



Merry  
christmas



the arrival of winter...  
- the festive season's offerings  
and hello winter -



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# FOCAL POINT

ISSUE No. 491



Hiya!

Firstly, I will address the elephant in the room, which is the extremely early deadline. Apologies for the inconvenience of this deadline, but in order to get next month's edition to the printers in time before Christmas, the deadline is a week earlier than usual. Thanks for your patience.

How were your Bonfire Day celebrations (if you did celebrate) along with the other beautiful celebrations in November?

Christmas is now at our doorstep and I can no longer contain my excitement. I don't know about you, but I absolutely love just getting that tiny bit ready for Christmas by starting in November with: seasonal earrings, seasonal Starbucks drinks, of course reviewing my Christmas board and planning out this year's gingerbread house's theme. However, the Christmas tree is an absolute tradition to be put up in December.

Last year, my family tried this tradition from Germany where a gherkin is hung up on the Christmas tree and whoever finds the gherkin first gets to open their presents first. It was very much different to the standard way of things, but maybe why not give this a go if you haven't tried this yet. What are your festive traditions? Do you open the presents on Christmas Day or Christmas Eve?

At the end of the day, I will say exactly what many others do as well, that Christmas is not all about the presents but mainly about gratitude. The FP team are forever grateful for overwhelming and generous support. It's been my first full year as editor and I could not have done it with as much ease if it weren't for every single contribution whether from our distributors, writers, feedbackers etc.

Have a Merry Christmas or enjoy the start of winter's offerings, if you don't celebrate  
- Lizzie W (Ed)

## WELCOME

**Welcome** to December's ONLINE edition of the Focal Point magazine. I hope you enjoy reading this issue. Make sure to check in every month for the next edition. **Thank you** for reading online. Please tell your friends, family, neighbours, pet dogs or anyone who may be interested in staying up to date with Holme, Winthorpe and Langford.

## NOTICES

Make sure to check out Winthorpe village's website to keep up with all the latest news, as well as Holme village's website (not secure).

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## QUICK UPDATES BEFORE YOU GET READING...

Great apologies for the lack of uploading the online editions over the past 6 months.. Thanks for all your patience.

- Lizzie Wakefield - Editor

# DEADLINE

**FOR JANUARY'S EDITION  
DECEMBER 11TH 2021**



Well, thank you everyone who has helped make our most recent collection a good one. We delivered it today (Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November) to the Foodbank warehouse. I do not know yet how much it will weigh in at, but it will be a biggie. So thank you all so much, including the very generous donation from Holme.

I aim to get at least two more deliveries in before Christmas. This time of year the Foodbank especially welcomes chocolate stocking fillers, selection boxes. However, it is best to avoid Christmas puddings as the Foodbank will not accept any item containing alcohol.

If anyone would like to make a direct donation, the necessary bank details for Newark Foodbank are:

CAF Bank Ltd. Sort code 40-52-40 Account no: 00027004

**The items most needed by the Foodbank this month are: toilet rolls, instant mashed potato, washing up liquid, tomato ketchup, HP sauce, tinned or microwavable sponge puddings, long life milk, small chocolate stocking fillers.**

Please note that the Foodbank cannot accept out of date items, fresh food, or anything containing alcohol.



The collection points in Winthorpe remain:

The shop at the Lord Nelson, during shop hours.

The black swing bin at the side of my front door, 11 Gainsborough Road, Winthorpe, **at any time at all**. The bin is checked every day.

The church porch. At the moment, the church is open 10-12noon on Sundays when there is a service taking place, and 1.30-3.30pm on a Thursday

**THANK YOU.**

Jane White



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**CHRISTMAS 2021**

Monday 27 December – **CLOSED**  
Tuesday 28 December – **CLOSED**  
Monday 3 January 2022 – **CLOSED**  
(Normal opening hours all other days)

The Collingham Medical Centre team would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We also offer a very warm welcome to new team members Dr Edda Schuerch, Dr Kate Rees and Sarah Holt, Respiratory Specialist Nurse.

Our communication with patients relies on current information. If your personal details change, including telephone numbers, please let the practice know. Thank you.

Out of Hours Service is provided from 111 when the surgery is closed.  
Website: [www.collinghammedicalcentre.co.uk](http://www.collinghammedicalcentre.co.uk)



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**CHRISTMAS 2021**

Saturday 25 December – **CLOSED**  
Monday 27 December – **CLOSED**  
Tuesday 28 December – **CLOSED**  
Saturday 1 January – **CLOSED**  
Monday 3 January 2022 – **CLOSED**  
(Normal opening hours all other days. Closed between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm every day)

The Collingham Pharmacy team would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**When this Pharmacy is closed, if you urgently need medical help or advice but it's not a life-threatening situation contact NHS 111.**  
Information can also be accessed at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

Website: [www.collinghammedicalcentre.co.uk](http://www.collinghammedicalcentre.co.uk)



## THINK AGAIN— THE WINTHORPE RESIDENTS' A46 CONSULTATION GROUP



There has been no further communication from National Highways since the last report, and the Group await the opportunity to engage with them. Progress on the dedicated Think Again web site continues with the intention of having a single point of information and communication available for the village.

For further information please use the following contact:

[A46WinthorpeVillage@outlook.com](mailto:A46WinthorpeVillage@outlook.com)

**Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/ThinkAgainA46Newark>

**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/ThinkAgainA46>



### DIGITAL / E-COPY OF THE MAGAZINE

Just in case your paper copy gets lost, chewed up by the dog, falls down the sideboard or you simply want friends/ family outside of the villages to see it, the Focal Point will always be there! And guess what... it's in COLOUR! Make sure to go to the Winthorpe Village website at <https://www.winthorpe.org.uk> > Media > Village Magazine > Current & Back Issues > Select An Edition > Voila, you are there!

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## WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021, the Parish Council held its monthly Parish Council meeting in the village hall.

The Council discussed the ongoing works on the Neighbourhood Plan and villagers will be given the opportunity to consider the plan and add any comments via an on line "Survey Monkey". Further details will be provided in Focal Point and on the village website.

The Council agreed with NSDC that signs should be put up upon entering the Spinney giving house number directions. This will assist emergency services and delivery companies. Whether or not house owners choose to identify their property with a number is entirely up to them but the Parish Council would recommend that they do so.

The Parish Council is to purchase its own "speed gun" following the successful trials in the village. NSDC have given the Council a contribution towards its purchase.

At most Parish Council meetings, planning issues are discussed. So that the residents of Winthorpe and Langford are aware of what is to be discussed, it has been agreed to "pilot" the use of a "Twitter" account and a "Next Door" app. This will give advanced notification of the planning applications that will be discussed and will give residents the opportunity to attend any meeting or raise any issues that may concern them.

As always, please contact me if you need any assistance with any Parish Council matters.

Mrs Sally Sillery – Parish Clerk

[parishclerkatwinthorpe@outlook.com](mailto:parishclerkatwinthorpe@outlook.com).



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## WHAT'S ON AT THE LORD NELSON

### November 2021

Monday 29th: Sip & Shop from 7pm  
Enjoy a glass of mulled wine and start your Christmas shopping with us.

### December 2021

Saturday 4th: Enjoy an evening of live music with Bodger's Mate and tapas

Monday 6th: Village lunch

Monday 13th: Quiz night

Monday 20th: Open mic night

Wednesday 22nd: Steak night

Friday 24th: Open from 10am until 10pm (Food available 12/7pm)

Christmas Day: Open for drinks from noon until 3pm

Boxing Day: Open for drinks and food 12/3pm

Monday 27th: Open for drinks and food 12/3pm and drinks 5.30pm/9pm

Tuesday 28th: Open for drinks and food 12/3pm and drinks 5.30pm/9pm

Wednesday 29th: Open for drinks and food 12/3pm 5.30pm/9pm

Thursday 30th: Open for drinks and food 12/3pm 5.30pm/9pm

New Years Eve: Open from 8pm for a night of music and dancing with tribute act Robbie Williams, dress glamorously and enjoy a tapas dinner

New Years Day until Sunday 9th January 2022 - we will be closed for some essential maintenance and we think a well earned rest for the Team! We look forward to welcoming you back to the Nelson on Monday January 10th 2022!

### January 2022:

Monday 10th: New Year Village lunch

Monday 10th: New Year Quiz

Susie and Emma would like to thank everyone for their support during 2021 and wish everyone a healthy and very Happy 2022.

email: [thetwooldbirds@gmail.com](mailto:thetwooldbirds@gmail.com) or  
call us on 01636 707705

## DECEMBER'S RECIPE -CHRISTMAS!!!-



Thank you Jane for sending in this month's recipe!

*"What's more traditional than mince pies at Christmas? Well, lots of things, in reality. And not everyone likes mincemeat; my husband, Rob, for one. So how about trying this twist on the festive fare? You never know, these could become a future favourite...."* - Jane C



### APRICOT & HAZELNUT MINCE PIES

To make the pastry, put the flour and cinnamon into the bowl of a food processor. Add the butter and pulse until it looks like very fine breadcrumbs. Sprinkle in the sugar and 3 tbsps cold water and pulse until the mixture starts to clump together; about 30 seconds. Tip the mixture onto a board and gently squeeze the pastry until it comes together into a ball; add water if it feels dry. Wrap the pastry in cling film and chill for 30 minutes.

Heat your oven to gas mark 5, 190°C (170°C fan). Roll the pastry on a lightly floured surface to the thickness of £1 coin. Using a 7cm cutter, cut out 10-12 discs and use to line a 12-hole bun tin. Use a 6cm cutter for the lids, or use a 6cm star cutter to make star shapes. Chill both.

Make the mincemeat - put all the ingredients into a food processor and pulse on and off until evenly chopped. Spoon 1-2 tsp into each tart, dampen the edge of the pastry bottom with water and sit a smaller pastry disc or star on top. Using scissors, snip a hole in the lid, if you've made round tops. Bake for 12-15 minutes until golden brown. Lift onto a wire rack to cool and cover with icing sugar.

#### Ingredients:

#### For the pastry:

170g plain or gluten-free flour  
½ tsp cinnamon  
100g unsalted butter  
1 tbsp caster sugar

#### For the mincemeat:

140g semi-dried apricots finely diced  
85g semi-dried figs, finely diced  
100g toasted hazelnuts  
1 tsp each ground cinnamon, grated nutmeg and mixed spice  
1 banana, chopped  
3 tbsps brandy  
grated zest and juice of 1 orange  
50g butter  
icing sugar, to serve



### SUPPORT BUSINESSES



We need YOUR support! Many businesses (especially local businesses in the community) rely on your vital support to continue their services. Share the community spirit and help local businesses!



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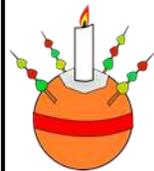
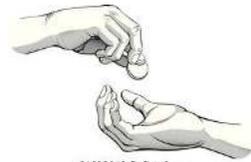
I am retiring as Central Coordinator at the end of this year. Requests for someone to take over have so far not been successful.

The job is not very involved and does not take much time. The main role is to keep the list of Coordinators up to date so that so that each road in Winthorpe, Langford and Langford Moor is covered. As information about suspicious behaviour is received from any of the Coordinators it is circulated to the others as appropriate.

For some time we have been producing a Newsletter twice a year and posting it through everyone's door. The next one will be out in December.

It would be a shame if Neighbourhood Watch could not continue, preferably in its present form. If you would like to consider taking on the role of Central Coordinator please contact me and I can answer any questions

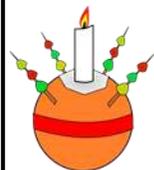
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## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

We invite everyone to our Christingle Service on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm in Winthorpe Church. If you would like to attend please inform Mrs Sandra Cobb on 07946783274 as oranges etc need to be provided. Children attending must be accompanied by an adult.

We look forward to seeing many of you there.



## WINTHORPE SUMMER FESTIVAL 2022

Next year's Festival will be on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 1-5pm. We hope that third time lucky will be successful! The festivities of the day will be carried on into the evening at the Lord Nelson pub, where Emma and Susie will be providing a BBQ with music from the Newark Concert Band.

If you are interested in helping in any way or you would like to book a stall, please contact us.

Sue Masheder

Festival Committee

Mob. 07714548561



## WINTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall

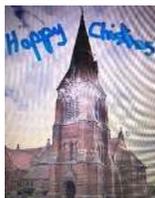


Winthorpe

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# CHRISTMAS AT ALL SAINTS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**VENUES FOR VILLAGE CAROL SINGING**

Woodlands 5 p.m.

Gainsborough Rd (School end)

Pocklington

Branston

Holme Lane/Gainsborough Junction

The Spinney( at the fork)

Woods behind Village Hall

(10-15 minutes approximately at each venue)

\*\*\*\*If you would like a favourite to be sung please book it in with

[tishapplewhite@msn.com](mailto:tishapplewhite@msn.com) /643763 + address details, thankyou. \*\*\*\*



**thank  
you!**



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WINTHORPE**

**SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021  
AT 4.30 PM**

*with The Hungate Singers*

**PLEASE DO STAY FOR REFRESHMENTS AFTERWARDS**



## DATING POEM

Dating in the fifties  
Was really quite sedate  
The rules were somewhat formal  
In a bid to find a mate

A favourite were the dancehalls  
The girls wear their best clothes  
The fellers stiff in charcoal suits  
Prepare to tread on toes

The girls sit down the ballroom sides  
The boys stand at the back  
The fellers eye the talent  
For a mass last dance attack

No one wants to ask a girl  
And receive a curt no thanks  
'Fore blushing to the eyebrows  
And retreating to the ranks

But one bright spark, he got it right  
A crackin' wheeze he found  
He would whisper in an angel's ear  
"Now please don't look around"

'But my friend who's watching us  
Has bet me you won't dance  
There is a tidy sum involved  
Pretend you're in a trance'

Thank you once again Ron for sending in this month's edition. If you're interested in sending in maybe next month's poem/ a piece for the FP's entertainment section: please email @ [winthorpefocalpoint@gmail.com](mailto:winthorpefocalpoint@gmail.com)



*Enjoy  
THE  
little  
THINGS*

'If you tread the floor with me  
I'll see you get your half  
It should be very pleasant  
And at least we'll have a laugh'

It seemed to work most of the time  
And he never had to pay  
Because most girls were taken  
With his cheeky chappie way

So all in all it came to pass  
That most of us were paired  
And in due course it blossomed  
In the relationships we shared



## QUICK REMINDER - LUNCH CLUB -



December's Lunch Club will be held on December 6th at the Lord Nelson. Bookings can be made to the Lord Nelson directly via phone (01636 707705).

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100 CLUB

- November's Winners -

1st	£46.80	Richard Radford
2nd	£23.40	Caroline Mabbott
3rd	£7.80	Rachel Cammack

Congratulations to our winners in November! You could also be a winner whilst supporting your local community centre by contributing £2 per month. Information available from Nina Adams at [ninjab71@gmail.com](mailto:ninjab71@gmail.com)

Would you, or someone you know benefit from a grant from the MES Trust?

## Calling for grant applications

We are calling for grant applications from anyone who meets our application criteria:

- is over 60 years of age, with a disability, illness or mobility issues;
- lives within a 12 mile radius of Newark Town Hall;
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## WINTHORPE GARDEN CLUB



Neil Timm has a fern nursery in the Lincolnshire Wolds, however, he gave us an illustrated talk on his former occupation as a landscaper and garden designer. His strongly held belief was that to be successful, a good relationship between client and designer was essential. Several outline sketches with different layouts would be presented to and discussed with the client before any decision was made.

For those wishing to take the DIY route he suggested making a skeleton model on A4 paper, photocopying this a number of times before applying different layouts to each sheet. Then, rather than making an immediate decision, put them aside before viewing again in a couple of weeks. With hard landscaping he showed how effective different levels could be and the importance of paths which should always be in proportion to surrounding borders etc. Drama and sense of three dimensions could be given using pergolas, statues or a choice single tree. He always considered it important to create areas for relaxation and socialising. The value of mixing plant types, heights and colours was also touched upon.

It would seem that many people are reluctant to gather indoors due to COVID-19 concerns. We have had much smaller attendances at our last two meetings and it was decided that we would cancel our normal social evening in January and meet again on February 16th, when Patsy Rayner will give a talk entitled "The Role of Nature in Japanese Life".

Can I make another appeal to anyone out there with an interest in gardening to come along to this meeting and see what we are about. You'll find a friendly crowd who don't take themselves too seriously. Treat it as a taster, you never know you might enjoy it.

Finally, may I wish all readers a peaceful and joyful Christmas.

Ian Wilson



Garden  
Club



## COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY

Great news !! Organised Ramblers Walks have now restarted and will continue through December and into the New Year. We still have to follow Ramblers Association guidelines , but are now allowed to increase the length of our walks and travel further afield . All participants should still bring their own hand sanitiser and face mask . Car sharing is now allowed .



Sunday	Dec. 12th	Girton / Besthorpe
Wednesday	Dec. 22nd	Whisby Nature Reserve
Sun. Jan 2nd, 16th, 30th		Weds. Jan 19th



### NEW WALKERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Dust off those boots, come along and enjoy the countryside at its best. Please contact NINA WARD on [collinghamramblersnottswalks@gmail.com](mailto:collinghamramblersnottswalks@gmail.com) for more information and specific walk details.



## COACHING AND PLAY HAS NOW STARTED AT NEWARK TENNIS CLUB!

Great news !! Tennis coaching and play at Newark Tennis Club on London Road restarted in April 2021 and continues its summer and autumn season of activities .

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>5:30pm - 6:30pm</b>	<b>Juniors</b>
	<b>6:30pm - 7:30pm</b>	<b>Cardio Tennis</b>
<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>9am - 10am</b>	<b>Juniors (Secondary)</b>
	<b>10am - 11am</b>	<b>Juniors (Primary)</b>
	<b>11am - 12:30pm</b>	<b>Adults</b>

All coaching is charged by the hour at very competitive rates.

**Saturday sessions take place at our London Road Courts.**

**All Monday sessions will take place under floodlights at the Sherwood Avenue Courts**

Our full programme is now underway. In the New Year new 6-week courses will start to take us up to February 1/2 term. For full information contact the club coach on 07941 449351.

The Club has now invested in a 4th all-weather court . So , along with the existing 3 all-weather and 2 grass courts there are plenty of opportunities for social and competitive play .

Club Social Nights are held on Tuesdays , Wednesdays and Thursdays 6pm - 8pm . (these evening sessions have now moved to the Sherwood Avenue Courts under floodlights). Get your racquet out and come along . New members are always very welcome .The club also has daytime social tennis and runs Ladies , Men's and Mixed teams in both the Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire leagues .General club information and membership details can be found on [www.newarktennisclub.co.uk](http://www.newarktennisclub.co.uk)

## OUR LOCAL HEDGEHOGS

Sad news. One of the hedgehogs that some of us have been looking after in Winthorpe, was found dead recently on Gainsborough Road near the top of Woodlands, having been run over.

I know it is not always possible, when driving, to avoid wildlife in our way, but if we could all remember that hedgehogs are nocturnal animals and until they hibernate, we could quite easily come across a hedgehog crossing the road in the dark. They have no concept of looking out for cars and if they sense one approaching, they will simply roll up into a ball in the road. This is, of course, absolutely no defence against a one and a half ton car charging down the road at them.

So, please, please, be on the lookout for them when driving through the village, and if you safely can, slow down and drive around them.

Hedgehogs, like much of our wildlife, are in decline, and really need our help to survive, so please help. Jane White

## LANGFORD CHURCH & CHURCHYARD NEWS

We are delighted St Bartholomew's church will be opening its doors three times in the week leading up to Christmas, welcoming members of the community to join in the following festive activities:

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December** –we will be decorating the church in preparation for our Christmas Carol Service between 1 - 3pm. Holly and other greenery from your gardens will be very welcome. Coffee and mince-pies will be served.

This year our Christmas Carol Service will be led by Rev Mandy Cartwright on **Wednesday 22nd December starting at 6pm. (Please note this is a different date than advertised in the November Focal Point-apologies)**

**Christmas Eve** – the church will be open 3-5pm to provide a reflective space. Come and hang a wish on our memory tree this Christmas, light a candle, listen to carols, and share in mulled wine and mince pies. Anytime between 3-5pm

John and Becky Whittaker  
Langford Crossing  
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## DECEMBER'S REFLECTIONS



Dear Friends,

In the middle of October, I started getting dire warnings from companies that I wasn't planning to buy anything from, telling me that I must get my orders in soon, because of expected shortages and delivery delays. I didn't worry too much and thought instead about the yummy preserves and cakes that I'll be able to buy locally. Somehow I think we'll manage without overpriced and over packaged luxury items that have been transported across the world and the country.

Yes, it's Advent and Christmas time and we can easily be dazzled by glamorous adverts, glossy magazines and demands from anonymous websites that we buy and do more and more, earlier and earlier.

Maybe this year especially, we should take Christmas a bit easier. The pandemic has left its mark in fatigue and uncertainty, and we don't need Christmas to be a burden. Our planet faces danger through climate change, and that has been brought home to us this year, so we don't need to put more strain on the planet because of Christmas.

When Jesus was born, everything was far from perfect; preparations for the birth were made in haste, far from home in a dangerous town. The son of God was born in a stable, wrapped in strips of cloth and laid in a manger. Jesus was born so that the world could be healed from disease, rivalry and power struggles and so we can be rescued from our separation from God and isolation from each other.

That is worth celebrating and it's a story worthy of the telling, so I encourage everyone to join in with Christingle, carol singing, carol services and Christmas services. They are all happening in Winthorpe, Holme and Langford; there's plenty of choice, so even if you've never been to church before, come along and enjoy the best, most life changing story ever. You never know it might change your life.

Have a very happy and blessed Christmas.

*Revd Mandy.*



Hello from St Giles Church Holme,

ST. GILES

HOLME

CHURCH NOTICES



Holme Church has just received two very welcome gifts. Martin Anderson, who supports our church and lives in Collingham, has given a Bramley apple tree which is from the original stock. We have planted it in the north east corner of the churchyard and hope that it will soon provide apples that can be used to decorate the church at Harvest Festival. We are going to have a plaque made to record that tree was planted to commemorate the Platinum anniversary of the reign of Her Majesty the Queen. There will be a short ceremony next June to observe this. Patricia Richards of Holme gave the other gift which was approx. 500 mixed daffodil bulbs. A small group of us planted these at the beginning of November and we can now look forward to spring when they will look beautiful in front of the church and wall.

In the last two weeks of Advent in the run up to Christmas, we will have a prayer card Christmas Tree in church which everyone will be welcome to pop in and use. If someone in the village would like to make some prayer cards on coloured card and with a coloured cotton thread loop through a hole in the card that will be a great help. In addition, if anyone has access to a 6 or 7-foot Christmas tree we would be most grateful. The church is open most days from 10am to 4pm. Our Carol Service will be on December 19th at 6pm and followed by enjoying the usual festive fare together. This year, for our Christmas appeal, we want to support refugees, especially as we know that some from Afghanistan are living in the East Trent Group area. If you have any contacts with a locally based support group, please let us know so that we can get in touch.

On Christmas Day at 10:15 we will be holding our popular family communion service with carols, ensuring everyone can get home in good time to get the turkey out of the oven, and make ready for lunch.

During Candlemas which ends at the beginning of February, we are planning to put on a new event: Wassail singing of Medieval Carols. Instruments that would have been used at the time will be used, and there will be some of the old customs enacted to create a medieval atmosphere. We will give further details on this in the January Focal Point, but in the meantime if you would like to participate or help in the planning, please get in touch.

Our next service will be on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December and all are very welcome.

Kind regards, take care and keep safe,  
Nigel Priestley and Doreen Hallam.  
Phone, 01636 892020



ALL SAINTS

WINTHORPE

CHURCH NOTICES



We thoroughly enjoyed our 'Special' Services last month with our Patronal Songs of Praise (being held on the last day of October!) and the Remembrance Service, as moving as ever.

This month we look forward enthusiastically to many more special services. On Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 3p.m. we are holding our Christingle Service, this will be organised by Sandra Cobb (07946783274) – do get in touch if you would like to attend (for the number of oranges needed!).

The following Saturday (December 11<sup>th</sup>) from 5p.m. we will be Carol Singing round the village. Please see the advert earlier in FP with the streets we are visiting. The plan is to finish in the private woods (with permission) behind the Village Hall for a final sing and mulled wine.

On Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 4.30p.m. we will be hosting our Carol Service where we will have the pleasure of listening to the Hungate Singers who will massively add more quality to the proceedings! There will be our usual refreshments afterwards!

The School will host their Carol Service in Church on Friday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1.30p.m.

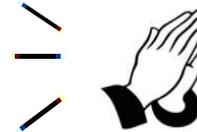
Our final service of the year will be the Christmas Eve Holy Communion at 7p.m.

It just leaves me, on behalf of the PCC, to wish everyone a very merry Christmas with family/friends they could not be with last year and a healthy, happy and triple vaccinated New Year!

Tish Applewhite, Churchwarden  
(643763)



## Church Services for DECEMBER 2021



**Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup>**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> of Advent)

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>**  
(3<sup>rd</sup> of Advent)

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
(4<sup>th</sup> of Advent)

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>**  
(Christmas Eve)

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>**  
(Christmas Day)



9.00 a.m.  
**3.00p.m.**

**5p.m.**

10.30a.m.

**4.30p.m.**  
**6.00p.m.**

**6.00p.m.**

**7.00p.m.**

**10.15a.m.**

Holy Communion  
**Christingle**

**Carol Singing**  
round the village

Holy Communion

**Carol Service**  
**Carol Service**

**Carol Service**

**Holy Communion**

**Holy Communion**



Holme  
**Winthorpe**

**Woodlands,**  
**Winthorpe**

Winthorpe

**Winthorpe**  
**Holme**

**Langford**

**Winthorpe**

**Holme**

The Church Bells may be rung for any of the Winthorpe services.

\*\*\***Church Flower Ladies**\*\*\* – the church will be open from **1.30p.m.** on **Thursday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>** to receive your Christmas flower arrangements with **removal from 2p.m. on Monday January 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Thank you very much.

**Church Cleaners-** Mrs C.Hasman

**Brasses**

Miss P.Applewhite



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# DECEMBER'S CALENDAR 2021



\*Please let me know about any events happening in the three villages, I would love to put them in the calendar (Ed)\*

Friday	3rd	Green Bin	Holme
Sunday	5th	Christingle Service	All Saints
Monday	6th	Village Lunch Club	Lord Nelson
Monday	6th	Silver Bin	Winthorpe
Friday	10th	Silver Bin	Holme
Saturday	11th	Village Carol Singing	Winthorpe
Monday	13th	Green & Brown Bin	Winthorpe
Monday	13th	Brown Bin	Holme
Friday	17th	Green Bin	Holme
Sunday	19th	Christmas Carol Service	All Saints
Monday	20th	Silver Bin	Winthorpe
Friday	24th	Silver Bin (?)	Holme
Friday	24th	Christmas Eve!	
Saturday	25th	Christmas Day!	
Sunday	26th	Boxing Day	
Friday	31st	New Year's Eve	
Friday	31st	Green Bin (?)	Holme

(?) -> these 2 bin dates are questionable as they haven't been cancelled on the bin calendar I'm using but just be aware that these days there may or may not be a collection

*Village organisations and local bodies – if at any time you would like to get in touch with a village contact, why not try the village website*

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



*Happy Holidays*  
To you

## BYE FOR NOW!

Thanks for stopping by! I hope that you check in online next month. Let me know (Lizzie, your FP Editor) if you have any suggestions for future editions. And don't forget to tell others about the online copies, especially if they want to see it in COLOUR!

## BUT BEFORE YOU GO...

Let your fellow village friends and family know that there is an online edition available on Winthorpe village's website.

- Lizzie Wakefield (Ed)