

PARISH NEWS



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St Peter's Church, Marchington

St John's Church, Marchington Woodlands

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Once bonfire night is over - and the bonfire and fireworks at The Woodlands Village Hall were the best yet - we know that Advent is around the corner and we are on the rundown towards Christmas!

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all in Marchington and The Woodlands. We hope you will be able to come to some of the Christmas events advertised in this magazine.

As I am writing this on 15th November, a helpful web site tells me that I have 39 days 12 hours and 11 minutes to get ready. Don't panic!

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A Stained Glass Wonder !

***The Nativity in
colour and
light!
at St Peter's
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December
10am to 3pm
Refreshments***

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Great Expectations

Revd Chris Brown writes that even in times of darkness, God does not turn away from us, and in Advent, as we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus, there is a promise of light.

Dear friends,

As I sit writing this letter to you all I am reminded by the weather of how the seasons progress through our lives. Last night we put our clocks back an hour, rising this morning in expectation of a light and bright morning. But no, it was dark and dismal until ten thirtyish. All of a sudden the sun shone brightly through the church windows dazzling everyone inside. All this helped me to focus on this December letter. As we approach the celebration of the arrival of the Christ child into our world, and probably more importantly into our lives, we spend Advent preparing ourselves to greet Christ.

In preparing any letter or talk about Jesus I always try to place myself in his time so that I can attempt to understand something of what he was talking about, in the context of the world as it was then. How would the people of Jesus' time have seen today? Would they have been able to comprehend the freedom we have? Would changing the hour on the clocks make them smile and say "you cannot change the weather or the happenings of the

seasons"? Could they take on board the busyness of our lives?



As the people struggled under the weight of the Roman occupation the promise from the Prophets of better things to come must have seemed like a bright beacon before their eyes something to look forward to, a promise of freedom, a promise of light and the fulfilment of God's covenant with his people.

When you read this letter will we be in similar circumstances? Listening

to the experts on the news and in the papers it would appear we are heading for a time of severe shortages. With the aftereffects of the pandemic still hovering over us, are we in a similar position to the people of Jesus' time? The threat of another lockdown looming over us. The rising numbers of infections. Seeing the nurses and doctors straining to cope.

The times of darkness seem to be all about us, but, as Pip says in Dickens'

novel, we have "great expectations" in the fact that God has never ever turned away from us and always pours out his unconditional love on us all the time, in the sending of his Son, Jesus, born in a dark and oppressed time, in a dark and dismal stable to bring us all hope and love, not just over the Christmas period but in all our lives.

All God's blessings.
Chris.



John and Judy Landells

Wish all our friends and neighbours a
Happy Christmas and a better 2022.

In lieu of cards we are making a
donation to the Stroke Association.



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PCC Secretary: Kate Hart

Church Website: www.stpetersmarchington.org.uk

ST PETER'S CHURCH, MARCHINGTON
*We wish you all a very happy
Christmas and all the very best for
2022!*

December 11th – 10am to 3pm

A Stained Glass Wonder! The nativity in light and colour. Refreshments.

December 12th – 2pm to 4pm

Christmas Post Day.

Come to the church to post your village cards for 15p each. Proceeds to the church.

Door wreaths, cards and an assortment of Christmas items for sale.

December 19th – 3pm

Christmas Carol Service to be held outside the church. Come and join us as we relate the Christmas story in carols and words.

Bring a chair!

December 24th – 2pm

A Family Christmas service in the church.

Booking essential. Phone Joyce Halcrow on 01283 820346. Phone by 22nd December.

Christmas day service – 10am

St John's church. Marchington Woodlands.

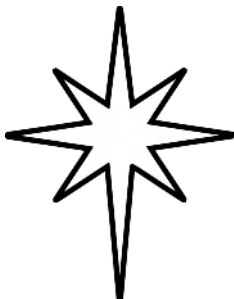
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St Peter's 50/50 Club

We are considering holding a **50/50 club** in aid of Church funds starting in March 2022. The cost of this will be £5.00 per month and prizes will be drawn 4 times a year.

Anyone interested in joining in please reply by the 14th. January 2022 at the latest, please reply to thelmabrassington@yahoo.co.uk or maggiehatchard@gmail.com for further details and to register.

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WOODLANDS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW**



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St. Peter's Church Marchington PCC are looking for a volunteer Treasurer with a background in money management. This would be to work initially alongside our Acting Treasurer with a view to training for the position of PCC Treasurer later.

For more details, ring Thelma Brassington

Mobile 07477 667970 - preferably 9.00am to 4.00pm



St Peter's Edward Bear Club

For children aged 0 to 3 years and their parents or carers. The club will not be meeting during November and December. This will be reviewed after Christmas. Anyone interested please contact Thelma by email.

Thelmabrassington@yahoo.co.uk
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Rev Ethney Ellwood

Ethney moved to the village many years ago into what was then the new houses on Jacks Lane and quickly she and John became involved in the village. Firstly with MADS, later with the twinning of Marchington with Neudrossenfeld which John, Ethneys husband, instigated. Many happy holidays were had with friends in Germany and their return visits to Marchington.

Ethney soon became involved with St Peter's church and became church warden.

Ethney's profession as a teacher was one that she loved. She had real empathy with young people and along with her involvement at church she started a young people's group. Towards the end of her teaching profession she had the strong calling to become an ordained vicar and she undertook the training and was ordained. In this role she had found her niche. She was a loving, caring person taking time to work alongside the elderly and young alike both here in the village and across the area of parishes.

When her daughter married and eventually made her home in Southbourne with her husband and two children, Ethney made the decision to move closer to them. Once again she took up her role in the church there.

Sadly she had a stroke which meant she was unable to live at home and moved into a care home where she continued to lead services and do what she has always done best, bring people together with fun and laughter.

She will be much missed and her love of life, her caring and sense of fun was known by many people here in the village.

Maggie Hatchard

I first met Ethney when I moved into the village in 1972. She and John had just joined MADS, and we had great times together in various plays and winning awards too.

Ethney like myself got involved with St. Peter's Church and as the years progressed we became Churchwardens together and members of the Ministry team.

We organised dances and parties, many a time coming home when Alf delivered the milk (he was always early). Happy times were had involving holidays at Neudrossenfeld in Germany and here on their return visits. John helped to form the liaison with Neudrossenfeld and his name lives on there with a street named after him.

Ethney was always interested in young people, all age worship, Angels group and then onto the pathway of Local Ordained Ministry for St. Peter's and the Area of Parishes. She was always a lively person, caring, always smiling and looking out for others. Ethney adored her family and spent her last years close to them. She will be missed.

Our love and condolences go to Lucy, John, Noah and Elisse. Rest in Peace.

Thelma Brassington

MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's Report for December 2021

Once again we enter the Christmas period and my favourite time of year in our wonderful parish. It's a great place to live and it's smashing to see new residents getting involved in lots of activities around the parish.

In October we had an excellent meeting with Clare Pearson, the Prison Director of Dovegate, and we agreed that liaising with ourselves and with Draycott parish was very positive. Having reported about the donated planters last month we have also engaged the prison to make items for sale in our Marchington Community Shop, which I think is a great initiative. So planters and some festive wreaths are available, but the bird boxes need a bit more work on them.

In November, at long last, a lot of work was done to improve the road surface of Green Lane, and whilst it's not like the A50, it is a vast improvement. It's taken many years of Parish Councillors' efforts to get to this point. It makes getting to the Community Orchard less stressful and that remains a place well worth a visit. A new willow arbour will be built here next year, which will further enhance the natural beauty of this secluded place.

With reference to flooding, the Environment Agency informed us they are continuing to work on the village infrastructure to help alleviate damage during and after flooding events. In addition, the County Council finally signed off the authority for us to close roads in a flooding event. This is really important as it means that our village flood wardens have a chance to reduce damage to property and perhaps protect people for the very real dangers that can occur during a flood.

Around the village the volunteers continue to do their good works, pick ing up litter, planting bulbs and generally keeping the village looking good. In the Woodlands, the Village Hall Committee held a very successful Bonfire Party, and on Forestside we continue to look for solutions to the problems of the garages area.

As I said earlier, it's a great time of year for a lot of people so may I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Stay safe and healthy, everyone.

Ian Morgan - Chair, Marchington Parish Council

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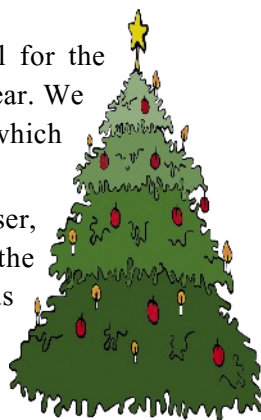


Sue Willmot and Pam Tomkins appeared to enjoy their inaugural meeting as trustees of Marchington Village Hall on 21 October, so they seem to be staying with us for the time being. Their first meeting coincided with Gill Williamson's last one. An epic 42 years after she was stranded outside the village hall with a Brownie Pack, resolving to get the running of the hall better organised, she has hung up her woggle and retired. I'm sure everyone in the village has been touched by Gill's organising zeal over the last decades and joins us in wishing her and Mike (also a former village hall stalwart) a somewhat quieter life.

The first indoor archery class was very well attended and we await further news on follow-up bookings. Meanwhile the children's parties continue practically every weekend until Christmas.

We would like to thank Marchington Parish Council for the Christmas tree which so brightens The Square every year. We are very grateful for the support of the Parish Council which is invaluable to us in the smooth running of the hall.

Of course, the Parish Council is a regular village hall user, along with the 6pm Wednesday Zumba class, the Marchington Singers and the Gathering Threads embroidery/ crafting group. MADS used the hall to rehearse and perform their highly successful Variety Show at the end of November and Marchington WI have



been back since September. Marchington Community Shop held their Queen's Award presentation and AGM this Autumn.

It is lovely to see everyone back in the hall after the hiatus caused by the pandemic. We wish all Marchington and Woodlands residents and users of the hall a wonderful Christmas and a very happy, health and safe 2022.

Finally, if you want to book Marchington Village Hall, please email Ginny Odey on marchingtonvillagehallbookings@hotmail.com or call her on 07810 830268. You can check what's happening and availability on the hall calendar at <https://www.marchingtonvillagehall.org/calendar.html>.

Geraldine Flavell

Marchington WI - Autumn Report

It is good to report that we are finishing the year on a more positive note after what can only be described as a rather "up and down" year. Like everyone else we had to abide by the Covid rules and regulations and our first get-together was an enjoyable afternoon tea at the Boar's Head in July.

September was the month when we resumed our monthly meetings in the village hall when we were entertained with music from the 60's.

It was good to see the hall full with members and guests who attended our October lunch. Our excellent speaker was Paul Newsome who gave a very informative presentation on "finger print identification", a subject we all hear about when there is a crime but know very little about the scientific work it involves.

We offer our congratulations to Susan McDermid on gaining 2nd place in the County Centenary Cup Writing Competition.

We are looking forward to going out for Christmas lunch; food always tastes sweeter when someone else is doing the cooking!

On a more positive note, we look forward to next year when on 17th January we will be cheese tasting.

Our meetings are held on the third Monday of every month. If you would like to come along and join us, then give me a call on 01283 820576.

Sheila Jones

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on

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Sunday Music Sessions in December - all at 5.30pm

Sunday Dec 5th - SOUTHBOUND

Sunday 12th Dec - THE EVANS BROTHERS

Sunday 19th Dec - HATFIELD & BUCK

For Sunday music events from January 2022, see advertisement on page 17

Xmas Lunch Menu and Evening Menu Operating Dec 1st to 24th

SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

<https://www.dogandpartridgemarchington.co.uk/christmas-fayre>

CHRISTMAS DAY/BOXING DAY Open 12-3pm for Drinks Only

NEW YEARS EVE 12-3pm 7pm until Close

NEW YEARS DAY 12-4pm Food and Drink

NORMAL HOURS APPLY ON OTHER DAYS

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Look out too for our new shelf displays at the beginning of December

In other news, our Joint Shop Manager, Penny, has recently decided to leave us after more than 3 years. We would like to thank her for her work with us, and wish her all the best for the future.

May I wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year from everyone involved in Marchington Shop. I would like also to thank all our supporters, volunteers and customers for all that they have done this year. It's been another challenging one, with lots of changes for us all to cope with, but with the highlight of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

We look forward to serving you in 2022!

Liz Morgan (Chair, Marchington Village Shop)

UTTOXETER CRICKET CLUB

We wish to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As a club, we are very appreciative of all the kind support that we received in 2021. Our attention now turns to 2022, please note that winter training for juniors and seniors will commence in January. Players of any standard and age are most welcome. If you are interested in joining Uttoxeter Cricket Club, please get in touch with James via 07961 208 354 or jamesburton81@yahoo.co.uk.

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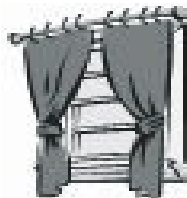


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Christmas Comes to Woodlands WI

45 days left to Christmas Day!

Helen welcomed the members and visitors to our special meeting, themed especially for Christmas time. We agreed on last months minutes, listened to news from Staffs County Office and wondered what the evening would bring.

Supper was served first tonight, homemade soup and lovely mince pies with mulled wine! Ready to set us up for the evening's speaker, Ann. She treated the 40 strong audience of Woodlands WI members and visitors to a spectacular display of Xmas decorations for the home.



Ann showed us how to make table displays, door wreaths, mantelpiece arrangements, tall vases of flowers and



candlestick arrangements, all to make our homes look festive. She gave us lots of tips on creating displays, how to make them stay fresh and kinds of foliage to use. They were made from real and artificial foliage, real and silk flowers and natural seed heads, items that can all be used again if we wish. The table looked stunning as display after display filled it. Lights glittered inside vases and silver and gold leaves sparkled in the displays.

The best thing was they were all raffled at the end, so 8 lucky people went home clutching their prize to

brighten their house at Christmas time. Plenty of photos were taken of the displays so we could try to recreate them ourselves. Our homes should look beautiful this Christmas. We all went

home full of enthusiasm with plenty of ideas of how to decorate our homes.

Woodlands WI wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Grace Hodges

Marchington Woodlands Village Hall Update and 2021 AGM



Only days before November 5th, the traditional Bonfire Night and Fireworks event was in serious doubt. The safety conditions imposed by the hall's insurance underwriter were far too demanding for a small venue like the Village Hall. The Committee looked for an alternative location to set off the fireworks, that was well away from spectators and neighbouring property. The Charlesworth family kindly agreed to let the Committee use their field, opposite the Village Hall land. With this new firework site and a smaller bonfire in the hall field, another insurance company covered the event, although it came at a price.

The immediate crisis was averted but there was little time to get everything organised, including publicity. Conversations took place with Rhoda and Mike about having a separate poster for the event, as the November Parish News print-run had been missed. Mike and the Team did the Village Hall a big favour by distributing posters with the magazines.

Then came the small matter of the fireworks. Firework costs have risen enormously since 2019 (the last Bonfire Night event) and it meant another big expense. The Committee decided to bite the bullet. There have been fireworks at the Village Hall on November 5th for a great many years and the Committee didn't want to be the one to end the tradition.



The weather was kind on Bonfire Night and the number of people who turned up at the Village Hall exceeded all expectations. Using the land opposite didn't seem to lessen the spectators' enjoyment and the team setting off the fireworks were pleased to hear the round of applause at the end of the display. Things seem to have worked out well in the end.

2021 AGM Business (held 2nd November)

The Chairman thanked Committee members for their work during the year and acknowledged the success of the August Summer Dance.

The Village Hall Accounts prepared to 28 February 2021 were accepted and signed.

Committee members/Trustees were appointed until the next AGM. Judy Slaney resigned as Secretary and was thanked for all her hard work during her ten years in the role.

The Village Hall Committee would love to hear from anyone who may be interested in filling the Secretary position or joining as a general member and contributing to the future vision and development of the hall.

Lastly...

Please take care and stay well. Festive time with family and friends is so close.

Woodlands Village Hall Committee wishes you a lovely Christmas and a happy New Year and looks forward to seeing you in 2022.

Karen Perrins

Marchington Woodlands Village Hall Committee 'Thank You'

Committee members wish to thank everyone who helped with or attended the Bonfire Night event at Woodlands Village Hall on 5th November. The event received tremendous support from local residents and others who came from further afield. It was wonderful to see so many families. We should give special mentions to the Charlesworth family for kindly allowing the fireworks to be sited on their land, to Bob Elliott for the scrap pallets for the bonfire and all those donating raffle prizes, including J S Meats. We were grateful to receive help from Mike Williamson's Team, who distributed our Bonfire Night posters along with November's Parish News.

We hope that all attendees enjoyed the occasion.

Marchington Woodlands Village Hall

Tinkers Lane ST14 8PF



Handmade Christmas Hanging Decoration Competition for residents of the Woodlands

Three categories:- under 5 years, 5 - 12 years and all those aged over 13.

Entries to be in the Village Hall by **15th December**.

**(Can be dropped off on 14th December at the
Christmas Coffee Morning 10.30 – 11.45am or on 15th 4 - 4.30pm.)**

Please email the Village Hall Committee at mwvh@btinternet.com or call one of the Committee members to make a different arrangement if these times are not convenient.

Rev Jules Walker is kindly doing the judging on 16th December and the results are to be announced at St John's Church (ST14 8PE) Carol Service on **19th December**.

You can take your decoration home after the Church Service on **19th December (after 5.30pm) or it will be put on display at the Village Hall**. Please let us know which of these you would like to do, when submitting your entry.

Marchington Woodlands Village Hall

Social Events for Your Diaries

14 December 2021 and 18 January 2022 – Tuesday coffee mornings, come and have a chat and browse the stalls and books, 10.30am start.

There will not be a Lighting the Tree Social at the Village Hall. Christmas decoration competition winners are be announced at St John's Church Carol Service on 19 December, instead.

Woodlands Village Hall Booking Information

The Village Hall's website (www.mwvh.co.uk) provides information about the Hall, its facilities and hiring.

Booking Secretary for the Village Hall, Isabel Wilson (tel. 01889 569411), will help with any additional details you may need.

Contact Email Address

The email address for the Village Hall is mwvh@btinternet.com.

Christmas Coffee Morning

Marchington Woodlands Village Hall

Raffle, mince pies, other bakes, jams and pickles, cards



**TUESDAY 14th
December
10.30am to 11.45am**



St. John's Church Marchington Woodlands



Church Services and Events at St John's during December 2021 & January 2022

Sunday 12 th December	4.00pm	Evensong with Advent Carols
Saturday 18 th December	2.00-4.00pm	Clean and decorate the church
Sunday 19 th December	4:00pm	Carol Service Nine lessons and carols. If you would like to read one of the lessons, please let a member of the PCC know.
Christmas Day	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26 th December		There is no service at St John's. There is an area Holy Communion service at 10am at St Mary's, Uttoxeter
Sunday 9 th January 2022	16:00:00	Evensong
Sunday 23rd January	9.30am	Holy Communion

On Saturday 30th October **Fiona Alice Hill and Henry (Harry) Martin Lamaison** were married. The church was beautifully decorated by Fiona's family. We were able to enjoy the altar and other decorations the following day for the All-Soul's service. We pray that Fiona and Harry will have a long and very happy marriage and wish Harry well in his future ministry.

Sadly, we lost **Terry Gadsby** in October; our prayers are with his wife Geraldine and all their family.

The diocese also announced the death of retired **Bishop Jonathan Gledhill** who was bishop of Lichfield from 2003-2015.

On Sunday 7th November we welcomed **Thomas William Beeley** into the family of the church we pray that he will grow in faith and flourish in Christ's love.

A huge THANK YOU AND WELL DONE!!! to Woodlands Village Hall for a fantastic Bonfire party and to Mr Charlesworth for allowing the use of his field to make the display safer and better to watch. If you missed them then check out the Marchington Woodlands Community Group on Facebook. Thanks Zoe Lord for the fabulous photos and videos of the display.

Sorry to say that the joint event on 15th that I spoke of will now not take place. But we hope that Jules will be able to judge the Christmas decoration competition at the carol service on 19th.

So Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

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<http://www.marchingtonwoodlandschurch.co.uk/> St. Johns website

St John's Marchington Woodlands 100 Club

Winners of the October draw were: -

Sebastian Camp John Charlesworth Mike Cleaver Anna Cadamy

ST PETER'S CHURCH MARCHINGTON - SERVICES DURING DECEMBER 2021 & JANUARY 2022

		<i>Sidesperson</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Intercessions</i>	<i>Flowers</i>	<i>Coffee</i>
Sunday 5 th December	10..am Communion	Tim Scott	Gordon Whitehead Tim Scott	Maggie Hitchard		Wendy Scott
Sunday 12 th December	10am Morning Prayer	Kath Wood	Claire Marjoram Wendy Scott	Liz Morgan		Kath Wood
Sunday 19 th December	3pm Carol Service	Outside the church - please bring a chair				
Friday 24 th December	2pm Family Service		Church Wardens	Pre-booking is essential for this service - see page 7 for details		
Saturday 25 th December 10.00	10am Communion	Christmas Day Communion Service at St John's , Marchington Woodlands				
Sunday 26 th December	10am Communion	Shared Communion Service at St Mary's, Uttoxeter				
Sunday 2 nd January	10am Communion	Sheila Jones	Fiona Needs Pat Wilson	Wendy Scott	Grace Hodges	Pat Wilson
Sunday 9 th January	10am Morning Prayer	Valerie Whitehead	Ian Jones Rhoda Castle	Thelma Brassington	Shirley McCoy	Claire Marjoram
Sunday 16 th January	10am Communion	Joyce Halcrow	Claire Marjoram Thelma Brassington	Fiona Needs	Maggie Hatchard	Joyce Halcrow
Sunday 23 rd January	10am Family Service	Gill Williamson	Gordon Whitehead Joyce Halcrow	Gill Williamson	Sue Butler	Wendy Scott
Sunday 30 th January	Area Service - details to be announced.					

If you are unable to carry out your duty, please find a replacement and inform the church wardens.