

TILSTON & SHOCKLACH REPORTER



*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year*

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News From St. Mary's, Tilston and St. Edith's, Shocklach – December 2021

It is with great delight, coupled with a sense of joyful anticipation, that we can announce that our churches are intending to run their normal Christmas services this year. Although Norma and I have been in post for nearly two years, this will be our first unrestricted Christmas experience in Tilston and Shocklach. We are getting excited!

Christmas will start with a Christmas Tree Service from St. Mary's at 4.00 p.m. on Sunday 12th. December. Please bring your families to join in the fun!

Sunday 19th. December at 6.30 p.m. sees a Carol Service from St. Mary's, when we will be joined by choirs from both Tilston Parochial and Shocklach Oviatt Primary Schools. Please join us if you enjoy singing traditional carols and hearing the Christmas story through our nine short lessons. There will also be an opportunity to sing carols at The Bull, Shocklach, on Saturday 18th. December at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome to join us.

We are also looking forward to the Crib Service at 4.00 p.m. on Christmas Eve at St. Edith's. This is another opportunity to bring young children to experience the real meaning of Christmas, with a manger and baby Jesus!

We will also be holding family Holy Communion services on Christmas Day, 9.45 a.m. at St. Mary's and 11.15 a.m. at St. Edith's, but no services on Sunday 26th. December.

Finally, on Sunday 2nd. January Chris Gilbert will be leading All Age services at both churches (at the usual times of 9.45 a.m. at St. Mary's and 11.15 a.m. at St. Edith's), with the opportunity for reflective meditation, as we start a New Year, during a Candlelit Taize Service at 4.00 p.m. in St. Edith's.

As you have no doubt realised, there are many different opportunities on offer. Do come along, and invite your friends and neighbours, so that Christmas in our villages will be really special and meaningful for us all.

Isaiah 9: 2-7 'The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.'

In a time of great darkness, God promised to send his Son, Jesus, as a light who would shine in the darkness. This message of hope is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago.

God bless,

Tim and Norma

Services and Rotas – St. Mary's, Tilston and St. Edith's, Shocklach – December 2021, January and early February 2022

Date	Time	Church	Service	Readings	Readers	Cleaning and Flow- ers	Sides-people St. Mary's
5 th . December	9.45	St. Mary's	Advent 2 All Age	t.b.c.	t.b.c.	Lizanne Reeves and Norma Robinson (M)	Penny Honeyborne
	11.15	St. Edith's	Advent 2 All Age	t.b.c.	t.b.c.	Hannah Maciver and Jo Callister (E)	
12 th . December	9.45	St. Mary's	Advent 3 Holy Communion	Philippians 4: 4-7	Gail Graham (M) Liz Garnell (M)	Nicola Bickley and Ann Wright (M)	Stuart Walker
	11.15	St. Edith's	Advent 3 Holy Communion	Luke 3: 7-18	Wendy Gilpin (E) x2		
	4.00	St. Mary's	Christmas Tree Service	n.a.	n.a.		
19 th . December	8.00	St. Mary's	Advent 4 Holy Communion (Said)	Micah 5: 2-5a Luke 1: 39-55	Adrian Donovan (M) John Harvey (M) Jerry Mobbs (E)x2	Volunteers for Christmas Decorations (M)	Jill Farmer
	11.15	St. Edith's	Advent 4 Morning Prayer				
	18.30	St. Mary's	Carol Service (Joint Service)	t.b.c.	t.b.c.		Robin Travis and Cressida Travis (M)
24 th . December	16.00	St. Edith's	Crib Service (Joint Service)	Luke 2: 1-7	Tim Robinson		
	11.15	St. Mary's	Midnight Holy Communion	Isaiah 9: 2-7 Luke 2: 1-20	Penny Hearn Su Tedham		
25 th . December	9.45	St. Mary's	Christmas Day Family	Isaiah 9: 2-7 Luke 2: 1-20	Robin Travis (M) Cressida Travis (M) Helen Peel (E) x2	Penny Hearn and Su Tedham (M)	Penny Hearn and Su Tedham (M)
	11.15	St. Edith's	Holy Communion Christmas Day Family				
			Holy Communion				
26 th . December			NO SERVICES				

M = St. Mary's E = St. Edith's x2 = both readings Z= Zoom St. Mary's Prayer Rota see Viv Black

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2 nd . January	9.45	St. Mary's	All Age	t.b.c.	t.b.c.	Cressida Travis and	Chris Cottrell
	11.15	St. Edith's	All Age	t.b.c.	t.b.c.	Trisha Swift (M)	
	16.00	St. Edith's	Candlelight Taize Service			Trisha Hewitt and Helen Arthan (E)	
9 th . January	9.45	St. Mary's	Baptism of Christ (Epiphany 1)	Isaiah 43: 1-7 Luke 3:15-17,21-22	Penny Honeyborne (M)	Jill Farmer and Jo Huxtable (M)	John Wright
	11.15	St. Edith's	Holy Communion Plough Service	Genesis 1: 9-13 Luke 9: 57-62	Pam Passey(M) Wendy Gilpin (E) x2		
16 th . January 4	9.45	St. Mary's	Epiphany 2 All Age Holy Communion	1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2: 1-11	Helena Johnson (M) Fiona Johnson (M)	Lyn Lloyd and Helena Johnson (M)	Stuart Walker
	11.15	St. Edith's	Epiphany 2 Morning Prayer		Helen Peel (E) x2		
23 rd . January	9.45	St. Mary's	Epiphany 3 Holy Communion	1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a	Neil Ritchie (M)	Lizanne Reeves and Norma Robinson (M)	Penny Hints
	11.15	St. Edith's	Epiphany 3 Holy Communion	Luke 4: 14-21	Kathie Ritchie (M) Jerry Mobbs (E) x2		
30 th . January	10.00	St. Edith's	Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Epiphany 4)	Malachi 3: 1-5 Luke 2: 22-40	Helen Peel (E)x2		
	11.30	Zoom	Holy Communion (Joint Service) Morning Prayer		Bob Evans (Z)		
6 th . February	9.45	St. Mary's	All Age Education Sunday Joint Service	t.b.c.	t.b.c.	Nicola Bickley and Ann Wright (M)	Helena Johnson



**St. Mary's and St. Edith's
Christmas Services**



Christmas Tree Service

12th. December, 4.00 p.m., St. Mary's

Carol Service

19th. December, 6.30 p.m., St. Mary's



Crib Service

24th. December, 4.00 p.m., St. Edith's

Midnight Holy Communion

24th. December, 11.15 p.m., St. Mary's

Christmas Day Services

25th. December, 9.45 a.m., St. Mary's



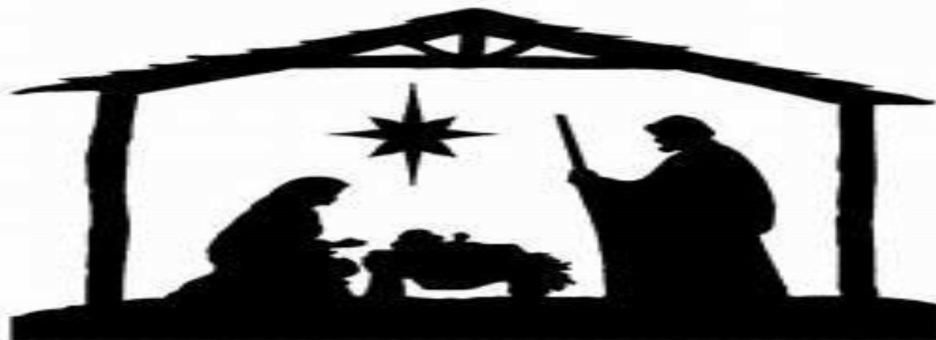
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Hill Field

Well, what a fun packed event we had on the 6th November...Everyone who came enjoyed Bush Craft Sessions, Painting, Colouring, Crafts, A Quiz and making Bug Hotels plus a hot drink, Soup and Bacon Sandwiches.

The Parish Council was able to provide the event free of charge due to the generous donations from **PJH OUTDOORS** (Bush Craft Sessions) and the **Carden Arms** (who supplied the Soup and Bacon Sandwiches) THANKYOU!

Wellbeing Guide

Originally, we were hoping to hold a Wellbeing open day giving out advice and support from various organisations in and around the village, but the pandemic put a stop to this. Instead every home in the parish will receive a Well Being Guide which provides information about being happy and healthy. For more information, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Clerk.

Precept Consultation

Please take part in our Precept Consultation...which you can find online through our Facebook page and on Council website at <http://www.tilstonparishcouncil.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Tilston-Parish-Council-Precept-Consultation-2022.pdf>.

If you would like a paper copy please contact the Clerk.

Its starting to look a lot like Christmas ... Advent Windows, Elf Trail, Letter to Santa

Once again, the Parish Council have organised The Advent Windows...Thanks to everyone who has offered to dress a window, the first window will be revealed on the 1st December and the final one will be at St Mary's on the 24th December.

There will be an Elf Trail from the 18th December around the village on.....Look out for the Elves, unscramble the letters to discover a festive word and pop into the Village Store for your prize.

Plus, Father Christmas has asked the Parish Council to set up a very special letter box at the Village Stores... where you can post your letters to Father Christmas and I am sure you will get a reply, the last collection will be on Monday 22nd December at 12 noon.

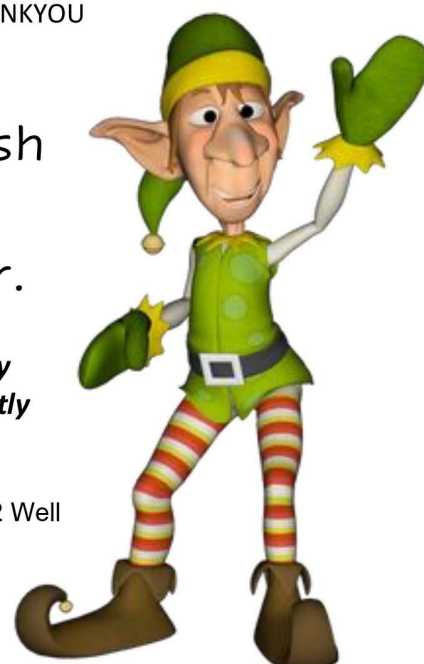
A combined effort between the Parish Councillors has resulted in Christmas stars on the lamp posts this year we would like to thank Mr B Hatton for donating the wire to make the stars. THANKYOU

Finally....

The Parish Council would like to wish
you all a Very Happy Christmas,
Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Any issues we can help you with relating to the village please contact any of the Councillors or the Clerk, you can also report a range of faults directly to CW&C just search for 'Cheshire West Report it'.

For more information contact the Clerk to Tilston Parish Council Ann Wright, 62 Well Street, Malpas, Cheshire, SY14 8QH. ☎: 01948 861 035
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Operation Christmas Child

Our school is looking like Santa's grotto thanks to the generosity of people in our community. We have shoeboxes galore waiting to be collected and distributed all over the world. Megan and Joe, our Head Boy and Girl, would like to thank everyone for supporting their chosen charity, Operation Christmas Child, and for helping to make Christmas extra special for children all around the world.

They organised a cake sale and raised £145.65 for the Samaritan's Purse.



Hello Yellow

We enjoyed dressing up in yellow to support Young Minds and planned a range of activities across the day to raise awareness of mental health. We shared the message, 'It's ok not to be ok.'



Remembrance Service

A special thank you to Reverend Tim and Reverend Norma for leading a special Armistice Day Service at St Mary's Church for our Key Stage 2 pupils. The children showed their respect by joining together for a two-minute silence.

Megan and Joe, our Head Boy and Girl, were honoured to lay a wreath at the Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church. Thank you to everyone who contributed towards organising the service, it was lovely being able to be back in church and being together again.

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Anti-Bullying Week 2021

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2021 is 'One Kind Word.' Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have been working hard to review our Positive Behaviour Policy and have been buying lots of new playground equipment.



Collective Worship

We are delighted to welcome our parents in to school to join us for collective worship this term.



Our value this half term is compassion and both the Wrens & Bluebell Nursery and Robins classes have led wonderful class worship. They shared important messages of 'Loving thy neighbour' and explored what makes a good friend. They shared a special friendship recipe.

Christmas is coming....

TSA

Our TSA, Tilston School Association, are working incredibly hard to plan a variety of Christmas fundraising events. Our Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 3rd December 5:30-8:00pm and we hope you will be able to join us.



Christmas Concert

Every year we like to invite our friends of the community to join us in celebrating Christmas together. This year we would be delighted if you would join us for a Christmas Concert on Thursday 16th December at 1:45pm. The children will sing a variety of traditional Christmas carols and we hope you will join in the fun. The afternoon will finish with a cup of tea, mince pie and a Christmas raffle. Please contact Mrs Farmer to book a place on 01829 250 204 or email admin@tilston.cheshire.sch.uk

On behalf of the governors, staff, children and parents, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year.

Best wishes



Kelsey Mort
Headteacher

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It's our Birthday!

On Friday, 14th January 2022, we will be celebrating our 150th Birthday at Tilston Parochial Primary School and we hope you will be able to join us.

If you attended Tilston Primary School and have any old photographs, school reports or any other special memories you would like to share, we would love to hear from you. Please email admin@tilston.cheshire.sch.uk, call us on 01829 250204 or pop in and see us. We hope we will be able to plan a very special day together.

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Exploring, investigating and questioning are some of the areas which we at Bluebell Nursery love to add to our everyday play with this month being no exception. Autumn is upon us and we have had fun outdoors collecting an abundance of Autumnal objects including an assorted array of coloured leaves. We then used them in our classroom to print with. We also enjoyed using our hands and arms to make Autumnal trees.



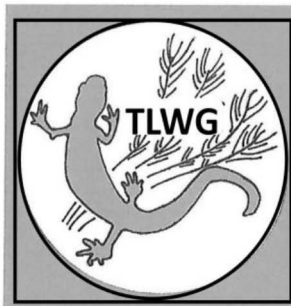
We continued exploring and investigating what happened to marshmallows when we put them in the microwave. As part of our work on the story of The Three

Little Pigs we decided to make some pink pig playdough using pink marshmallows. The children really enjoyed squishing the mixture between their fingers.

Finally, the staff at Bluebell Nursery were feeling very proud of the children as they performed their very first class worship for friends and family. We talked about being a good neighbour and how important it is to be kind to everyone.



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*To join or receive our
information, contact:
Juliet (01829 250412)
or Tom (01829 250249)*

December 2021
Send your sightings to
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Noctule – the Great Bat

ATTRACTING BATS

Bats fly in sheltered spots on calm, dry evenings around dusk, particularly near water where insects swarm. Place bat boxes high on walls or trees. The noctule emerges first, recognised by its direct flight and sudden swoops. Pipistrelles fly erratically.



Pipistrelles in bat box

YOUR WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

It's not always easy to spot a stoat, as Juliet has done here. Unfortunately, it's been killed by a cat. Nature must take its course but what an impressive feline.



FUNGUS FOLLOW-UP

After Last month's photos of fungi in the Churchyard, documentary 'Fantastic Fungi' is worth watching if you have Netflix.



AND ANOTHER WORD FOR OUR HEDGES

Our oldest hedges are remnants of ancient wildwood, left when Bronze Age farmers first cleared the land. Some Tilston and Shocklach hedgerows can be dated 600 years back to the Middle Ages. We should preserve and develop hedges because the benefits are enormous, including windbreaks and water sinks, conserving the soil. They are homes for insects which pollinate our crops. They shelter wild animals and livestock, adding diversity to their diet, as well as ours. They also gather and hold carbon. All these advantages from something that is such a beautiful part of the landscape.

POLLINATING CHESHIRE

This Cheshire Wildlife Trust project aims to restore 250 acres of species-rich grassland. Surveys are being completed, seeds collected from local donor sites and seedlings nurtured for planting this Autumn. So far, 23 acres have been restored with 3,500 wildflowers. 3,736 growers have refused bee killing pesticides. **Banning peat compost** is the latest Wildlife Trusts campaign. Peat bogs capture more carbon than forests and are special habitats.

TILSTONS TRAILS, PAST AND PRESENT

In Earlier times, deciding the direction of travel was not simple. This area was part of a vast broad-leaved forest (Delamere being a remnant) and location skills were essential from childhood. The clues remain, though we tend not to notice them. Stinging nettles prefer fertile soil and show us we are near human habitation. Trees have more foliage on their south side. We can use our shadows for orientation. Animal tracks, puddles and cloud formations all offer helpful pointers to the lost. Today, you can also find Tilston Trail leaflets in the shop, pub and church.



**Cheshire Local
History Association**

www.cheshirehistory.org.uk

Local historian, **David Hayns'** article is published in the latest 'Cheshire History', the journal of the CLHA. It gives the fascinating real stories behind Shocklach church records. One tale is 'Beating the Bounds' to confirm boundaries. Typically 24 males would consume 11s 0d of meat and drink. Not just damson gin, then.



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How proud are we. A couple of weeks ago Pat (Tawny Owl) and myself (Snowy Owl) were invited to Cheshire Forest Guiding to an award ceremony. We had a lovely afternoon and both of us came away with awards. Pat was given a 20-year award and I had a 30 year one - where have the years gone! We are very proud to have given the girls of Tilston area an experience of guiding with us and we have enjoyed it so much and we hope they have too.

Guiding is a lovely activity but we have just lost our current Guide leader so we are looking for someone willing to step into her shoes. If you're interested in helping us keep guiding in Tilston would you be able to help? No experience is necessary but if you have done guiding before all the better. Pat and I will be still doing Brownies so will be there to help if you need us. If you know someone who might be interested, please let us know. We would only be looking at 4-5 girls to start which would be a lovely size group to work with. Please think about and contact me if you need any information



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Christmas is on the horizon, and the Bells at St Mary's are getting more and more use as our "New Recruits" are progressing in their training. We are holding practices on Thursday nights as usual for the whole band and our welcome visitors as well as a two hour session on a Sunday afternoon for the new learners where we tie the clappers on the bells and practice either silently or using the Simulator, a few of us also continue to visit our friends at St Albans, Tattenhall on a Tuesday, visiting other towers is always both fun and educational, and we have also had visitors at our practices from Handbridge and Hoole.

Individual training sessions are also happening during the week to accelerate the progress of our intermediate ringers, and these are also meaning that the whole band is progressing.

It's always good to have some younger ringers and currently we have two that have made very quick progress, Cameron and Joseph both got the hang of the basics really well and I expect it will only be a few weeks before they join the main band to practice, this is quite a jump after learning how to handle a bell on your own, but we have every confidence that they will continue to progress and will probably overtake us all in double quick time!

We are looking at the possibility of ringing a Quarter Peal at Tilston in December with half of the band from our own ringers, Jo has now completed a couple of these 45 minute long sequences on the Simulator during the Sunday Learners sessions ( we now have the ability to have two simulators running at the same time doing different things ) and if Jill can find a few hours to do the same we will be in a good position to have a bash at completing the task with the help of some other local expertise as always!

Who has seen the new Church Website [www.tilstonandshocklachchurch.co.uk](http://www.tilstonandshocklachchurch.co.uk) ? There is a quite big information section for bellringing now including a video tower tour including footage of the bells in the belfry when ringing, and lots of information about how and why we ring, if you get a minute have a look, you may feel inspired to "have a go" and we are always happy to let people do exactly that.

There will be quite a lot of service ringing this month being the festive season, and if all goes to plan, we are also going to have some special things happening in the tower whilst we are ringing in the dark evenings to brighten things on the run up to Christmas – I will say no more!

We like to give you some interesting Bellringing facts each month so this time we decided to tell you a bit about the bells themselves and a special kind of recycling!

We have 6 bells made by John Taylor & Co in Loughborough, they are still going today and when our bells were cast in 1924 this was a "purple period" for the foundry when some of the best Taylors bells were cast. They are made of Bell Metal which is an alloy of copper and tin with a tin content up to 25%, When our bells were cast, the original 4 Bells originally cast in 1672 and 1678 were removed from the tower and taken to the foundry where they were smashed and the metal reused to cast our 4 biggest bells, so in other words, the old bells were recycled to make four of the ones we have now, two new smaller one were added to make the 6 at St Mary's.

To end, all the ringers would like to thank you, our audience, for your support and encouragement throughout the year, we are looking forward to 2022 when we plan even bigger and better things in the Tower !

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!**

**St Mary's Bellringers**



## Shocklach Gardening Group

It was so good to see so many visitors and new faces at our meeting in November to enjoy the talk from Razvan Chisu. His stunning photography and knowledgeable input transported us to the Peloponnese in spring to 'walk on flowers' - wildflowers - through meadows, hillsides and simply by the road. It was a stark reminder of how much biodiversity we have lost in Britain. What an amazing talk.



We take a break in December, to enable you to fit in all your Christmas preparations and celebrations and meet again in the new year.

Our first meeting of 2022 will be on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January** when Penny Hearn and Jane Bingham return for '**Every Garden tells a Story**'. We meet for a 7:30 pm start in the W.I hall on Chorlton lane SY14 7EP and look forward to seeing you there. Visitors are always welcome.

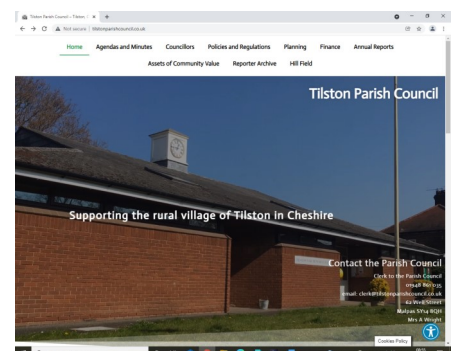
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## CHORLTON & CUDDINGTON WI

Our members have enjoyed meeting in person since August and have been entertained, and educated, by some very interesting speakers. In addition, we have held a very successful Coffee Morning to help raise funds for the maintenance of our Hall and by the time this edition is published we shall have enjoyed an early Christmas Lunch at The Cock O' Barton. We do not have a meeting in December but have a full programme planned for next year. We kick off 2022 on the 5th January with a Social Afternoon and on the 2nd February Melanie, Latham will speak on "Chutney & Cheer". Seasons Greetings to all our Members. Report by Jean Sutton, for further WI information contact Eileen on 01948 770405. **PLEASE NOTE that from January all our meetings will start at 2.00pm.**



A successful day at Hill Field on 6th November, run by Tilston Parish Council. To get involved with The Friends of Hill Field, Check the Tilston Parish Council Report in this issue for contact details . More information on the Parish Council website, click on Hill Filed at the top of the HOM E page.







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Landscape restoration and new wild spaces are essential to reverse this.

*Full results are at: [www.butterfly-conservation.org](http://www.butterfly-conservation.org)*

### COP26 INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE CONFERENCE

Whatever else it achieves, COP26 has raised awareness of the issues. Many are in our own hands. The Plantlife charity sent each UK MP a packet of wildflower seeds, reminding them that grasslands store 30% of the world's carbon, so restoring meadows is essential to limiting climate change.



### YOUR WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

Fungi spotting courses by North Wales Wildlife Trust and the Beautiful Burial Ground Project have equipped Julie Maling and Sarah Dodd to identify species we all stop to admire at this time of year but daren't pick – wisely since most are harmful. Graveyards have rich biodiversity and Tilston's has many beautiful fungi at the moment.

*These pictures are by 14 year old Cameron Dodd and there'd be more striking ones if we had colour*

### AUTUMN BOUNTY

Our countryside abounds with free food that's safe to eat. Ah, the pleasure of collection, the jams, the chutneys! Before WW2, 90% of herbs were imported, a trade cut off by 1940. Through a programme of plant identification and volunteer picking, our wild native plants helped to save the day. Perhaps more of our wild flora will once again be valued as the bounty in our fields and woodlands.



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Further details: [g.c.graham@btinternet.com](mailto:g.c.graham@btinternet.com)

# Shocklach Oviatt C of E Primary School Newsletter November 2021

"We aim high in our hearts and minds as we blossom in God's garden."



The Harvest services were deeply spiritual, bringing our school family together. Foxes performance at school showed their enjoyment of singing and dancing, bringing tears of joy to the audience. Squirrels and badgers showed their confidence and compassion in their reflection on water shortages in the world during their Harvest service at St Edith's church.



Congratulations to Helen Peel and Rob Jones who have been elected as our new Co-Chair of Governors. A heartfelt thank you for their dedication to guiding the continuing flourishing of our school. We pray that God will be with you in the decisions you make. The school owes a huge thank you to John Hirst who has now stood down from his role as Chair of Governors. His service to the school has seen the school blossom into the strong position it is in now. We also welcome Mrs Rachel Cobden to our Governing board as the new staff Governor.



Amazing talent and excellent teamwork was shown by the hockey team who won their first 3 matches in the hockey tournament, getting through to the semi-finals and coming third place overall.

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to complete some beautiful Christmas crafts with our children – they are beautiful.



Thank you to Rev Norma and Rev Tim for organising Messy Church – it was enjoyed by all. Look out for details of the next one.



A special Bonfire day themed Toddler morning attracted 12 pre-school children and their parents to come and enjoy bonfire themed crafts and toys and of course toast some marshmallows in our woodland classroom.



Shoeboxes full of gifts were made to support Operation Christmas Child which brightens Christmas for Children in Need around the world.



This is the winning team from the Curry and Quiz night which raised over £400. Thank you to the STSA for organising and Mrs Gilbert for hosting. It was a night full of fun!

The remembrance day service at St Edith's benefited from a live trumpet for the first time in 20 years courtesy of Farndon Brass Band. It made the service in which our children laid a wreath even more poignant.



Thank you to Mac for his entertaining Food Bank worship before we took our donations to the food bank.





There were lots of smiles on Pyjama Day for Children in Need which raised over £100.



The creativity and zest for life and learning never ceases to amaze me at Shocklach CE Primary school – there is always something extraordinary happening! It's just the way I like it. I am proud to walk around school and share my days with such wonderful staff and children.

*Mrs Davies Executive Headteacher*

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