

# North Tuddenham The Mardle



## December 2021

*A Parish Newsletter*

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# St. Mary the Virgin—Church Notice Board

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## December 2021 CHURCH SERVICES



**NO REGULAR SERVICES** will be held until restoration work is complete.

**HOWEVER! - CAROL SERVICE— 2.15 p.m. Sunday 19th**

**St. Mary's Church open from 2.00 p.m. ( with seasonal organ music )**

**and PLEASE do stay and join us for mulled wine & mince pies afterwards.**

**For Sunday Services held at other parish churches within the Benefice, please ring  
Church Office or see Website : [matvchurch.uk](http://matvchurch.uk) for times**

**AND- all of you with access to the Internet, please join a service being held at  
9.00—9.30 am each Friday morning specifically with St. Mary's and North  
Tuddenham parishioners in mind -**

**<https://tinyurl.com/matv-weekdays>**



**'CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS & FLORISTS' -**

**SATURDAY 18th DECEMBER. Could you give a Poinsettia?—In memory of a loved one,  
or just to decorate the church? Leave plant in Porch if church is locked.**

**After the Carol Service on Sunday, do feel free to collect & return it to your home rather  
than leave to wither & die in the cold of the church.**

**NO ACCESS to St. Mary's Church without specific permission**

**BIBLE QUOTE: - Isaiah 40:8**

**The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.**

**Village & Church News**

**Church Tower** - Repair work will continue for a few weeks until Christmas and resume in the New Year.

**Thank you** to those who attended the Remembrance Service. It was moving and the singing to 'I Vow to thee My Country' could be heard across the churchyard and beyond!

**Thank you** as well to the many volunteers who have offered to clean the church during the weekend prior to the Carol Concert.

**Carol Service 19th December.** Contractors are happy that the tower structure is sufficiently safe to allow the service to take place inside St Marys. Work has not finished and will re-commence in the new year. **PLEASE NOTE: WE HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO AMEND THE START TIME TO 2:15pm.** There will be Christmas music from 2pm. Apologies for all the confusion.

**Hope to see plenty of villagers!! ALL WELCOME.**

**Please come and celebrate Christmas together whether you are a devout Christian, an occasional churchgoer or undecided.**

**Meet friends and neighbours again, have a mince pie and some mulled wine.**

**Christmas Village Lottery.** Tickets sales going very well. 150 sold to date. 50 left. Some lucky person is going to be £100 richer and another £50 better off!.

**Winners to be announced 19th December at the Carol Service.**

**Tickets available from Editor.**



## **Parish Council News**

Dear All

The final note from the Parish Council of 2021!

Regrettably, we have a vacancy again on the Parish Council. This is a rewarding role and with an already established team in situ, we don't require any prior experience, just a healthy dose of enthusiasm and a desire to make the village a better place for all. We would love to receive applications from interested parties, or if you would just like to know a little more about the role, then please contact me on [clerk.northtuddenham@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.northtuddenham@gmail.com).

**Due to insufficient numbers, we were unable to form a quorum at the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November but time-sensitive and pressing matters will be considered at an extraordinary meeting to be arranged before our first meeting of 2022 on 11<sup>th</sup> January. Please see the website for details.**

**On behalf of the Parish Council, may we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New Year.**

Best wishes

Vicky



## The Nativity Story, told simply .....

In Nazareth, about 2000 years ago, the Angel Gabriel visited Mary and told her she was going to have a baby. The baby would be named Jesus and he would be God's son. Mary told Joseph, whom she was engaged to be married to. They prepared for the birth of the special baby.



Not long after Angel Gabriel's visit, Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem to pay taxes, Mary rode on a donkey over the hills of Galilee. Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, however, there was no room at the inns. They were tired and needed somewhere to rest. Eventually, a kind innkeeper let Mary and Joseph stay in his stable for the night.



Mary gave birth to Jesus that night in the stable. She wrapped the baby Jesus in cloth and laid him in a manger full of hay.

While Jesus was being born, some shepherds on a hillside overlooking Bethlehem saw a bright star in the sky. They were visited by an angel sent from God. The angel told the shepherds the Son of God had been born and they should go to him. The shepherds visited Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus at the stable. They knelt and told Mary and Joseph about the angel's message. Jesus would be the saviour of the world.

Far away in the East, three wise men also saw a bright star in the sky. The three wise men knew that this was a sign a new king had been born and they followed the star. The three wise men followed the star to Jerusalem where King Herod lived, believing this was where the new king was born. The wise men asked to see the child that would be King of the Jews, this troubled King Herod. He asked the wise men where the baby was.



The wise men reached Bethlehem. They gifted Jesus gold, frankincense and myrrh. That night, the wise men had a dream of an angel warning them not to tell King Herod where Jesus was. The wise men did not return to the palace.

King Herod began searching for baby Jesus. He ordered that all baby boys in Bethlehem be killed.



Joseph had a dream where an angel told him to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt for safety. There they were safe away from King Herod.

# **Christmas Baked Ham with Spiced Orange Rings**

## **Ingredients**

10-14 lb ham

Cloves

Glaze 1 Honey orange and ginger -

3 tablespoons clear honey, 3 tablespoons fresh orange juice, half teaspoon ground ginger and 1 tablespoon grated orange rind

Or Glaze 2 Honey and mustard -

3 tablespoons clear honey, 3 tablespoons dry English mustard

Spiced orange rings

6 firm medium sized oranges 400ml white vinegar, 350 g granulated or soft brown sugar, 2 teaspoons ground cloves, 3 cinnamon sticks, half level teaspoon whole cloves & 3 blades mace

## **Method**

Cook ham in a large roasting tin at 180 degrees c, allowing 25minutes per 450g

Score fat with a knife into diamond shapes. Insert clove into each diamond and spread chosen glaze over surface of ham. Return to oven at 190 degrees for further 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, wipe oranges thoroughly. Do not peel., but cut into thin even slices approx. 5mm thick. Discard any broken slices and ends. Put in a saucepan and barely cover with water. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer gently for 30-45 minutes or until peel is really tender. Drain cooking liquor into a clean pan , add vinegar, sugar and spices and heat gently until sugar has dissolved. Bring to the boil and boil hard for 10 minutes. Place the well drained oranges, a few a time, in the syrup and simmer gently until the rind becomes clear.

Decorate the ham with fresh orange slices in a row down centre of ham or with fried apple rings. Serve hot or cold with the spiced orange rings .



# NORTH TUDDENHAM FESTIVAL 2022!

## “MUSIC ALIVE!”

Friday 6th May 2022

### FIVE ★ PREVIEW



**“St Mary’s Church** - Stunning 14th C venue with vibrant acoustics.”



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## PUT IT IN THE DIARY!



## EDITH CAVELL

*On the morning of October 12, 1915, the 49-year-old British nurse Edith Cavell was executed by a German firing squad in Brussels, Belgium. This is the final part of her story:-* Edith had been hurriedly buried at the rifle range where she was shot and a plain wooden cross put over her grave. The shaft of this cross can be seen preserved at the back of Swardeston Church. When the war was over, arrangements were made for Edith's reburial. At first, Westminster Abbey was considered but the family preferred Norfolk. Her remains were escorted with great ceremony to Dover and from there to Westminster Abbey for the first part of the burial service on May 15th 1919, attended by Queen Alexandra, Princess Victoria and many others from all walks of life with military and nursing representatives from many parts of the world. Then by popular demand, her body was brought back to her native Norfolk and lies in the Cathedral Close. A special train took the remains to Norwich Thorpe Station and from there, a great procession to the Cathedral.



*The Scenes at Thorpe Railway Station, and Cathedral Norwich.*

Bishop Pollock described her as 'alive in God', and as someone who taught us that our patriotism must be examined in the light of something higher. She was laid to rest outside the Cathedral in a spot called Life's Green. Here services are held annually on the Saturday nearest the anniversary of her death.

The grave is well tended and nearly always covered in flowers. Among Edith's most treasured possessions were the roses sent by her nurses, which she kept in her cell long after they were spent, as a comfort and a reminder of the roses at the Vicarage in Swardeston.

*For further information see: <http://www.edithcavell.org.uk>*



McFadyen, Rev Phillip, Chamberlin, Rev David, Miller, Nick, "Edith Cavell 1865-1915 – A Norfolk Heroine" 1985, 1997-2020. (Accessed 12.09.2021).



# KNOW YOUR VILLAGE

**What do these images show and where exactly are they?**

## Last Month

1. The Common
2. The Common
3. Totem pole. Low Road West
4. Village Bench



## December

1



2



3



4



# Brainteasers

## November Answers

Letter 'R'

Grandfather, father and son

A shirt

Map

Anchor

He is bald!



**What doesn't belong?** Only Ball no. 4 has two large holes.

## Christmas Anagrams

*Make a Christmas Word(s) – the number of words is in brackets*

Shh Tarmac Refits (2) .....

Him Sweetener (3) .....

Racer Catch Smirks (2) .....

Caste Indoor (1) .....

Grail Fit Shy (2) .....

Omelet Its (1) .....

Anagram Ya Wine (4) .....

Richest Stream (2) .....

Snacker n Fine (1) .....

A Decking Ogles Snow (3) .....



# **Christmas Quiz Questions**

- 1. What is the first name of Scrooge in the novel A Christmas Carol?**
- 2. How do you say Merry Christmas in Spanish?**
- 3. 26th December is also known as which saint's day?**
- 4. On the seventh day of Christmas, what does my true love give to me?**
- 5. If you have your birthday on Christmas Day, what is your star sign?**
- 6. Name 4 of Santa's 8 original reindeer. (P.S. Not Rudolph)**
- 7. What name is given to mini sausages wrapped in bacon?**
- 8. Stollen is the traditional fruit cake of which country?**
- 9. What kind of pudding is referred to in the carol 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'?**
- 10. According to the Christmas song, what type of tree was the partridge sitting in?**
- 11. Who had a hit with 'Step Into Christmas'?**
- 12. The Pogues sang about a Fairytale of which city?**

## **CHRISTMAS CRACKERS!** Warning!: dreadful humour follows -



**What do you get if you cross Santa with a detective?**  
**Santa Clues!**

What goes Ho Ho Whoosh, Ho Ho Whoosh?  
Santa going through a revolving door!

**What is Santa's favourite place to deliver presents?**  
**Idaho-ho-ho!**

What did the sea Say to Santa?  
Nothing! It just waved!

**What does Santa do with fat elves?**

**He sends them to an Elf Farm!**

What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?  
A Christmas Quacker!

**Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas?**

**Santa Jaws!**

What says Oh Oh Oh?  
Santa walking backwards!

**What do you call a dog who works for Santa?**

**Santa Paws!**

What's a child's favourite king at Christmas?  
A stocking!

**Who is Santa's favourite singer?**

**Elf-is Presley**

Why couldn't the skeleton go to the Christmas Party?  
Because he had no body to go with!

**Why can't Christmas trees knit?**

**Because they always drop their needles!**

What's green, covered in tinsel and goes ribbet ribbet?  
Mistle-toad!

**Why is everyone so thirsty at the north pole?**

**No well, no well!**

What's yellow and dangerous?  
Shark-infested custard!

**Why is it so difficult to train dogs to dance?**

**They have two left feet!**

What wobbles and flies?  
A Jelly-copter!

**What goes ha ha ha clonk?**

**A man laughing his head off!**

Why did the man get the sack from the orange juice factory?  
Because he couldn't concentrate!

**What did the stamp say to the letter?**

**Stick with me and we'll go places!**

What do you get if you cross a bell with a skunk?  
Jingle Smells!



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**We will close at 2pm on 24<sup>th</sup> December & reopen on Wednesday 05<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

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# Carol Service

## St. Mary's Church

## 19th December

Church open 2.00 p.m. with seasonal organ music played

Service commences  
2.15 p.m.



AND PLEASE -

Do join us for Mulled  
wine and Mince pies  
after the Service.

# DECEMBER 2021 VILLAGE EVENTS

**CAROL SERVICE**-19th December St. Mary's Church at 2.15 p.m.

**Church open 2.00 p.m. with seasonal Organ music played**



**Join in the celebration!**



**BELOW— ALL held @ Village Hall unless otherwise stated**

- 8th Windmill Quilters 7.00 p.m. Contact Jenny Smith **01362 422051**
- 13th Mid-Norfolk Guild of Spinners & Weavers 7.00—9.00p.m.
- 18th Bingo 7.30p.m. start Contact Arthur Mobbs **01362 637410**
- 21st Windmill Quilters 7.00 p.m. Contact Jenny Smith
- 22nd Windmill Quilters 10.00-3.00 p.m. Contact Jenny Smith

*Sincere thanks to Christine Mobbs for vital Village Hall information*

**Wishing everyone a Happy & Blessed Christmas**

**THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Santa Claus will be in the village on 19th December from 4pm**

**See Facebook for more details**

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