amongst those from other families from the community. All welcome, children included. It will be a poignant and fitting tribute to the memories you hold dear.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS 2023

Sunday service, p.2

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS OUTDOOR DISPLAY.....see full details on P.2

Sunday 17th December Carol Service Methodist church 11am

6.30pm Service of Lessons & Carols, St Catherine's church followed by mulled wine & mince pies

Tuesday 19th December 9.30am Ludham School Carol Service

Saturday 23rd December 5.00pm Carols Round the Christmas Tree & in church, with Benefice Scratch Band

Sunday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE 3pm Crib Service; 11.30pm Benefice Midnight Holy Communion St, Catherine's

CHRISTMAS DAY Service 10am St Catherine's church 10am Readings & Carols Methodist church



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS OUTDOOR DISPLAY

Raising money for the British Heart Foundation
Come and walk around our impressive display (shoes for wet grass)



Saturday 16th December until 3rd January

5.30pm to 7pm EVERY day including Bank Holidays
Sorry NO PARKING AVAILABLE AT COTTAGE
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ST. CATHERINE'S COFFEE SHOP

Please note that the St. Catherine's Coffee Shop will be closed over Christmas and New Year - Friday 22nd and Friday 29th December. We will re-open on Friday 5th January.

Thank you so much for all the support you have given us during this past year. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year



CLUBS & SOCIETIES IN DECEMBER

Ludham Community Archive.

Our meetings are held in Ludham Church Rooms, 7- 9pm, the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. All are welcome. Entry is £1 to cover refreshments.

On Tuesday 12th December we hold our Christmas Social Event in the Church Rooms. The following meeting will be on the 9th January 2024 with a presentation by Jon Simpson entitled Weir and Wonderful Wood - A Wood Turner's Tale. Visit www.ludhamarchive.org.uk or facebook.com/ludhamarchive for further information.

Ludham Archive Winter Walk - Sunday 10th December
Meet at Potter Heigham Community Centre car Park at 2 pm. Water levels at the time will determine our exact route but we hope a circular walk including the raised bank around Hickling Broad will be passable. Wear appropriate footwear as some paths may be damp. Walks no longer than 4 miles and dogs are welcome on a lead. If you need a lift or further information contact Mike or Jeanne Flett on 01692 678560 or email: mikeandjeanne@btinternet.com

SCREENLUDHAM: Next showing Friday 26th January 2024

THURSDAY CRAFTERS Meet 7th December 2-4 pm Sloper Room Come and join us Lindsey 01693 630039

For Get-me-not Club.

Thursday December 14th, 11am start for our Christmas Party. This is so we can all get home before it gets dark. We do not meet in January, first meeting in the New Year February 8th. For more information contact Wendy 678151.

Christian Aid collection, 2023-the village raised £1,055-78 Well done! Thank you!

SUNDAY SERVICES DECEMBER 2023 ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH, 10am

Sunday 3rd December Benefice Holy Communion Potter Heigham Rev. Gary Noyes 6.00pm Remembrance Service (details on P.1)
Sunday 10th December Holy Communion Rev. Gary Noyes
Sunday 17th December Morning Worship
Sunday 24th December Morning Worship
Sunday 31st December Joint service at Methodist Church

FORTHCOMING EVENTS CRAFTS AND COFFEE

AT

ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 10am-2pm

more information Carol on 678672 or

email: Carolcwrw@btinternet.com



Ludham Oil Syndicate

Having dealt with the oil syndicate for several years, I now wish to hand it over to someone else, and I need a volunteer please. If you can spare 2 or 3 hours in alternate months, please do get in touch, and I will explain what would be required of you. Jon Simpson, 01692 678959 jonandbron@googlegmail.com

CLUBS & SOCIETIES IN DECEMBER

Womack Herons gather in Winterton on Tuesday December 5th for the winter walk and lunch. Meet outside the Fisherman's Return NR29 4BN ready to start walking at 10.45am; walkers return to the pub for lunch booked for 12.30pm. The pub will be open for non-walkers by 11am. Please book for lunch and/or the walk by 28th November: menu choices required. See the menu at: <https://www.fishermansreturn.com/our-food.html> Contact Tricia to book on tricia@womackherons.org.uk or 07931 301606. The draft 2024 programme should be available online by mid December www.womackherons.org.uk Come and join us! We wish you all a happy Christmas and New Year.

LUDHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE will meet on Wednesday, December 20th at 1.30pm (note time) in the Church Room for their Christmas party, and will be entertained by the Ukelele Band. Visitors, as always, will be very welcome. Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas!

Ludham Wives.

Meeting in December. Thursday December 7th. Social Evening, with Santa Secret Sack- Give a present to receive a present(£5).

This is our last meet until Thursday 25th January, which is our sausage and Mash evening.

We meet at 7.30 for meeting start at 8pm.

For more information contact Judith 773806. Margaret 678503

Ludham Village Hall 200 Club

December 2023 Winners

Liz Sutherland (£50)

Emma Gibbs (£20)

Derek Oakes (£20)

Graham Roll (£10)

David Alexander (£10)

New Members are always welcome. For details, please see our website ludhamvillagehall.com or email LVH200Club@gmail.com

COFFEE MORNING Thursday 10.30am Methodist church

CARE WHEN WALKING IN THE CHURCHYARD See p.3

SUNDAY SERVICES DECEMBER 2023 METHODIST CHURCH, 11am

Sunday 3rd December Moyra Ketteringham, with carols
Sunday 10th December Local Arrangement
Sunday 17th December Sheila Farnsworth Carol Service
Sunday 24th December Shaun Cushion Holy Communion
Sunday 31st December Joint service Rev. Andrew King

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Bell ringers from St Peter Mancroft church, Norwich and Great St Mary church, Cambridge rang a full peal on the bells of St Catherine's church on Sunday 22 October. This glorious ring lasted three and a half hours and was only the 6th full peal ever to have been rung on the bells, the last being in 1995- See certificate below.

Ancient Society of College Youths

On Sunday, 22 October 2023 in 3h 20

Ludham, Norfolk St Catherine

Tenor: 18-0-19 in E
5040 Doubles (14m)



3 extents of Winchendon Place, St Nicholas Bob, St
Remigius Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place,
Huntspill Bob, New Bob, Camelion Bob, Blackburn
Place, Shipway Place, Primrose Bob, Lancashire Bob,
St Martin's Bob, Eynesbury Bob, Plain Bob

Ringers: 1 Neil M Thomas 2 Simon J T Smith 3 Luke T W Smith
4 Jonathan A Agg (C) 5 Richard A Smith

CARE WHEN WALKING IN THE CHURCHYARD: Please be aware, when you use the churchyard, that the surface is far from smooth This mediaeval graveyard has been subjected to 800 years of grave digging and wild-life, with hillocks, mole-hills and depressions in the ground. Some parts are kept reasonably well-trimmed, (weather-permitting), but it is not cut to lawn standard. Any smoothness of the surface grass can belie the state of the ground beneath. So please take care to avoid twisted ankles or even worse. Thank you

John Savage, Church Warden

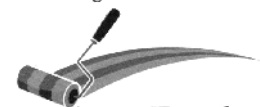
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LUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The following items were considered by the Parish Council at the last meeting and the Council agreed to publish the following information which parishioners may be interested in:

Planning

The following planning applications were considered during the month or at the Parish Council meeting.

- PF/23/2218. Little Maltings, Latchmoor Lane. Detached outbuilding to front of dwelling. Supported
- PF/23/2198. Pond Cottage, Staithe Road. Erection of single storey front and side extension. Supported
- PF/23/2191. Fenside, School Lane. Extension of existing garage. Supported
- PF/23/1103. Fritton Farm. Conversion of outbuilding to form 1 bedroom annexe. Supported

Fireworks

After consideration and consultation the Parish Council has decided to use 'Low bang' fireworks at the New Year's Eve fireworks display. The fireworks display is very popular and the Council is aware that villagers look forward to it every year. The 'low bang' fireworks are a trial, so do please contact the Clerk to let the Council know your thoughts.

If any parishioners are able to support the Parish Council with the fireworks display by being a steward, please contact Lindsay Grist (678996) or the Clerk

Allotments

If you are interested in taking on an allotment at the Catfield Road site please take a look at the allotments and contact the Clerk. There is currently one allotment available, which has been offered to those on the waiting list with no responses to date.

The Parish Council wishes all parishioners a very Happy Christmas and a healthy, peaceful 2024

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 5th December 2023 at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend. Website: Ludhampc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

Clerk: Jo Beardshaw, ludhamparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk

Ludham Village Hall Stay and Play

For children under 5 and their parents/carers. Every two weeks during term time Tuesday 28th November; Tuesday 12th December 10.00-11.30 Opportunities for children to explore, discover, learn and have fun. Healthy snacks provided. £2.50 per family. For further information:

Email: calendar.girl@ludhamvillagehall.com

Join our facebook page: LVH Stay and Play



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MOBILE LIBRARY: 20th December, usual stops

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Horning Christmas Event Thursday 30th Nov 5-8pm

- Santa's Grotto
- Christmas Tree Light Switch on
- Elf on the Shelf Trail with FREE edible prize
- Craft Stalls in St Benet's Hall
- Christmas Gift Stalls
- Eleanor Rose Christmas Wreaths
- Coco UK Beauty products
- Musical miniature Steam Engine
- Singing around the tree
- Christmas specials at some local shops (open late)

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