

Dec Diary for December

- 2nd Worship for All at Advent 10.30am at Laxton
2nd Service 6.30pm at Ompton with Irene Shawcroft
3rd Zumba Class 7.30~8.15pm in Community Centre
5th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in Community Centre
9th Holy Communion 10.30am at Wellow
9th Holy Communion 6.30pm at Ompton with Rev Rodney Warden
12th W.I. Christmas Meeting
16th Morning Prayer 10.30am at Kneesall
17th Zumba Class 7.30~8.15pm in Community Centre
19th Carol Service 6.00pm at Kneesall
23rd Carol Service 6.30pm at Ompton with Rev Clare Burl
24th Crib Service 3.00pm at Laxton
25th Morning Prayer 10.30am at Kneesall
30th Holy Communion 10.30am at Wellow

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- 6th Holy Communion 10.30am at Kirton
6th Covenant Service 6.30pm at Ompton with Rev Clare Burl
7th Zumba Class 7.30~8.15pm in Community Centre

Please see reverse side for the complete listing of services in the benefice.

Bill Hemsley Community Centre Notes.

Booking the hall. Tel: Kevin Gray 01623 863618, 07860 921431; email Kevin.gray@aesseeal.co.uk before arranging a booking.

J Team. Fridays 5.30~6.30pm during term-time for 5 - 11 years. For more details contact Tessa Rolph 01777 872034.

Pre-School & Playgroup Please contact Jeanette Connolly 07984 265884, kneesallpreschool@googlemail.com, or drop in to a session located in St Bartholomew's Church Kneesall.

Carol Service Wednesday 19th December, 6.00pm The Primary School and the Parish combine again for another candle-lit Service. Village Hall doors open at 5.30pm. Mulled wine and mince-pies to end. Please come to this magical evening. Ian Thorne, Churchwarden.

Big Fat Quiz of the Year 27th December at 7.30pm at The Angel Inn Kneesall. Tel. Nicola 01623 861078
Other local events

Film: **Chinatown** (15. Period Crime. USA. 1974) ☆☆☆☆☆ (Golden Globe Award-Best Drama Motion Picture)

Tuesday 4th December 7.30pm at Maplebeck Village Hall. Contact: Derek Sayer 01636 636421 Tickets £5, Conc. £4.
Talk: "**The Indian Mutiny.. or was it The First War of Indian Independence?**" By: Richard Kinnear, our local expert in Military History. Tuesday 11th December at 7.30pm in Maplebeck Village Hall. It's FREE. Contact: Derek Sayer

Christmas Tree Festival 8th December to 16th December St Mary Magdalene Parish Church Newark. Entry £2 per adult, 20p per child. For any queries, please telephone the vestry on 01636 706473 from 9.00am~4.00pm.

Thank you to everyone who helped in the set up and came along to support the village bonfire event. It was a great success, with over 400 people coming to enjoy great catering, a wonderful bonfire and super fireworks. The event raised over £600, which, as ever, will be used to ensure the upkeep of the church and village hall.

Poppy Appeal Many thanks to those who gave – a total of £121.83 was raised. Grateful thanks also to Lis and Bob Greenland who made the collection. Sylvia Hemsley.

Bus pass. Nottinghamshire County Council is sending out letters to people who have a bus pass. You should receive a letter between November 2012 and January 2013 regarding how to renew your bus pass. If you do not get any information from Nottinghamshire County Council then ring them on 0300 500 80 80. Parish Council.

A Model of Kneesall Church made by the late Alf Froggatt of Bilsthorpe is on display in the Bilsthorpe Heritage Society Museum, currently open on Wednesdays 2.30~4.15pm. A photo can be seen in the Kneesall notice board.

Getting calls or texts about claiming compensation for PPI? Think you've got a claim? Get the right help! It's free to claim for mis-sold PPI compensation – find out how from your local CAB. If you respond to unwanted PPI texts or telephone calls, you could: lose a large chunk of your compensation; pay out fees but get nothing back; get into debt; have your contact details passed on. What can I do?: never reply to spam texts or links; take care how you make your number available; check contract small print for how they'll use your details; forward spam texts to your mobile provider (7726 for Everything Everywhere/O2, 37726 for 3, 87726 for Vodafone); complain to the Information Commissioner, telephone number 0303 123 1113; call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 if you've been scammed. For further help and information on mis-sold PPI Compensation: Call the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline 0845 404 0506; Typetalk 18001 0845 404 0506; Visit citizensadvice.org.uk/campaigns. For further information & advice on any subject, contact: North Notts Advice Line 0844 856 3411 or 0300 456 8369 from a mobile Monday to Friday 10.00am – 2.00pm. Or visit your local Citizens Advice Bureau at 5 Forest Court, New Ollerton Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9.30am – 2.30pm.

Make a date for your calendar or diary - Deadline for entries in January 2013 Knatter is 6th Jan

LETTER FROM THE REV CHRIS LEVY

Dear All,

It has often been said that life is full of surprises and we never know what is round the corner. Sometimes we would like to know and often it is better not to know. When a new life comes into being we often wonder what there is in store for them. Certainly it is very difficult to predict what changes will take place in their lifetime, given how rapidly things seem to change in today's world.

There are, as we are reminded, two certainties, taxes and death. As long as people work they will need to pay some kind of tax in order to contribute towards those things that we consider it necessary for our nation to provide; health care, education, a transport system and so on. However much we sometimes disagree with the way in which our monies are spent we mostly accept we have no option but to pay our contribution. At the present time much is being made of those who seek to avoid paying their fair share. Maybe one day someone will catch up with them but who knows? However much people may seek to avoid taxes the other certainty is the same for all, rich or poor. One of the Psalms expresses it this way:

"For all our days pass away under your wrath;

Our years come to an end like a sigh.

The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;

Even then their span is only toil and trouble;

They are soon gone and we fly away."

In some ways it may seem a pessimistic view of life, as amongst toil and trouble, I am sure for many there is also some enjoyment. However, the idea that in relative terms our span of time here on earth is short in comparison to how long the World has been in existence and will probably continue is probably true. We all like to think we are invincible but we are not. Shakespeare talks of the World as a stage and we are mere players who strut our part for a short while then are gone for another to take our place. In the meantime we need to find a meaning to our life and what lay beyond.

It is in this season of Advent that we can look for some assurance and answers to our questioning. Traditionally Advent is more than just preparing for Christmas. It is a looking forward to the end of time and what will happen when Jesus comes again. The promise given by Jesus to the Disciples was that He would be coming back. He was to go away for a while and one day return and claim the World for His own. This we call the second coming. The early Church expected this to happen almost immediately, but as time has gone on the problem has become that most of us do not lead our lives anticipating the return of Jesus any day now. But part of the Christian faith is an understanding that we might be caught up in this and no one knows the time when we will be with God. Who knows when he will call us? Not knowing is, though, no excuse for not being prepared. Jesus likened it to the thief that comes in the night, if the householder knew at what hour the thief was to come he could have been ready for him. Hence, we need to be alert, ready and waiting. Advent demands of us a state of eager anticipation that Jesus is coming and we need to be there to greet Him when he does. The collect for Advent goes like this:-

"Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal." Christopher

Sunday 2nd December

8.00am Walesby
9.00am Rufford
10.30am Laxton
4.00pm Wellow

Advent

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Worship for All for Advent
Advent Carols

Sunday 9th December

9.00am Walesby
10.30am Wellow
6.00pm Egmonton

Advent 2

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Advent Praise

Sunday 16th December

8.00am Walesby
9.00am Moorhouse
9.00am Egmonton
10.30am Kirton
10.30am *Kneesall*
6.00pm Laxton

Advent 3

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Morning Prayer
Carols

Wednesday 19th December

6.00pm *Kneesall* Carols

Sunday 23rd December

9.00am Walesby

Advent 4

Holy Communion

Monday 24th December

3.00pm Laxton
4.00pm Kirton
5.45pm Egmonton
7.00pm Moorhouse
11.30pm Wellow
11.30pm Walesby

Christmas Eve

Crib Service
Christingle
Carols
Carols + Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Holy Communion

Tuesday

8.00am
9.00am
10.30am
10.30am

25th December

Egmonton
Walesby
Kneesall
Laxton

Christmas Day

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Morning Prayer
Holy Communion

Sunday 30th December

9.00am Walesby
10.30am Wellow

Christmas 1

Holy Communion
Holy Communion

Sunday

8.00am
9.00am
10.30am
4.00pm

6th January

Walesby
Rufford
Kirton
Walesby

Epiphany

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Evening Prayer