

All Saints News



JANUARY 2023

Including news from the village of Eyke and surrounding area.

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Vicars Voice, January 2023

So it's January, and a new year, a time to reflect on the past year, and look forward to the next and what it may bring.



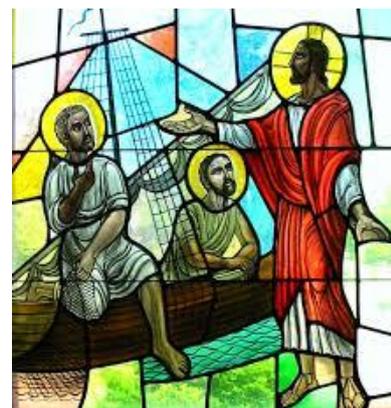
danger.

In church we celebrate the season of Epiphany, (the moment of revelation) when we remember the new-born king revealed to the Magi, God made man, Emmanuel, shown to the world. A new start of great hope and expectation, and yet with it comes the shadow of danger and uncertainty. The threat from Herod, who wanted rid of this baby being hailed by these mysterious beings with exotic gifts for the new king who had been born, and the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt as refugees from

Then we fast forward to celebrate the Baptism of Christ when the grown man Jesus has become meets with John the Baptist at the River Jordan, ready to take up his ministry. His calling is confirmed Jesus sees the Holy Spirit descend on him in the form of a dove, and hears his Father's words 'This is my Son'.

But it's not all celebration as Jesus faces some tough challenges too, going out into the desert to work out what form that ministry should take and the challenges, the temptations, which meet him during that time. Then as the weeks progress into the New Year, we learn about the beginning of Jesus's ministry, and his calling of the first disciples, the fishermen James, John and of course, Simon Peter. They must have followed Jesus with such excitement, yet without really knowing or understanding, what they were called to.

So this month is a good time to think about new starts, and I don't just mean those inevitable and hopeless New Year resolutions! Maybe for some of you this year will bring a much wanted new start, filled with hope and excitement. Others may be more aware of the difficulties and challenges that lie ahead. And some will be expecting little change, just, as the saying goes, "the same old same old. Perhaps some of us will find ourselves facing an unwanted and unexpected new start.



However well we may think we have our lives mapped out, none of us can be sure what the year will bring, whether bad or good. But whatever the New Year brings to you, never be afraid to offer help where you think it is needed – and never be afraid to ask for and accept help when you need it yourself.

May God bless all of us as we face the new starts and challenges of the year ahead, and may the Babe of Bethlehem, now the Man of Galilee, walk with you on the way.

With love and blessings for the year ahead, and all that 2023 brings,

Rev Mandy Xx

Services in Bromeswell, Eyke, Rendlesham, & Wantisden Parish Churches in January & early February 2023

Sunday 1st January (New Year's Day)

11.00am St Felix Holy Communion Rev. Judith Andrews

Wednesday 4th January

10.00am St Felix Holy Communion Rev. Mandy Reynolds

Friday 6th January (Epiphany)

7.00pm St Felix Holy Communion Rev. Mandy Reynolds

Sunday 8th January (baptism of Christ)

9.30am St Greg's Holy Communion Re v. Mandy Reynolds
9.30am Bromeswell Morning Praise Stephen Nicholls
11.00am St Felix Holy Communion with Prayer Ministry Rev. Mandy Reynolds

Sunday 15th January

9.30 Eyke Morning Prayer Rev. Mandy Reynolds
9.30am Bromeswell Holy Communion Rev. Kevan McCormack
11.00am St Felix Prayer & Praise Greg Gooch

Sunday 22nd January

9.30am St Greg's Morning Prayer Stephen Nicholls
9.30am Bromeswell Holy Communion Rev. Mandy Reynolds
11,00am Holy Communion Rev. Kevan McCormack

Sunday 29th January (Candlemas)

10.30 for 11.00am Café Church Rev. Mandy Reynolds

CELEBRATING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Sunday 5th February

9.30am Eyke Holy Communion Re v. Mandy Reynolds
11.00am Bromeswell Family Service Greg & Charlotte
11.00am St Felix Holy Communion Rev. Mandy Reynolds

Village Hall Update

FUNDING There's exciting news about funding for the village hall! As some of you might know, Sue and others have worked very hard on making a really solid application for a National Lottery grant. This is a very competitive affair, so it's fantastic to be able to report that we have been successful in getting to Phase 2 of the grant awarding process, confirming that we have managed to jump through all the various hoops involved in meeting the funding criteria. Phew!

The next step is to prepare a full funding application, including a detailed business case. We'll be starting work on this early in the New Year, and we plan to submit the application by the end of February. If the bid is finally successful, we would receive something in the region of £105,000 with which to finish the project in its entirety. As part of this bid, we have to submit three different quotations for the remaining work: Lee and Neil will be busy sourcing these quotations, even while they're finishing off the current building and refurbishing work.

WORKS On that note, we can report that stage 2 of the refurbishment work is nearly complete. There are some delays because of limited availability of parts and materials at the moment, but the substantial work is done.

NEW YEAR PARTY We look forward to celebrating with a proper, old-fashioned New Year's Eve bash. Tickets for this event have now sold out, and it's going to be quite a party!

Thanks to everyone who has helped support the refurbishment project over the last year, whether through donations or their work. Your support is always hugely appreciated. Best wishes to all for a wonderful 2023, and we'll see you very soon in the village hall!

Christmas Fayre

Very many thanks to all who donated, helped and came along to support the Christmas Fayre. Although we had to change the venue to the Village Hall because of the heavy rainfall during the preceding week the event was a great success and boosted our funds by just over £500. Special thanks to Amy and family from Graylins' who had worked especially hard towards this, and all the stallholders who set up their lovely array of goods.

Parish Council

Eyke Parish Council: Denbury Homes Application.

At the time of writing (20th December) there are no further updates regarding the Denbury Homes Planning Application. Details and notes from the Parish Council meeting with the applicants can be found on the village website, along with any updates as we receive them. www.eyke.onesuffolk.net

Tunstall Cost of Living Event

Thank you to all those kind people who donated to the Cost of Living Event at Tunstall at the end of November. The villages around had responded very generously, and Tunstall Community Centre was well stocked with foodstuffs, toiletries, school uniform, toys and books, and representatives were on hand from organisations offering practical advice and support in these difficult times.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, 9th January 2023 in Eyke Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Jackie Pooley (Clerk to the Parish Council)

Millennium Group

Spring Afternoon Tea: Saturday, 18th March 2023

There will be an Afternoon Tea in the village hall on Saturday, 18th March, starting at 2.30pm when, as well as greeting the arrival of Spring, we can celebrate the mothers amongst us with a glass of fizz ahead of Mothering Sunday on the 19th.

Tickets will be £8 per person, children under 5 free. Please complete the booking slip below, and return with your payment to Jean Magennis, Jackie Pooley or Karen Watson. As we will be donating all profits to the Village Hall Restoration Fund, we would also be grateful to receive donations of cakes, sandwiches or draw prizes. Please would you indicate on the booking slip if you if you are able to help in this way.

Spring Afternoon Tea Booking Form: Saturday, 18th March 2023

Name.....Number of tickets.....Amount

enclosed..... I am able to donate one of the following:

Cake/type.....

Loaf of sandwiches/type..... Draw

Prize.....

Please reply to Jean, (461207); Jackie, (461275); or Karen, (460003) by 3rd March 2023. We look forward to seeing you then!