

# THE LANTERN

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NEWS OF THE PARISH OF ST ANDREW'S BREDFIELD



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## **FROM OUR MINISTRY TEAM**

### **There to meet us were friends in bright yellow tabards....**

One evening in early last November we returned from London one wet Friday evening. It was getting cold and damp so we were vaguely looking forward to a cup of Ovaltine before bed. Getting down from the 9.30 train into Woodbridge station we were warmly greeted by two old friends on the platform. Peter and Rhian wore bright yellow tabards informing the world that they were out for the evening in Woodbridge as Town Pastors, offering a friendly face to anyone who needed to talk. Peter carried a large knapsack filled with bottled water, foil blankets, first aid equipment and free chocolate bars. Rhian told us they were backed up by a prayer team in the Methodist church and people praying for their safety at home.

That Friday evening it had been a quiet night but it was not always like this. Ten years ago Friday nights could be a bit wild in Woodbridge with young people provoking the Police, being rowdy through the town and quarrelling down by the riverside. Partly with changing fashion, (fewer young people drinking to excess, some not drinking at all), added to the friendlier atmosphere in the town things are quieter. Town Pastors can take credit in having played their part in making Woodbridge a nicer, safer, place to be on a Friday evening.

Many a Dad has been pleased to learn that Town Pastors put his daughter in a Taxi when she lost company with her friends. Many a Mum has learnt that her son walked away from a fight or chatted to Town Pastors while the argument calmed down.

It may not happen every Friday night, but the presence of a sensible adult can calm arguments. Town Pastors can give a helping hand to the adolescent who has fallen into the gutter or talk through the options open to a teenager falling out with her step parent.

Town Pastors make a commitment to the wellbeing of Woodbridge. They have been in Suffolk towns for more than a decade. Their mission is to serve others in the name of Christ. They are not Special Constables, law enforcers or therapists but they are trained to listen and talk with people on the streets. After ten years Woodbridge Town Pastors are looking for more volunteers, particularly for prayer support.

As I got down from the train it was reassuring to meet Peter and Rhian in their bright yellow, high visibility jackets. I wished them well and like many a parent of children and grandchildren I gave thanks for their Christian commitment and care.

*Bill Herbert*

## **FROM ST ANDREW'S PCC**

### **\*NOTICE ABOUT SERVICES AT ST ANDREW'S\***

In November Rev Clive Howard sent a letter to the PCC, explaining that the number of clergy and lay readers he could call upon to take services in the benefice had dramatically reduced over the last year or so. As a result of this, he is having to make some considerable changes to the way services are run.

From now on, St John's is only able to support two services per month at St Andrew's: a communion service on the first Sunday of each month and a non-communion service on the second Sunday. The PCC has a number of options available for what happens (if anything) on the other Sundays. The details of how worship is to continue at Bredfield are being fully considered, and will be discussed and agreed with Clive in due course.

You will see on the back page that only services on 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> January are listed. At present no service is planned for 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>, but we remain hopeful that something can be arranged.

Clearly, this is a big change for us. So, the PCC invites you to pray today and over the coming weeks for our worship here at St Andrew's. If you have any views or suggestions please speak to a member of the PCC (or, indeed, Clive via the Church Office).'

## DIARY DATES

### WINTER CAMEO 2018



*Tuesdays 23rd Jan, 20th Feb, 20th Mar*

*St Andrew's Church Room, 10-12*

*Teas, Coffees, Squash, Cakes  
(voluntary £1 donation)  
Toys available*

*EVERYONE WELCOME-*

*Bring a friend for a relaxing get together in the warm*

*For more info contact Ann Stammers 01394 384371*

## NEWS FROM BREDFIELD

### Dog fouling

Responsible dog owners understand the importance of clearing up after their pets, and so they take their dog for a walk armed with a poop scoop or bag. Unfortunately, there is an inconsiderate minority who fail to clean up after their dogs. The Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act has introduced Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) which will introduce new measures to tackle this problem.

All land in the Suffolk Coastal District area which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access, such as highways, footpaths, sports fields and play areas are Restricted Areas – this means that dog waste MUST be cleared away by the dog owner. Failure to do so can result in a Fixed Penalty Notice, with a fine of £80. If you see a dog owner who fails to clean up after their dogs, then report them to the Environmental Protection Team on 01394 383789 or by e-mail to: [environment@eastsoffolk.gov.uk](mailto:environment@eastsoffolk.gov.uk)

### *Quotation for January*

*“For last year’s words belong to last year’s language  
And next year’s words await another voice.  
And to make an end is to make a beginning.”*

T.S. Elliott

**100 Club Winners**

<b>1st Prize</b>	No. 63 A. Pilgrim
<b>2nd Prize</b>	No. 19 B. Harnden

**Church Cleaning Rota**

<b>6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	P. Miller	<b>13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	J. D'Arcy
<b>20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	TBA	<b>27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	P. Cook

**Church Flower Rota**

<b>7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	M. Richards	<b>14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	P. Miller
<b>21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	A. Stammers	<b>28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	H. Young

**Refreshments Rota**

<b>7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	A. Cannard	<b>14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	A. Stammers
<b>21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	A. Stammers	<b>28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	A. Cannard

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## January Services at St. Andrew's

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<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Family Communion</b> <i>Rev Clive Howard</i>	<b>9.15am</b>
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Family Service</b> <i>Bill Herbert</i>	<b>9.15am</b>
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>



**RECTOR:**

REV'D. CLIVE HOWARD

**CHURCHWARDEN:** Vacant.

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A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS!