



Sunday Snippets

29th December 2019

A Church in the Community

The success of the Village Christmas Festival on 30th November has already been documented in Snippets and our church was an integral part of the event with choral entertainment, Father Christmas and refreshments resulting in hundreds of people visiting the building. Since then, all the various Christmas services have taken place and it may be of some surprise and interest to see just how well used and attended St Edward's has been during December.

| | | Children | Adults |
|--------------------------|---|------------|-------------|
| 2 nd December | - Honeyshute Pre School Nativity | 95 | 30 |
| 3 rd | - Eggbuckland Vale Signing Carol Concert | 86 | 144 |
| 8 th |  - Christingle Service | 14 | 36 |
| 11 th | - Austin Farm Primary Carol Service | 67 | 83 |
| 11 th | - Austin Farm Primary Carol Service | 57 | 82 |
| 15 th | - Candlelit Carols & Lessons | 23 | 144 |
| 16 th | - St Edward's CE Primary Carol Service | 112 | 78 |
| 17 th |  - St Edward's CE Primary " -" | 112 | 80 |
| 17 th | - St Edward's CE Primary " " | 96 | 111 |
| 19 th | - Widey Court Primary " " | 72 | 115 |
| 24 th | - Interactive Nativity (1) | 50 | 102 |
| 24 th |  - Interactive Nativity (2) | 47 | 80 |
| 24 th | - Interactive Nativity (3) | 36 | 69 |
| 24 th | - Midnight Communion Service | 5 | 84 |
| 25 th | - Christmas Morning Family Communion | 9 | 37 |
| Totals | | 881 | 1275 |

Remember the Workers

All this activity could not have taken place without much preparation and the willingness of a band of volunteers, so it's a massive 'thank you' to all of them. And then there is, of course, the main man, the person upon whom so much falls at this time of year. It's no wonder that the person in question, Rev Chris should have practically lost his voice but he still managed to blow his horn to great effect during the rendition of 'O Come All Ye Faithful' which sent everyone home from the Midnight Communion in good heart. Thanks then Chris, to you and your supportive family and may you enjoy some deserved (albeit brief) relaxation.





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New Year Still to Come

We trust that Christmas was a time of joy for you, however you celebrated. Weeks of preparation, anticipation, maybe some trepidation and, finally, celebration.



For children a time of excitement; for many adults a time of memories, bitter and sweet

reminiscences, a chance to be grateful for the good times and the opportunity to quietly reflect upon what has been and what might have been. Now is the time to look to the future with optimism as the New Year dawns, with the hope (however unrealistic) that for our self, our loved ones and the World as a whole, better times are ahead. May you find Peace and fulfilment in 2020.

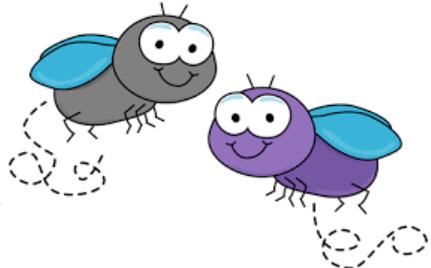
Clearing Up

Next Sunday, 5th January, with Christmas over and New Year celebrations completed, it will be time to clear the church of all the decorations including the Christmas trees and stable. This will be quite a task but one made much easier with a good sized work force. The tidying up will be on the Sunday afternoon (5th January) at 3 o'clock and volunteers are asked to let Vicki Hocking (tel: 787475) know of their availability. Please do make an effort to come along if you are able.



Only Joking!

A farmer was pulled over by a police officer for a minor speeding violation. The officer proceeded to deliver a patronising lecture about safe driving, making the farmer feel like a small boy. He was distinctly unimpressed by the officer's high-handed manner. When he finally got round to writing the ticket, the policeman was troubled by some flies that were circling around his head. "You having trouble with circle flies, are you?" enquired the farmer. "Whatever they are, these



flies are certainly a darned nuisance," replied the officer. "I can't say I've ever heard of circle flies." "Circle flies are common on farms," continued the farmer. "You see, they call them circle flies because they're almost always found circling the back end of a horse." "Oh, right," said the officer, but then he suddenly stopped writing the ticket. "Wait a minute, are you trying to suggest I'm like a horse's back end?" "No, officer," the farmer replied defensively. "I have far too much respect for the police to call you such a thing." "That's OK then," said the officer, resuming writing the ticket. After a short pause the farmer added, "Hard to fool them flies though."