

# SCULTHORPE MESSENGER

November 2024



NEWS AND VIEWS FROM CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

## NEWS FROM SCULTHORPE PARISH CHURCH

Hello to you all,

Autumn is well and truly here now; I hope you are all ready for the colder weather and the darker nights.

I have tried not to mention the Church finances for a while now, but we have just had the boiler serviced and it has sent me back to my role as head prefect. The news isn't good, and we are hoping that it will make it through this year. When not if it fails at any point we have come to the stage, financially, when we won't be able to replace it. We are now, officially, quite poor. I have been warning you all of this for quite a few years now and, unfortunately, nothing has happened to stop the outflow of funds, and **we will struggle to pay our way.**

We have already stopped paying our part of the Parish Share. This is the money we are asked to pay to the Diocese to fund the work they do in supporting the Parishes. This impacts on us in a negative way and means that we probably won't be eligible for a replacement vicar if/when Father Clive retires. At the moment Father Clive, as Rural Dean, has had to take on responsibility for an extra benefice, bringing the total number of churches under his wing to 14! This obviously impacts on the time he has available to devote to his own Benefice.

This may not concern you at all, in which case please turn the page. If it does concern you and you would like

to help the Church survive then **please contact one of us.** You don't have to join the PCC or take on any great responsibility, but any help/ideas are welcome. Skills in obtaining grants would be very very welcome!

Sadly, we are losing two of our church openers. We do get a steady stream of visitors to the church, some come to look at the font, some to see our lovely stained glass, some just to sit and be quiet, so it is nice for the church to be accessible. Gary and Mary have been opening the church for the last few years and it is much appreciated. We wish them well in their new home. They are a hard act to follow but if you could help us to keep the building open please contact us. Many of you walk your dogs around the village in the morning, perhaps you wouldn't mind a little detour once or twice a week? We do stand in for one another so you can still go on holiday.

Thank you to Ruth who put the piece about the tapestry behind the Altar in the Messenger last month and thank you to her daughter who was responsible for putting it there. It's one of those nuggets of information that shouldn't be lost. I will get around to typing the story out and putting in near the tapestry soon.

We have quite a busy couple of months coming up- apart from our usual evensong services **on the third Sunday in the month at 5pm there will be a Service of Remembrance**

**on the 11th of November at 10.45am.** This is being organised by Sculthorpe Academy but is, of course, open to all.

In December the school is in action again and is holding its **Nativity on the 10th at 2pm.** with their **Christingle service on the 19th.**

**On Sunday the 15th of December the Coastal Vocals are having a Christmas Concert at 6pm.** Their last concert was so good that you shouldn't miss this one.

Thank you for 'listening' – *Pamela.*

If you have any need to contact any of us then here is the information you will need. For ecclesiastical queries it's 07480 065063 or [clivewylie@dioceseofnorwich.org](mailto:clivewylie@dioceseofnorwich.org) for Father Clive. For bits and pieces, it's Pam 01328 853532, Claire 01328 863193 or Carol 01328 862185.

If you need to find what is on at the church then put [sculthorpe.org.uk](http://sculthorpe.org.uk) into your search engine.

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Dawn and Marlene would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that donated, helped and supported their Macmillan Coffee morning.

We raised the fantastic sum of £1,800 for this very marvellous charity.

Look forward to seeing you next year,  
*Dawn and Marlen*

### Charity of Francis Beckham Charity No 207618

The trust owns 5 Almshouses in Moor Lane as well as the allotments in The Street and Moor Lane, the playing field and paddock in Moor Lane and part of Sculthorpe Moor. The expenditure each year in mainly for the repairs and maintenance of these properties.

The trust is able to provide some support to residents of the Parish who may need charitable help. Please contact the Clerk to the Trustees or one of the Trustees if you, or someone you know, would benefit from some assistance.

The Trustees are

David Smith  
Peter Greenstade  
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AND  
HUNSTANTON VOICES**

# **A Norfolk Christmas**

**DECEMBER 15th,  
5.30 Mulled wine /Hot choc/Tea/Coffee  
6pm - Concert !**

**St Mary and All Saints Church,  
Sculthorpe - NR219PE  
£6 per head (inc supper)**

**BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION CALL**

**07775995847**

**All profits to Hillside Animal  
Sanctuary**

## FAKENHAM CHORAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES CHRISTMAS CONCERT PROGRAMME

Join Fakenham Choral Society (FCS) for an evening of festive favourites at its 2024 Christmas Concert. The concert, which is free to attend, is at 5.30 pm on Saturday 14th December at Fakenham Parish Church.

The programme will include Sir Karl Jenkins' 'Joy to the World', Sir John Rutter's 'Magnificat' and other festive music. The choir, directed by Mark Jones, will be joined by musicians and soloists and there are opportunities for audience participation in some much-loved Christmas carols.

'Karl Jenkins' 'Joy to the World' is a choral sequence of nine Christmas carols from across the world in fresh and vibrant arrangements', said Mark Jones. 'The combination of Joy to the World with John Rutter's exciting Magnificat, as well as some much-loved carols, makes an exciting and powerful programme and a delightful start to the festive season for both audience and performers'.

As admission is free (with a retiring collection), the choir is expecting a full house so please arrive early to secure your seat.

Information about the choir can be found at [www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org](http://www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org)



### **Festive Cake and a Cuppa** *at Sculthorpe Village Hall*

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
**10am-12pm**

**£2 entry**

*(includes a raffle ticket, tea/coffee, bacon roll & mince pie)*



# THE NOTICEBOARD

## SCULTHORPE SUPPER CLUB

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 6:30pm  
at  
*The Aviator*

**Two courses for £15.00**

*chosen from current menu (from starter,  
main or dessert)*

Booking is essential, please call The  
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*Arranged by the Sculthorpe Village Hall  
Committee.*

## SCULTHORPE MESSENGER

Please contact me by 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
with any notices or features of interest for  
the DECEMBER issue.

[alexrstoker@gmail.com](mailto:alexrstoker@gmail.com) or call Vyv on 01328  
851985

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## SCULTHORPE VILLAGE HALL ENQUIRIES FOR BOOKING

Contact Vyv Mathews on  
01328 851985 or email  
[vyv\\_5cw@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:vyv_5cw@yahoo.co.uk)  
for hourly cost, deposit details  
and to book the hall.

## CHURCH SERVICES Evening Worship

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 5pm  
All welcome, do come along and join us.

## VILLAGE HALL EVENTS **NOVEMBER**

### Mon

6:00pm – 7:00pm **Platten Fitness** – to book contact 07557569975 / <http://www.plattenfitness.com/> From 7th October to end of March

### Tues

10:00am – 12:00pm **Cake & Cuppa** – last Tuesday monthly, all welcome

6:00pm – 7:00pm **Flow with Bels** – to book contact Annabel Greenwood, [annabel.greenwood@gmail.com](mailto:annabel.greenwood@gmail.com) / 07896 476763

7:15pm – 8:15pm **Clubercise with Bels** – to book Annabel Greenwood, [annabel.greenwood@gmail.com](mailto:annabel.greenwood@gmail.com) / 07896 476763

### Weds

6:00pm – 7:00pm **Keep Fit** – book with [sue@cardiocore.co.uk](mailto:sue@cardiocore.co.uk)

### Thurs

10:15am – 11:15am **TinyTalk Toddler Talking** – contact 07450 549025 / [rosiegilding@tinytalk.co.uk](mailto:rosiegilding@tinytalk.co.uk)

11:30am – 12:30pm **Baby Signing** – contact 07450 549025 / [rosiegilding@tinytalk.co.uk](mailto:rosiegilding@tinytalk.co.uk)

book your space on the mats,  
<http://www.bookwhen.com/tinytalknorthnorfolk>

7:00 – 9:00pm **Gateway** – fortnightly (term time only)

### Regular bookings for 2024

**Peppy Neds.** *Pop-up bakeshop – doughnuts/bakes and beverages.*

*10:00am – 12:00pm. Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November*

*2025 Saturdays: 25 January, 22 February, 29 March, 26 April*

**Parish Council Meetings 2024.** *First Wednesday of every other month from 7:00pm – 9:00pm, next meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November*

**Methodist Church Coffee Fundraiser Morning,** *Saturday 7th December, 10:00am – 12:00pm*

# Coastal Vocals



No audition or singing experience necessary!

Fridays - 1-3 pm  
Venue - Hempton Village Hall  
The Green, Hempton, Fakenham  
NR21 7LG

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