

# Editorial

Dear Villagers,  
Happy New Year to you all, and once again, we all hope it will be an improvement on the last year. There are some things to note in this issue. One is the advert for the consultation for the next development around Harlington, to the south of the Park Leys estate. Do have your say—maybe some notice will be taken this time.

There is a comment on footpaths. This shows two things. The first is the need to report problems, and the second is the work our district councillors do for us.

Then there is the question of the editor. Do you fancy your hand at having a chance to shape this village magazine? New variants notwithstanding, we seem to be learning to live with the pandemic, and more and more things are opening up. There have already been good things in the run-up to Christmas—Carol singing outside the shops to name but one. What will you do next year?  
Clive.

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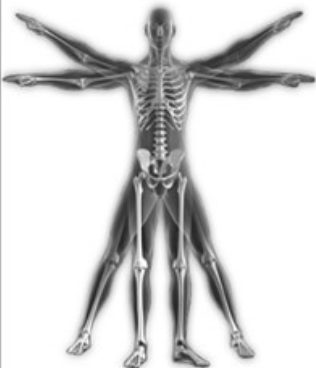
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## Letter from Rosie Hughes, Life Church Leader

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Christmas is over for another year. Phew I hear you say?

For some of us it will have been a hectic and happy family season. One we have enjoyed even more after not being able to meet with family in 2020. Decorations went up earlier and it seemed like people were determined to celebrate with great enthusiasm.

For others Christmas has been a quieter or possibly lonely time for many different reasons.

But now it is a New Year and time to look forward. We can't and wouldn't wish, in the words of the Wizard song, it to be 'Christmas every day!'

If you went on the Nativity Trail, at the last station you would have read, 'The Good news is that the birth of Jesus isn't the end of the story. It's the BEGINNING!' God had a plan and a purpose for Jesus' life. We can read about His incredible life in any of the four gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Incidentally for Mary the charming story of a sweet little baby in the manger that one hymn writer suggested, 'No crying He makes' is probably not quite the reality of the cold, smelly stable full of animals and a baby that wanted feeding every couple of hours!

But whether you believe He was more than just a man or not, the baby Jesus grew up to be the person who has had the most influence in the whole of history. In fact, most of the world's dating system pivots around the time of his birth BC and AD.

His teaching and example of love and compassion has inspired people down through the generations - Love God, love your neighbour as much as yourself, forgive those who have wronged you, love your enemies. Millions of people in all parts of the world have accepted his forgiveness and promise of eternal life. In dying on the cross he crossed the divide between God and man and gave our lives purpose and a hope for the future whatever life throws at us.

So, what are your hopes for this year?

Here is a nugget of wisdom from Linda Snell on 'The Archers' that struck me as making great sense. (Yes, hands up, I do listen to it!) She was talking to the teenager Mia who is passionate about stopping climate change and frustrated with other people who don't feel the same way. Linda told her, 'You can't fight all the battles or put everything right on your own, so choose one thing and put your effort into making a difference there.'

Today the problems throughout the world come right into our living room as

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## Letter ctd., *plus* Brain Tumour Research

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soon as we turn on the tv and it can be overwhelming. It can make us anxious and take the joy out of living.

So, this year I am not going to make any new year resolutions that I probably won't keep past February but make my aim to live life to the full. Getting involved in things I really care about and also allowing myself to enjoy the life God has given me.

Happy New Year,

Rosie Hughes, Life Church

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## Brain Tumour Research

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**Happy New Year Harlington!**



I'm sort of glad this one is over and trying to be hopeful for 2022, but I must say there have still been some highs:

Thank you to all those who have bought/ provided plants, pots, vegetables and eggs to buy/ sell. It has been a great fundraising opportunity especially with not having the opportunity to have our twice-yearly coffee mornings.

Thank you to everyone who supported coffee on the drive that surpassed my expectations and a lovely day to catch-up and chat.

Thank you to everyone who has bought Christmas cards I am 7 packs off selling them all I feel confident it will be another sell out that will be 99 packs of cards, £429.50 including generous donations sold on behalf of BTR.

Thank you to all those who have sent me Christmas cards and included a donation for the charity it is very humbling and great to know that BTR is supported because of Christmas. Thankyou also to St Mary's who sold Christmas cards on behalf of BTR at their Christmas tree festival and sold £58 worth of cards and pens for the charity, we are so grateful.

Take care everyone and keep well. We look forward to your support in 2022.

Best wishes

Jane, Emma, Alice and Lewis

## Proposal for Development on Land West of Sundon Road, Harlington



Redrow Homes (South Midlands) Limited is bringing forward a proposal for the development of land identified as an allocation in the Central Bedfordshire Local Plan (ref. HAS21), land west of Sundon Road, Harlington.

The proposal seeks the erection of approximately 140 new homes with ancillary open space and landscaping, car parking, internal access ways, principal access and sustainable urban drainage.

As part of the masterplan development, an online public consultation was launched on Monday 29th November 2021 to seek the views of the local community and other interested parties/key stakeholders, the purpose of which will play an important role in shaping the development of the plans for the proposed scheme.

The consultation was initially due to end on Monday 20th December 2021, however, in light of feedback received from the local community we are extending this deadline until **Sunday 16th January 2022**.

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## HVH 100 Club

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The November winner of the Village Hall 100 Club is no 48 belonging to Pat Holt of Robinson Crescent. If you wish to be part of the 100 Club and have the chance to win £50, please contact me at: [hvhtreasurer@btinternet.com](mailto:hvhtreasurer@btinternet.com).

The money raised each month helps to fund the upkeep of the Village Hall.

*Dave Thew, Treasurer,*

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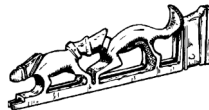
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## ADALHS *plus* Jigsaw Library

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**Amphill & District Archaeological  
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The situation for members and venues is still not clear. Once Government guidance permits we will then review the situation with our members for the remainder of the season.

Monday, February 7th 2022

**Flitwick Manor Park and Grounds: A 19th Century Visitor Attraction and Botanic Treasure House**

Speaker – Stephen Coleman

Monday, March 7th 2022

**The Pyghtle Works, Baillie Scott & Sir Albert Richardson**

Speaker - David Fowler

Monday, April 4th 2022 & AGM

**Tudor Houses; Architecture and Ways of Life**

Speaker - Adam Smith

New members would be very welcome and guests too once we return to hall meetings. If you would like to join us then please follow the link on the meetings tab on our website or alternatively contact the secretary. For non Zoom meetings, a hall meeting fee of £2.00 for members & £3.00 for visitors is payable on the door.

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## Harlington Jigsaw Library

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As we move into colder and wetter weather, there may be less opportunity for outdoor activities such as gardening. But if you're at a loose end, or having to stay in, the jigsaw library will still be available, with lots of varied and interesting puzzles for you to borrow.

The library is not based in Bradshaws Estate Agents now, so please contact me if you'd like to borrow one. Just call/ text or email your request; approximate size, "normal" or larger pieces etc and I will then deliver to your home. You're welcome to collect if you prefer. When returning a jigsaw, just let me know if there are any missing pieces or any other problem. Thank you. Tricia 07711 511729



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## New Year's Day Walk 2022 *Plus* HNH

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After a gap of a year we hope to run the walk again next year.

The New Year's Day Walk will be a joint walk with Toddington Rambling Club & Harlington P3 group.

As usual the walk will commence at 11 o'clock prompt from the Village Hall car park & will be 4/5 miles in length.

All Harlington residents are cordially invited to attend, however due to weather conditions at that time of year a certain amount of mud should be expected & Wellington boots or preferably walking boots should be worn.



Well behaved dogs allowed, but they will have to be on leads at times.

It must be noted that the walk will be at your own risk so please take care & do not leave the walk without notifying either the leader or the back marker.

Tony Roberts. (Chairman – Toddington Rambling Club)

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## HNH Good Neighbour Scheme

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You probably know that HNH volunteers, who all live in the village, drive Harlington residents to medical appointments, the vets, and the shops e.g. Tesco and that we pick up and drop off prescriptions and shopping. We also support the Flittabus and Walk for Health. You need to make only very small donations for this to pay for fuel.

***But did you know we can also take you to the theatre, just out for an old-fashioned drive, to the café or garden centre? More fun things?***

We now have 20 volunteers, so do please ask us if you need to get somewhere. We also mow lawns, pay paper bills, post letters, walk dogs and are happy to just pop in for a chat with you or someone you love. We have plenty of capacity for more and many of our volunteers are patiently waiting to help so please do call us!

By the end of the year we will have done nearly 300 jobs in 2021.

The last one of the year is putting together around 60 Christmas Goody bags for all our clients and delivering them to their door.

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## Footpath Repairs *plus* 0 - 4 Club

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Those of you who walk along Church Road will be aware of some patching done to the footpath recently. If you, like me and another village resident who wrote to me and the Parish Council, are surprised at the nature of the work, you will be please to learn that this is a temporary measure, designed to last until a proper repair can be made in February.

As the complete correspondence is rather long by now I cannot include it. Suffice it to say that the issue has been taken up by Mary Walsh, one of our District Councillors, as the work is the responsibility of Central Beds, not the Parish.

Anyone can report these issues directly to CBC and more information on that can be found using the link below – including information on using FixMy-Street, which has been quite effective as you get a report number and an update on progress, and the feedback from residents is good on the whole. [https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/55/transport\\_roads\\_and\\_parking/588/report\\_or\\_track\\_roads\\_and\\_highways\\_problems\\_-\\_potholes\\_street\\_lights](https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/55/transport_roads_and_parking/588/report_or_track_roads_and_highways_problems_-_potholes_street_lights)

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## 0 - 4 Club

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We run our playgroup on **Mondays** and **Fridays 10- 11.30** (term time only). Sessions cost £3.50 for one child with £1 for each additional child. Children under six months are free with an older sibling. Mums, dads, grandparents and carers are all welcome to come and play with their children and enjoy a chat and a cup of tea with some of the other parents. Each of our sessions are different. We provide a range of activities for the children including crafts, cooking, trikes and ride ons, play dough, small world play, dressing up, stories, songs as well as many other activities. We also have a dedicated baby area.

**Please see our Facebook and Instagram pages for up-to-date guidelines on any current Covid restrictions. It is very important to us that our families stay safe and well.**



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# Harlington WI

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Welcome to 2022, let's hope we can all enjoy a much happier and healthier year.

Our first meeting of 2022 on Tuesday January 18th is all about the local charity Kids In Action. It is specifically for children with special needs and positively transforms their lives. Come along and find out more from Paul about this wonderful organisation.

In February, on Tuesday 16th, we have the rearranged talk on The Blood Biker Delivery Service. Ross is now well and we look forward to hearing all about this amazing voluntary life-saving service.

In March, on Tuesday 16th, we are hoping to liaise with Harlington Upper School to join in with our Resolutions Evening. If you need an incentive, we are also including a chocolate tasting for those who need extra encouragement!

Our meetings in the Village Hall start at 7.30 pm. Visitors are very welcome to give us a try. We are still observing social distancing and the hall will be well ventilated for everyone's safety.

Don't forget to look out for Sara's newsletters with more details and updates on all our activities. Please don't miss out!

*Take care and hoping to see you soon, Sally Tombe.*

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## Youth World Cup

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From the 27<sup>th</sup> October to the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2021, a local young peacemaker who lives in Dunstable, James Jasper Field, attended the Youth World Cup in Turkey as a contestant to try and win the \$10,000 for his humanitarian efforts for Myanmar, a country and people in Southeast Asia who are undergoing extreme hardships since the military coup d'etat in February. The situation in Myanmar is often ignored by mainstream media, and it doesn't get enough attention considering the depths of horror and terror that the people of Myanmar currently face. Consistent internet shut-downs, abductions, sexual violence, murder and multiple human rights atrocities, the situation in Myanmar is bleak. This is the same genocidal regime who are responsible for the Rohingya genocide and exodus in 2017. The regime has not yet been completely successful because of the revolutionary spirit of the people who stand shoulder to shoulder against this terror.



Bringing awareness of the situation in Myanmar was one of the goals of James at the Youth World Cup, and he has been doing this since founding Answer Myanmar with others in the UK to support the people of Myanmar. James competed with other contestants in the Peace by Entrepreneurship category, and had to present in front of a panel of judges at the summit, as well as create a public campaign to secure votes before the last rounds of the contest in Turkey. James was able to win the semi-finals and become a semi-finalist with a payout of \$1000 from Global Peace Chain (minus their 15% fee). This \$850 will be used for humanitarian assistance to local communities in Myanmar, many of whom are without income since the coup d'etat and the response by the people of the Civil Disobedience Movement. James would like to thank everyone locally who voted for him in the contest and for raising their voices to support the plight of the people of Myanmar. He'd further encourage anyone who is good and able to further support the people by donating to [www.mutualaidmyanmar.org](http://www.mutualaidmyanmar.org) or by getting in touch with him at [james@answermyanmar.org](mailto:james@answermyanmar.org) to take further actions to lobby, fundraise, or to create partnerships to better support the end of this evil regime.

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## Messy Church News *plus* Heritage Trust

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Regretfully, our November Messy Church had to be cancelled, owing to a family emergency. The material was (and is) available on our website, but we could not meet or provide recorded material. We don't therefore have any pictures. Hopefully the December meeting will have happened by the time you read this, although we will be watching out for

the changing rules as the Covid situation continues to develop.

Fortunately, we are still set up for hybrid Messy Church. Our pattern is to have the first 45 mins as activities, which you can also join on Zoom although you may need extra materials. Then we have a 45 min Celebration, which is also on Zoom, and this bit (or at least the leaders' bit of it) is also streamed to YouTube, as we did before the summer. We include some other activities in this bit for which the materials should be things you can find at home or buy easily, such as icing. Then we have tea. The YouTube video stays on the Harlington Methodist Church YouTube Channel, if you want to follow it later, and you can get a copy of the booklet and all the other material from <https://cliveandtina.co.uk> as a download.

Our January meeting will be on the 15th at 4 pm. We will be talking about Jesus visiting the Temple.

Don't forget, while children need an adult, Messy Church, live or virtual, is not just for children.

If you want to have material, or the Zoom link, emailed, contact me on [clivedsalmon@aol.com](mailto:clivedsalmon@aol.com).

Clive

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## Harlington Heritage Trust

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Now that some form of normality is returning the Heritage Trust are getting back to normal.

A committee meeting has been arranged for early January with a view to arranging meetings and trips.

Further details will be available early next year. Also we are in need of a secretary, so if you are interested please e-mail [johnncyfl@aol.com](mailto:johnncyfl@aol.com)

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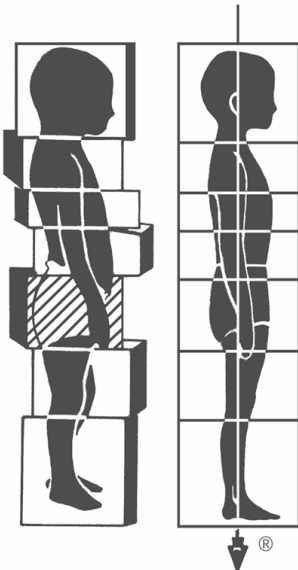
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## Editor *plus* Walking for Health

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As many of you will be aware, I am the temporary editor for Contact, my second time in this role. My “proper” job on the Contact team is as Chair of the management group, which consists of the Chair, Editor, Treasurer, and church representatives.

### Would you like to be Editor?

The job works like this. At the beginning of the month, you remind the regulars of the copy date. From then, until the date, you get the copy trickling in, mostly at the last minute. You may then have to remind some people (you know who you are), although I feel a month missing out might sharpen minds!

Contact is produced using Microsoft Publisher. Usually, you would start with the previous month’s edition, and amend it as you go on, changing dates and articles. You have an editorial to write and you also design a cover and choose a colour. When you have finished, produce a pdf. I usually print a copy for proof reading – it’s surprising how often you still find errors – make corrections and produce a new pdf. The pdfs for the content, and covers, are then sent to the printer.

The editor also puts in the adverts, and may well correspond with advertisers, although the treasurer deals with billing.

The appointment of the editor is by Churches Together in Harlington. Interested? Have a word with me. Clive

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## Walking4Health

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**Walking for Health Harlington** takes place every second Friday.

It is a great way to stay fit, enjoy the village, meet fellow residents and now to also stop off for coffee, cake and conversation at the cafe after!

The leaders aim to offer 2 walks each time - a short 40 minute walk around the village and a longer more strenuous walk within the village but over the fields.

The starting point as always is from the village hall car park at 10.30am.

Dates for walks next month are the 14th and 28th January

We would love you to join us as a walker or volunteer!

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# LIFE Church *plus* Wednesday Coffee Mornings

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## JANUARY

2nd - Carol Gibbs

9th - Worship

16th - Pete Gilbert

23rd - United Service with St. Mary's and Methodist Church

10am in **Harlington Village Hall**

30th - Rose Agnew

Wednesday 7pm Prayer meeting continues to meet on Zoom.

If you have any prayer requests or would like to talk to someone please contact us on the address below

[lifechurchcentralbeds@gmail.com](mailto:lifechurchcentralbeds@gmail.com)

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## Wednesday Coffee Mornings and Games

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If you have not been before and would like to join us for coffee/tea, a chat or a game of table tennis we would love to see you. We meet every Wednesday in the Parish Hall from 10am until 12oclock. The



Games Group section have begun playing table tennis again and

you are very welcome to join us. We also have a small snooker table, and if anyone would like to come perhaps to play different indoor games eg chess, card games or Scrabble, please do come along any Wednesday morning to see us and have a chat.



Doreen Gatward and Valerie Bates.

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# Methodist Church

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We are holding all services in the church, and our services continue to be available on Zoom and streamed to YouTube on the Harlington Methodist Church YouTube channel. For those in the Church, refreshments are available after the morning service.



## January preachers are:

- 2nd 10 am Come and See Clive and Tina  
6 pm Service with Holy Communion led by Rev Nina Johnson  
9th 10 am Covenant Service led by Rev Nina Johnson  
16th 10 am Worship Group  
23rd 10 am United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Life Church)  
30th 10 am Rev. Joanne Sherwood

Our circulated material is available on <https://www.southbedsmethodist.org.uk> or by email. If you want to join us on Zoom, the Zoom link is normally sent out the day before. Email me, [clivedsalmon@aol.com](mailto:clivedsalmon@aol.com), or phone 874481 to be added to either email list. Or you can watch us live on YouTube, or see the recording later, on the Harlington Methodist Church YouTube channel.

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**COFFEE MORNING** 29th January, 10 am to 12 noon in aid of our charity. Covid willing, live in the hall, but with a Zoom link for those who want to just “drop-in”.

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## LADIES BRIGHT HOUR

We meet at 2.45 pm every Thursday in the Church Hall

### January

- 6th Members Own  
13th Rev'd Nina Johnson  
20th Richard Luscombe  
27th Vicky Yorke

Jo



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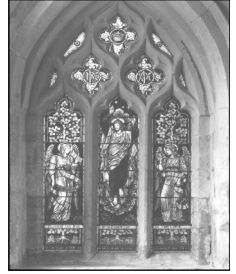
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# St. Mary's Church Services in January

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January services will reflect the new year with a variety of themes and hymns.

We will also have our **Families Breakfast Club in the Parish Rooms**, an hour or so of food, craft, song and togetherness for young families. This month it will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, at 9am.



2nd	8am	BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
9th	9am	Families Breakfast Club
	9.30am	Holy Communion
16th	9.30am	Holy Communion
23rd	10am	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity—United Service Harlington Village Hall
30th	9.30am	Holy Communion

There is a weekly Church information newsletter issued by email. Let us know if you would like to receive this.

- We also have a **Wednesday Morning Service** which starts at 10am. All welcome.
- A Quintet **Upper Room Service** takes place **each Sunday at 6pm**. Join people from across the Quintet in an hour when you do not need to stray from your home. There's music, scripture, reflection and prayer in a time where you can just sit and listen. Contact a minister for a zoom invitation to the Upper Room.

Please check the **Church Noticeboard** and websites for updates.

The church is also available for Private Prayer by arrangement. Please contact Linda or Nigel or a churchwarden for access and for more information.

Useful links: Website: [www.harlingtonchurch.org](http://www.harlingtonchurch.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stmarysharlington/](https://www.facebook.com/stmarysharlington/)

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# St Mary's Churchwarden *plus* Carols Thank You

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## St Mary's Church



**Christmas Tree Festival:** Many thanks to all of the village groups who lovingly decorated their trees for the Festival in early December. During the Festival we also collected toys for the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal – the donations were taken to the Salvation Army in mid December for sorting and wrapping, and were greatly appreciated, thank you.

The overall Festival winners were announced at the Festival Finale of song, poems and readings. Voted 1st by visitors was the Harlington Gardeners' Society Tree, 'Growing Our Own'. 1st in the category for children was 'The Brownie Tree', and 1st in the open category was the Harlington Village Show Tree 'Home Grown'. Many congratulations to all the winners - but every tree was voted for and much admired. By the way, how do Christmas trees get ready for a night out.....they spruce up!

**Nativity Trail:** 19<sup>th</sup> December to January 1<sup>st</sup>. St Mary's is the venue for the final 'tableau' of Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus in the stable. Hopefully lots of you have enjoyed following the trail and re-visiting the wonderful events of that special Christmas, which took place over 2000 years ago.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year!

Tricia Churchwarden

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## Carols Thank You

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Thanks to all who joined in the Carol Singing and who donated to Keech Hospice on the 11th. At the time of going to press, £288.50 had been raised. Pictures and videos were shared on the village Facebook page.



Thank you also to Barbara for organising what could become a new Harlington tradition.

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What can be said in New Year  
rhymes,  
That's not been said a thousand times?  
The new years come, the old years go,  
We know we dream, we dream we  
know.

We rise up laughing with the light,  
We lie down weeping with the night.  
We hug the world until it stings,  
We curse it then and sigh for wings.  
We live, we love, we woo, we wed,  
We wreath our brides, we sheet our  
dead.

We laugh, we weep, we hope, we fear,  
And that's the burden of the year.

*Ella Wheeler Wilcox "The Year"*



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## Crafternoon Tea

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When I started writing this article, we were meeting at the Church, and only wearing masks when moving around. Then came the announcement that while inside, unless eating or drinking, we should all be masked.

We do not know what restrictions will be in place by the time this edition of Contact comes out, but whatever happens, Crafternoon Tea will continue to be on Zoom, even if we cannot be in the Church building. If you want to join us, either regularly or occasionally, please contact me, and I will put you on my email list, and make sure you get any updates as to what is going on and when. I will also send you the Zoom link, so you can choose how to join us. If you have had problems with Zoom, please let me know, and we will see what we can do to improve things for you.

Crafternoon Tea meets fortnightly on Monday afternoons, between 2 and 4 pm. Conversation is often wide-ranging and not necessarily about craft. Our January meetings will be 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. You are welcome to join us on any of the above dates, either in person at the Methodist Church, or virtually on Zoom, as we will be doing both.

You do not have to be working at any particular craft, we welcome any and every craft, and all logics for crafting! If your hands don't happen to be occupied at the moment, it doesn't matter. If you want to try a new craft, we will endeavour to find you the materials and tools, and even someone to help, if that is what you need. If you just want a companionable afternoon, in a warm space, with refreshments, we can supply that.

I have delved into the craft-related materials we have currently available – beads are in the latest box. Do you have a use for beads? Making your own jewellery? Enhancing a jumper either in the making – one lady is currently making herself a beaded cardigan – or enlivening a top which is getting a little tired?



Speaking of enhancing, this was a reasonable sweatshirt until I dropped a red pen on the front and made an indelible stain. I was about to throw it away when Clive suggested hiding the stain! I looked in the haberdashery stall in Milton Keynes market, and found this braid. My cream top still goes with all sorts of clothes, and although I know where the ink is, most people can't spot it!

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# Village Diary

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## January 2022

1 <sup>st</sup> New Year's Day Walk	Village Hall Car Park 11am
3 <sup>rd</sup> Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 - 4 pm and Zoom
9 <sup>th</sup> Family Breakfast	Parish Hall 9 am
10 <sup>th</sup> Contact Copy Date!!	
14 <sup>th</sup> Walk 4 Health	Village Hall Car Park 10.30 am
15 <sup>th</sup> Messy Church	Methodist Church and Halls, 4 - 6pm
16 <sup>th</sup> Comments Deadline	Feedback for development on Sundon Road
17 <sup>th</sup> Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 - 4 pm and Zoom
18 <sup>th</sup> WI Meeting	Village Hall 7.30 pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> Tree Walk	Maulden Wood 10.30 am
28 <sup>th</sup> Walk 4 Health	Village Hall Car Park 10.30 am
29 <sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning	Methodist Church Hall 10 am to 12 noon
29 <sup>th</sup> Bowls Open Day	Co-operative Sports Ground Luton 10 am - 1 pm
31 <sup>st</sup> Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 - 4 pm and Zoom

If you want your events included here, send details to the editor by 10th January  
You can do that without sending anything else, if you want.  
Don't forget the regular weekly things like the Wednesday Coffee Mornings that  
aren't shown here.

**GET YOUR FEBRUARY 2022 DATES TO THE MAGAZINE BY  
10TH JANUARY**

**NOTE THE EARLIER DATE!!!**

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## January Celebrations

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**1st January**—New Years Day

**25th Jan 2022**—Burns' Night. The birthday of Scotland's national poet Robert Burns, celebrated with a Burns' Night Supper.

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