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*At this Christmastide St Nicholas' Church
and the local community continue to
support charities that bring relief to
people living in poverty, the homeless, the
underprivileged and those people, both
young and old, who are amongst the most
disadvantaged in today's society.*

Supported institutions include:

CHARLES THOMPSON'S MISSION

THE MANGO TREE

SAVE THE FAMILY

WIRRAL ARK

WIRRAL FOODBANK



Rev. Cathy Helm

The Vicar Writes . . .

When I was about 9, I learned a memorable lesson about giving and receiving. I was desperate for a new bike for Christmas. My old bike was far too small and battered and to have a proper size bike was my dream. I went downstairs on Christmas morning and saw a blanket covering a bike shaped present. With great excitement, having had to wait until all the family were together, I pulled back the blanket and there was my big sister's old bike, all shining and done up. I learned that Christmas, that it is not the size of the gift that matters, but the size of the heart that gives it.

Can you imagine being given a gift all beautifully wrapped with a large label showing your name written upon it that said given with great love, the greatest gift I can give?

What would you do with such a gift?

Treasure it, use it for Christmas and then forget about it, put it on a shelf and admire it, or sell it on eBay as so many people do on Boxing day!



I suppose our response could depend on who is giving the gift and perhaps, the size of the heart? Or if we're really cynical, whether the receipt is still in the box!

There's a Christmas Carol that's not in the usual repertoire called '*Love came down at Christmas*'.

Could it be that the greatest gift ever given was a tiny baby born in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago?

Could it be, that tiny baby was the incarnation of love itself?

Could it be that we can't see past the wrapping of Christmas tinsel and nativity sets that the greatest gift ever was actually born in a manger?

Or that we do see the gift, we do see the love offered and we admire it and then put it away until next year?

Or do we, as the shepherds did, dance with our hearts full of joy that God has given such a wonderful gift to such an undeserving people?

Elizabeth Barrett Browning wrote;



God's gifts put man's best dreams to shame

God has given to us of himself. Jesus came to live amongst us to show us the size of God's heart.

A heart that longs for that love to be returned, for the gifts given to be enjoyed, used wisely and generously but so much more than this is that ;

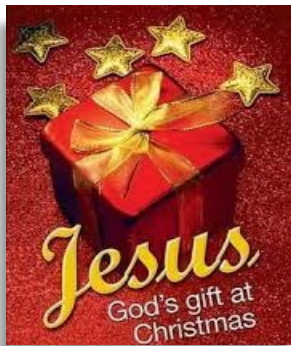


The gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.'

Romans 6: 23

He wants us to have this gift of life forever. A life filled with hope, love, purpose and meaning.

To leave this greatest gift ever given on the shelf, to forget about it, to ignore or dismiss it, impoverishes our lives not just for now, but for eternity.



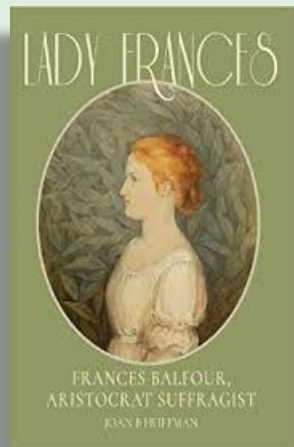
What will you do with the gift that God offers?

Best wishes for a Happy Christmas.

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The suffragette and aristocrat Lady Frances Balfour wrote this poem.

*The best thing to give
to your enemy is
forgiveness,
to an opponent
tolerance,
to a friend your heart,
to your child, a good
example,
to a father deference,
to a mother, conduct
that will make her
proud of you,
to yourself, respect.*



Harvest Supper & Grand Charity Auction A Great Success



Thank you to the Harvest Supper and Charity Auction Teams for organising a very successful and enjoyable evening which raised a total of **£4,200**.

This means that the event will have provided £2,100 to the Friends of St Nicholas' Church to help maintain the building and churchyard and an amazing £2,100 to our chosen charity, Charles Thompson's Mission in Birkenhead working with the homeless and disadvantaged. What an excellent result!

None of this would have been possible without the generous support of all the people who donated the auction lots - so a BIG thank you to all of them.

In addition to this magnificent outcome, it has been very rewarding to hear from so many people that they really enjoyed the evening, including both the Harvest Supper and the Charity Auction. We have also received a heart-felt letter of thanks from Charles Thompson's Mission - see abridged version opposite.



4 November 2019

We wish to send our sincere thanks for your generous donation of £2,100 towards our work here at Charles Thompson's Mission.

We are extremely grateful and it will be put to very good use helping us to serve people who visit us, especially through the colder months that are approaching.

Bernie Frost
Centre Manager



Event Coordinator
John Church



Over 40 Lots Auctioned



Auctioneer
Ann Warr

£4,200 Raised
Thank You

Looking Back

It was lovely to hear so much laughter at our October Beetle Drive. Members had worked hard beforehand and on the day itself.

The afternoon raised a superb £451 for Mothers' Union charities.

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, 4 December at 2.00pm

Deanery Advent Service at St. Lawrence's Church, Stoak.

Tuesday, 10 December at 10.00am

Coffee Morning in church with a Mothers' Union Christmas Stall.

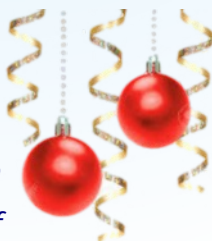
Wednesday, 11 December at 2.00pm

Christmas Carol Service and Gathering in church.

Wednesday, 15 January at 2.00pm

AGM in the Burton and Puddington Sports and Social Club.

Members of the Mothers' Union wish you a peaceful and joyous Christmas and a New Year full of hope.



Prayer

Advent is with us and we wait in the darkness for your light to come.

*We turn to you, Lord, to make us your own,
A light for the world to see.
Amen.*



ADVENT SLEEPOUT CHALLENGE 2019

We're taking the Advent Sleepout Challenge again but why would we give up our warm beds for the night in December? Here's why ...

A small group of excited and willing young people from our church groups will be taking up the challenge on Friday, 13 December from 7.00pm. Like last year when we raised £1,460.17 for charity we will have a big sleepover in church, some fun and games and, hopefully, some sleep.

Funds raised will be distributed via *Church Urban Fund* through the Together Network; offering help and support to people in England who need it the most. They may be struggling with debt, homelessness, isolation, addiction, abuse or violence. Whatever challenges they face the Advent Sleepout Challenge will help us reach out to even more people, offering practical solutions which will help to transform lives locally.

It's not an attempt to recreate the desperate conditions many will find themselves in this Christmas, but a fun way to raise awareness and collect money to help those who need it.



THE ADVENT SLEEPOUT CHALLENGE

For four years our Advent Sleepout Challenge has brought hope, joy and practical help to people and communities across England.

Every Advent your support has helped the Church Urban Fund's 'Together Network' to transform the lives of people who sleep on the streets and live on the margins of our society.

Are you ready to accept the challenge in 2019 and help us to tackle homelessness?

If you would like to donate towards our goal of raising at least £500 please follow the link below or there will be a sponsorship form for you to fill in at the back of Church. Sponsorship will be open until Christmas.

<https://adventsleepoutchallenge2019.everydayhero.com/uk/st-nicholas-sleepout>

If you're interested in being involved please contact Cathy Helm

Tel: 07471 890 827



Bishop Wilson Church of England Primary

"The joy of The Lord is your strength" Nehemiah 8:10

Everyone at Bishop Wilson has had a very busy start to the new academic year. We are delighted to welcome our new Executive Headteacher Mrs Helen Friend who works across our school and Christchurch CE Primary in Ellesmere Port. This is helping us to strengthen our partnership.

All 15 reception children who have joined Robins class have settled in well, made lots of new friends and are joining in with school life enthusiastically. Owls class have been learning about the Romans and also planting seeds and bulbs. We have been informed by the children that we are not allowed to water the pots even if some of them look like they are in desperate need as they are undertaking an experiment. Eagles class have been taking part in wider opportunities including music lessons

(learning to play woodwind, brass and percussion instruments) and swimming lessons.



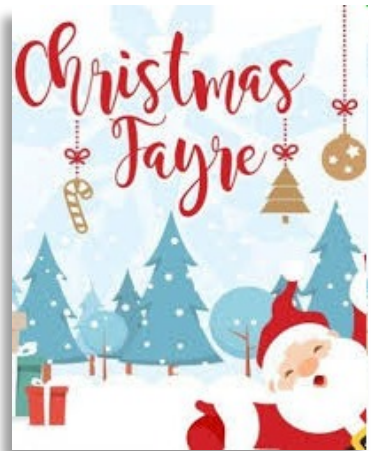
Parents, staff and pupils enjoyed our harvest service in church and our food gifts were donated to Save the Family where we hope they made a valuable difference.

Save the Family
Keeping Families Together



Supporting the Burton & Puddington Pumpkin Festival

Some of our children created pumpkin pupils so that our school could take part in the Burton and Puddington Pumpkin Festival and we hope that many of you enjoyed our efforts as you walked your dogs, jogged or drove past.



Christmas Fayre

We will be holding our Christmas Fayre in school on Friday 13 December from 3.30pm until 5.30pm. Everyone is welcome. Please drop in and see us.

*An Illustrated Talk
by Professor Mike Bode*

The Star of Bethlehem

An Astronomer's View

Thursday 12 December 7.30pm
St Nicholas' Church, Burton

Professor Mike Bode is recently retired from the Astrophysics Research Institute of Liverpool John Moores University. He is a church member and also a member of the European Astronomical Society (EAS). Since May 2017 Mike has been the EAS's Special Representative to the European Union.



The Star of Bethlehem, or Christmas Star, appears only in the nativity story of St Matthew's Gospel where 'wise men from the East' (Magi) are inspired by the star to travel to Jerusalem. The star leads them to Jesus' home in the town of Bethlehem, where they worship him and give him gifts.

The story of the Star of Bethlehem is one of the most familiar aspects of a traditional Christmas. If based on real events, scholars have puzzled over the star's physical origin for centuries.

Mike's talk will start with a brief introductory Tour of the Universe. Mike will survey the available evidence based on up to date knowledge and he will assess which, if any, astronomical phenomena may have given rise to the biblical accounts. His talk promises to come to some possibly surprising conclusions!

Mulled wine and refreshments will be served - not to be missed !

*News & Information from
St Michael's Church Shotwick*



Confirmation Service

Sunday, 3 November was a special day for St Michael's Church. Six candidates were involved in the Confirmation Service.

Our two church wardens, Joanna and June, both reaffirmed their faith and four other members were confirmed with one also being baptised.

Bishop Colin Bazley took the service along with our Vicar Cathy Helm.

Prior to this service the church has no record of any Confirmations being held in St Michael's at all. The record book begins in 1937. The main venue for such services over the last 80 years or so has been Chester Cathedral.

Forthcoming Events

Saturday, 21 December, 10.00am

Decorating the Church for Christmas

Sunday, 22 December at 4.00pm

Carol Service

Wednesday, 25 December at 11.00am

Christmas Day Service

Sunday, 12 January, 3.30pm

Traditional Plough Sunday Service at Chester Cathedral



St Nicholas' Church

Christmas
Tree Festival
2019

The Christmas Tree Festival will be returning this year to St Nicholas' Church with the theme of

'The Greatest Gift'

Starting on 6 December with the decoration of the trees the week-long festival will run from the evening of Friday 6 until Friday 13 December.

The Church will be open during the hours of 2.00pm to 6.00pm for you to visit.

The Festival will include the following events:

- Friday 6 December at 6.00pm – Christmas Film Night in Church – come along and join in the fun as we start the Christmas celebrations! Mince pies, popcorn and refreshments will be served
- Saturday 7 December at 3.00pm – Christingle Service & Carol Concert featuring the Bishop Wilson School Choir
- Tuesday 10 December at 10.00am – Coffee Morning in Church



Whilst the festival raises some much-needed funds for our Church, we are also thinking of those far less fortunate than ourselves and we will have a 'Christmas gift drop off zone' available in Church during the festival – for Christmas gifts for children 0 to 16 years of age. These will be donated to Charles Thompson's Mission and delivered before Christmas, so please donate by 13 December.



For more information please contact Sarah Curnow

Tel: 07527 848 781 or ✉ sarah.curnow27@gmail.com



PUDDINGTON VILLAGE

CAROLS ON THE GREEN

SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER 6.00PM



Come Along & Gather Round
the Christmas Tree

Bring Friends & Family

All Your Favourite Carols

Christmas Tree & Christmas Lights

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies



A Christmas Message by Rev Cathy Helm

Visit by Father Christmas & Presents for Children

There will be a collection in aid of a local charity

Claire House Children's Hospice

This is a free event



*Carols on the Green is a Community Event Organised by The Puddington Society
Hazel Huxley Jenny Sneddon John Cadden Joanne Ardern Steven Cox Bryan Blakeman*

*Youth Church . . .
St Nicholas' Church Light Party*

A personal reflection by one of the young participants.

On Thursday 31 October our church held a 'Light Party' to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. The party included activities such as finding hidden letters around church and making a meaningful sentence together, bobbing for the donut and making edible candles and sparklers. This meant that we could all have fun making delicious light themed treats.

We gathered together and ate hotdogs and had cake. We also watched a clip of a girl who was sad and in darkness but the light, representing Jesus, came and made her happy again. This gave a lovely message to the children that we are never alone.

We also made candle cards with kind messages for loved ones and sang a song together called 'Light A Candle'. This was followed by our pumpkin prayer, which helped us to appreciate what Jesus does for us. We then went outside to the graveyard and enjoyed making patterns with sparklers and glow sticks.

At the end of the evening, all the lights were turned off in church and the church was lit up with the wonder of lights by glow sticks and candles.

It was a really great night!



YOUTH CHURCH

Children, Parents,
Grandparents & Helpers
All welcome!



Gladstone Village Hall

4.00pm to 6.00pm

Saturday 18 January 2020

BURTON & PUDDINGTON PUMPKIN FESTIVAL 2019

An update from the GVH event organisers.

The Burton and Puddington Pumpkin Festival, in its second year, was a great success once again. The organisers heard many lovely stories of neighbours and families coming together to create their displays. We were in awe of your creativity and you made us smile and laugh.

You also brought so many visitors to both villages and we owe a huge thanks to all those who took part and donated so generously to Charles Thompson's Mission in Birkenhead. The mission does such marvellous work amongst some of society's most disadvantaged people.



A small selection of some of the creative work on display in the villages of Burton & Puddington

GVH BONFIRE NIGHT 2019

Bonfire night went
with a banger!!!

This year's celebrations unfolded as hoped, with a great number of people attending. A lovely friendly atmosphere extended to all who came (some from as far afield as Liverpool) to see a superb fireworks display - the best for years we think - and importantly to us, a safe event free from incident.

The hot dogs were very popular. Our new curry dish was so delicious it sold out, as did the mulled wine.

So we're already making plans for next year. We'll be keeping all the best bits and aim to offer more. We hope you'll be coming back. Thanks to the volunteers who made this Gladstone Village Hall fundraiser a success.

CAN YOU HELP

Could 'helping at Gladstone Village Hall' be your New Year's Resolution?

The hall and grounds were donated to the villages of Burton and Puddington and it's up to us, as residents, to maintain this community asset as well as creating sociable events for all to enjoy.



- Volunteering can be anything from joining the committee and having a real hand in GVH's direction, to suggesting and running an event, turning up to help when we ask, bonfire building or joining our spring clean, volunteering at our big fundraising events or offering to help with maintenance, baking cakes etc. Whatever your skills and time constraints allow, we'd love to hear from you. It's fun, rewarding and a great way to meet other villagers.

You can get in touch at Info@gladstonevillagehall.org or sign up to our volunteering email list via the www.gladstonevillagehall.org/newsletter

*Winter Wonders . . .
At Burton Mere Wetlands*

After the highs of summer with new breeding birds – bearded tit and great egret, if you had missed the news – along with much hype around our 40th anniversary, the anticipated autumn wader migration was far quieter than hoped. However, as expected, we've had the usual boom in kingfisher sightings, enjoyed the musical movements of pink-footed geese overhead, an ever-growing starling murmuration and the wonderful palette of autumn colour.

As we head into winter, Burton Mere Wetlands' unique visitor centre becomes a prime place to enjoy a range of geese, ducks and swans plus vast flocks of wading birds on a comfy chair, beside a wood stove, with quality refreshments on hand – whatever the weather! A short walk out from the centre immerses you in rich woodland with easy to see winter stars like siskin, goldcrest, bullfinch and the migrant thrushes, redwing and fieldfare.

Birds of prey make regular passes, multiple marsh harriers are virtually part of the furniture and, depending on the severity of the winter, hen harriers and short-eared owls can make a habit of hunting here too. All these and more, roam the saltmarsh and we hold monthly 'Parkgate Raptorwatch' events to showcase these awesome hunters to birdwatchers and passers-by alike. Find us at Parkgate Old Baths on the second Sunday of the month from 1.00pm until dusk.

We recently turned our attention to attracting more young families and tested a new 'Little Explorers' event twice in October, with two more dates set for Monday mornings in December (2 and 16).



Starling Murmuration



Kingfisher



Redwing



Bullfinch



Aimed at pre-school children, the event starts with a story and is packed with creative ideas and surprises, getting them – and you – outside and playing in nature. We're desperate to make these a success so that we can justify continuing them and then look to expand our family activities. So please help spread the word and give it a try if you do have young children.



RSPB Christmas Cards



Winter on the Dee Estuary



In January our attention turns to the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, with another family event aimed at encouraging participation in the count at the end of January, after we've helped them make a feeder to take home and given some tips on identifying the different garden birds coming to the reserve's feeders.

Before that of course it's the festive season, so a timely reminder that the reserve is only closed for Christmas Day, reopening on Boxing Day and popular for a winter walk to combat the inevitable festive excesses. Also, don't forget our 'shop kiosk' at the reserve, designed to help you make mail-order purchases from the RSPB Shop, but in a way that supports the Dee Estuary reserve. We also stock a range of RSPB Christmas cards, calendars, diaries and a few other great ethical gift ideas for you to buy and take with you if you need something at short notice. Pop down for a browse!

For further details on any of the reserve activities and events, see our website: www.rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands or www.rspb.org.uk/parkgate

Tel: 0151 353 2720

Since we're so close, why not drop in? Except 25 December we're open every day!

Church Services

December

- 1 Advent Sunday
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
6:30 pm Evensong
- 4 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 8 Second Sunday of Advent
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 11 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 15 Third Sunday of Advent
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Communion
- 18 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship
7:00 pm Carol Service
- 24 Christmas Eve
4:00 pm Carols round the tree
11:15 pm Holy Communion
- 25 Christmas Day
9:30 am Family Communion
- 29 First Sunday of Christmas
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship

December

Diary Dates

- 6th Christmas Tree Festival & Film Night
- 7th Christingle Service & School Choir
- 9th Hardy Perennials Lunch
- 10th Coffee Morning 10.00am in Church
- 11th MU - Christmas Gathering
- 12th The Star of Bethlehem Talk
- 13th Advent Sleepover Challenge
- 17th School Carol Service
- 20th Children's Book Before Bedtime
- 21st Carols on the Green - Puddington
- 22nd Carol Services - 4.00pm Shotwick & 7.00pm Burton

January

Diary Dates

6th

Holy Communion with
Soup & Sandwich Lunch

15th

Mothers' Union Meeting

18th

Messy Church

21st

Coffee Morning 10.00am in Sports &
Social Club

What do some of the terms actually mean ...

Advent

Advent is the season of expectation and preparation, as the Christian Church prepares to celebrate the coming (adventus) of Christ.

Christmas

The great feast day that marks the anniversary of Jesus' birth and has inspired the many joyful customs and traditions that Christians use to mark Christmas.

Epiphany

Epiphany, which traditionally falls on 6 January, is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God the Son as a human being in Jesus Christ. Western Christians commemorate Epiphany as the visit of the Magi (the three wise men) to the Baby Jesus, and thereby Jesus' physical manifestation to the Gentiles (non-Jews).

Church Services

January

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| 1 | 10:15 am Holy Communion |
| 5 | Epiphany Sunday
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
4:00 pm Evensong |
| 8 | 10:15 am Holy Communion |
| 12 | Second Sunday of Epiphany
Baptism of Christ
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship |
| 15 | 10:15 am Holy Communion |
| 19 | Third Sunday of Epiphany
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Communion |

22 10:15 am Holy Communion

26 Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship

29 10:15 am Holy Communion

February

2 8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
4:00 pm Evensong

*Find Out What's Been Happening
Down the Garden Path ...*

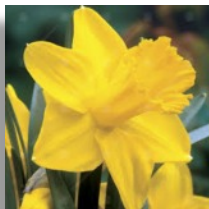
As one gardening year ends, another unfolds.

At the time of writing (November), roses continued to bloom, and hydrangea florets filled the vases.

However, before settling the garden for winter, many tasks awaited. On the odd fine days the buddleia were pruned by one-third. The final hard pruning will take place in February.

The tall roses were also cut back and new bulbs were planted in the various tubs and pots. Crocus Dorothy (yellow) was planted in a shallow tub whilst the

King Alfred daffodils were planted in two large blue tubs. Tulips, Queen of the Night (black) and Shirley (cream with a mauve



flush) were planted in tubs and black Violas planted on the top of the pot. Also Red Riding Hood tulips were planted in a smaller pot.

The Viburnum (evergreen variety) continues to flourish and, when the flowers appear, they make a lovely addition to flower arrangements. A pink hydrangea cutting grew on strongly in a pot during the summer and has now been planted in the front garden. Two dark blue lacecap cuttings also continue to flourish, but they will stay in their pots indoors during the winter months.

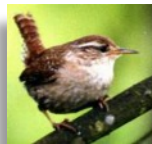
For the first time, hazelnuts appeared on the Twisted Hazel. Their progress from green to a light brown was constantly noted. However, they have all disappeared. Was it the squirrel? The green berries on the holly bush have now



turned a lovely deep red. The birds have eaten every berry on the rowan.

The camellias are already budding and, during the summer, were well watered and had a feed of cold tea from time to time. The dahlias have been wonderful and when the frost blackens the leaves they will be cut down and tubers covered with grass cuttings.

Masses of birds visit the garden, namely one lone nuthatch, long tailed/great/blue tits, green/goldfinches, Jenny Wren and Robbie Robin.



Tasks to be getting on with ...

- Cut down dahlias
- Bring geraniums indoors
- Protect any delicate plants
- Await snowdrops



Flori Bunda

THE BURTON SOCIETY

presents

Luck Of The Draw

by A S Robertson

A one-act comedy

Thursday 5 December 2019 at 8pm

**Gladstone Village Hall
Burton CH64 5TH**

**Tickets: £3 (Free to Burton Society members)
available from Renee Syme on 336 5852**



This amateur production of Luck Of The Draw is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH LTD a Concord Theatricals Company

Thank You ...

ngs gardens open
for charity

Briarfield Gardens Open Day on
15 September attracted 153 visitors and
raised £1,637 for charity.

The main beneficiaries were:

- MacMillan Cancer Support;
- Marie Curie ;
- Hospice UK ;
- Carers Trust ;and
- Claire House Children's Hospice.

Christmas Film Night



Starring
The Muppets

St Nicholas' Church
Friday 6 December 6.00pm
Popcorn & Mince Pies
Donations on the Door

Q U I Z N I G H T

They're fun-filled evenings to enjoy with
your family and friends with a chance to
make new friends along the way. It's not
the winning that counts, but the playing
of the game!

Friday 20 December

Friday 17 January

Quiz Nights take place at the Burton &
Puddington Sports and Social Club
starting at 7.30pm

Come Along - Everyone's
Welcome

Friday 20 December
6.30pm in Church

Christmas Book Before Bedtime



Children, come along in your
onesies and bring your
teddies for story time
amongst the Christmas trees.
There will also be games and
lovely hot chocolate.
Also, bring your mums, dads,
grandparents, carers and
friends of all ages.

Gladstone Village Hall

The Village Hall and Sports Club for the Villages of Burton and Puddington

Could It Be a Suitable Venue for Your Event?

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The village hall's main space takes approximately 100 persons. It has a professional kitchen, stage, sound and lighting system, large projector screen, piano and a side room joined by double doors.

Upstairs, in the hall, we have a meeting room that can be hired separately. It can comfortably seat 20 persons.

The Sports Pavilion is a space suited for up to 60 persons. It has two changing rooms and showers, a TV and DVD player and the main room has double doors straight out onto our sports field. Larger groups can be accommodated using gazebos and marquees on the field, taking advantage of our far-reaching views across the Cheshire countryside.

If you'd like more information about hire, whether it be a wedding reception, party, or a regular class or group hire contact:

Nicky Tel: 07731 324 630



Gladstone Village Hall



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Group Events
Society & Club Meetings
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Health & Exercise Classes

LINDA CONWAY – Police
Community Support Officer (PCSO)

Now that the darker nights are here it is especially important to review your home security. Nothing advertises the fact that no-one is at home more than a house in complete



darkness, particularly if other properties have lights on and vehicles on the driveway.

If you are going out and do not plan to return home until after dark, invest in some timer switches so that lights do come on.

Let your neighbours know if you are going away so that they can keep an eye on your property and maybe even park a car on your driveway. Also, I am always happy to advise about 'Neighbourhood Watch' schemes.

There have been a couple of opportunist thefts over the past months. A parked vehicle in Station Road, Burton was broken into and valuables stolen. Police advise to remove all valuables before leaving your vehicle.

Unfortunately, this type of crime happens in rural locations where people tend to park up and then go for a long walk. It only takes a couple of seconds for a thief to smash a car window and steal your belongings.

A theft occurred in Shotwick when an offender entered a property via an insecure rear door and stole jewellery and cash. I spent some time talking to the victim and apart from the financial loss suffered, there is also the feeling of being violated and will the thief return?

You can report incidents to the police on our non-emergency number of 101 or on 999 if it is an emergency.

www.cheshire.police.uk/little-neston-and-burton

From the Registers

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5 October

- Robyn Cadwallader &
Oliver Hayes-Byrne

Funerals

24 September

- Lorraine Taylor

8 October

- John Watts



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**Bar Staff
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In order to help meet the running costs of Gladstone Village Hall and the Social Club, both venues are being hired out with increasing success. A bar has been installed at GVH and Wedding Receptions are being held there.

The GVH and Social Club committees require a list of people to act as *Bar Staff* who could be called upon for such events.

For more information contact John Nuttall:

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Thursday 5 December - 'Luck of the Draw' by AS Robertson,

a comedy drama about moral entanglements.

Tickets £3 (free to members but tickets required) from Renee Symes 0151 336 5852

Thursday 2 January - 'Wolves, Witches and Wagers'

A talk by vet David Murdoch - tracing the development of dogs

Thursday 6 February - 'Gardening and Astronomy'

A talk by Mike Bode Professor of Astrophysics

THE PUDDINGTON SOCIETY

Saturday 21 December 6.00pm 'Carols on the Green'

Everyone is welcome to join the carol singing, mulled wine and mince pies

For more information about events call Hazel Huxley on 0151 336 2288

BURTON AND NESTON HISTORY SOCIETY

Meetings at Gladstone Village Hall at 8.00pm

Thursday 12 December - 'Welsh Copper'

A talk by Rob Tooney covering copper mining in Wales from pre-historic times

Thursday 9 January - 'William Lloyd Holden a Mapmaker at Large'

A talk by Jonathan Pepler formerly Cheshire County Archivist

For more information please contact Robert Thrift on 0151 336 1771

BURTON WALKING GROUP

New members always welcome

For more information please contact John Nuttall on 0151 336 7178

BURTON BRIDGE CLUB

Burton Bridge Club meets every Monday evening at 7.15pm in the Gladstone Village Hall

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FRIENDS OF BURTON MANOR GARDENS

For membership information and events:

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LOCAL POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER (PCSO)

LINDA CONWAY

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Police Mobile Number 07824 609048.

You can also reach Linda at: www.cheshire.police.uk/little-leston-and-burton

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