

# THE LANTERN

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NEWS OF THE PARISH OF ST ANDREW'S BREDFIELD



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## FROM OUR MINISTRY TEAM

### **What happened after Christmas? (Luke chapters 3-24)**

Cold January and some of us are left thinking; 'what was all that about?' You put away the Christmas tree lights very carefully, you froze anything left on the turkey, you took a few more journeys to the bottle bank and to the charity shop. Job done, all over for another year. Is there anything good on the telly? Where shall we go in the summer? The years go by and we sometimes wonder where they go. But time is the place we live in; the present is what we have. Now, January, the present is a time for taking stock and for trying new things, throwing out the old and putting on the new. Please consider one challenge this January, something you may have never done before,

Last summer I took the opportunity to meet Giles Frazer, talk with him and listen to him preach. Whatever you think of his viewpoint (I often find myself disagreeing with his views on radio four) Giles is a provocative speaker and he had one of the largest congregations in London before moving on to St Paul's cathedral. The challenge he set his congregation in Kennington last summer was to read the gospel of Mark in one sitting – yes take a cup of tea or coffee find an easy chair and read the good news as told by Mark and think through what the disciple is saying . What is Mark trying to tell us? Giles seemed disappointed that only half his congregation had followed his example taking one hot afternoon to read in an easy chair. I went home and read Mark in less than two hours. In my training I learnt to read short passages out loud, to think and pray thinking what God might be saying to me here and now. I learnt not to read the gospel like a novel, a manual or a history book. But, reading the whole gospel in one sitting started to show me the patterns. It helped me concentrate on what Jesus said and what he did in three short years. Giles Frazer was exploring Jesus with his congregation. Frazer's sermon on Mark chapters 5-8 had a recurring theme through many miracles, 'They didn't get it, they just didn't get it.' This January I will read the good news as told by Luke in one sitting.

To get me, or possibly you, started we should remember the context; it is probably AD69, give or take a decade. Luke has lived through the bitter

rebellion and the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans. Jews are dispersed far and wide. The Roman Emperor Nero blamed nearly everything that went wrong on the Christians and literally fed many to the lions. Nero died in strange circumstances and other would-be Emperors are rumoured to be plotting civil war. It is not a good time to be alive. Luke stands back from the everyday events of his day and talks with the people involved in Jesus lifetime.

Luke puts this man Jesus at the centre of the Jewish, Greek and Roman world. Luke's little book shapes human history ....Reader, take the opportunity read it for yourself now, this January.

'I hope you get it' – I truly hope you find some value in your afternoon with Luke working out what Jesus might be saying to you.

Rev Bill Herbert.

## DIARY DATES



The Neighbourhood Development Plan has completed its first Consultation – we had a good response - thank you to all those that returned the comments forms. As a result of your feedback and further discussions with local landowners on possible sites for development, a new, updated version has now been produced.

Please go to the village website:

<http://bredfield.onesuffolk.net/neighbourhood-plan>

- look at the Pre-submission Documentation page - and read the updated version – the changes from the first edition are highlighted in red – and let us know what you think.

You may either complete the on-line form, or e-mail direct to: davidhpr99@gmail.com

or just pop a note through my door at Church View.

The closing date is 18 January 2019 – thank you for your assistance

*David Hepper*

Parish Council / Neighbourhood Plan

## **Healthy Eating Tasting Session at the Village Shop**

Are you making a new year's resolution to live a healthier lifestyle in 2019? We have lots of delicious and healthy goodies in the shop from Rainbow Wholefoods as well as a wide range of fresh fruit, veg and salad (much of it locally grown). So, after the excesses of the Christmas season, why not come along to the shop and try some healthy alternatives this January at our special healthy eating tasting session on:

**Saturday 19th January 2019, 10.00-12.00.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

*Roswyn Bradshaw*

Responsible for Rainbow Wholefoods ordering in the village shop.

## **NEWS FROM BREDFIELD**

### **BELL RINGING**

Several people have remarked recently that “the bells sound different”. This is because, ever since Remembrance Sunday, we have only been able to ring five of the six bells.

The smallest bell, the Treble, had become very difficult to ring, so we called in the Technical Advisor from the Suffolk Guild of Ringers, who examined it and advised us that the bell must not be rung until it has been attended to, for fear of causing further damage.

Each bell hangs from a cast-iron ‘headstock’, to which it is bolted. On each side of the headstock is a ‘gudgeon’, a short steel shaft, on which it swings. Each gudgeon is supported by a bearing enclosed in a housing bolted to the bell-frame. Inside the bell hangs the ‘clapper’, which swings freely from a ‘clapper pivot’, and strikes the bell to produce the sound. The gudgeon of the Treble appears to have become loose in its headstock.

The headstock needs to be examined properly. But this cannot be done without removing it from the frame and taking it to the bell-foundry at Loughborough for a thorough examination to assess whether there is any damage to the headstock or bearings.

As the Lantern goes to press, we are awaiting permission from the Archdeacon’s office to do this, so the bells may be silent for a while.

### **Christmas Fair**

The Village Hall had a very successful Christmas Craft Fair - lots of lovely stalls selling everything from quince gin to stained glass via chutneys and Christmas cards; hot turkey baps with stuffing; delicious mulled wine; successful bottle tombola and another non-alcoholic bottle tombola for the children. Santa arrived at 1.30 and was very busy taking Christmas orders in his grotto. Great raffle with great prizes, and everyone went home happy. And best of all we raised **£1,111.66** for the new hall extension fund.

Thank you to everyone who came and made it such a successful event.  
See you all in 2019!!

## **Afternoon Tea with Fizz**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Macmillan Afternoon Tea - it was a huge success and the hall was filled with laughter and chatter. We raised **£1,135.50** for Macmillan Cancer Support in Suffolk

## **THE VILLAGE SHOP – HELP WANTED**

The community shop is an integral part of the community and offers an essential service to many. It is totally reliant on the volunteers who undertake a variety of tasks to keep it running, particularly serving in the shop. We are looking for new volunteers – if you could spare a morning a month, then please enquire at the shop or contact Sue Hynard (01473 737282) – it does not have to be during the week, volunteers to assist on Saturday morning would be particularly welcome.

Remember - working in the shop is a rewarding experience and you will become part of the community, not just someone who happens to live here ....

*Quotation for January*

*"January, month of empty pockets!"*

*Collette*

**100 Club Winners**

<b>1st Prize</b>	No. 46 K. Bowe
<b>2nd Prize</b>	No. 1 F. Burnham

**Church Cleaning Rota**

<b>5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	TBA	<b>12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	TBA
<b>19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	TBA	<b>26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	TBA

**Church Flower Rota**

<b>6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	H. Young	<b>13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	S. Woods
<b>20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	M. Bence	<b>27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	J. Boswell

**Refreshments Rota**

<b>6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	A. Cannard	<b>13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	A. Stammers
<b>20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	TBA	<b>27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	-

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## January/February Services at St. Andrew's

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<b>Sunday 6th January</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Rev Clive Howard</i>	<b>9.15am</b>
<b>Sunday 13th January</b>	<b>Family Service</b> <i>Gay Nichols</i>	<b>9.15am</b>
<b>Sunday 20th January</b>	<b>No service at St Andrew's</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Sunday 27th January</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <i>Roger Ackerley</i>	<b>9.15am</b>
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>Family Communion</b> <i>Rev Clive Howard</i>	<b>9.15am</b>
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Family Service</b> <i>Bill Herbert</i>	<b>9.15am</b>
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <i>Roger Ackerley</i>	<b>9.15am</b>
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>No service at St Andrew's</b>	<b>-</b>



**RECTOR:**  
REV'D. CLIVE HOWARD

**CHURCHWARDEN:** Vacant.

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A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS!