

# Church News

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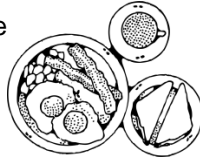
The **community breakfast** went well this month with a continuous flow of customers and another busy breakfast. Thank you to Val Healy who joined the team this month and to Liz McMillan and Sylvia Drummond for doing the washing up!



**Christmas Fair:** As we go to press, the Christmas fair has not yet taken place, but will have by the time you receive this. I'm confident it will have gone well if the amount of preparation is anything to go by! Thanks to all those who helped out on the day or baked cakes and to those who came along and supported us. More details next month!



**Forthcoming Events: Community breakfast:** Once again we will be serving our Community Breakfast on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December** between 8.30am and 10.30am. The usual fare will be on offer along with a very warm welcome. Do come and join us!



At our recent Christmas fair, as usual, we launched our **Christmas Hamper raffle**. Tickets are available at church events and at the Dolphin PH.

**Carol singing:** By request, we have organised some communal **Carol singing** on **The Green** on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm**. Singing will hopefully be accompanied by the piano accordion. We will also be offering mince pies and mulled wine (or something softer for children) and carol sheets will be provided. Please wrap up warmly and bring a lamp or torch!



Most of our forthcoming events this month are obviously church services, so here's a list of them:

**3rd Dec 4pm Christingle service (in aid of The Children's Society)** At the Christingle ("Christ light") service, participants are given an orange with a candle to represent Christ in the world. During the service, the candles are lit and the lights switched off and at the end of the service, you can take your orange (and sweets) home with you! The service will be led by Revd. John Waller and is aimed at children but open to all.



**10<sup>th</sup> Dec 4pm Carol service (9 lessons and carols)** The carol service follows a traditional format of 9 Bible readings (lessons) with carol singing or a musical interlude by the benefice choir in between each. The 9 lessons tell the story of the birth of Jesus from the very beginning (The fall of mankind from God's grace in the story of Adam and Eve) through the prophecies of his birth to his birth and after as told in the Gospels. It will be led by Revd John Waller.



## **17<sup>th</sup> Dec 9am Morning Worship**

Our normal third Sunday service which will be led by Jeremy Hopkinson

**24<sup>th</sup> Dec 4pm Crib service (Aimed at children, but open to all)** The crib service runs for about 30 – 40 minutes and is a service designed to remind children of the real meaning of Christmas. The service will be led by Dave and Diane Webber and will be followed by light refreshments.



## **24<sup>th</sup> Dec 11.30pm Holy Communion (Midnight Mass)**



This is a Christmas service of Holy communion (the actual communion takes place after midnight and therefore on Christmas day) at which carols are sung as part of the service. It will be led by Rev Val Plumb.



*We wish you all a joyful  
and peaceful Christmas*

**Church Benefice Website: [www.brickhillschurches.org.uk](http://www.brickhillschurches.org.uk)** If you want to come to a service, all church service times are listed on the website, along with contact details for the Rector. If you would like to come to church but have mobility problems please ring John (see below) regarding transport. If you would like to volunteer to help, have a prayer request or enquiry, please ring **Harry: Churchwarden, on 07773065271, Diane: Assistant Churchwarden (unofficial), on 270409 or John: Treasurer, on 270202.**