

# NORTH ASTON NEWS

DECEMBER 2012

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*Merry Christmas*

*Preparations for Christmas . . .  
Carols on the Green & the Village Wassail  
Artweeks, Festivals, Services, Parties, Lights and Lots of Singing!*

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## CHAIRMAN Chewing the Cud

So, we have reached the end of another year in North Aston. We all have to agree that it has been an exciting year. The Quiz Night, French Evening and the absolutely fantastic record breaking Village Fête, and we still have the Carols on the Green on Christmas Eve to look forward to.

The 1st December will see the village swathed in Christmas Lights when the Browns and Hite's hold their annual event in aid of two very worthy Charities. I hope you will all support them.

Back to more mundane matters, Sue is resigning as Village Treasurer after serving the village for the last four years. I would like to thank her for all the time and effort that she has put in over the years ensuring that the village finances were kept in order. With this in mind we have our AGM for both Village and Fund meetings in January, so anyone out there who would be willing to take up the position of Treasurer could you please contact either Marcus or myself.

Last year I said that I was going to stand down as Chairman. I am now going to repeat what I said last year, but this time sticking with it. I will not be standing for re-election in January; I think it is about time that someone else took up the reins.

Less than four weeks to Christmas may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Chris*

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Chris Tuffrey, Chairman. See above.

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Please notify of any Firework Parties

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### Out of Hours Doctor

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## Upcoming Events

### Coffee Morning

Wednesday 5th Dec. 10:00 am, Old Bakery

### Village Hall Forum

Wednesday 12th Dec. 7:30 pm, Old Bakery

### North Aston Choir Meetings

Monday 3rd, 10th, 17th Dec. 6:30pm, Old Vicarage

### Gardening Club Meeting

There will not be a meeting in December

# NORTH ASTON CHOIR

*The first meeting of the newly-formed North Aston Choir in November was very well attended, but it's not too late to join!*

*The Choir will meet again on the first three Mondays of December at the Old Vicarage*

*Monday 3rd, 10th & 17th  
at 6.30pm*

*No audition necessary!*

*Any questions tel: 340625*



# OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

### OPENING HOURS:

CHRISTMAS EVE	08:00 - 15:00
CHRISTMAS DAY	CLOSED
BOXING DAY	CLOSED
THURSDAY 27/12/12	
to	08:00 - 17:00
SUNDAY 30/12/12	
NEW YEARS EVE	08:00 - 15:00
NEW YEARS DAY	CLOSED

From Wednesday 02/01/13  
Normal hours apply: 8:00-17:00

## Here We Come A-wassailing

The North Aston Carol Singers will be in action on Sunday 16th December. We will visit every house in the village including all 'outposts' - about 70 houses in all.



We will be collecting for *Save the Children*, *The Gatehouse* (homeless in Oxford) and *Homestart* (helping struggling young families in Banbury). If you do not wish to open your door but would like to support the charities, please leave an envelope outside. Thank you.

Please feel free to join in with the carol singing at any time. The first stage is done on bicycles and we are always a bit short on numbers for this part. Meet at the phone box at 2.00pm. It would also be great to dress up a bit more than in previous years so if you could manage Victorian Fancy Dress that would be great! Anyone got a Penny Farthing?

**Volunteers and Further Information**  
**Please phone Mark Stay on 347806**

## Announcements

# This Month's BIRTHDAYS

Paul Brown

Stefan Liberadski

Joyce Morley

Joshua Potts

Tony Rees

Sandra Reeves



Many Happy Returns to all the North Aston residents who celebrate birthdays this month. If you're not listed, or know someone who should be, please let us know.

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WEEKS

## North Aston Artweeks 2013

North Aston is now officially committed to taking part in next year's Artweeks Festival, May 18th to 27th 2013.

This will be a great opportunity to work together as a community, and demonstrate the depth and breadth of untapped artistic talent that we all know rests here in the village.

The days are shorter now, and there's less time to be out and about in the daylight, but that's the perfect opportunity for allowing free rein to your artistic desires. Get painting, sculpt, turn a bit of wood, sketch a picture, work on a digital photo - whatever takes your fancy. The only stipulation should be that the items you decide to display should have been created since May 2008. Please let us know if you'd like to be involved by emailing [info@north-aston.co.uk](mailto:info@north-aston.co.uk) or calling 347356.

## Children's Christmas Party Friday 21st December 4:00 and 6:00 pm

This year the North Aston Children's Party is being combined with the Steeple Aston celebration, and will take place on Friday 21st December between 4:00 and 6:00 pm in Steeple Aston Village Hall.

If you would like to join in the fun and frolics, call Jane on 347504 to confirm the details and make travel arrangements.

Entertainment will include a bouncy castle, party games, Christmas crafts, tea and a visit from Father Christmas.

## Village Hall Forum

There will be a Village Hall Forum meeting on Wednesday December 12th in the Old Bakery, starting at 7:30 pm. In effect, this will be the first Annual General Meeting for the proposed Management Committee for the Hall.

Under the Commission guidelines for the establishment of a Charity it is necessary for the Trustees to be appointed at an AGM. Once formalised, this group will help to oversee the planning and development of the project, and then assist in managing the Hall once it is built. Between six and eight Trustees are needed, of which three (or possibly four) will be elected, and the remainder appointed. Once the paperwork for the Trustees has been forwarded to our solicitors; Spratt Endicott in Banbury, the final stages in establishing the Charity can be completed. This will then allow us to move forward with such tasks as opening a bank account, finalising the Business Plan, and seeking grants and funding opportunities.

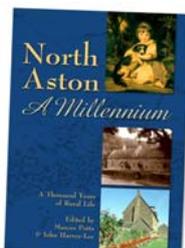
We are grateful to those members of the community who have stepped forward to volunteer as Trustees. The responsibilities they are accepting vary from the fairly demanding (of time and effort) to the negligible (being required only to attend a couple of meetings each year), but are all vastly appreciated. Their generosity will allow us to move forwards again after a brief period of stagnation, and we can look forward to accelerated progress in the New Year.

The Forum meetings are, as always, open to everyone. If you would like to attend the AGM, please turn up on the night. If you would like to be considered as a Trustee and have not already been 'noted', then please email [info@north-aston.co.uk](mailto:info@north-aston.co.uk) and we will be happy to discuss the details with you.

## The North Aston Book

At just £15 to village residents, this is a great present for friends or relatives. 192 pages and loads of photos.

Collect a copy from Two School Cottages or telephone: 347356



## Christmas 2012

Saint Mary's North Aston  
*Celebrating the Birth of Christ*



Sunday 23rd December

### The Carol Service

4:30 pm ~ In the Church

Your presents will be taken to the  
Britannia Road Family Centre  
in Banbury as usual



Monday 24th December  
Christmas Eve

### The Crib Service

Especially for small people & their parents  
3 pm ~ In the Church



### Carols on the Green

3 pm ~ On the Village Green



Tuesday 25th December  
Christmas Day

### Christmas Family Communion

9 am ~ In the Church

## Festival of Christmas

St Olave's Church, Fritwell

Saturday 8 December 2012

from 12:00 Noon

Hot Lunch ~ Craft Fair & Gifts

Raffle & Tombola ~ Children's Activities

Christmas Songs

Minced Pies & Mulled Wine

The Hite and the Brown Families  
invite you all to their annual  
**Christmas Lights Switch On**

On

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

At

**5.00pm**



There will be a  
**Raffle, Cake Stall, Tombola, Refreshments**  
and much more!!

**Hopefully Father Christmas is also going to  
pop in and join in the fun!!**

All Donations will go to two Charities



**Help for Heroes**

Registered charity number 1120920

**Katharine House Hospice**

Registered Charity No 297099



**Merchandise for both Charities will also be on sale**

Thanks to everyone's generosity last Christmas and throughout the year  
If anyone would like to donate a raffle prize / tombola prize  
or a cake for the cake stall we would be extremely grateful.

**We look forward to seeing you all on the day!!**

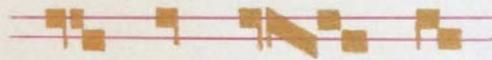


# The Church MATTERS



## TED SHORT

Celebrating  
60 Years  
as Organist at  
St. Mary's Church,  
North Aston



The Rector, Churchwardens, members of  
the Parochial Church Council and the  
Village Congregation record their sincere  
and deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks  
for Sixty Years of devoted service to their  
Church and Community.

1952 – 2012

Any comments about the above are very welcome.

Please email Kildare: [k.bourkeborrowes@btinternet.com](mailto:k.bourkeborrowes@btinternet.com) or tel: 340 200  
If you wish you can also email Clive: [casb@north-aston.com](mailto:casb@north-aston.com) or tel: 338 434  
or our priest Father Mark Clavier: [mark.clavier@gmail.com](mailto:mark.clavier@gmail.com) or tel 349 267

Any other member of the PCC will also be very happy to talk, and they are: Bill Adams, Richard Bailey,  
Nick Bevan, Beryl Greenwood, Jenny Martin, Jane McArdle, Ted Short, Jeremy Taylor and Norman West.

It's your Church

## Reporting Fraud

From 3 December 2012, all reports of fraud in the Thames Valley region will be recorded by Action Fraud. Individual police forces in the south east will no longer handle fraud reports directly, and they will now all be recorded centrally. If you want to report an instance of fraud, please call this dedicated number: 0300 123 2040, or visit the Action Fraud website at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk).

Thames Valley Police will continue to respond to reports of frauds when the offence is actually in progress, but any other calls will be referred to Action Fraud.

The new process will have a number of benefits, including having a central point of contact; an effective and efficient way to bulk report fraud; and an increased chance of identifying repeat and vulnerable victims. The scheme has already been piloted successfully and will be rolled-out nationwide in 2013.

Action Fraud has produced a leaflet about the changes, which is available to view or download from the website. It provides more information about the scheme.

## Flooding

Although unlikely to affect anyone in central North Aston directly there have been instances recently of flooding of roads and properties elsewhere in the Parish, and in neighbouring communities.

The soil is now waterlogged throughout the Cherwell Valley area, and even modest rainfall can now lead to flash flooding and standing water. Please do take care when travelling towards Somerton, as there have been occasions when deep water has suddenly appeared along the road. This has occurred in sites where it might not normally be expected, and one or two drivers have been caught unawares.

The usual flood, between the Mill and Cherwell bridges, briefly reached a depth of around a foot in late November. If such circumstances return, please drive carefully. As was reported by the BBC, even four-wheel drive vehicles are not amphibious.

Slow down *before* you reach the water, and if you are confident that your vehicle can cope with the depth, drive forwards steadily. If the exit of your exhaust is likely to be below the water level, take particular care, and if you think the depth will exceed the centre-line of your wheels, you are advised not to attempt the crossing.

Once under way, use low gear (1st or 2nd) and try not to take your foot off the accelerator once in the water - ensure you approach at a speed you will be comfortably in maintaining all the way through. Do not change gear, as this can cause a reversal of gasflow through the exhaust and could draw water into the engine. If there are other vehicles already negotiating



the flood, let them complete their crossing before you make yours - that also applies to traffic travelling the same direction as you.

Do not be concerned by steam rising from your exhaust (although catalytic converters have been known to split if exposed to cold water, so bear this in mind!). Once out of the water, don't forget to check your brakes.

Do not enter water that is too deep for your car. If you sense that the wheels are no longer gripping, it could be that your vehicle is starting to float. If you have a passenger, ask them to force open their door and let water into the footwell. You may have to sacrifice the carpet, but you might still get the car through to the other side.

For the latest news, visit [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk).

## New Scrap Metal Legislation

From 3rd December it will be illegal to make cash payments - or to receive cash, in exchange for scrap metal.

Under Section 146 of the LASPO Act 2012, the payment for scrap metal in cash shall render the scrap metal dealer, the person making the payment on his/her behalf and/or the manager of the site all guilty of an offence. Any Scrap Metal Dealers who attempt to circumvent the Act by providing a cheque cashing service shall also be in breach of the act. This will be interpreted as the same as being paid in cash, and therefore illegal under the Act. Penalties will be severe, and hopefully, the theft of metal from churches, schools and war memorials will be rendered less profitable for thieves.

Should you wish to speak to a local officer about crime prevention, advice on securing your property, deterring burglars, suspected theft, or any other aspect of police work, please contact Thames Valley Police by dialling 101.

# ADVENT COFFEE MORNING

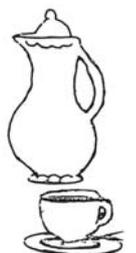
Come and join us for a very special pre-Christmas get-together at the Bakery. There will be Advent Carols, Sherry & Mince Pies. Tea, coffee and cakes will also be served. 10:30am till noon.

## EVERYONE WELCOME!

If you would like transport, or a helping hand across the road, please ring Gwen Short (01295 810762) or Beryl Greenwood (340122) to arrange.



We hope to see you on Wednesday December 5th



# Cinderella

A presentation by the  
**DUNS TEW DRAMA GROUP**

The world's best loved panto, Duns Tew's most famous theatre group and the debut of two stunning directors . . . can anything go wrong?

Find out by booking  
your tickets NOW

call

Jenny Martin  
**338783**

£12.50

*(includes supper)*

Friday 30 Nov

Saturday 1 Dec

Friday 7 Dec

Saturday 8 Dec

7.30pm Village Hall

Matinee

*(Free drink & crisps)*

Saturday 8 Dec

Under 16's £4.00

Adults £6.00

2.00pm Village Hall



# Oxfordshire Community Woodfuel Programme

## *Buying Woodfuel and A Directory of Local Woodfuel Suppliers*

The Oxfordshire Community Woodfuel Programme is a new initiative run by the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment and several partner organisations. It aims to help local communities to:

- Connect with their local environment and local energy supply, and understand the productive nature of woodlands
- Increase their supply and demand for woodfuel
- In doing so, reduce their carbon footprints, improve their biodiversity, and reduce their 'fuel miles'

Riki Therivel is the programme manager and will be sending us regular briefings. This first note is about buying woodfuel, for anyone with a wood burning stove or fireplace. Please help your wallet, your flue, and your local woodfuel merchants by being an informed buyer.

The environmental advantages of using woodfuel decrease the further the wood has to travel. So aim to **get your wood locally**: from your community woodland or local woodland owners: look in shop windows or notice boards, or try [www.sylva.org.uk/myforest/](http://www.sylva.org.uk/myforest/), [www.woodfueldirectory.org](http://www.woodfueldirectory.org) and [www.coppice-products.co.uk](http://www.coppice-products.co.uk). Unless stated otherwise, wood from garage forecourts or supermarkets is unlikely to be local. Kiln dried wood has been – as the name implies – heated up to drive off water. This heating process uses energy, and also reduces the environmental advantage of burning wood.

Logs are generally sold by the load, but there is no specification of what a 'load' is. **Rules of thumb for purchasing logs** include:

- Buy logs that have been dried for at least one year under cover, otherwise you may well get logs with a high moisture content, and spend much of the wood energy just turning this into steam. The ends of dry wood often look greying and old, with radial lines of splitting. Alternatively buy freshly cut logs, which will be cheaper, and dry them yourselves for a year under cover.
- When completely dry, all wood produces roughly the same amount of energy per weight. However hardwood (e.g. ash, hazel, fruit tree) logs weigh more than softwood (pine) logs, and so produce more energy per log. This means that a tonne of hardwood logs will take up less space than a tonne of softwood logs, and fewer 'top ups' of hardwood logs will be needed to keep a log stove running for a given time. So be clear about whether you are getting hardwood or softwood.
- Make sure that the logs are cut short enough to fit into your stove.
- Any logs that have a diameter of more than 10cm (8 inches) should be split.
- Look for certificates like HETAS and Woodsure, which guarantee wood quality.

The Oxfordshire Community Woodfuel Programme is working on developing a specification for firewood, including what a 'load' means, and what moisture content the wood should have. Watch this space!

You could consider **buying woodfuel as a group**. It is easier and cheaper for a supplier to serve one large customer than many small customers, so community woodfuel buying scheme may get a better price because of these economies of scale. The Oxfordshire Rural Community Council runs a community oil buying scheme, and may be able to provide advice on setting up a similar scheme for logs: contact them via email on [oil@oxonrcc.org.uk](mailto:oil@oxonrcc.org.uk).

Finally, we **encourage woodfuel suppliers to register with websites** so that people can more easily find their local suppliers. The main sites are [www.sylva.org.uk/myforest/](http://www.sylva.org.uk/myforest/), [www.woodfueldirectory.org](http://www.woodfueldirectory.org) and [www.coppice-products.co.uk](http://www.coppice-products.co.uk).

Please feel free to contact Riki Therivel with any ideas and questions about woodfuel:

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# 100 Club



The lucky winners of the November Draw were:

First Prize (£10): S Graham (#51)

Second Prize (£5): B Greenwood (#111)

If you think that's lucky, then perhaps you should be taking part! If you're not currently a member and would like to join the North Aston 100 Club next year, please call Norman on 340368 to reserve your number.

**You've got to be in it to win it!**

## Adverts

### Babysitting Service

Mature and responsible 16 year-old available for babysitting.

Please contact **Yvie** on 01869 340090

### Need a Baby Sitter ?

Responsible baby sitting service available most evenings, including weekends. Also dog walking.

Phone **Josh** on 01869 347356 anytime

### Computer Problems Solved

Look no further for a reliable computer repair and maintenance service. We'll remove viruses, fix hardware failures, boost the performance of your PC, or tackle a broad range of tasks.

Phone 07522 342093 or visit the website at

[www.naenterprise.co.uk](http://www.naenterprise.co.uk)

## ORCC Trading Oil Scheme Start Planning Ahead for Winter!

Details have been published previously in the *News*, but with the approach of Winter here's a reminder that could save you hundreds of pounds each year if you use oil-fired domestic heating. If you would like further details, or would wish to join the North Aston 'Collective', please contact Chris Tuffrey, North Aston's liaison officer with ORCC. Call him on 07903 339155 or email: [info@offac.co.uk](mailto:info@offac.co.uk). Savings of over £250 in a year based on an annual membership fee of just £20 seem like a bargain.

**Please  
keep the  
Pavements  
Clear**



### Local Roadworks

Local road closures persist. The railway bridge between Somerton and Ardley will remain closed for most of December and may not reopen until well beyond the New Year. Detours are signed via Fritwell. Several roads within Steeple Aston and Upper Heyford may also subject to intermittent closure while the replacement of overhead power lines continues.

# NORTH ASTON ORGANICS

## Vegetable Stall

Open Mon-Sat from 9.00am

In the car park behind the Old Bakery

- Wide variety of fresh seasonal organic veg at affordable prices
- Minimal packaging & zero food miles
- Supporting the local economy



### Christmas 2012

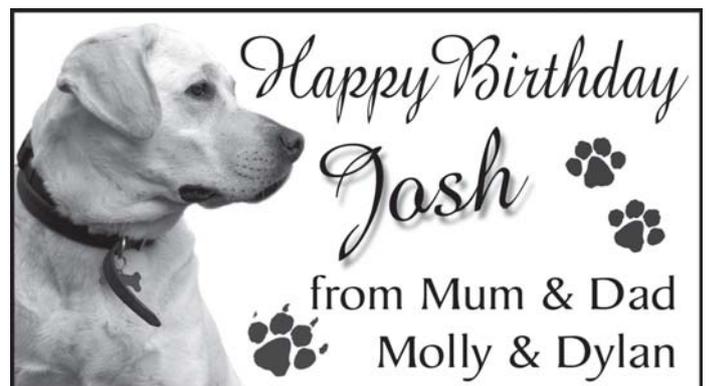
Full range of seasonal Christmas vegetables available from the stall. Also pick up an order form, return it by 12th December and we will deliver your order on Friday 21st.

Email: [northastonorganics@gmail.com](mailto:northastonorganics@gmail.com)

Tel: ((01869)) 347702

### Facebook

Log on to Facebook and find the North Aston Village page! You'll find photos from recent events as well as images from earlier in the year. News of upcoming happenings is also posted there, and you don't need to be registered with Facebook to explore the page. If you are a Facebook user, then please "Like" our village page, and feel free to add your own comments, announcements and photographs so that we can help to spread the word about North Aston. <http://www.facebook.com/NorthAston>



# Councillor Calling



## The Housing Register

This became the unexpected big issue this month. The council's policy for allocating affordable homes (formerly council houses, now transferred to Registered Social Landlords – Housing Associations, as was – mainly Sanctuary in Cherwell District) to those on the Housing Register, which we have a statutory duty to maintain, is reviewed every year to make sure it is as fair as it can be. Frankly, it's an impossible task to satisfy everyone: how do you prioritise the immediately homeless versus the long waiter, the disabled versus the safeguarded child, the injured soldier versus the hospital discharge, the victim of violence versus the family with no space for children.... You try!

Over years of agonising and fine-tuning, we have evolved as fair a scheme as we can, based on five priority "bands". Unfortunately, there have been many among the 4,000 on the Housing Register whose claims will, in practice, never come good, because there will always be those in far greater need coming on to the list as fast as homes become vacant – new affordable homes form about 30% of all new building, but that's only about 100 a year in the district, and the rest relies on death, downsizing and moving away. The total comes to roughly 600 a year and 4,000 into 600 doesn't go.

This system does nobody any favours as it holds out false hope to some 2,800 people in the lowest two categories of need, while tying up specialist staff in maintaining the register instead of devoting their time to solving the housing problems of those in desperate need. So the decision has been taken, under new powers conferred by the Localism Act, to drop the two lowest bands and focus all resources on the worst-off three.

So far so sensible: a few protests about "massaging the numbers" were inevitable (oppositions are there to oppose!) but, once explained properly, nobody is actually the worse for an injection of reality into the system – except, possibly, in this ward: hence my sudden call to action!

## Heyford Park

The potential trap I spotted was up at Heyford Park. Here there are three hundred families in former US service accommodation rented on short leases. Many are in what you or I would call "housing need" because they find town centre rents and mortgages unaffordable but, if you can afford the rents at Upper Heyford and are therefore not homeless, you aren't, technically, in the

sort of "housing need" that qualifies for the top three bands on the register.

A bit of history, now: when the plans for Upper Heyford were becoming clear, quite some years ago now, I realised that it would be ridiculous (and cruel) for the current residents, who form a strong and settled community, to be turfed out when their homes came up for redevelopment and 300 new people brought in from Banbury and Bicester for the 303 affordable homes to be provided out of the 1,075 given planning permission. I drew on my experience of some 30 years on the boards of Housing Associations to press Cherwell into developing a "Local Lettings Plan", under which preference is given legally to existing residents. All they had to do was to register themselves on the Housing List and, as Heyford Park residents, they could transfer without leaving when the time comes.

So you see the problem: this perfectly reasonable (for most of the 56,000 households in Cherwell) trimming of the lower bands of the register might inadvertently remove the 300 Upper Heyford people technically not in great "housing need" and thus stymie the Local Lettings Plan – panic!!

But, like all good Christmas stories, there's a happy ending. I've now had confirmation that: "the new Allocation Scheme should not penalise Upper Heyford residents in any way. A separate list will be maintained following the implementation of the new Allocation Scheme. All Heyford residents identified as 'qualifying' for 'new affordable housing options' at Heyford following the survey carried out in April 2012 will be on the list. Cherwell officers are currently working with Dorchester [the owner] and Bovis [the developer] to monitor progress regarding the 303 affordable homes promised". So, all is well: the Local Lettings Plan carries on and the changes to the Allocations policy will make no difference to those awaiting the provision of affordable homes at Heyford Park.

And that, of course, is precisely the point of being a local councillor and I make no apologies for being parochial – occasionally extremely so. Sometimes 300 houses can be overlooked when change is afoot for 56,000 and it's a privilege to be in a position to spot such a glitch before a policy is approved and set in stone.

Happy Christmas!

**James Macnamara**

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## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



This year's house-to-house collection in November raised £481.66.

Many thanks to all who donated to help achieve this magnificent total.

Norman West

Parish Representative for  
Deddington Royal British Legion



# CHURCH SERVICES

## PARISH WORSHIP IN DECEMBER 2012

### STEEPLE ASTON

### NORTH ASTON

### TACKLEY

#### Sunday 2nd - Advent Sunday

11.00 am  
Holy Communion  
*Fr Mark Clavier*

8.00 am  
1662 Holy Communion  
*Fr Mark Clavier*

9.30 am  
Holy Communion  
*Fr Mark Clavier*  
6.00 pm  
Patronal Festival & Bishop's Visit

#### Sunday 9th - Second Sunday in Advent

11.00 am  
Holy Communion  
*Fr Mark Clavier*

9.30 am  
Holy Communion & Children's Church  
*Fr Mark Clavier*

9.30 am  
Holy Communion  
*Rev'd Geoff Hunter*  
5.30 pm  
Christingle Service  
*Fr Mark Clavier*

#### Sunday 16th - Third Sunday in Advent

11.00 am  
United Benefice Service  
*Fr Mark Clavier*

No service

6.00 pm  
Evensong  
*Fr Robin Gibbons*

#### Sunday 23rd - Fourth Sunday in Advent

6.00 pm  
Carol Service  
*Rev'd Geoff Hunter*

4.30 pm  
Carol Service  
*Fr Mark Clavier*

6.00 pm  
Carol Service  
*Fr Robin Gibbons*

#### Monday 23rd - Christmas Eve

4.30 pm  
Crib Service  
*Fr Mark Clavier*  
11.30 pm  
Holy Communion  
*Rev'd Geoff Hunter*

3.00 pm  
Crib Service  
*Fr Mark Clavier*  
6.00 pm  
Carols on the Green

4.00 pm  
Crib Service  
*Fr Robin Gibbons*  
11.30 pm  
BCP Communion  
*Fr Mark Clavier*

#### Tuesday 25th - Christmas Day

10.30 am  
Holy Communion  
*Fr Mark Clavier*

9.00 am  
Holy Communion  
*Fr Mark Clavier*

10.30 am  
Holy Communion  
*Rev'd Geoff Hunter*

#### Sunday 30th - First Sunday after Christmas

6.00 pm  
Evensong  
*Fr Mark Clavier*

No service

9.30 am  
United Benefice Service  
*Fr Mark Clavier*

#### Mid-Week Services & Morning Prayer - Every Week

9.30 am  
Morning Prayer  
**Tuesdays**

Noon  
1662 Holy Communion  
**Thursdays**

9.15 am  
Morning Prayer  
**Mondays**

9.15 am  
Morning Prayer  
**Wednesdays**

Families are welcome to **all** services.  
Father Mark provides a children's sermon for children 4+ during the service.

#### Other Events this Month

5th December – 10.30-12 pm **Coffee Morning** at the *Old Bakehouse* in North Aston

**Bible Study** at the Rectory each *Monday* 1.30-2.30 pm