

## DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER 2024

1 <sup>st</sup>	8.30 am	Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Book Club members meet at the Rose and Crown.
7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Making props in the church for the Nativity service and decorating the Christmas Tree.
10 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 am	Mobile Library visit to the bus stop.
12 <sup>th</sup>		Prescription Rota – - Mish Dunne 670391
15 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Interactive Nativity Service in St Peter's Church Church bells will be rung
16 <sup>th</sup>	to 20 <sup>th</sup>	Posting box in place for village cards, by the bus shelter.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	6pm	Carols round the tree. (see text in newsletter)
	6.45 pm	Christmas party in the Village Hall
25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion for Christmas Day at St Peter's
26 <sup>th</sup>		Prescription Rota – Clare Rankin 670703 (to be confirmed)
29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion at St Peter's Church

## DIARY DATES FOR JANUARY 2025

5 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	REG AGM and planning meeting. All welcome.  Prescription rota – Michele Johnson
12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
14 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 am	Mobile Library visit to the bus stop.
16 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall
23 <sup>rd</sup>		Prescription rota – Sandra Wilkins 670229

## RADWAY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2024 and JANUARY 2025



### Parish Council News

#### Orbit Property – Energy Efficiency Upgrades

Orbit, the company that owns and manages some of the properties on The Green on Langdon Lane, will be upgrading the energy efficiency of a number of their properties over the coming weeks. The work is due to start before the end of November and is scheduled to last 6 weeks or so. Orbit have engaged Wates (a construction & property development company) to conduct the work and oversee its completion. Wates will be installing a site office, worker welfare centre and canteen facilities (PortaKabin type structures) on The Green for the duration of the project. This, together with the inevitable increase in vehicle traffic, will lead to some disruption and disturbance to residents, particularly along Langdon Lane.

At a meeting held in the village hall on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, the site manager (Olivia) and local liaison manager (Elizabeth) committed to work with residents to ensure the project causes as little disruption as possible. Both Olivia and Elizabeth will be based in the Wates site office for the duration of the works and would encourage people to pop in to discuss progress of the work and any issues or concerns you might have. As always you can also contact any member of the Parish Council if you feel your concerns are not being addressed and we will escalate that with Wates. Let's hope the work is completed by Christmas as planned (weather permitting) and the residents of the upgraded properties can look forward to a warm, cosy and cost efficient winter!

## **Staying Warm This Winter**

Given the recent cold snap it is perhaps a timely reminder that not everyone will find it easy to keep warm this winter. Warwickshire County Council have a number of resources and information available to help individuals and households. Details can be found at: [www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk](http://www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk).

A poster has been displayed on the village noticeboard that outlines some of the services that are available and a contact telephone number (0800 408 1449) for anyone who needs extra assistance this winter. Any residents who might have difficulty accessing online resources or information are welcome to contact any member of the Parish Council who will be happy to help.

## **Winter Hazards**

The recent flooding by the cart wash and lychgate has highlighted the occasional need to put up signs to warn drivers or walkers of potential hazards around the village. The Parish Council has a small collection of signs warning of Flood or Ice together with bollards and sandbags. These are kept in a large cupboard / box by the side of the village hall. It is not always possible for Parish Councillors to be aware of hazardous situations and put up the appropriate signs. If you spot anything that you feel needs a warning sign and you cannot get hold of someone from the Parish Council, please help yourself, but please try and let someone on the Parish Council know you have done so and also return the items to the box when the situation has passed. Thank you.

## **The Festive Season and the Church**

Come and join us for the Nativity Service at St Peter's at 3pm on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 and some jingle bells to accompany our singing!

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.

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 £90.00 to the Royal British Legion.

## **Christmas cards**

The Christmas post box for internal Radway cards will be in place by the bus stop on December 16<sup>th</sup>. A donation of 10p per card is invited, please put the money in an envelope in the post box. The last collection will be at 5pm on the 20<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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.

## **News from REG**

An interesting programme is planned for next year, starting in February after we take a break for the month of January, except for Thursday 9 January at 7.30pm in the village hall, when REG will hold its AGM and election of officers followed by our regular planning meeting. Everyone is most welcome as we plan village activities for 2025.

### Advent Decorations

There will be lights and decorations based on a simple coat hanger to see in windows or front gardens as follows:

Address	December
The Old Post Office, Tysoe Rd	1
The Grange Stables, Tysoe Rd	2
Rose Cottage, Tysoe Road	3
Hemp Cottage, Langdon Lane	4
Oriel Cottage, Tysoe Rd	5
3 Stable Mews, Langdon Lane	6
Shakesfield, Farnborough Rd	7
Belasyse, Farnborough Rd	8
Temperance Cottage, Langdon Lane	9
Rose Cottage, Westend	10
The Hermitage, Westend	11
The Old School House, Tysoe Rd	12
Temperance Cottage, (2nd one)	13
The Cottage, Westend and 1 The Green	14
2 Stable Mews, Langdon Lane	15
11 The Green	16
Astley House, Langdon Lane	17
Gunby Hall, Langdon Lane	18

The Old Stable Yard, Langdon Lane	19
1 Grange Cottages	20
Radway Fields, Langdon Lane	21
Village Hall	22
Village carols around "The Tree "	23
Radway Church	24

### Kineton Guides

Kineton Guides are looking for new members; girls between the ages of 10 and 14. They meet on Wednesdays between 7.00 and 8.15 pm. If you wish to know more, please contact Suzanne, by phone on 07387 624814.

### Your Parish Council

Simon Hooker 07740 844304 Chair  
Tim Smith-Vincent, 670767  
Penny Gardner 07976 179834  
Clare Rankin 670703  
Colin Mathews 07764 178442

**Hall Booking line - 07387 312365**

### 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!



**A Message from our Curate,  
Matthew**

In 2021, The Bereavement Café was established by Dr Helen Gunton and a committed team of volunteers from St. Peter's and the benefice. A safe and gentle environment where bereavement is acknowledged and validated, the Café offers gentle, confidential support, and encouragement from one another who understand the pain of grief. Meeting weekly in term-time, part of The Bereavement Café mission is to support by offering understanding, insight and strategies to help us when we encounter bereavement, and to take the step of processing it - a unique journey for each of us. Each term there is either a single particular theme or a number of themed discussions. Most recently, we've enjoyed hugely an art project led by local artist, Keith Newell, expressing the theme of a journey from darkness into light. The creativity and conversations have been excellent. For the upcoming spring term beginning in January, we return to a weekly themed programme including for example:

- Building up resilience
- General coping mechanisms
- Navigating big events
- Cooking for one
- Living well (improving wellbeing, managing stress etc.)
- Kintsugi – the art of repair
- Faith & bereavement
- Therapy through art

If you have a skill or insight that you think would be of benefit to those who are bereaved, and would like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you too!



Separately, The Bereavement Journey, a course for anyone bereaved at any time in their life is designed to gently guide people through various aspects and experiences of grief and bereavement, and to help process loss. The content runs over seven sessions and all are very welcome. We offer both daytime and evening sessions depending on need and demand. Feedback for the course is that it has been tremendously valuable, and it is wonderful to see the support that it has afforded locally. More details of the course content can be found here: <https://www.thebereavementjourney.org> Please feel very, very welcome to come along to the Café, 2pm at Kinton Scout Hall in term-time. To express interest in the next Bereavement Journey course, please do also get in touch - [mtr.arnold@googlemail.com](mailto:mtr.arnold@googlemail.com) / 07368 206182.