## All Saints' Croxley Green

Parish Magazine January 2025





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| Sunday Worship in Church                                     |  | Vicar:   |                         |
|--|--|--|-------------------------|
| 8am  | Holy Communion BCP<br>(Second Sunday of the Month)   | Revd. Canon Miriam Mugan   |                         |
|  |  | The Vicarage WD3 3HJ   | Tel: 772109             |
| 9.45am   | Parish Communion   | Associate Priest:  |                         |
| 12-12.45pm First Sunday<br>(formerly Family Service          |  | Revd. Paul Palmer Tel: 0   | 7740871289              |
|  | (First Sunday of the Month)  | Assistant Curate   |                         |
| Weekday  | VS   | Tolu George Tel: 0   | 7368890843              |
|  | Prayers 8am in Church  | Churchwardens  |                         |
| Monday,  | Wednesday and Friday   | Lyndon Palmer  | Tel: 720856             |
| Thursday   | 9.30am Holy Communion  | Anne Oke   | Tel: 220782             |
|  | <b>urch is Open Daily</b> for private d meditation.  | Assistant Churchwardens<br>Ann Palmer<br>Gill Main   | <b>:</b><br>Tel: 720856 |
| from 9an<br>Answerp<br>hours.<br><b>Parish A</b><br>Website: | <b>ish Office</b> is open for enquiries<br>to 12 noon, Tuesday to Friday.<br>hone available outside these<br>Tel: 772109<br><b>dministrator:</b> Judith Man<br>www.croxleygreenallsaints.org<br>fice@croxleygreenallsaints.org | Sacristan:<br>Chris Oke<br>Assistant: Chris Fagan<br>Parochial Church Council<br>Secretary: Chris Fagan<br>Treasurer: Andrew Nobbs | Tel: 720319             |
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#### **Revd. Canon Miriam writes:**

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope and pray that you have had a blessed Christmas.

Some of you may be familiar with the words from the poem 'In Memoriam' by Alfred Lord Tennyson:

> Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow: The year is going, let him go!

It is a really lovely poem written to commemorate the start of a New Year. It focuses on all the ways the world could change for the better. Tennyson takes the phrase "ring out the old, ring in the new" and twists it in order to "ring out" all the negatives he sees in the world and "ring in" more positive things.

Journeying into a New Year will mean something different to each of us. Some of us may 'ring in the new' by resolving to be healthier, happier, kinder or find a slower pace of life, others may 'ring in the new' filled with hope and expectation, still others may struggle to 'ring in the new' because they feel despondent and low seeing January and February looming as the coldest and seemingly darkest months or because of other situations they are currently living with.

However you feel about the arrival of the New Year, remember that you are not alone. God is always with you even in those times when he feels a long way off. Remember also that you are such a valued person in our Church community, whether you are regular attender at Church or not, and there is always someone to talk to either in person or on the telephone. You can find contact numbers for myself, Revd. Paul or Revd. Tolu on the inside cover of this magazine. As a Church community, let us resolve to draw even closer to one another in love, support and encouragement so that we may fully reflect the love, hope and presence of God in all that we do. Our Facebook Livestream Reflections on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings will resume on Monday 6th January. Further on in this magazine is a list of readings and themes for January and February.

There are a couple of events to look forward to this month. On 5th January, which is when we will be celebrating Epiphany (the arrival of the Wise Men to see Jesus) we will have a time of Carols and Christmas Cocktails at 4pm in Church. We held this event for the first time last year and it was great fun so do come along and bring friends and neighbours too. There will be something for everyone!

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starts on Saturday 18th January and to mark this event we will be having an Ecumenical Service hosted by St Oswald's Church on Sunday 19th January at 3.30pm. Do come along and join with our Christian friends from other churches in Croxley for worship and fellowship.

With my love and prayers

Miriam



#### **January Readings**

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| Sunday January 5th<br>Epiphany    | Matthew 2 v 1-12      |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sunday January 12th<br>Epiphany 1 | Luke 3 v 15-17, 21-22 |
| Sunday January 19th<br>Epiphany 2 | John 2 v 1-11         |
| Sunday January 26th<br>Epiphany 3 | Luke 4 v 14-21        |

#### 6<sup>th</sup> January : What about the gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh?

The story of the coming of the Magi grew in the telling. By the 6<sup>th</sup> century they had acquired names: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. By Medieval Times they were considered to be kings. Whoever they were, we do know from Matthew that they brought three gifts to Jesus.

What about their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh? While we cannot know for sure what was in the minds of first century Magi, one Victorian scholar has offered a possible explanation as to the significance of their gifts. He was the Revd. John Henry Hopkins, an American Episcopalian minister, who in 1857 wrote his much-loved Christmas carol, 'We Three Kings of Orient Are'.

Gold, said John Henry Hopkins, was a gift that would have been given to a king. Frankincense had traditionally been brought by priests as they worshipped God in the Temple. Myrrh was a spice that the ancients used in preparing bodies for burial.

If that is true, then you could say that the Wise Men, in choosing their gifts for this infant, honoured Jesus with gold because He was King of the Jews, with frankincense because He was to be worshipped as divine, and with myrrh, because He would also become a sacrifice and die for His people.

The Wise Men were the very first gentiles ever to worship Jesus. What faith they had! They travelled for months over difficult terrain, they never saw any evidence of Jesus' kingship, His divinity or His sacrificial death. They worshipped Him through faith in God's promises about Him. Isaiah foresaw this response to Jesus: 'Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.' The Magi's eyes of faith saw clearly and far into the future.

Compare that with the High Priest and religious leaders whom the Wise Men saw in Jerusalem when they first arrived. These head priests knew all about the prophecies of their own coming Messiah, but NOT ONE Jewish religious leader travelled to look for Him in Bethlehem. And it is only six miles down the road!

Parish Pump

#### How the New Year and Resolutions began

1<sup>st</sup> January was not always the start of a New Year. The Babylonians began their New Year on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. For them, it was a logical choice, as with the arrival of Spring, crops were being planted, and a new cycle of life was beginning.

For centuries the Romans agreed with them, but they chose 1<sup>st</sup> March for New Year. It was the Romans who brought in the idea of making resolutions at New Year, mostly along the lines of acting more noble, and doing good to others.

Then in 46BC Julius Caesar changed the Roman Empire's calendar. His new Julian calendar realigned the year to the sun, and also began on 1<sup>st</sup> January. Caesar wanted to honour Janus, the two-faced god who looks backwards into the old year and forward into the new. January 1st didn't have any astronomical or agricultural significance, it was just a random date selected by Caesar. *Parish Pump* 

#### **Social and Fundraising Committee Diary**

Thank you to everyone who has supported our events over 2024; we had a very successful year and managed to raise a lot of money for the Church as a result.

The committee will be meeting at the beginning of January to plan our calendar for 2025 and look forward to another year of varied, and hopefully successful, events for you to enjoy.

Our first event will be **Carols and Christmas Cocktails on Sunday 5th January at 4pm,** when, for the second year, we will be bringing the Christmas season to a close by celebrating all our favourite Christmas Carols. If you have a favourite Christmas Carol you would like to sing along to please add it to the sign up sheet at the back of the Church.

Following the carol singing we will be serving a variety of Christmas Cocktails (including non-alcoholic choices) for you to enjoy.

Finally, on behalf of the committee I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year! Ann Palmer

#### Smile Lines from Parish Pump

#### Moses revisited

Young Joseph was asked what he had learned in Sunday school. "Well, Mum, God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When Moses got to the Red Sea, his engineers built a pontoon bridge, and all the people walked across it safely. Then Moses radioed headquarters to send bombers to blow up the bridge, and so all the Israelites were saved."

"Did your teacher really say that?!" asked his mother, somewhat alarmed.

"Well, no, Mum. But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

#### In place of cabbage

On Sunday after the church service, a woman told the minister that when she had sent her husband to buy a cabbage for lunch, he had fallen and broken his leg. "That's terrible!" said the minister. "What did you do?"

"I opened a can of peas," she replied.

#### Old love

During a wedding, the mother of the bride managed to keep from crying until she glanced at the grandparents. As the bride and groom took their vows, the grandmother had reached over to the grandfather's wheelchair and was gently touching his hand. That was all it took to start the mother's tears flowing. After the wedding, she went over to the grandmother and told her how that tender gesture triggered her outburst.

"Well, I'm sorry to ruin your moment," the grandmother replied, "but I was just checking to see if he was still awake."

#### Labels

I have my own system for labelling homemade freezer meals. I no longer bother with labels like 'chicken casserole' or 'lasagne' or 'steak and ale pie'. Instead, I use 'Whatever', 'Anything', or 'I Don't Know.' That way when I ask my family what they want for dinner, I always have it to hand.

### **Readings and Themes for our Livestreamed Reflections**

| Date                    | Who    | Reading chosen   | Theme                 |
|-------------------------|--------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Tolu   | Matthew 2: 1-12  | Worship without fear  |
| Jan                     |        |                  |                       |
| Wednesday               | Paul   | 1 John 4: 11-18  | God is love -         |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan     |        |                  | Inclusivity           |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> | Sam    | 1 John 5         | What it means to be a |
| Jan                     |        |                  | child of God          |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> | Miriam | Mark 1 v14-20    | Hearing God's call    |
| Jan                     |        |                  |                       |
| Wednesday               | Tolu   | Psalm 20         | The Lord saves        |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan    |        |                  |                       |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> | Sam    | 1 cor 4          | Our role as stewards  |
| Jan                     |        |                  |                       |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> | Miriam | Mark 218-22      | Patchwork Faith       |
| Jan                     |        |                  |                       |
| Wednesday               | Paul   | Mark 3:1-6       | It's always a good    |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan    |        |                  | time to do good       |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> | Tolu   | Psalm 139        | The God who sees      |
| Jan                     |        |                  | you                   |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> | Miriam | Matthew 26 v1-16 | Fragrant Faith        |
| Jan                     |        |                  |                       |
| Wednesday               | Paul   | Psalm 46         | Having confidence in  |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan    |        |                  | God, even in dark     |
| ~ *                     |        |                  | times                 |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> | Sam    | Psalm 61         | Taking refuge in God  |
| Jan                     |        |                  |                       |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Tolu   | John 13:1-11     | Can you let God serve |
| Feb                     |        |                  | you?                  |
| Wednesday               | Paul   | John 13:31-35    | The greatest          |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb     |        |                  | commandment           |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Sam    | John 14 1-14     | Jesus as a route to   |
| Feb                     |        |                  | God                   |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> | Miriam | John 15 v1-11    | Fruitful Faith        |
| Feb                     |        |                  |                       |
| Wednesday               | Tolu   | John 15: 18-27   | Enduring Faith        |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb    |        |                  |                       |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> | Sam    | Joel 2 28-end    | Role of prophecy      |
| Feb                     |        | 6                |                       |

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| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> | Miriam | Mark 8 v11-13     | Trusting Faith             |
| Feb                     |        |                   |                            |
| Wednesday               | Paul   | Ecclesiastes 3:1- | God's timing               |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb    |        | 15                |                            |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> | Tolu   | Psalm 51          | Merciful God               |
| Feb                     |        |                   |                            |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> | Miriam | Mark 9 v 14-29    | Awesome Faith              |
| Feb                     |        |                   |                            |
| Wednesday               | Paul   | Mark 9: 38-40     | All for Jesus              |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb    |        |                   |                            |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> | Sam    | Psalm 23 (George  | George Herbert (was        |
| Feb                     |        | version)          | yesterday)                 |
|                         |        | ,                 | Something about him and    |
|                         |        |                   | his version of this psalm  |
|                         |        |                   | how God gives all we need. |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Tolu   | John 3:16         | God loves you              |
| March                   |        |                   |                            |
| Wednesday               | Paul   |                   | Ash Wednesday              |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> March   |        |                   | -                          |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Sam    |                   |                            |
| March                   |        |                   |                            |



### **Omnia Concert**

#### Christian Aid event on Saturday 8th February

#### All Saints' Church, Croxley Green

Croxley Green welcomes back Omnia who are presenting another evening of choral music in collaboration with Christian Aid.

The evening will begin with sacred and secular songs being sung in the Church. There will be a break for drinks followed by light popular songs in the Hall.

The choral group includes local singer Ed Parks.

All proceeds will go to support the work of Christian Aid.

Tickets are £15 each including a glass of wine or soft drink and nibbles.

Please contact our Christian Aid reps Anne Oke or Fran Bennett at All Saints' or contact the Church Office 01923 772109 to obtain tickets or find out more information.

#### **Sunday Coffee Charity**



We will be supporting the charity **Save the Children** with our coffee donations for the next 3 months. Here is a little bit of information about the work of this charity. More information can be found on their web-site- https://www.savethechildren.org.uk

**UK WORK** - We work in homes, nurseries, schools and communities to narrow the gap between children living in poverty and their better-off classmates.

**AROUND THE WORLD** - As a children' rights charity, the movement operates in 115 countries providing unique care to children based on their specific needs. Whether children are at risk due to conflict, natural disasters or the global food crisis we ensure we're there providing all we can to ease their suffering and help recovery.

**WE BELIEVE** In a world where every child has a chance of the future they deserve. With children, for children, we change the future for good.

Your donations can help to make a fairer world.

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#### **Parish Register and Records**

#### FUNERALS

4th December 2024

Mark Russell HORSFIELD aged 59 years.



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#### A Letter of Thanks



Dear Supporter,

On behalf of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, may I thank you for the generous donation of £102.45 received

from All Saints' Church. Please convey the thanks of the RNLI to all members concerned for their kind support which is most sincerely appreciated.

The RNLI is funded by voluntary contributions and it is only through kind gifts such as this that we are able to provide our volunteer lifeboat crews with the best boats, equipment and training that are needed to save lives at sea.

Your generous contribution will help ensure our lifesaving work continues and will help give RNLI lifesavers the best possible chance to be there for everyone who needs their help. Thank you for being beside them.

Please accept this letter as our official receipt and, on behalf of our lifeboat crews, may I thank you once again for your support and interest in the lifeboat service.

Yours sincerely Ethan Povey Supporter Experience Team

#### Christingle at All Saints'



On 15th December, lots of families and helpers gathered in the Church Hall to join in with Christingle crafts and enjoy some Christmas refreshments. Then it was in to Church to celebrate a short service by candle-light.









#### **Christmas Afternoon Tea**

On Friday 20th December, the Hall was filled with about 80 people who had come to share our Christmas Afternoon Tea. Before any of the delicious food could be eaten, everyone had to 'sing for

their supper' accompanied by David Heath (Thank you, David).

After the carols and Christmas songs, tea (and coffee) was served and the food shared while everyone chatted and puzzled over the Christmas Red Quiz, Finish the Lyrics and the Christmas Songs (emoji game).





I heard so many lovely comments during the afternoon, saying how much it was appreciated, 'what a wonderful spread' and acknowledging how much hard work had gone into making the event possible.

Thank you to Fran for organising this very popular afternoon event and to everyone who helped by making cakes and sandwiches, setting up, clearing away and serving.





### January Prayer Diary

| Date | In our Church Family                     |
|------|--|
| 1st  | Dorothy Sims                             |
| 2nd  | Anthony and Mary Smith                   |
| 3rd  | Marjorie and Tommy Stevenson             |
| 4th  | Alice Tims                               |
| 5th  | Lilian and Jenson Tsang                  |
| 6th  | Vicky, Katherine, William and James      |
| 7th  | Katie and Scott Wakefield                |
| 8th  | Lin Welch                                |
| 9th  | Mary Wong                                |
| 10th | Chima, Winston, Huldah and Chiamaka Agha |
| 11th | Shirley Barnes                           |
| 12th | Gillian Barrett                          |
| 13th | Jane Bates                               |
| 14th | Sam Beard                                |
| 15th | Nik and Fran Bennett                     |

| 16th | Mary Bittles                            |
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| 17th | Shelagh and Tony Booth                  |
| 18th | Rae Bowyer                              |
| 19th | Ben, Michelle, Sanna and Sophie Brogden |
| 20th | Kelly Buckle                            |
| 21st | Alick and Hazel Burge                   |
| 22nd | Brian and Jennifer Clemow               |
| 23rd | Maureen Cliff                           |
| 24th | Jane Colbourne                          |
| 25th | Lase Coughlan                           |
| 26th | Rosemary Daines                         |
| 27th | Anne and David Dougans                  |
| 28th | Kathryn and Jemima Duffy                |
| 29th | Pam Evans                               |
| 30th | Chris Fagan                             |
| 31st | Shirley Ford                            |
|      |   |

#### Notes from the PCC Meeting 4th December 2024

#### **Finance Report for 2024 and Budget for 2025**

Our Treasurer, Andrew, forecast a year-end surplus of  $\pounds 9,400$ , a substantial turnaround from the budgeted deficit of  $\pounds 3,720$ . Major increases in income came from Hall lettings, the Christmas Market, the Beer Festival and donations, while most costs other than repairs and maintenance had largely been contained within the budget. His draft budget proposal for 2025 would produce a surplus of £577.

The PCC then considered additional funding requests for the Church Redecoration Fund, drain and gutter repairs to the Hall, tree works, deep cleaning and varnishing of the Hall and Committee Room floors and the refurbishment of the men's toilets. Together these additions would result in a forecast budget deficit for 2025 of £9,109.50. The PCC accepted these items for inclusion in the 2025 budget, together with a decision to place £5,000 from the financial reserves into a designated fund for future repairs to the organ.

### Safeguarding Arrangements for Non-Church Groups using the Church Hall

The PCC heard that four groups for children or vulnerable adults which use the Hall had accepted the application of All Saints' safeguarding requirements to govern their activities on Church premises. The PCC therefore approved them as Non-Church Affiliate Groups:

Moonglow Dance Group; Rainbows; Centre Stars and Welcome Cub. The Safeguarding Team reported that All Saints' is in full compliance in all areas for mandatory safeguarding requirements and is already achieving compliance of 60% or higher in five new safeguarding standards:

Culture, leadership and capacity 80%

Prevention 70%

Recognising, assessing and managing risk 84%

Victims and survivors 87%

Learning, supervision and support 80%.

Discussions and workshops on maintaining and enhancing these standards involving the PCC and the congregation will take place during 2025.

#### **Charities to be Supported during 2025**

The PCC considered six charities, nominated by members, for support during 2025. Following a vote, the following were approved to receive funding from donations given at after-service refreshments for three-month periods each:

Save The Children, The British Heart Foundation, SANDS – for families bereaved by baby deaths and Sue Ryder.

#### **Refurbishment of the Men's Toilets**

The PCC considered a recommendation from the Hall Committee on the refurbishment of the men's toilets in the Hall. The Committee had consulted male users on two alternative proposals for which quotations had been received. The first was to replace the two existing urinals with a second cubicle; the second was to install two new urinals with a motion sensor to regulate the flow of cleansing water and a privacy divider. The consultees had expressed roughly equal preferences between the two options. Good arguments could be made for both on safeguarding grounds, but the Committee had recommended the first option for adoption.

In discussion, PCC members did not express a consensus so the two options were put to the vote. Voting resulted in a decisive majority for the option of installing two new urinals with a motion sensor and a privacy panel. The PCC asked the Hall Committee to obtain additional quotations for carrying out the works agreed.

#### **Condition of the Baby Grand Piano in the Church**

The PCC heard that the piano was not used for services, nor muchused for practice by individuals who are switching to the clavinova. The pedals require repeated adjustment following the fitting of wheels, which had proved difficult to fix, and tuning twice per year is needed. The PCC agreed that the piano should not be retained and asked the Hall Committee to investigate how it can best be disposed of.

## New Terms of Reference for the Music Maintenance and Development Committee

The PCC adopted the Committee's recommendation that its existing terms of reference, which were now obsolete, should be replaced with the following: "To provide a forum for planning and discussion concerning the contribution of music for services."

#### **Sunday Services Projector Preparation**

Revd. Miriam is looking for help in formatting the projector with readings and hymns for Sunday morning services. Anyone interested in this work should contact Revd. Miriam.

Chris Fagan, PCC Secretary <sup>15</sup>



#### **Congratulations to The Revd. Robert Riley-Braley**

of St Oswald's Church, Croxley Green who was installed as a Canon on 23rd November 2024 and is now Revd. Canon Robert Riley-Braley.

The College of Canons is comprised of members of the Bishop's Senior Staff, the Residentiary Canons of the Cathedral and those, lay and ordained, invited by the Bishop to fill one of the 40 stalls

assigned to Honorary Canons; people who are active in their various ministries and have given faithful service to the diocese.





Crib Service and Carols by Candlelight





#### **The Croxley Mummers**

Following a long established tradition, the Croxley Mummers started their round of Christmas performances at All Saints' Church after the 9.45am service on the Sunday before Christmas (22nd December).

As always, the traditional performance, with a few topical additions and pantomime-style audience participation, was a huge success enjoyed by both young and old.

The money the Mummers collect from their performances is given to support the Peace Hospice.







Thank you to the Mummers for an enjoyable start to Christmas. We look forward to the next performance ... in 2025!







#### Winners of the Prize Draw 2024

|    | Prize  | No   | Name              |
|----|--|------|-------------------|
| 1  | £250 cash  | 437  | Deborah Schofield |
| 2  | Dinner for 2 at The Grove                        | 1947 | Paul Alexander    |
| 3  | Family Ticket to Harry Potter<br>Studio Tour     | 85   | Dorothy Sims      |
| 4  | Bottle of Prosecco                               | 4481 | Vicky Jarman      |
| 5  | £315 Gift Voucher<br>Venture Photography         | 38   | Suet Wah Tsang    |
| 6  | Bottle of Rose Prosecco                          | 3095 | Russell Hyde      |
| 7  | Bliss Beauty Voucher                             | 53   | Sarah Gardner     |
| 8  | Gift Hamper                                      | 1762 | Sue Henley        |
| 9  | Fish & Chips Voucher for 2 Sea<br>World Fish Bar | 3114 | Liz Humphreys     |
| 10 | Hollywood Bowl voucher                           | 1858 | Iulia Tabacaru    |
| 11 | Bottle of Vodka                                  | 2847 | Ashton Miles      |
| 12 | Healing Steps Ladies<br>Reflexology voucher      | 4304 | Adrian Anderson   |
| 13 | £20 Gift voucher Bombay Kitchen                  | 1941 | Helena Lokuge     |
| 14 | Pamper & Prosecco for 5<br>Tropic Skincare       | 54   | Sarah Gardner     |
| 15 | £20 Sainsbury voucher                            | 1331 | Gill Tolley       |
| 16 | Lunch for 2 - Perch & Co                         | 885  | Valerie Kendle    |
| 17 | Gardener's Gift Hamper                           | 2835 | Alison Daley      |
| 18 | Hot Drink & Sandwich for 2 people<br>Crazy Goat  | 1787 | Denise Russell    |
| 19 | Jazzercise voucher                               | 1614 | Sonia Pavey       |
| 20 | Fish & Chips Voucher for 2<br>Sea World Fish Bar | 787  | Anthony Withers   |

|    | Prize                                    | No   | Name            |
|----|--|------|-----------------|
| 21 | Gift Hamper                              | 3821 | Vicky Jarman    |
| 22 | Bottle of Rose Spumante                  | 1519 | Gill Main       |
| 23 | £245 Gift Voucher<br>Venture Photography | 618  | Bill Fisher     |
| 24 | Ticket for 4 people for WFC              | 3152 | Clare Tombleson |

Congratulations to all the winners and Thank You to everyone who supported us by buying tickets. We raised a fantastic £3672 for Church funds. Thank you also to everybody who donated the prizes.

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#### RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 24th-26th January2025

#### What is Big Garden Birdwatch?

Big Garden Birdwatch is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers like you take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring.

#### Last year's Birdwatch

Across the UK, over 600,000 people took part in Big Garden Birdwatch 2024, counting a whopping 9.7 million birds! House Sparrows took the top spot, but counts of these chirpy birds are down by 60% compared to the first Birdwatch in 1979. In fact, we've lost 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 60 years. With birds facing so many challenges, it's more important than ever to get involved in the Birdwatch. Every bird you do – or don't – count will give us a valuable insight into how garden birds are faring.

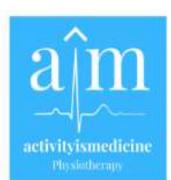
To find out more about how to take part, please go on to the RSPB website where there is lots of information and guidance to help you take part.







# STRENGTH & BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS



#### Every Tuesday 11.45am-12.45pm and 1pm-2pm All Saints Church, Croxley Green, WD3 3HJ

Are you 65 over years of age? Are you worried about falling? Have you had a fall in the last year? Do you feel unsteady? Do you have brittle bones (osteoporosis)? Do you feel weakness in your legs? Would you like to improve your **strength**, **mobility**, **balance** and **confidence**?

Join a physiotherapist led 60 minute exercise class to help improve your strength, balance and confidence and reduce your risk of falls.

NO CLASSES OVER DECEMBER. RESTARTING 7TH JANUARY 2025

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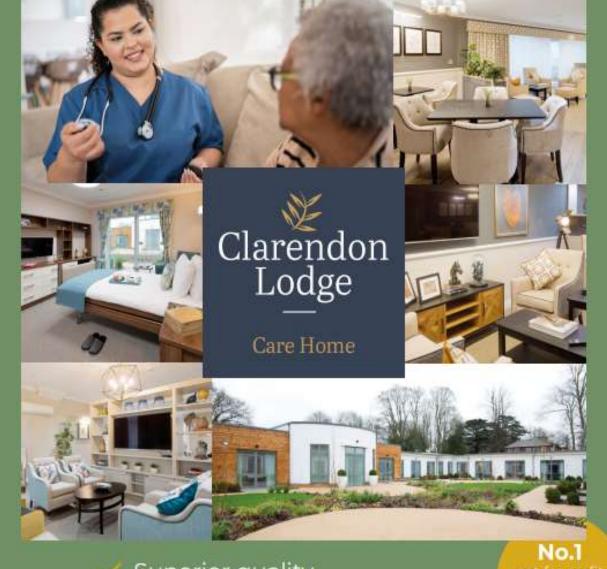


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Didn't we love those cartoons of old? The faintly ridiculous stories they told! Of cats chasing mice, and dogs chasing cats Wile E Coyote and his Road Runner traps That never succeeded, or trapped him instead We laughed at disaster 'cos no one was dead! Donald Duck, Mickey Mouse, or dear old Bugs Bunny There's nothing today that is nearly so funny!

Dastardly, Muttley, in those great Wacky Races,

Whose schemes always left them both sunk without traces;

Or Fred of the Flintstones, and Wilma, and Barney We laughed at their tales of prehistory blarney! The unending feuding of Tom and of Jerry Which always succeeded in making us merry!



Those hand-drawn cartoons made us rock like a jelly Who needed computers to bring us good telly?

By Nigel Beeton, Parish Pump

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| James Peddle is still independently owned and managed.<br>They pride themselves on giving a caring and<br>understanding 24 hour personal service. |   |  |
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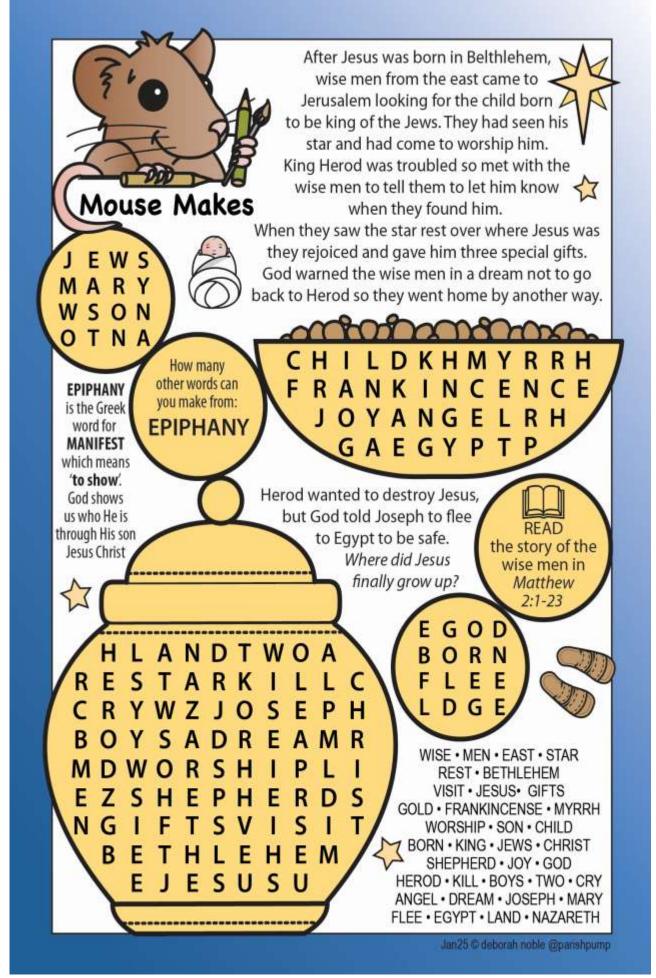
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