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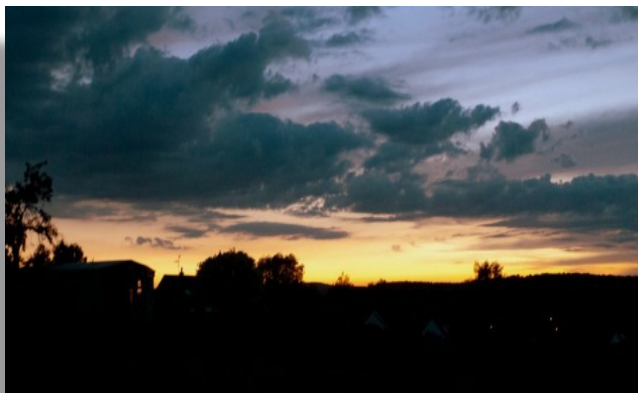
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Here is a 400-year-old poem by  
John Donne...

## No Man Is An Island

*No man is an island,  
Entire of itself,  
Every man is a piece of the  
continent,  
A part of the main.  
If a clod be washed away by the sea,  
Europe is the less.  
As well as if a promontory were.  
As well as if a manor of thy friend's  
Or of thine own were:  
Any man's death diminishes me,  
Because I am involved in mankind,  
And, therefore, never send to know  
for whom the bell tolls;  
...it tolls for thee.*

**John Donne 1572-1631**

*Poet, Member of Parliament,  
Anglican Priest, Royal Chaplain*

Is this still resonating today?

## THE VICAR WRITES



*When I was about 12  
I looked after a  
friend's Siamese cat,  
a breed of which I am  
no longer a fan! I*

*still have the scar on the back of my hand  
from when I tried to stroke her. We all  
have scars of various kinds, some visible  
and some not so visible. Some that we  
can look at and smile as we remember  
how we got them and there are those we  
cannot bear to think about.*

*The scars we carry, whether we like them  
or not, are part of who we are. They go  
everywhere with us and are part of what  
has shaped our lives, our personalities  
and character. Scars of broken  
relationships often cause us to be wary of  
risking new ones. They can cause us to  
put up barriers of self protection. Yet a  
warrior's scars were worn with pride as  
a sign of battles fought and won. Then as  
Rosa Parks observed, have you ever been  
hurt and the place tries to heal a bit and  
you just pull the scab off it, over and  
over again?'*

*I was so impressed by Katy Piper who  
entered Strictly Come Dancing last  
Autumn, a show with a huge audience.  
Her face had been scarred by an acid  
attack and yet what shone through was a  
person who had great courage as she put  
herself in the public eye.*



*She was not going to hide the fact she had  
scars. She wanted people to see the person  
through those scars and how that awful  
experience had shaped her and enabled her  
to grow in confidence again. Her courage,  
she hoped, would help others to cope with  
their scars, whatever they might be.*

*As Christians we follow Jesus who has scars  
on his hands.*

*'...the hands that flung  
stars into space, to cruel  
nails surrendered'... 'the  
scars that speak of  
sacrifice.'*

*These are the lines from Graham Kendrick's  
song **The Servant King**. The scars on the  
hands of Jesus show he understands the  
reality of pain, of brokenness, rejection,  
separation. The scars on the hands of Jesus  
do define who he was and is, our Saviour,  
our friend, our hope and our healer. He  
reaches out his wounded hands to offer love,  
forgiveness, healing and the courage to love  
afresh.*

*Peter, who was there when Jesus was crucified, who saw three days later the risen Jesus with nail marks in his hands, years later wrote:*

*‘ Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the cross so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness, by his wounds you have been healed.’ 1 Peter 2:24*



*The scars on the hands of Jesus show the cost and the depth of his love. As we go through Lent this year can we ask him to help us with our scars?*

*cathy*

## **The Other Side of Pain**

*When families fragment  
Communities crumble,  
there is a sudden death:  
When fathers are absent  
Or leaders fail:  
We dare not count  
The cost of recovery.  
...disappointment?  
Hard to voice.  
Yes, there is anger  
Encased in numbness,  
And the question,  
How can I dare to dream?  
God,  
My whole weight  
Is on your strong arms:  
Help me to be fragile but strong.  
I am not called to be invincible,  
But to walk,  
Broken, choosing  
My vulnerability.  
Nor is it necessary  
For me to self destruct.  
Bring me an honest appraisal  
Of all that is past.  
Give me your eyes,  
Your heart  
That together  
We may be healing  
The wounds of life.*

*Andy Raine & Paul Cullity  
From Celtic Daily Prayer [2015]*

## CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL - YOU'LL NEED TO REGISTER

The church Electoral Roll will shortly be renewed and you are invited to register.

### What is the Electoral Roll?

The Church Electoral Roll is the register of electors at St Nicholas' Church and is the list of those qualified to attend and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Any person entitled to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting may raise any question of parochial or general church interest. Electoral rolls provide an indication of the real membership and strength of the church.

### Why Bother to Register?

Enrolment is a way of saying... 'Yes, I belong'. For many church members it is an act of commitment to St Nicholas' Church and the church as a whole. It opens the way for a greater involvement in the life of the church.

Every six years each parish is required to prepare a new electoral roll. This year, 2019, is such a year.

Members already on the previous roll need to apply because inclusion is not automatic. You can apply by filling out an application form. These forms will be available later in February.

# Electoral Roll



**Belong**



**Participate**



**Contribute**

To be on the electoral roll a person needs to have been baptised, be at least 16 years old and either be :

- ***Living in the parish*** and a member of the Church of England or a Church in communion with the Church of England
- ***Not resident in the parish*** but a member of the Church of England (or a Church with which the Church of England is in communion) and has regularly attended worship in the parish during the six months prior to enrolment
- ***A member in good standing*** of a Church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and are prepared to declare themselves a member of the Church of England, having regularly attended worship during the six months prior to enrolment.

More information will be in church or at [www.burtonchurch.org.uk](http://www.burtonchurch.org.uk)

## VESTRY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



*Thank You, to all those who donated money to the 'Vestry Improvement Project' through sponsorship, private donations or by*

*attending fund raising events. The project fund now stands at just over £35,000 which will enable work to start in March.*



*The scheme will provide a highly functional room that overcomes much of the present difficulties encountered by those who use the the vestry. The refurbished room will have its own heating, much improved storage, seating for small groups to meet, better facilities for Junior Church, a food preparation area and kitchen equipment, improved lighting and insulation and, overall, a much nicer environment in which to work. Beneficiaries include:*

- *Junior Church & Little Stars*
- *Meetings & Events*
- *Mothers' Union*
- *Event Planners*
- *Refreshment Organisers*
- *Flower Arrangers*
- *PCC Members & Committees*
- *Clergy & Service Leaders*
- *Church Administrators*

*But indirectly, everyone benefits!*

## Why Not Become A Friend of St Nicholas' Church in 2019



You don't need to be a regular church attendee to be a 'Friend of St Nicholas' Church' - just someone who cares about maintaining the presence of the church and its ancient churchyard within the local community for the benefit of everyone and future generations. Just pick up a form from the box at the back of church. Your donations - however large - and that of all FSNC members will be used solely for the maintenance and upkeep of the church building and its churchyard.

To raise money FSNC organises a variety of events including a 'Pie and Pint Afternoon in Summer', a 'Wine Tasting and Gourmet Supper' in the Autumn as well as other entertainment. Our aim for 2019 is to grow the number of Friends as much as possible. We'd welcome any new ideas from the local community regarding other types of events you'd like to see FSNC host - so please do get in touch.

Robin Cowan

306 4587

# BISHOP WILSON SCHOOL



Bishop Wilson Church of England Primary  
"The joy of The Lord is your strength" Nehemiah 8:10

## Fire Safety

Bishop Wilson received a visit from four Fire Officers from Cheshire County Fire Brigade who came to deliver a talk on Fire Safety to the Children in Years 5 and 6.

The children practised crouching down in a smoke tent and learned how visibility is difficult. They looked at fire appliances, listened to the sirens and dressed in fire safety suits.



## Strike Up The Band

Thanks to the kindness of the Bishop Wilson School Trustees, who donated the brass and woodwind instruments, the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 at Bishop Wilson Primary School can take part in instrumental lessons once a week. The children can also take home these instruments to practise on for the duration of their lessons. The children recently put on a performance for the rest of the school showcasing what they have learnt.





## CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA IN BURTON

*An update from Ann Hudson*



The Burton Village Play Area can be found alongside the Gladstone Village Hall car park, Sports Club and Bowling Green.

John Nuttall, the project manager of the scheme, recently supervised the installation of two additional play unit. These items are for our smallest children, to help them achieve balance and confidence when playing together.

The cost for the additional items went over budget by £100 so John organised a working party to lay the ground safety nets for the play units. They also cleared the site of all packaging and arranged for its disposal.

John subsequently wrote to *The One Family Insurance Company*, which had provided the grant of £5,000, to explain the situation and asked if the extra cost could be accepted as 'work in kind', which the insurance company accepted.

The children, parents, grandparents and carers are indebted to John Nuttall, to Nicky Dorman and to the whole of the Working Party Team for all their efforts .





# Save the Family

Keeping Families Together

St Nicholas' Church is a supporter of the charity '**Save the Family**', a local organisation catering for the needs of families in distress through homelessness, or the threat of homelessness. Often their needs are complex and many individuals require careful therapeutic support.

Towards the end of last year one of the charity's key projects that had been much sought after for many years finally came to fruition - a '**Sensory Garden**'.

A sensory garden is an outdoor space that has been specially designed to stimulate the senses. Its main purpose is to enable visitors to explore various sensations within a calm and nurturing environment that they might not usually experience. Such an environment helps to promote a strong sense of well-being amongst both disabled and non-disabled users and carries a whole host of additional benefits for children and adults with sensory processing issues.

On Friday 23 November the Sensory Garden had its Grand Opening! The '**Save the Family**' complex had been scrubbed clean during the week and was looking at its best before the arrival of some distinguished visitors. Everyone pulled together marvellously to ensure the day went off without a hitch.

The project involved quite a number of corporate volunteers who donated over 350 hours of their time to ensure that the dreams, plans and designs came together to produce a garden of which '**Save the Family**' can be very proud.

The formal opening of the garden was undertaken by David Briggs, the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire,



Without funding and the help of volunteers this project would not have been possible. Contributors to the funding of the garden included:

- One Stop Carriers for Causes
- Tesco Bags of Help
- Yorkshire and Clydesdale Bank Foundation- Spirit of the Community Award

**And of course, thank you to all who continue to support 'Save the Family'.**

*New Spring and a prayer  
of hope for the year  
ahead...*

*Heavenly Father, fill us with  
fresh purpose, as your beloved  
children, to share your love  
with those who live in darkness,  
your peace with those who live  
in fear and your joy with those  
who live in sorrow. May the  
radiance of your glory shine  
upon us throughout  
the coming year.*

### *Forthcoming Events*

**Saturday 9 March: 11.00am**  
Diocesan Festival and Commissioning  
Service in Chester Cathedral – led by  
Bishop Peter.

**Wednesday 20 March: 2.00pm**  
Lenten Meditation

**Saturday 30 March : 10.00am**  
Bunching Posies for Mothering  
Sunday in church.

## **HARDY PERENNIALS**



### **BOOKMARK**

**ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH  
BURTON-IN-WENNELL**

[www.burtonchurch.org.uk](http://www.burtonchurch.org.uk)

## *Hardy Perennials*

*Lunch Dates*

*for 2019*

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**Out to  
LUNCH!**

*Monday - 14 January*  
*Monday - 25 February*  
*Monday - 8 April*  
*Monday - 20 May*  
*Monday - 8 July*  
*Monday - 19 August*  
*Monday - 23 September*  
*Monday - 28 October*  
*Monday - 9 December*

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*Pollards Inn, Willaston*

*12-30pm for 1-00pm*

*☎ Vivienne 336 7435*

*☎ Linda 336 5017*

## MOTHERS' UNION

*Ever wondered what it's all about?*

*Here's a short history...*

The Mothers' Union was founded by Mary Sumner in 1876 in the Church of England parish of Old Alresford, near Winchester. She was inspired to start the movement after the birth of her first grandchild. Remembering her own difficulties when she was first a mother, Mary wanted to bring mothers of all social classes together to provide support for one another and to be trained in motherhood - something which she saw as a vocation.

In 1885, Ernest Roland Wilberforce, the first Bishop of Newcastle, was preparing to address churchgoing women in Portsmouth but found he had nothing relevant to say so he contacted Mary Sumner and asked her to speak in his place.



She addressed the women passionately about the power of mothers to change the nation for the better, stating that 'the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world'. A number of the women present were encouraged to return to their parishes to set up similar women's meetings, and the Bishop of Winchester declared that the Mothers' Union become a Diocesan (local) organisation. The growth of the movement beyond the boundary of Winchester was due to Victorian British society's emphasis on morality.



Mothers' Union spread rapidly. By 1892, there were 60,000 members which grew to 169,000 members by the turn of the century.

In 1893, Annual General Meetings were organised, and in 1896 The Mothers' Union Central Council was formed. Mary Sumner was unanimously elected President, a post she held into her nineties.

*In 1897, during her Diamond Jubilee, Queen Victoria became patron of Mothers' Union, giving it an unprecedented stamp of approval.*

Mary Sumner's Mothers' Union also set up branches throughout the British Empire, beginning in New Zealand, then Canada and India. As a global movement of women - and men can also become members too - Mothers' Union projects include:

- *Literacy*
- *Parenting*
- *Micro finance*
- *Advocacy and campaigns*

Mothers' Union campaign against violence and the trafficking of women. It was also part of Make Poverty History and the Jubilee Debt Coalition.

Within the UK Mothers' Union has successfully lobbied government to introduce the right to request flexible working for all parents, and internationally it speaks out on issues of gender equality through its representative status at the United Nations.



Campaigning in the UK has also included lobbying for industry and policy change with regard to the commercialisation and sexualisation of children.

**Together we are stronger**

**Join our four-million strong movement to:**

***Strengthen communities all over the world***

***Help the most disadvantaged at home***

***Shape how we advocate for the rights of families***

***Build supportive, loving relationships***

***Develop your own relationship with God***

***Next time.. who's who, what's what, where, why and when about Mothers' Union in this area.***

## Church Services

### February

- 3 Fifth Sunday of Epiphany  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Family Worship  
& Baptisms  
4:00 pm Evensong
- 6 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 10 Fourth Sunday before Lent  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 13 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 17 Third Sunday before Lent  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Family Communion
- 20 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 24 Second Sunday before Lent  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 27 10:15 am Holy Communion

# February

## Diary Dates

4th

Holy Communion with  
Soup & Sandwich Lunch

7th

'Walk Around Wales'  
The Burton Society

16<sup>th</sup>

Messy Church

25<sup>th</sup>

Hardy Perennials Lunch

27<sup>th</sup>

Bible Book Club

28<sup>th</sup>

Cafe Chat



# March

## Diary Dates

4<sup>th</sup>

Holy Communion with  
Soup & Sandwich Lunch

5<sup>th</sup>

Coffee Morning  
In Church

9<sup>th</sup>

Mothers' Union  
Chester Cathedral

12<sup>th</sup>

Lent Course  
Danes Court, Mudhouse Lane

13<sup>th</sup>

Lent Course  
At The Vicarage

16<sup>th</sup>

Messy Church

28<sup>th</sup>

Cafe Chat

31<sup>st</sup>

Mothering Sunday

## Church Services

### March

- 3 Sunday next before Lent  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Family Worship  
6:30 pm Evensong
- 6 Ash Wednesday  
10:15 am Holy Communion  
7:30 pm Holy Communion
- 10 First Sunday of Lent  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 13 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 17 Second Sunday of Lent  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Family Communion
- 20 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 24 Third Sunday of Lent  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 27 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 31 Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Mothering Sunday  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Morning Worship

### April

- 7 Fifth Sunday of Lent  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Family Worship

## AN IMPORTANT YEAR LIES AHEAD

2019 will be an important year for the RSPB's Burton Mere Wetlands Reserve, as it marks 40 years since its formation with the purchase of Parkgate Marsh – then known as Gayton Sands – back in 1979. So expect to be hearing and seeing a lot of extra publicity. We've already been featured on local radio and television in the first week of the year!

2018 saw a record-breaking year for nesting wading birds at Burton Mere Wetlands, the first successful marsh harrier nest on the reserve at Neston Reedbed, and one of the best winters in recent memory for the views of short-eared owls at Parkgate.

The wetlands we have transformed from crop fields at Burton Mere are primarily managed for lapwings, redshanks and avocets. In 2018 around 225 pairs of those three birds nested here, and had tremendous success in rearing their young to adulthood, making the reserve one of the most productive in the country for breeding waders.

Nationally, marsh harriers have been building in number since the 1990s, but were still a rare bird to see on the Dee Estuary until the last few years. Gradually their presence has increased, particularly outside the breeding season, until finally a pair managed to nest and raise three chicks last year. Hopefully this is the beginning of them breeding regularly here, thanks to the vast protected area they have to nest and hunt for food.

2018 also had its share of rare sightings, with glossy ibis, ring-necked duck and pallid harrier amongst the highlights. This autumn and winter, along with the return of all the usual variety of wildfowl and wading birds, the birds of prey have been arguably the most impressive on the vast salt marsh.



Lapwing



Marsh Harrier



Redshank





Hen Harrier



Barn Owl



Short Eared Owl

Following their successful breeding, marsh harrier numbers rose through summer into autumn. Now at least 15 of them are spending the winter on the estuary and most, if not all, roosting each night at Neston Reedbed and it is quite impressive to watch them arriving.

In addition, six hen harriers are enjoying a safe winter refuge and can be seen flying in to roost on the marsh off Parkgate Old Baths, which is also presently the best spot to enjoy short-eared owls, and if you're there at dusk you may catch a barn owl too. Our monthly Raptorwatch events continue on the second Sunday of the month until March, so come along to one for a helping hand in seeing these awesome birds and guidance on telling them apart.

Potentially even more dramatic, are the seasonal high tides which can flood the entire salt marsh. By the time you read this, we will have had the first Tidewatch event of the year on 23 January. There are also more events in February (Wednesday 20 to Friday 22) and in March (Thursday 21 to Saturday 23) where we will have telescopes on hand at Parkgate and plenty of volunteers to help point out the drama as it occurs.

It might seem a long way off yet but if you're looking for a pleasant day out, remember *'Mum's Go Free' at Burton Mere Wetlands on Mothering Sunday, Sunday 31 March.*

*For further details on any of the Reserve's activities and events, please get in touch:*

 [rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands](http://rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands)

 0151 353 2720



## ST VALENTINES DAY

### **Fact, fiction or legend?**

*St Valentine died in the 3rd century at Rome. His feast day is, as almost everybody knows, February 14.*

*Valentine is the name of one or two legendary Christian martyrs whose lives seem to be historically based. Although the Roman Catholic Church continues to recognise St Valentine as a saint of the church, he was removed from the General Roman Calendar in 1969 because of the lack of reliable information about him. He is the patron saint of lovers, epileptics, and beekeepers.*

*By some accounts, St Valentine was a Roman priest and physician who suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Christians by the emperor Claudius II Gothicus about 270. He was buried on the Via Flaminia, and Pope Julius I reportedly built a basilica over his grave.*

*Other narratives identify St Valentine as the bishop of Terni, Italy, who was martyred, apparently also in Rome, and whose relics were later taken to Terni. It is possible these are different versions of the same original account and refer to only one person, but who knows.*

*According to legend, St. Valentine signed a letter 'from your Valentine' to his jailer's daughter, whom he had befriended and healed from blindness. Another common legend states that he defied the emperor's orders and secretly married couples to spare the husbands from war.*

*Valentine's Day as a lovers' festival dates at least from the 14th century.*

## St Valentine's Day



Thursday 14 February

L'amour



*The first Valentine's Day cards may have originated in France when Charles, Duke of Orleans, sent love letters to his wife while imprisoned in the Tower of London in 1415. Today, Valentine's Day cards remain a popular tradition in France and around the world.*

*Another old traditional Valentine's Day event in France used to be the 'loterie d'amour', or 'drawing for love.' Men and women would fill houses that faced one another, and then take turns calling out to one another and pairing off. Men who weren't satisfied with their match could simply leave a woman for another, and the women left unmatched gathered afterwards for a bonfire.*

*During the bonfire, women burned pictures of the men who wronged them and hurled insults at the opposite sex. The event became so uncontrollable that the French government eventually banned the tradition all together.*

## MOTHERING SUNDAY

Mothering Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Lent. Although it's often called Mothers' Day it has no connection with the American festival of that name.

Traditionally, it was a day when children, mainly daughters, who had gone to work as domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother and family.

Today it is a day when children give presents, flowers, and home-made cards to their mothers.

### History of Mothering Sunday

Most Sundays in the year churchgoers in England worship at their nearest parish or daughter church. Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or mother church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their mother church - the main church or cathedral of the area.

Inevitably the return to the mother church became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home. (It was quite common in those days for children to leave home for work once they were ten years old.)

And most historians think that it was the return to the mother church which led to the tradition of children, particularly those working as domestic servants, or as apprentices, being given the day off to visit their mother and family.

As they walked along the country lanes, children would pick wild flowers or violets to take to church or give to their mother as a small gift.



*Mothering Sunday*

*Service in Church*

*31 March, 10.00am*

*Come along, bring the family and celebrate Mothering Sunday at St Nicholas' Church. Enjoy a time of family worship with familiar hymns, prayers, Bible stories and learning. Children, mothers and grand mothers can collect free posies of Spring flowers prepared by members of the Mothers' Union.*



## From the Registers



### Funerals

- 3 December - Margaret Mansfield  
14 December - Barbara Green  
18 December - Hazel Lyon  
8 January - Thomas Anthony Winney

### Interment

- 17 December - Vivienne Ramsell

## Lent Course 2019



*'Science without religion is lame. Religion without science is blind.'*

Albert Einstein

*The Mystery of Everything* is a 5 week course which takes the award winning film *'The Theory of Everything'* about Stephen Hawking as it's starting point. The course explores ways in which the mysteries of the universe and everyday life and the acceptance that we may have more questions than answers can reinvigorate our faith and spiritual journey.

There are 5 weekly sessions entitled:

- *The experience of wonder*
- *The enigma of weakness*
- *The complexity of relationships*
- *The encounter with frailty*
- *The hope beyond brokenness.*

Hilary Brand has written several Lent courses and her approach enables lively discussion and the opportunity to engage more deeply with faith.

Please come and join us at 8.00pm

Tuesday 12 March - Danes Court  
Mudhouse Lane ☎ 336 5446

Wednesday 13 March - The Vicarage  
Vicarage Lane ☎ 07471 890 827

## Organ Recital of Wedding Music



### Paul Rudd

Organist at St John Lee Church  
Hexham, Northumberland

*St Nicholas' Church, Burton*  
Friday 12 April 7.00pm

*Music & Refreshments Tickets £5*

*All Proceeds in Aid of Church Funds*

# FLORI BUNDA



## SPRING

Spring is such a wonderful season - new growth and lovely flowering bulbs. Galanthus Nivalis/ Elwesii (snowdrops) with their spear-like leaves from lovely delicate white blooms are a great joy to see on a dull day from the kitchen window.

Green rosettes of leaves appear prior to the flowering of yellow Winter Aconites. Daffodils, Tête-à-Tête, Rip Van Winkle and Thalia to name just a few, have short stems and can withstand the winds of March. However, a mention must be made of the glorious King Alfred daffodils.



The wonderful tulips will follow with Queen of the Night and Shirley complementing each other when planted together. Hopefully the garden and tubs will provide a blaze of colour. Buddleia Davidii will be hard pruned in February.

The greenhouse needs a further clean and the seed trays will be prepared for sowing seeds. Hopefully, the sweet pea seeds will also be sown towards the middle of March.



The camellias have produced masses of buds during the winter and, as usual, their flowers are awaited. I find cold tea acts as a tonic for these bushes.



The birds are so lovely to watch and many have visited the garden recently, namely the Grey and Pied Wagtails, Nuthatch, Great, Blue and Long-Tailed Tits (almost a flock) Goldfinches and Greenfinches, a pair of Robins and Jenny Wren - mostly heard but on occasion seen!



## Tasks to be getting on with in the coming months



- Final clean of the greenhouse
- Prune roses and buddleia
- Prepare seed trays

*Good gardening,*

*Flori Bunda*

# Coffee Mornings

All Welcome



Tuesday 5 March

10.00am to 12 Noon

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Any donations of cakes would be much appreciated

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## Café Chat

Held on the last Thursday of the month from 8.00pm at

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**Next dates:**

Thursday 28 February

Thursday 28 March

For more information contact:

**Ruth Abbott: ☎ 342 5032**

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Monday 4 March at 11.30am

Monday 1 April at 11.30am

Contact

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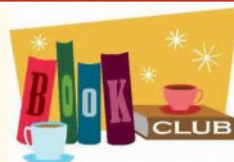
Children, Parents, Grandparents & Helpers  
are all welcome!

**'People From The Old  
Testament'**

16 February - Joseph in Trouble  
16 March - Joseph & His Brothers

## BIBLE BOOK CLUB

8.00pm at The  
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**Wednesday 27 February**

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Cathy Helm ☎ 07471 890 827

CAROLS ON  
PUDDINGTON GREEN  
SATURDAY 22 DECEMBER



*This long-established Christmas event was attended by people from the villages of Puddington, Burton and the surrounding area. Mulled wine and mince pies were served - all free of charge - and Rev Cathy Helm provided a Christmas message of hope, thanks and concern for others.*

*Importantly, **the event raised £400** for Clair House Children's Hospice.*

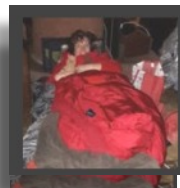
*Thank you!*



## Junior Church Do The Sleep-Out Challenge - Again!

A group of eleven excited children and eight (not so excited) adults took up the challenge on Friday 30 November to sleep out in church for the night. Thankfully this year it didn't snow. They even had a visit from our local community police officers - '*Evenin All*' - who checked in to see if all was well. The participants had a great time and the bacon butties kindly provided by Nigel and Janey Griffiths

made the early morning much more welcome! Everyone recognised how fortunate they were to be able to sleep in a



Lay Reader Ruth Abbott

warm building in cosy sleeping bags with hot drinks and a toilet. Many of the people for whom they were raising the money don't have such luxuries. So far over £1,500 has been raised for the Church Urban Fund. The money will provide help and support to people who need it most; the homeless, people struggling with debt, isolation, addiction, abuse or violence.

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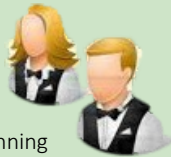
### **Social Club**

Sheila ☎ 07722 607 123

### **Weddings**

Connie ☎ 0151 336 3679

## Bar Staff Required



In order to help meet the running costs of Gladstone Village Hall (GVH) and the Social Club, both venues are being hired out with increasing success. A bar has now 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. As the bar is part of each event *Bar Staff* will be paid *£7 per hour*.

For more information contact John Nuttall:

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# Parish Magazine Administrator Wanted

*A 'hands-on' Administrator is wanted to help with the Parish Magazine.*

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### **THE BURTON SOCIETY**

We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 8.00pm in the Gladstone Village Hall during the winter. Everyone is welcome to join us for a talk and refreshments. Our next meetings are:

Thursday 7 February - *'A Walk Around Wales Part 2'*

Nigel Griffiths concludes his charity walk around the perimeter of Wales with photographs and recollections of a wide variety of scenery and places.

Thursday 7 March - *'Leahurst - Past, Present & Future'*

Liz Bode provides an insider's view of Liverpool University's Veterinary Department

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

### **BURTON AND NESTON HISTORY SOCIETY**

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