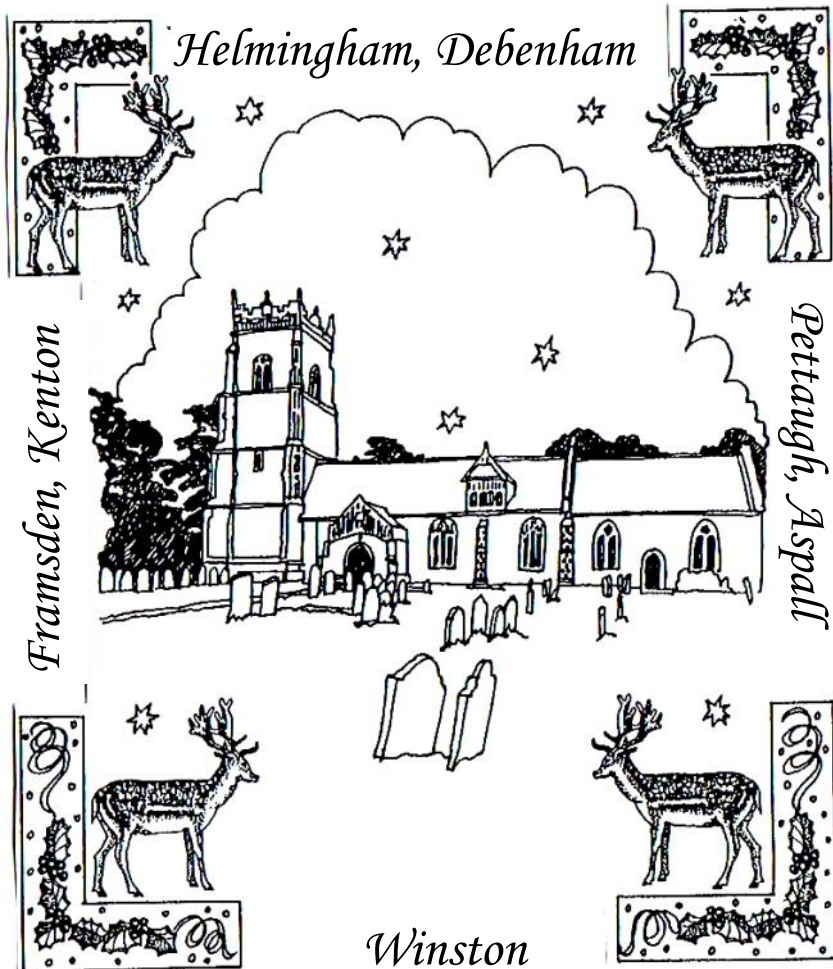


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Winter 2022

December to February
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From the Curate

My goodness it's got dark! We're waking up in the dark and probably coming home in the dark.

For most that's ok; it's an excuse for staying in evenings with open fires and mugs of hot chocolate but for some the darkness is a real problem. The lack of sunlight causes low mood and for a few a serious depression.

We're approaching Christmas and it's bright and shiny, a time of bright twinkly Christmas lights everywhere you look. But for many it doesn't matter how many lights the village is decorated with, it's still dark, perhaps it is for you.

Perhaps you are facing a first Christmas without someone you love because they have died or have gone away. Perhaps you or someone you love are facing illness or a personal crisis. Perhaps you are lonely or just worn out with life.

If that is you then the message of Christmas is very much for you this year. I don't mean the sanitised sentimental one we see in Christmas adverts (as cute as they are) but the real message; Jesus being born into a dark world of political upheaval and uncertainty, a world of pain and loss. Jesus being born as a human being to experience everything we do so that he can truly walk with us in whatever darkness we face. But most of all Jesus coming to earth as the light of the world, to win a victory over the things that hold us captive and to shine his light and dispel the darkness. In that Christmas message we find hope and joy.

We have a variety of Advent and Christmas services throughout the benefice and everyone is always welcome – please see our services page for details. We would love to see you.

The light is coming. Come the 21st December the days will start getting longer and we will start to see the return of the sun. This Christmas and New Year I pray for the light of God to shine brightly in each of your lives.

Tracey James

BENEFICE

To receive regular Benefice News by email, contact Rev Susan with your email address at revsusantaylor@icloud.com. It includes information and photos of recent events, news of future events and services. There is also a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/debenhamandhelmingham with lots of news and photos.

FRAMSDEN

Family News

Christina Mellor has just become a proud grandparent once again! Grandson Percy was born on the 2nd October. He weighed in at 7lbs 2ozs and Mum and Brady are doing well.

The Funeral service of Daniel Peek took place on October 6th in Framsdén Church. Our condolences to his partner Lucy Norfolk and their two children. Our hearts go out to them at this difficult time.

Debenham and Helmingham Benefice Church Services

December

Sunday 4 th December	8.00am	Aspall	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Debenham	family@church Christingle
Sunday 11 th December	8.00am	Kenton	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Debenham	Holy Communion
		Framsden	Morning Prayer
	11.00am	Pettaugh	Holy Communion
		Aspall	Carol Service
	6.00pm	Helmingham	Carol Service
Sunday 18 th December	6.30pm	Winston	Evening Prayer
	8.00am	Aspall	Holy Communion
		Debenham	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Winston	Morning Prayer
		11.00am	Framsden
	3.00pm	Pettaugh	Carol Service
5.00pm	Kenton	Carol Service	
Saturday 24 th December	5.00pm	Framsden	Carol Service
		Debenham	Crib Service
	6.30pm	Winston	Carol Service
Sunday 25 th December	10.00pm	Debenham	Holy Communion
	8.00am	Aspall	Holy Communion
		Debenham	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Helmingham	Family Service
Winston		Holy Communion	
Kenton		Family Service	

Fundraising Activities

Monday 5th December Jazz Cafe in Village Hall

Good food good music and great company, 10.30am till 1.30 pm Be there or be square, Check out the vibes!

14th January 2023 The long awaited 2nd ever Framsdens Revue !!!! 7pm in the Village Hall. Tickets on the door only £5.00.

Visit The Coffee Caravan on Wednesdays

14th December. Time is from 10 am to 12 midday. Great cake and company, no

charge.

Framsden Village Hall

The Village Hall is regularly used for Pilates, table tennis, the Pettaugh Ladies Circle, the Framsden Garden Group, visits from the Rural Coffee Caravan and the County Library Service, plus many village events and meetings. It is also available for parties, clubs and other occasions.

The Village Hall management team continues to make village hall and garden improvements, e.g., the installation of energy efficient dimmable lighting, free Wi-Fi and new planting including 500 new daffodil bulbs near the car park. We're currently improving storage facilities, preparing for essential repairs and improving our web presence. We really need more people to get involved and lend sup-




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Parish Pantry

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port to continue our work though, so if you'd like to get involved please contact framsdenvh@gmail.com or for bookings, framsdenvillagehallbookings@gmail.com.

Look out for the Christmas events hosted by Framsden Fundraisers on the FF email and the board outside the village hall.

Framsden Woodland Group

The woodland group continue to meet on the first Sunday of the month to do regular maintenance tasks. To help plan the work please contact Charlotte framsdenwoodlandgroup@gmail.com before turning up but we always welcome new volunteers, no regular commitment is required and we always happy to see people when they can spare the time.

This year we have been working on cre-

ating a new area for the picnic table next to the glade as well as regular mowing of paths and cutting of the grassy areas. New winter work plans are being discussed shortly. See also Facebook, Instagram and the blog.

WINSTON

A warm welcome goes to Rose Lee in Winston Green. We hope she'll be happy in our village.

When we heard the very sad news of the Queen's passing we decided to cancel the fete. However as many draw tickets had been sold pre-fete, thanks to Sandra, and draw prizes had been kindly donated, we held the draw. All tickets were drawn by 3-year old Georgia (Veda's and Bob's granddaughter) and with Ella, Veda, Sandra and Bob the Draw took place and was overseen by Brian, Churchwarden and Kate, Treasurer. Just over £1,000 was raised.

Thank you to everyone who decorated the church for the Harvest Festival and for all the gifts of tins and packets which were given to a Food Bank.

On Saturday October 8th we held a pop-up sale of the books and white elephant (bric-a-brac) which all had been donated to the Fete and with a few cakes, tea and raffle nearly £300 was raised.

On Saturday October 22nd a few residents and friends enjoyed a lovely Harvest Supper. Thanks too Marie-Louise for organising it and to everyone who donated the food, a lovely evening was had by all.

The Carol Service is planned for Christmas Eve at 6.30pm and Christmas Day service at 10am.

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy Christmas and all good wishes for 2023

Would you like to be the Local Recorder for Winston?

The Suffolk Local History Council runs a Recorders Scheme throughout Suffolk. We administer a network of volunteers to ensure that the '*present*' is adequately recorded at local level for the '*future*'.



A Recorder will note significant happenings in their parish and collect their local parish magazines, leaflets, election pamphlets and newspaper cuttings. At the end of each year, they are asked to submit a short report summarising the activities of their parish. The reports are deposited at the Suffolk Record Office and available to future researchers together with the collected items.

If you are interested, please look at the Recorders Pack by visiting www.slhc.org.uk to acquaint yourself with the guidelines of the scheme. You do not need to be a historian; you do not need any qualifications other than an interest in your parish. In return you will receive a copy of the SLHC Newsletter and be invited to the annual conference specifically for Local Recorders. To volunteer to help in this important work, please contact recorders@slhc.org.uk

Debenham and Helmingham Benefice Church Services

January 2023

1st January	8.00am	Aspall	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Debenham	Holy Communion
8th January	8.00am	Kenton	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Debenham	family@church
		Framsden	Morning Prayer
	11.00am	Helmingham	Holy Communion/MP
	Pettaugh	Holy Communion	
15th January	6.30pm	Winston	Evening Prayer
	8.00am	Aspall	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Debenham	Holy Communion
		Winston	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Framsden	Harvest Service	
	Kenton	Morning Prayer	
22nd January	9.30am	Debenham	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Winston	Holy Communion
		Pettaugh	Morning Prayer
29th January	10.00am	Helmingham	Holy Communion

HELMINGHAM

The **Harvest Festival** conducted by Veda Berriman was not only a thanksgiving service for a good harvest but also for the companionship of our pets, as members on the congregation were invited to bring their pets along. There were a number of dogs that were all welcomed and were very well behaved. A gecko however was the star attraction, being much admired.

A **Service of Remembrance** for the Queen was held at St Marys following her death in September. The opportunity to get together to remember and reflect on the life of Her Late Majesty was appreciated by those who attended.

Our **Christmas Carol Service** will be on **Sunday December 11th at 6pm.**

Christmas Day Family Service Services: see Church Services list for times.

A **Quiz Night** is planned, to be held in the Coach House at Helmingham Hall on **Saturday 14th January** 6.30 for 7.00pm. Teams of up to 6, £7 each member with under 16s free. Come as a six or make up a team on the night. Tickets, to help with catering, will be available from the Estate office, email office@helmingham.com Telephone 01473 890363. Soup and roll will be served during a half time interval

Debenham and Helmingham Benefice Church Services

February 2023

Sunday 5th February	8.00am	Aspall	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Debenham	family@church
Sunday 12th February	8.00am	Kenton	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Debenham	Holy Communion
		Framsden	Morning Prayer
	11.00am	Helmingham	Holy Communion/MP
Pettaugh		Holy Communion	
Sunday 19th February	6.30pm	Winston	Evening Prayer
	8.00am	Aspall	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Debenham	Holy Communion
		Winston	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Framsden	Holy Communion	
	Kenton	Morning Prayer	
Sunday 26th February	9.30am	Debenham	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Winston	Holy Communion
		Pettaugh	Morning Prayer

and you are welcome to bring your own snacks and drinks.

Helmingham Primary School & Nursery

In Eagles class (Key Stage 2) children have been learning about WWII, the causes and consequences and the chronology of events. Children have been very creative and imaginative and have had a go at their own interpretations of St Paul's Survives by Herbert Mason. We have also travelled to IWM Duxford to enhance our learning of the topic.

Foxes (Key Stage 1) and Hedgehogs (Reception and Nursery) have been looking at Japan as their Topic this term. Finding out what is the same, what is different, comparing life styles and ultimately realising that all children enjoy being with one another. Listening to Jack and the Beanstalk in Japanese, trying some Japanese food (using chopsticks!), seeing breakfasts cooked – egg like our omelettes but rolled up and how they take their own utensils for school dinner and wash up!!

We were very excited at half term to move our Hedgehog class into the main school building, bringing us all under one roof. Maintaining that high level of child led activities, curiosity boxes, real china in our role play area, maths in-



vestigation and cosy literacy corner. This is then all backed up with our free flow outside area with sand, water, painting, construction and much more.

Two of our parents have taken on producing a NATIVITY play for the whole school this Christmas “Helmingham to Hollywood”, holding auditions in school and organising rehearsals. Our friends group will be offering refreshments and there may be a special visitor in the playground!

Do come and see us— we are a small family friendly school set in beautiful Suffolk countryside. Find us on Facebook, our Website or just give us a ring 01473 890876 and pop over – we would love to see you.

PETTAUGH

When I wrote the article in the Winter 2021 edition of the “Together” we had just come out of most of the lockdown restrictions. The majority had been vaccinated and life was beginning to be more normal. For almost 2 years we had endured a period of

CAROL SERVICES
DECEMBER 2022

- Debenham Christingle, Sunday 4th, 9.30 am
- Aspall, Sunday 11th, 11.00 am
- Helmingham, Sunday 11th, 6.00 pm
- Pettaugh, Sunday 18th, 3.00 pm
- Kenton, Sunday 18th, 5.00 pm
- Debenham Crib Service, Christmas Eve, 5.00 pm
- Framsden, Christmas Eve, 5.00 pm
- Winston, Christmas Eve, 6.30 pm
- Debenham ‘Midnight’ Mass, Christmas Eve, 10.00 pm

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restrictions and much uncertainty. A period that many of us will never forget, when we lost, not only friends, but also loved ones. However, many new friendships were made when we helped one another in the village in many different ways.

The long hot summer is over, and now we are beginning to see the rain we badly need. Not only have farmers suffered with these difficult weather conditions, but also our own home grown vegetables did very poorly. Our brown lawns are gradually returning to a lush green colour.

The Rural Coffee Caravan visited St Catherine's car park again on the 7th September and new dates for visits in 2023 will be notified when known.

The Annual Ride and Stride for Suffolk Historic Churches took place on 10th September and many took to their cycles, to ride to each of our seven Benefice Churches and beyond. Well done to all those who took part, and thank you to Ruth Crane for organising it again.

The Harvest Service was held on 25th September and the church was beautifully decorated. Food donations were taken to Debenham church for distribution to those needing help in these difficult times.

Some of our more elderly residents in the village have been unwell of late, and we wish them all a comfortable and speedy recovery.

The year 2022 will be remembered for many reasons from the high temperatures and drought conditions, the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, sadly the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the recent changes in Prime Minister. The passing of the Queen came as a shock to many, as she had reigned for 70 years and many of us could not imagine life without her con-



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stant presence.

We were saddened by the sudden passing of Richard Clark on 17th October. Richard and Kate moved to Pettaugh 16 years ago and soon became integrated into the life of our village. They had been married for 53 years. Richard was technically adept and was key to setting up and updating the Pettaugh village website. Both Richard and Kate were interested in local history and immersed themselves in the Pettaugh History Society activities. One of Richard's ardent hobbies was a volunteer, raising funds for the Vulcan to the Sky Restoration Trust. He and Kate travelled far and wide in their motor home supporting the Vulcan XH558 which was returned to flight in 2007 and was seen in many flying displays around the country until it had to finish in 2015. Richard's passing leaves a large gap in our lives and our sympathies go to Kate and family.

Dates for the Church diary:-

Saturday 19th November Wine and Cheese evening at 6.30pm. £8 payable on the door. (Cash please.)

Sunday 18th December Carol Service 3.00pm.

All are most welcome to these events.

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Parish Pantry

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Family@church

A family friendly service for the young and not so young. On the first Sunday of each month, 9.30am breakfast, 10am service. See opposite for December's service.

Waveney Foodbank

Collection point for Waveney Foodbank is in the church. See page 13.

Recycling containers

Debenham Green Team (debenhamgreenteam@gmail.com) have containers for blister packs, pens, dental products and corks, at the back of the church. Also old candles for recycling.

Christmas market

Saturday 3rd December, 1-4pm at the church.

family@church

Sunday 4th December

St Mary's Church, Debenham

9.30am - Breakfast, 10am - Service begins

Christingle

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Framsden Village Hall, Thursdays 1400-1415

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Helmingham and Kenton are no longer listed

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Debenham Shed

We meet on Monday mornings from 9am-12pm and Friday afternoons from 2-5pm. Just turn up if you'd like to join in or have a look. We also have events on Saturday mornings, normally the second Saturday in the month.

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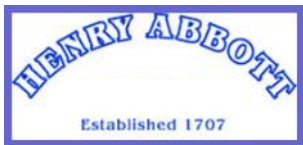
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