

DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER 2023

2 nd	1.30 pm	Wedding of Holly Markham and Richard Rice
3 rd	8.30 am	Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
5 th	11.30 am	Mobile Library visit to the bus stop.
	7.30 pm	Quarter peal of bells will be rung.
8 th	to 20 th	Posting box in place for village cards, by the bus shelter.
14 th		Prescription Rota – - Mish Dunne 670391
17 th	3pm	Interactive Nativity Service in St Peter's Church Church bells will be rung from 1.50 pm
22 nd	6pm	Carols round the tree. (see text in newsletter)
	6.45 pm	Christmas party in the Village Hall
25 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion for Christmas Day at St Peter's
28 th		Prescription Rota – Clare Rankin 670703
31 st	10.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion at St Peter's Church

DIARY DATES FOR JANUARY 2023

7 th	8.30 am	Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
9 th	11.30 am	Mobile Library visit to the bus stop.
11 th		Prescription rota – John Feilding 07718 037142
21 st	10.30 am	Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
25 th		Prescription rota – Sandra Wilkins 670229

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Parish Council News

Acorn Bioenergy Anaerobic Digestion

It is now over 12 months since the original planning application was submitted by Acorn. The planning application has recently been amended which has necessitated a further round of comments. The Parish Council has again objected to the application, along with many villagers. Comments can be viewed on the Stratford DC planning portal. The number of objections clearly demonstrates that residents of Tysoe and the surrounding parishes have not given up and the objections are as vigorous as they ever were.

Community Marquee

It has been agreed to purchase a 5 x 10 m community marquee for the village. This will have a steel frame and a high-quality white canvas. The best price is now being sought from a number of suppliers. We look forward to the new marquee being used in the next year.

Jacob's Ladder

Meetings have recently taken place between Warwickshire CC and contractors for the installation of a handrail for the three flights of steps. Hopefully the handrail will be installed early in the new year.

Glebe Field change of use Planning Application

The application to change the use of the stables into a holiday let, the first application having been refused by Stratford District Council, has again been refused. With two refusals hopefully no more applications will be submitted.

New Website

A new website is being developed by Zanna Mckail which will be launched in December. The new website will be easier to update and navigate and will ultimately provide more information about the village.

Thank you

Various people should be thanked for their help with the village Christmas tree. These are Karen and David Richards (Christmas Tree lights), Yve and Steve Freer (for the electricity to run them), and the Christmas Tree Elves from the Grange for erecting the tree.

The tree is from Hadsham Farm in Horley.

The Festive Season and the Church

Come and join us for the Nativity Service at St Peter's at 3pm on Sunday 17th December where there will be mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies afterwards. This will be a similar format to last year's service and people of all ages are welcome, but especially our older and younger residents who like to dress up for the occasion, and help us tell the story of Jesus' birth.

As always, there will be a collection of children's used toys and books that are in good condition and wrapped in festive paper. These are donated to the Warwickshire Integrated Disability Service whose staff use these gifts as an aid to their work of assessing and supporting children who have developmental difficulties. Please label your gift to indicate what age child the gift is suitable for.

Hopefully, with this newsletter you will receive a Christmas card from St Peter's Church which tells you of a variety of services over Christmas, both here in the village and around the area. As you will see, the Christmas Day Communion service at St Peter's Church in Radway will be held at 10.30 am. All will be very welcome.

On Friday 22nd December, everyone is encouraged to gather round the village tree near the bus shelter to sing carols at 6.00 pm. Any children who come are encouraged to dress up as characters from the Christmas story. Carol sheets will be provided, but you might like to bring a torch.

Please come along and join us, and then come over the road to the Village Party in the Hall. This delightful event will start at approximately 6.45pm, and we hope to see lots of residents there of all ages. If you have friends and relations staying for Christmas, do bring them along too. Please bring a bottle, and some food to share.

Christmas cards

The Christmas post box for internal Radway cards will be in place by the bus stop on December 8th. A donation of 10p per card is invited, please put the money in an envelope in the post box. The collection will be at 5pm on the

20th, after which the cards will be delivered around the village by volunteers. If you could help with this, please contact Michele on Mich@tysoe.net.

Over the last few years, an alternative 'tradition' has led to people displaying one card, with a message to all their friends, on the display board at the back of the bus stop, and giving a donation to charity. You may like to hang a decoration up too.

Following on from last year's Advent Christmas Tree trail, Julia Winter has organised a display of "Festive Twinkling" for us all to enjoy. See the list below for the details of where to see the decorations.

A message from our new Curate

Dear Friends,

Thank you all for making me so very welcome among your community here in Radway after I joined the Rev'd Barry and the team earlier in the summer. Relaxing in good company over a cup of tea in the village hall, the beautiful food and auction at the harvest supper, the highlight of the village fête and once again, a very warm welcome into the church family to worship and pray together have all made it extremely enjoyable to join in. Clement, our little one is particularly keen on the playground – especially the fire engine! During 2024 we are planning to start a new group to explore everyday faith and what this means to us. Most likely using published resources over six meetings, the discussion will seek to explore the everyday context that we all have, that is both significant to God and full of people who matter to God. The overall aim will be to explore how God might have been working in and through us on our own 'frontlines' and what more He might want to do there too. No doubt the meeting will involve food of some kind and great company of course. More details will follow in the New Year looking toward a February start.

As I write it feels rather early to do so, but Advent is upon us and so may I take the opportunity to wish you, your family and friends all the good greetings of the season and the love, light, joy and hope that we celebrate on Christmas Day.

Very best wishes to you all and Godspeed,

Matthew

Rev'd Matthew Arnold, Curate

Christmas Twinkle

With thanks to everyone who has offered some Radway Christmas sparkle. There will be lights and decorations to see in windows or front gardens as follows:

West End :

The Hermitage
Rose Cottage

Tysoe Road and The Green, between the Village Hall and the cart wash

The Old Post Office
Oriel Cottage
Rose Cottage
1 The Green
The Old School House

Langdon Lane :

Hemp Cottage
Temperance Cottage
Gunby Hall
Burlecott

Farnborough Road:

Fairfax House
New Farmhouse
Shakesfield
The Holmes

We are aiming for December 15th as lighting up day .

Happy Christmas 🌲🌟🌲

Don't forget to pop into the church to see the decorations done by our amazing, talented, flower arrangers. They recently surpassed themselves when decorating the church for Remembrance Sunday.

Residents may be interested to know that after the service we were able to donate the collection of £38.50 to the Royal British Legion.

Looking forward to the New Year

Good News from St Peter's: we have received a grant from the Church Improvement Fund and are now able to start the work for a permanent access ramp for the entrance to the church and the exhibition.

As soon as we have any information on a start date/church closure for works (hopefully early January) we will post details on the village and Church Notice boards.

News from REG members too. An interesting programme is planned for next year, starting in February after we take a break for the month of January. The programme will be discussed in detail on November 30th at the meeting in the Hall, but suggestions and plans include:

A curry cookery evening, a beetle drive, a wine tasting evening, a progressive supper and a summer concert in the church.

Watch this space for further details!

And Finally.....

As is traditional, there will be no separate newsletter for January as your editor and distributors take a well-earned rest. May we be some of the first to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!