

Diary Notes

1. There has been a rethink about our worship for Christmas with changes that make the services we offer more streamlined and Benefice based. At the same time, we will be bring more variety to what we do. The Benefice Christmas Card has all the details so please do check that, to see what we are trying to do. As always a warm welcome awaits everyone. For the other December and January services please check the usual entries elsewhere in the magazine.
2. There are two special services in January that need to be mentioned. The relicensing Service for Lay Ministers is now delegated to parishes so the service for our Benefice will be on Sunday 21st January at Hallow starting at 6:30pm. The following week we will have the Candlemass Preparation Liturgy at Grimley, again at 6:30pm.
3. December of course is the month for carol singing. The Carols by torchlight and Blessing of the Crib this year will be on Saturday 9th December. We gather on Hallow Village Green for a 6:30pm start. This year we have a lovely new crib to use after the old one was destroyed by the falling bough of the oak tree in the churchyard. Thanks to Peter Foster we have this new one to replace it. We share the evening with Hallow Village Community Group who provide refreshments and the brass band to help our singing. Then on Friday 15th December I invite you to join us at Parkheath at 6pm and Westhaven Place at 7pm to sing carols to the residents. Singers are welcome to return to the vicarage for a light supper afterwards. Singing at Henwick Grange will also take place but a time has not yet been arranged.
4. The Hallow Christmas Fayre is to take place on Saturday 2nd December beginning at 12 noon. Please contact Anne Stark with any late offers of help. A big thank you is also due to Viv Moore and David & Cath Thorpe and their helpers for the Jazz evening last month.
5. Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. May you know the blessings of the Almighty in all you do. With special greetings from Robert and Emma.