

# *Village & Community Magazine*

*January 2022*

*Keeping the Villages of  
Alstonefield, Butterson, Ecton, Elkstones, Ilam, Warslow & Wetton  
Connected and United*



## **Look Back, Look Forward**

New Year is a time to take stock of life. To look back at the past year. Strange times. To look forward and to hope.

As we look back over the last year, or two, what have you noticed? I noticed the pain and trauma people have experienced during the pandemic. The uncertainty of the times we lived through. The struggles of life people have been experiencing.

I have noticed also how we have overcome the struggles. I have felt pride at the people volunteering and returning from retirement to support the vaccination programme to give us hope to survive and overcome the Covid virus.

I have been inspired by Simone Biles putting her mental health needs before winning medals. She opened a space for people to discuss their mental well-being and to seek support.

I have been amazed by the kindness and thoughtfulness of an 8-year-old boy giving up his presents. He asked family and friends to donate items to him such as blankets and toiletries to give to the Macari Centre, in Stoke. The Macari Centre provides emergency shelter and safe, short-term accommodation to people in Stoke who need support.

As we look forward to a New Year, I invite you to remember and notice every act of kindness that you have experienced. I encourage you to share that kindness with others this coming year 2022. Acts of kindness, generosity, support, and care can make a positive difference to each other's lives.

The important thing about life is not always about winning but by taking a full and active part in life. To give of ourselves. It is how we overcome the struggles life throws at us that develop us into becoming better kinder people. Living positively in the face of our vulnerability will develop us into people of hope, faith, and love.

I wish you all every blessing for the New Year to come.

***Rev'd John Austerberry, Alstonefield.***

## **DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY 2022 EDITION IS 6am on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

Input from you all would be gratefully received. At the end of the day, if you don't contribute then there is no magazine. Talking of which, a lot of you believe that you cannot send items until the deadline time and date. A deadline has to be set but you can send your information/pictures/jokes anytime and it really helps me to put things together the earlier you send your items to me. So please feel free to submit any article.

It's your magazine and just so long as it is Legal, Decent and Appropriate in my eyes, it will be inserted of course.

**Please remember I can only accept word documents and NO PDF's or Photocopies.**

Call me on 01538 304560 if you need any help. Don't be late, the old rule still applies...absolutely nothing will be accepted after 6am on the above date. **\*\*Editors decision on layout and inclusion is final.**



**Moorlands Connect is a Demand Responsive Door-to-Door bus service connecting villages throughout the Staffordshire Moorlands with Leek, Ashbourne, Buxton and Cheadle.**

For workers, shoppers, walkers, cyclists, visits to the area's market towns and major attractions, or simply a trip to your favourite hotel, restaurant or pub. **Leave the car (or motorhome) behind and make your journey with us!** Cycles and dogs welcome please mention when booking.

**Booking:** Booking is simple and can be made up to 2 hours before travel time. Monday - Saturday by phone or text and 24 hours in advance by email (to ensure availability). **Call: 01335 342951, Text: 07946 365256, mail: [bookings@moorlandsconnect.co.uk](mailto:bookings@moorlandsconnect.co.uk)**

**Hoorah – Good News – Now Operating on Saturdays**

**Parents: Fed up of running your children around? They can travel in most cases door to door to Ashbourne, Buxton or Leek or to any of our villages.  
This is a valuable community service, which if we don't use, we will lose it.**



## Wetton & Alstonefield Community First Responders

*"Serving the community's emergency medical needs with pride,  
care and excellence"*

We hope that everyone managed to have a wonderful Christmas celebration and also that 2022 will be a markedly better year for us all.

We are forever grateful and send our thanks and appreciation to all the people in our community who continue to help WACFR either financially or with practical support and sometimes also assisting at our emergency calls.

During 2021 WACFR was booked on call for over 3,000 hours and we attended almost 50 emergency calls. Our group has been strengthened by four newly-qualified First Responders, and we are always keen to attract more to join us.

### NEW RECRUITS

If you are interested in learning about becoming a Community First Responder, please contact either Denise Noble: (07973) 730775 or Mike Tidmarsh: (07931) 558541

Or Email: [wacfr.staffs@gmail.com](mailto:wacfr.staffs@gmail.com)

Wetton & Alstonefield Community First Responders  
Registered Charity Number: 1121223



**Yoga at Grindon Village Hall  
Please Contact Becky for details on:**

**07727101125**



## The Wise Words of one of our Greatest English Statesman Sir Winston Churchill

Fear is a reaction. Courage is a decision

Diplomacy is the art of telling people to go to hell in such a way that they ask for directions

You will never reach your destination if you stop and throw stones at every dog that barks

A nation that forgets its past has no future

There is nothing that government can give you that it hasn't taken from you in the first place

Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm

A good speech should be like a woman's skirt: long enough to cover the subject and short enough to create interest

A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity: an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty

One man with conviction will overwhelm a hundred who only have opinions

Life can either be accepted or changed. If it is not accepted, it must be changed. If it cannot be changed then it must be accepted

We contend that for a nation to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle

I'd rather argue against a hundred idiots, than have one agree with me

Life is fraught with opportunities to keep your mouth shut

An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile, hoping it will eat him last



### Eat, Sleep, Work, Repeat... Is there more to life?

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.

Each evening begins with cake, followed by a video, then discussion where you can say exactly what you think (honestly).

Topics we look at include 'Why and how do I pray?' 'Who is Jesus?' and 'Does God heal today?' The evenings offer opportunity for conversation, and it's a fun and friendly space to explore and discuss life's big questions together.

**Whatever you think or believe, join us on this greatest adventure!**

Alpha runs for 11 weeks, is completely free, and includes refreshments each evening. If you'd like to join us, booking is not essential, but it would be helpful if you could fill in your details at [ashelim.ch/alpha](https://ashelim.ch/alpha)

The current plan is to meet in person at Ashbourne Elim Church; however, if this isn't possible due to restrictions, we will be meeting through Zoom starting on 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm.



# Smile Once in a While...

I really like selling on e-bay. Last month I sold my Homing Pigeons eight times.

I hated my life when I was young. I had everything handed to me on a plate. Soup was a real nightmare!

My grandad is always complaining about how much things cost. "£1.50 for a cup of tea, £2.25 for 3 custard creams...." I said "Look grandad you just popped round I didn't invite you".

Mr. Harper sued a hospital, saying that after his wife had surgery there, she lost all interest in sex. A hospital spokesperson replied, "Mrs. Harper was admitted for cataract surgery. All we did was correct her eyesight."

A doctor tells his wife, "You're a terrible cook, you spend too much money, and you're a lousy lover!" Two weeks later, he comes home to find her in bed with his partner from the Surgery. "What's going on here?!" he demands. "Just getting a second opinion," she replies.

**Overheard at the nurses' station** A gentleman calls our office with questions about an upcoming test he is scheduled for, and we talk at length about the procedure.

**Patient:** I'm sorry to have so many questions.

**Me:** Oh, that's no problem. You can always call and ask for clarification when you need it.

**Patient:** Thank you very much, Clara Fication! You've been very helpful.

## HM Government: Situations vacant.

New job opportunities for prisoners. Due to an unforeseeable shortfall in the UK labour market, there are plenty of exciting vacancies for those currently being held at her Majesty's pleasure.

\*Ever handled a knife? Then help out at a meat processing plant.

\*Ever driven a getaway car? The train up and drive an HGV.

\*Ever picked a pocket? Then try picking some fruit for a change.

\*Ever committed daylight robbery? Then set up another PCR testing company. APPLY NOW

Once, my dog ate all the Scrabble tiles. For days he kept leaving little messages around the house.

I tried to sue the airport for misplacing my luggage..I lost my case.

I hired a handy man and gave him a list while I went out. When I got home only numbers 1, 3 and 5 were done.

Turns out he only does odd jobs.

## CHROMOSOMES - A beginner's guide:

XY = Male

XX = Female

YYY = Delilah

What is unique about Humans?

Humans are the only creatures on earth that allow their children to come back home.

My wife has asked me to buy her something silky for her birthday.

No doubt that this tin of emulsion paint will be the wrong colour anyway!

## Medical transcription errors

To paraphrase Mark Twain: Be careful of medical transcripts; you may die of a misprint.

**Social history reveals** this one-year-old patient does not smoke or drink and is presently unemployed.

**On the second day**, the knee was better, and on the third day, it disappeared.

**Discharge status:** alive but without permission.

**Exam of genitalia** reveals that he is circus sized.

**Occasional**, constant infrequent headaches.

**Bleeding started** in the rectal area and continued all the way to Manchester.

**She is numb** from her toes down

Did You Know  
The Anagram for Omicron is.....  
MORONIC

# NEW AND LOCAL



- **Muscle Pain**
- **Tension**
- **Headaches**
- **Bad Posture**

- Difficulty Moving**
- Anxiety**
- Poor Balance**

An Emmett Technique session may help with all these problems and lots more besides. Emmett treatments have been beneficial in cases of arthritis, poor posture, stomach issues, foot and leg problems including weak and swollen ankles, poor grip, dizziness and many other complaints.

Emmett Technique is a very gentle method of pain relief and muscle relaxation used in over 35 countries worldwide. Using fingertip pressure on specific body points helps re-energise nerves, releasing muscles, reducing pain and rebalancing the body - often with surprising and sometimes instantaneous results.

If you would like to discuss what Emmett Technique can do for you, or to book an initial session at my treatment room in Grindon please call **Bern Easterford** on **01538 304 700**

Emmett Technique - <https://www.emmett-uk.co.uk/>

**Ed's Note: I have left the two items below in this edition just in case you were too busy last month to catch them.**

## **Mobile Foot Care** (Spare a thought for your feet!!)

Feet are amazing structures, carrying us in our lifetime, approximately 5 times around the world! No wonder that sometimes they object and hurt a little – and isn't it annoying and limiting when they do! Many of us thrust our feet into shoes and never give them a second thought. However, sore feet can limit our everyday activities and for some, even lead to a loss of mobility, confidence or independence. Perhaps a lack of flexibility means you cannot get down to reach your feet, or you cannot see well enough to cut your toenails. Maybe your hand strength is poor and you cannot operate the nail clippers. Alternatively, you may just want to get your feet professionally maintained, as a treat or as a routine element of personal grooming.

As a local **Foot Health Practitioner**, I can help with all kinds of routine, everyday foot problems such as toenail cutting, corns and calluses, cracked heels. I offer a professional mobile foot care service so I can provide you with foot care and advice in the comfort of your own home. I offer a kind, caring and friendly service which can be offered on a one-off or regular basis. I use sterile, individually wrapped instrument packs and am both fully insured and DRB checked. I am a member of the College of Foot Health (HQ in Southport).

Membership no: A5884C

For more information, or to discuss your needs please contact Jeannette Pike on: **Mobile: 07484-682470**

**Ed's Note: Just used, ex nurse, well pleased and have re-booked. Excellent home visit service for all your needs (and no mess).**



## **Local Needs Property for Sale**

**Flaxley Cottage, Semi Detached, 3 Bedroom House in Wetton  
£240,000**

The property is subject to a Section 106 Agreement meaning it can currently only be purchased by people from the local area or with a need to work in the local area.

This agreement means the price is 25% less what it would be on the open market to make it more affordable.

**For more details about the property or eligibility criteria go to Bagshaws Estate Agents or Rightmove Websites or call Bagshaws Estate Agents on 01335 346677**

## **A Poem by Anthony Rhead (Butterton)**

I'd like to  
Wish you all,  
Butterton  
To Ford,  
Hartington  
To Sheen,  
Anywhere  
In between,

Wetton to  
Reapmoor,  
Warslow to  
Longnor.  
Onecote  
With a cheer,  
Happiest  
New Year,

## **ALSTONEFIELD**



**St. Peter's.**

**Rev. John Austerberry**  
**01335 310002.**

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**St Peter's Church:** Enormous thanks to all those who have helped keep St Peter's Church and Churchyard well kempt this year.

We would be very grateful for people to join the team for opening/closing the church, usually only needed when Carrie O and/or Frank are away.

We would also welcome others to join the rota for cleaning the church so that it looks nice for services and visitors. This is not arduous and would take just a couple of hours a year. Please contact Carrie Osborne 310453 if you can help.

**Carol Suppers:** We were very sorry to cancel the suppers due to the increased risk of Covid. Many thanks to all those who still made donations for Cancer Research UK. The boozy raffle prizes will be held over; we hope to arrange another event in the Spring.



St. Peter's, Alstonefield invites you to join us for **prayer, praise** and **Wild Wood action!**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022 at 3.00pm

Meet at St. Peter's Churchyard. Please come dressed for the weather and rough ground.

Seasonal refreshments will be served after the service.

## Alstonefield Parish Council

**Clerk to the Council – Sandra Hampson**

**Email:** [clerk@alstonefield.org](mailto:clerk@alstonefield.org)

c/o The Village Hall, Alstonefield, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. DE6 2FR

**Chair – Gordon Campbell** (tel. 07919353800)

**Vice Chairman:** Rebecca McIntyre (tel. 01335 310498)

Nick Bonsall (tel. 01335 310262)

Rupert Hignett (tel. 01335 310389)

Richard Butler (01335 310620)

Alan Hayes (tel. 01335 310057)

Carrie Osborne (tel. 01335 310453)

**Emergency Support Measures:** Following the recent episode when many parishioners were unfortunately without power, water and means of communication, the Parish Council received an enquiry about possible support mechanisms.

At the December Parish Council meeting, it was agreed that parishioners should be asked for their suggestions to aid any possible future considerations in similar situations e.g. communication methods, practical support.

If you wish to put forward any reasonable suggestions for consideration by the parish council then please do so by forwarding an email to the [clerk@alstonefield.org](mailto:clerk@alstonefield.org)

**Parish Councillor Vacancy:** A councillor vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council. This has already been advertised on the village website and village hall notice board; however, if you are interested in applying then please do so before 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022, to the [clerk@alstonefield.org](mailto:clerk@alstonefield.org)

## Alstonefield Village Hall

**Chair/Secretary:** Martin Snodin 01335 310121

**Treasurer:** Debs Railton:

**Bookings Officer:** Jo Griffin

**Committee members** – Dave & Val Littlehales, Anne Morgan, Jamie Tomlinson.

For bookings or enquiries, please email: [alstonefieldvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alstonefieldvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk)

## ALSTONEFIELD VILLAGE HALL CONCERTS

# Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January

JOE DANKS'  
*Seaspeak* LIVE



After a year in residence at The National Maritime Museum, Wirksworth-born Joe Danks brings his Seaspeak musicians to the Alstonefield stage, bringing to life some of the museum's most affecting stories and the role of the sea through history.

Licensed bar with real ale

8pm (bar open 6.30pm)

£13 advance – buy online at [WeGoTickets.com](http://WeGoTickets.com)

or tel.01335 310322 (or email: [avh.concerts@gmail.com](mailto:avh.concerts@gmail.com)).

## Alstonefield and District RVS Friendship Club

All meetings are at Alstonefield Village Hall unless otherwise stated. If you're not a member and would like to join us for a particular talk or event, just come along. We are a very friendly and welcoming group!

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2.00pm:**

Beat the January Blues with a **Bingo and Beetle** games afternoon.

Winter Warmer meal and cake. **£5.00**

Raffle (Feel free to donate a prize)- Proceeds to Club funds.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2.00pm:**

Martin Snodin of the Alstonefield Local History Group - **Alstonefield in Colour**

Mandy's Special hot baps followed by chocolate brownies with fruit coulis **£5.00**





Membership renewal afternoon - new members very welcome. If you wish to join for the year, your membership includes: Birthday and Christmas card from the club, Printed Club programme, Subsidised travel for trips; Subsidised Christmas dinner. Cost of membership **£5.00** annually.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2.00pm:**

Late lunch followed by: Cathy Reavy - **Supporting the school children of the Zambezi** - including travel, adventures, safari and village life. **£5.00**

Raffle (please bring prizes) proceeds to Waterberry Project.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 3.00pm:**

**Drs. Ian and Catherine Parker-Heath from Enrichment through Archaeology** will both give talks about their work and latest projects. Followed by sandwiches and cake. **£5.00**

**For more information, please contact Fiona 01335 310200.**

**"AVETS Remember"**

In an emergency you should always dial 999 first. If you need help before the emergency services arrive, you could call the Alstonefield Village Emergency Telephone System (AVETS) on 01335818911. AVETS aims to connect you direct to speak to a local volunteer who may be able to assist. If you would like to know more about what we do, please call Meg on 488 or Carrie on 009.

**BUTTERTON**



**St. Bartholomew's Church**

Revd - Jane Held; 01538 262116

**St Bartholomew's PCC Members:**

**Secretary:** Maggie Risby 304115

**Church Warden:** Barbara Woodward 304324

Maurice Woodward, Brenda Mollatt, Lily Hambleton-Plumb, Doris Wentworth.  
Dorothy Glaister, Sheila McDermott, Maggi Rowland

**Butterton Church Lottery**

There are 122 numbered balls in the draw and the winners of the December 2021 draw are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	M & J Allington	(89)	£25.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mavis Barker	( 8 )	£15.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	David Shenton	(34)	£10.00
<b>Xmas Bonus</b>	<b>Brenda Mollatt</b>	<b>(27)</b>	<b>£10.00</b>

Numbers drawn by Maggie Risby and the next lottery draw will be on  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 11am in church.

We have come to the end of another twelve months of playing the lottery, thank you for your support.

Anyone wishing to renew their lottery subscriptions should do so before the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022.

Please contact Melanie 304504, Maggie 304115, Lily 304397 or Barbara 304324 thank you.

**"On behalf of the organisations below, and on behalf of all Butterton I would like to convey our condolences to Jean, Graham, Asha and family on the sad occasion of David's death. He will be much missed by all of us, a lovely man, a good friend and someone who always had time for a chat and a cheery wave".**

**St Bartholomew's Church**

Following a Licensing service at St Leonard's, Ipstones on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December, we now have a much awaited and longed for new Priest in Charge - Rev Jane Held. Jane is living at The Vicarage, Ipstones and she can be contacted by email - [jane@janeheld.co.uk](mailto:jane@janeheld.co.uk) or by phone – 01538 262116. Jane's first service at St. Bartholomew's was on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December and then she officiated at our Carol Service on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December. It was lovely to have an informal chit chat with her after the service, over our mulled wine and mince pies. Future services will be announced on the church notice board.

We have terrible problems at present with water ingress in the tower. Barbara and Maurice are permanently mopping up after rainstorms and high winds. We are advised by Lichfield Diocese that we can apply for emergency repairs. We fear an expensive time ahead.....

**Butterton Parish Council**

C/O Clerk: Maggie Risby, 01538 304115. Email [buttertonpc@live.co.uk](mailto:buttertonpc@live.co.uk)

**Chairperson:** Jenny Land 304265, **Vice Chairperson:** Mike Stone 304455

**Committee Members:** Karen Salt 304543, Sarah Kinneir 304274, Peter Tomlinson 304560, Mike Stone (Website Manager) 304455, Roz Lees 304673, Tracey Perkin 304781.

The next meeting will hopefully be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm at the Village Hall unless we are advised otherwise.



### Butterton Village Hall

**Chairperson:** Hilary Bassett 304219 **Treasurer:** Maggie Risby 304115 **Secretary:** Sheila McDermott 304386  
**Minutes Secretary:** Marjorie Renshaw  
Gwen Bagshaw & Dianne Wint

The Christmas Fayre on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 11am - 3pm saw a festive event, well attended. Even Father Christmas put in an appearance. There were stalls selling gifts, games, tombola, raffle and the refreshments which included turkey baps, hot sausage rolls, mince pies, tea and coffee were enjoyed by all. A total of £650.90 was raised.

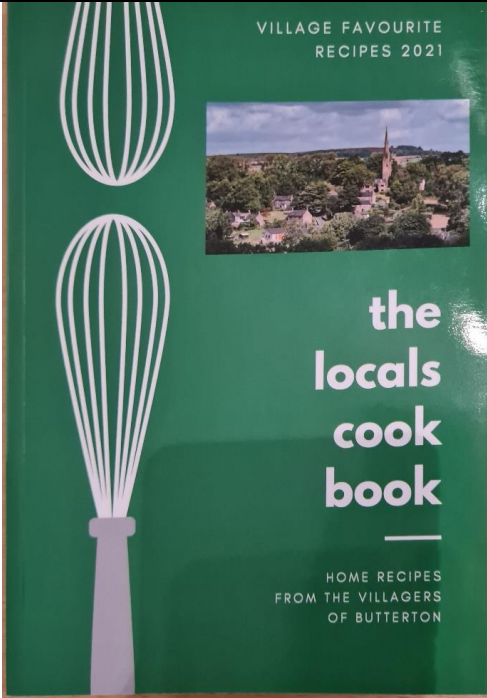
The Committee would like to thank everyone for contributing to make it a fun occasion.

A grant is being applied for to change the emergency exit at the end of the corridor to provide a ramp instead of the steps. Apart from that, all quiet for the foreseeable at the Hall. One or two bookings for 2022 have been taken.

**Hire fees are £10 an hour for Buttertonians and £12 an hour for anyone outside the area. Contact Maggie 01538 304115 for more details or access the booking form on our village website.....buttertonmoorlands.co.uk**

### Butterton History Group

Thanks to donations from the Bus Shelter, Support Staffordshire Fund and Parish Council plus Sophie Garnett's Wake's Queen donation, we await delivery of a fireproof safe early January. It will eventually contain all irreplaceable documents, photos and ephemera. Thank you everyone for your continued support. We are extremely grateful.

	<p><b>Butterton Cookbook – updated and with new recipes now available for purchase from Yvonne Pope and local pubs and tea rooms.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ 10 pounds per copy or 3 for 25 pounds.</li><li>➤ Contains almost 60 recipes in total.</li><li>➤ All proceeds to village funds.</li><li>➤ Already 200 pounds donated to Church mower fund.</li><li>➤ More than 50 copies sold already, get yours before they're gone!</li></ul> <p><b>Yvonne Pope</b> <b>Tel: 0780 1558712</b> <b>Email: yvopope@googlemail.com</b></p>
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## ELKSTONES



**St. John the Baptist:**

**Vicar: Father John Baines**

**As I write it's the Longest Night tonight**, then at least we can say that the evenings are drawing out....apart from that, it's mainly Doom and Gloom !

Many Thanks to Vicar John and Curate David for all their efforts to help us run our Carol Service but all in vain – sadly we decided that it was going to be too much of a risk trying to “socially distance” in

St. John's Church mixing young people still at school with older people who are more vulnerable, and nobody wants to contract Covid just before Christmas when they are hoping to get together with their families. So we cancelled the Service and are just hoping that the pandemic will die out soon and allow us to get our Elkstonians Society together once more.

The Village was out of power for four days at the beginning of December which was a nasty shock to those who weren't living here in the 1980s when outages were quite common and we all had oil lamps and generators. The problem was much worse than usual because the overhead cables became coated in ice and the strong winds from an unusual direction caused not only the cables to swing and touch but also brought down both supporting poles and trees' branches – we even had a helicopter hovering right outside the house attempting to blow some debris off the overhead lines !

On the fourth night the team working around Elkstones said that they were going to work on through the night until the power was back on – and so they did, restoring the power at about 10 pm. They said that every time they cured one fault, they found another.

To end this year on a more positive note, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful and Healthy New Year in 2022 - let's all hope for better things!

## ILAM



**Holy Cross**  
**St. Peter's.**  
  
**Revd.**  
**John**  
**Austerberry**  
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**Christmas Services:** Many thanks to all for their assistance and attendance at all our Christmas Services. it was lovely to see everyone.

**Church Christmas Decorations:** A huge thank you to those who decorated Church for Christmas. it looked absolutely lovely and many compliments have been received.

*May we wish everyone a peaceful, prosperous, healthy and happy 2022.*

### ILAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Chairperson: Caz Sellers 01335 350368**

**Clerk: Lindsay Oulsnam 01335 350579 Email: [clerk@ilamparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@ilamparishcouncil.co.uk)**

**Website: [www.ilam.org.uk](http://www.ilam.org.uk)**

The next meeting is Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 8 pm at Dovedale House. All welcome and please send any questions you may have to the clerk, so they can be passed on to the council for discussion.

*We would like to wish everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year*

## WARSLOW



**St. Lawrence**  
**Vicar: Father John Baines 01298 83411**  
**Wardens:**  
**Mrs. Rachel Moorcroft 01298 84568,**  
**Treasurer: Emma Gould 01298 687190.**

### Services

**2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022 at 11 am**

### Carol Service

Our annual Carol Service took place on 19<sup>th</sup> December, despite the caution and anxiety of the Covid situation it was well attended. The Rev. Nicola Pepper took the service with the traditional Christmas readings read by members of the congregation. Tim Robinson performed a beautiful solo – a true talent. At the end of the service, refreshments were enjoyed by the congregation. We thank Judy Prince for her help in organising the hamper and to Judy and Jenny Riley for their kind donation of the Hamper. Thank you to Margaret Massey for making her delicious scones, Nicola for the service, Tim for his performance and Gwen Turnock for her beautiful playing – it is always a treat to hear the organ.

Warslow was lucky to have a Christmas Day service led by Father John and Father David, we thank them for the service and the poignant message in the service. Again, thank you to Gwen for playing.

### Donation

Thank you to Margaret Gregory for her kind Christmas donation to the Church.

*We wish one and all, all blessings for a safe and peaceful New Year with health, hope and contentment.*

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### **January Worship Times**

Sunday 2nd Jan 2022	11.00am	Epiphany Holy Communion	Alstonefield
Sunday 9th Jan	10.30am	Holy Communion	Ilam
Sunday 16th Jan	11.00am	Holy Communion	Wetton
Sunday 23rd Jan	10.30am	Morning Worship	Ilam (Lay Led)
Sunday 23rd Jan	3.00pm	Rocky's Wild Wood Church	Alstonefield
Sunday 30th Jan	11.00am	Songs of Praise	Wetton

**Churches are Open for Public Worship, Private Prayer & Visitors following the latest Covid guidelines:** It is now mandatory to wear a face mask to attend a Service in Church. This is a legal requirement unless a person is exempt. Singing is allowed; however, it is sensible to continue to wear masks while singing.

Please take a Lateral Flow test and check you are Covid negative before attending a Christmas Service. Wear a Face Mask and Sanitise your hands. We encourage you to complete a Track and Trace.

***All these Services are subject to change if any new Covid measures are introduced.***

**Rocky's Wild Wood Church – in Alstonefield Churchyard Orchard/Wood – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022 at 3.00 pm**  
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### **St Margaret's Church 50/50 Lottery Results**

The lucky winners in the December draw were:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	<b>Kevin Highton</b>	<b>£52.50</b>
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## Wetton Book Club

The Royal Oak is kindly opening, solely for the Wetton Book Club, on Wednesday 26th January, at 7.30p.m. when we will be reviewing this month's choice "The Curious Incident of the dog in the nighttime" by Mark Haddon.

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