

St George's Church Swannington
with Peggs Green Parish Newsletter

SERVICES AT ST GEORGE'S

DECEMBER 2014

- ♦ **7th** – (2nd Sunday in Advent) - BCP Holy Communion at 10am
Readings: Peter II, Ch 3, vv 8-15a & Mark, Ch 1, vv 1-8
- ♦ **14th** – (3rd Sunday in Advent) - Swannington Nativity Stable Service
(Brook House, 123 Main Street) at 3.30pm
Readings: Thessalonians I, Ch 5, vv 16-24 & John, Ch 1, vv 1-8, 19-28
- ♦ **24th** – (Christmas Eve) - CW Holy Communion at 6pm
Readings: Isaiah, Ch 9, vv 2-7 & Luke, Ch 2, vv 1-14 [15-20]
- ♦ **25th** – (Christmas Day) - Combined Family Holy Communion (St Andrew's, Thringstone) at 10am
Readings: Isaiah, Ch 52, vv 7-10 & John, Ch 1, vv 1-14
- ♦ **28th** – (1st Sunday of Christmas) - Combined CW Holy Communion
(St Andrew's, Thringstone) at 9am

Readings: Corinthians I, Ch 1, vv 26-29 & Matthew, Ch 2, vv 13-18

BCP—Book of Common Prayer, CW—Common Worship





Dates for your Diary



December 2014

- ◆ 8th - 7pm - Parish Council Meeting at Swannington Institute (Village Hall)
- ◆ 21st - Shortest Day
- ◆ 25th - Christmas Day
- ◆ 26th - Boxing Day, Feast of St Stephen
- ◆ 27th - Feast of St John the Evangelist
- ◆ 28th - Feast of the Holy Innocents

January 2015

- ◆ 1st - New Year's Day, Christ's Circumcision
- ◆ 6th - Feast of the Epiphany
- ◆ 12th - 7pm - Parish Council Meeting at Swannington Institute (Village Hall)
- ◆ 25th - Conversion of St Paul
- ◆ 27th - Holocaust Memorial Day

February 2015

- ◆ 2nd - Christ's Purification
- ◆ 6th - Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952
- ◆ 9th - 7pm - Parish Council Meeting at Swannington Institute (Village Hall)
- ◆ 14th - Feast of St Valentine
- ◆ 24th - Feast of St Matthias

Services in January 2015

4th - (Ephiphany) - BCP Holy Communion at 10am; Readings: Ephesians Ch 3, vv 1-12 & Matthew Ch 2, vv 1-12

11th - (Baptism of Christ) - Combined BCP Holy Communion (St Andrew's, Thringstone) at 9am; Readings: Acts Ch 19, vv 1-7 & Mark Ch 1, vv 4-11

18th - (Christian Unity) - CW Holy Communion and Healing at 10am; Readings: Revelations Ch 5, vv 1-10 & John Ch 1, vv 43-end

25th - (3rd Sunday in Epiphany) - Combined CW Holy Communion (St Andrew's, Thringstone) at 9am; Readings: Genesis Ch 14, vv 17-20 & John Ch 2, vv 1-11

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY
MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2014 ***

APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Mr John Barnett and Mr Barry Webster which were accepted

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Roger Cairns declared an interest under agenda item 'Finance'

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved Helen Foster and resolved that the minutes of the last meeting, having been circulated to Members, be signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

* Station Hill allotments – No further replies but it was noticed that plots 1-3 have been tidied and look more like an allotment now.

* LCC Depot Main Street – Reply from NWLDC states that they have served a Planning Conservation Notice on the owner and 28 days notice to clear the site. He states that he wants the land for housing and may submit a new planning application for an alternative housing scheme, then he intends to sell the land !!

* Arriva Bus Co. – Following a telephone call from them regarding Miss Hales poor experiences they are to contact her for more details as they insist they never received my first letter of complaint in support of the difficulties she underwent.

* Village Improvements – ongoing, as still certain areas to be looked at

* Report from NWLDC on grass cutting states there was only limited interest from parish councils in them taking over grass cutting from LCC in the District, although it would be cheaper. Noted.

POLICE REPORT

PCSO Tim Hulse was welcomed to the meeting. He reported that in October 4 crimes were reported – 1) Burglary in a garage; 2) Theft from a motor vehicle (number plates); 3) another vehicle theft; and 4) Other criminal damage, a family matter. Tim then mentioned 2 projects the Police are initiating. One is the 'Light Bulb' project asking residents to leave a light on when they are out at night and the second is the 'Hand Project'. This shows a hand getting through an open window. So please note and act accordingly by closing all windows. Tim was thanked for his input and then left the meeting

** Since the meeting a letter has been received from Inspector Helena Bhakta at Coalville LPU saying a campaign is being launched in November aimed at tackling domestic and sexual violence. Between November and March 2015, they want to train 100 community representatives to become more aware of these issues. The Police need our help to identify anyone who works informally with others to become a "Community Champion" e.g Nursery workers; Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators; Sports club leaders; Scout leaders etc. If we know of anyone who may be interested please contact Brian.**

HOUSING

A letter had been sent to NWLDC Housing Manager supporting the application from Mr & Mrs Thorpe to move to a council bungalow in the village. However a phone call was received from Mrs Thorpe's daughter saying that NWLDC had considered their application to be 'low priority'. Brian had suggested they contact our MP who has a surgery in Swannington on 12th November. Meanwhile Roger Cairns is to talk to them to see if they had obtained their doctors support as part of their application.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR DISCUSSION

* Letter received from LCC Highways saying the planned closure of Hough Hill will not take place now until early next year.

* Consultation on the LCC Statement of Community Involvement Review has been revised and the consultation period is now from 31st October to 5th December. Noted.

* RCC 2015 Achievement Awards Scheme – Resolved we apply for an entry form.

* Department for Communities and Local Government update states that an extension of funding for neighbourhood planning in 2015/16 to £30,000 per scheme. Noted although this does not affect us.

CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES

Reminder received from LRALC about next years local elections and how they are trying to get local councils to advertise for local

residents to get more involved with their parish. Resolved we report on this in the Church magazine, on the web-site and nearer the date, place an article in the Coalville Times

Following a telephone call from Mrs Sheila Smith reporting a large amount of litter dumped on her field in Jeffcoats Lane, Brian had contacted Annie Walker at NWLDC. She had reported back saying that although the rubbish was just inside the field they would collect it as a goodwill gesture. This had been done and Brian had sent a letter of thanks on behalf of the Parish Council and Mrs Smith.

PLANNING

Decision notice received from NWLDC saying application 14/00765/FUL for the siting of 4 touring caravans at Altons Nook, Sinope had been refused.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Helen Foster now Mrs Payne, expressed thanks for all the kind messages she had received on the occasion of her recent marriage.

Roger Cairns reported a huge amount of tarmac had been dumped on the road off The Moorlands. Although not in our parish it was agreed Brian reports this to NWLDC.

Roy Harban reported that the bus shelter at the top of St. Georges Hill needs the roof repairing and the ivy surrounding it cleared. He is to ask a local builder to action this work. The handrail on the entrance to the front of the hall needs tightening. Roy also mentioned that we should try to find out more details of who owns several pieces of land on St. Georges Hill, Hough Hill, Church Lane so that we can ask them to cut back any overgrown hedgerows.

Vic Whitehouse mentioned the old LCC Depot on Main Street is slightly better and tidier but we await further details on future plans (see agenda item 89/2014)

VILLAGE HALL

The work replacing the windows in the 2 small front rooms is to commence on Friday 21st November.

Following a letter sent to all user groups several suggestions on improving the hall had been received. Majority of the small tables in the meeting room had been repaired. However the curtains need cleaning and placed back properly on the rails. Some pictures would help to brighten up the rather bland main hall as well as the meeting room. The roof needs professionally repaired as there are several black patches around caused through leaks. Several quotes are to be obtained.

A number of rooms need decorating and it was suggested the bar and small kitchen area, as well as the main kitchen should be tiled. In the small kitchen off the meeting room, and the bar area, new units and worktops suggested. Also new crockery would be appreciated. All the toilets need decorating and some vanity units installed plus a baby changing unit is also required.

All the points mentioned have been recorded and once the roof work has been completed a programme for undertaking the rest of the work will be prepared.

The representative from the W.I. mentioned a problem they are having with the leader of the Girl Guides & Brownies. The W.I need access to the stage for their Christmas play but because access at the moment has to be through the Guides storeroom this is being denied them. Resolved Brian contacts the leader and states access must be allowed. Following this it was reported that we do not have access to any of the user groups stores which is wrong. Resolved Brian contacts these groups and asks for spare keys to be given to him or the caretaker.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 8th December at 7pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting was then declared closed at 8:45 pm

*** subject to approval at the next meeting of the Swannington Parish Council**

Brian Duncombe, Clerk to the Swannington Parish Council

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Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the above councillors or clerk regarding matters in the Parish of Swannington, or why not come along to a meeting?!?!?

Meetings are usually held on the second Monday of every month (apart from August, when there is no meeting) at 7pm in the Village Institute. Details are posted up on the notice boards around the village.

SWANNINGTON WI MEETING 3RD NOVEMBER 2014

Janet Wroe from the Concordia Theatre in Hinckley had members enthralled when she explained how the theatre's costumes are produced. Much of the fabric to make the costumes is very kindly donated by the public, in fact on one memorable occasion five bin bags were deposited at the theatre, which when opened were found to contain stunning silk dresses, however Janet explained to this day they have no idea who was their generous but anonymous benefactor. Charity shops are another good source – but it needs of course quite a bit of inspiration to make an everyday piece of clothing into something very special, for example a wedding dress was 'aged' with tea in order to achieve the right effect for Miss

Havisham's dress, from Great Expectations

If you are an amateur theatrical company or group, or looking for something different for a night out, the theatre will, for a small fee, loan out from their wide range of costumes and these have made appearances at such diverse venues as medieval banquets and medieval weddings to village events, with a local golf course open day seeing the Captain teeing off attired in a medieval costume. More up to date dresses have too graced the scene on cruises and of course as Janet explained, there is no need to pay a fortune for that junior prom dress, as these too can be hired at a fraction of the cost it takes to purchase one. However charities are very generously allowed to hire the costumes free of charge.

Janet's models, (and one of our WI members, who it has to be said entered completely in the spirit of the evening,) then modelled a series of costumes ranging from Cleopatra, Good Queen Bess, Lizzie Bennett, a Pearly Queen, Superman, and a baby complete with dummy and bottle – right down to a caterpillar, from a production of the Ugly Bug Ball!

Our next meeting is our Christmas party on the 1st December, at which as tradition now dictates, members are encouraged to dress in accordance with the theme of the evening, this year's theme is the 1920s/1930s – so Janet's talk was certainly well timed to inspire us!

Contributed by *Tricia Simpson*

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM OUR CURATE

Christmas is a time for celebrating, but society seems to have forgotten what it is that we are celebrating. Christmas appears to have been expanded to include November and the TV adverts for all the major retailers have a Christmas theme, even the Coca Cola lorry has made it's appearance!

As I write this, with so much going on, I find it hard to think about Christmas in the three Churches, but I know it will happen. I am looking forward with great joy to presiding at my first Christmas day service at Thringstone and I do hope that you will join with me. As a benefice, we have much happening at this time of year. Schools and nurseries visiting us for carol, Christingle and nativity services, along with the regular schedule of services. It is easy to be distracted by the busyness of it all. Perhaps we need to forget the busyness and focus on the awe and wonder of Christmas, to remember the message of that first Christmas and the story of a new born baby.

For me, it has been a joy to come to know so many more of you over this last twelve months, to be involved in teaching either in the Pilgrim Course or via sermons, to share with you in prayer and to worship together with you. It has also been a joy for both Jill and I to offer hospitality to you all again this year and to have you join us recently.

Hospitality and sharing food is something that was important in Biblical times and it is something we as a family enjoy doing.

This Christmas, let us take a moment to remember all of those who will be alone, those who this year have lost a loved one and will have an empty chair at their table for the first time, and those who do not fully understand the message of Christmas.

God Bless

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21st October 2014

Dear Anna,

On behalf of Cancer Research UK I would like to thank you for your very kind donation of £658.45, raised from your coffee morning in Swannington. Please pass on my thanks to all of those who helped raise such a huge sum. It is very kind of you to support our work at this time. Please accept this letter as your official receipt.

As we receive no government funding for our research we rely entirely on the commitment and generosity of our volunteers and supporters. Cancer Research UK is fighting for a world where no one's life is cut short by cancer. There is real hope too; each year our scientists get closer to finding a cure and in the last 40 years we've helped double survival rates.

It would be wonderful if you were able to support us again. If you would like any more information about us and the work that we do, please do not hesitate to contact us on 08701 60 20 40 or visit our website at www.cruk.org.

One day we'll cure cancer. Thank you for helping us make it sooner.

Yours sincerely,

Simon O'Leary
Head of Volunteer Fundraising



**Come and join us
in this special
celebration of
Christmas, with
the children of
Swannington
Church of
England Primary
School**

**Swannington
Nativity Stable
Service at
Brook House,
123 Main
Street**

*Sunday,
14th December
2014
at 3.30pm*



**A joint production between St George's Church and
Swannington Church of England Primary School**