

The Venture

PARISH MAGAZINE FOR HORSEHEATH AND CARDINALS GREEN



December 2025 – January 2026

FROM THE EDITOR

I didn't have any responses to my question, will there be snow? I think we will as we had so much sun the country needs to reset with a cold spell. Isn't it cold?

I think I might go and see Santa this year to see if he knows what is in store for me. 2026 has got to be better than 2025 Healthwise for me.

Don't forget to let me have anything you would like included in the February-March 2026 issue by **16 January 2026** at the **very latest**. Articles can be emailed to: horseheathventure@gmail.com. To advertise your business please contact the Venture Team on 01223 891086 for more details.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year to all our readers and contributors.

The Editor

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Dear Friends,

The Christmas season-is upon us again! I say that although it is not strictly true. The beginning of December up to the 24<sup>th</sup> is not Christmas but Advent. Christmas does not actually start until the 25 and then it carries on until the, 5 January. For the most part Advent has become just a preparation for Christmas. I can say that the schedule of events and services we have doesn't help when we have a Christingle and Carol service on the 7<sup>th</sup> some of that is just down to trying not to clash with other events going on around the villages. I hope that you will come to these events and they will help focus your mind on the coming celebrations and the importance of Jesus birth. Although Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas it is more than just that.

Traditionally the season of Advent wasn't a time of preparation for the celebration of Christ first coming but looked forward to Christ Second Coming. The great Advent Hymn by Charles Wesley

*Lo! He comes with, cloud's descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand, thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluya! God appears, on earth to reign.*

is entirely about Jesus Second Coming and says nothing at all about his birth. The traditional themes for Advent where the 'Four Last Things' - Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell. These may seem rather dour things to be considering at what most people see as a time of happy celebration but then Advent, like Lent, is a time of reflection and penitence.

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus not just as a past event but as one that has continuing consequences for our world When Jesus came the first time, he preached a message of the coming of God's kingdom. In his life, his death and his resurrection Jesus inaugurated that kingdom. We still wait, though, for its, final fulfilment, the time, so the bible tells us, when Jesus will return again in power and glory.

I would ask if amongst the time spent preparing for Christmas, you can find a few moments to spend preparing yourself for Jesus Second Coming?

Wishing you a Holy Advent and a Happy Christmas

Love and prayers

Ian Fisher (Team Vicar) [ian.fisher@btclick.com](mailto:ian.fisher@btclick.com)

## **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HORSEHEATH**

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Many thanks to all who attended and contributed to our recent events. These included the Harvest chat and craft morning where we decorated the church for the harvest festival. We were very pleased to see some new faces and the soup and bread lunch was eagerly received by all. The church looked lovely for the Harvest Festival and we were able to send a money donation and a stock of non-perishable food to Haverhill Reach.

The traditional Harvest Lunch in the village hall was, as always, extremely well received. Almost 60 people enjoyed the meal and generous donations were received for church funds. Full marks to the cooks and all who helped.

Christmas will soon be here and we shall start our festivities with a seasonal coffee morning on Saturday 6th December, 11am to 1 pm - goodies to eat and drink and a raffle - all ages welcome.

The following day, Sunday 7th December, we hope you will all come back again for the Christingle service at 11. Children and adults alike enjoy making their Christingles. We supply all you need so just come along, sing and enjoy.

Finally we have our Crib and Carol service on Christmas Eve at 6 pm. By this time you will be ready to hear again the traditional readings and carols and to see the youngsters assemble the figures in the stable.

Our Epiphany service will be at 4pm on January 4th.

Date for your diary - Valentine's lunch Saturday 14th February.

All of the PCC wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Church Wardens  
Nita & Pat

### Church Flowers and Cleaning

| <u>Date</u> |    | <u>Cleaning and Flowers</u>   |
|-------------|----|-------------------------------|
| November    | 2  | Mrs Mayes and Leah Cunningham |
|             | 9  | Mrs Mayes and Leah Cunningham |
|             | 16 | Mrs Miller and Mrs Harrison   |
|             | 23 | Mrs Miller and Mrs Harrison   |
|             | 30 | Mrs McWilliam & Mrs Smith     |
| December    | 7  | Mrs McWilliam & Mrs Smith     |
|             | 14 | Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson      |
|             | 21 | Mrs Newman and Mrs Pearson    |
|             | 28 | Mrs Smith and Mrs Morris      |
| January     | 4  | Mrs Smith and Mrs Morris      |
|             | 11 | Mrs Gouldstone and Mrs Morris |
|             | 18 | Mrs Gouldstone and Mrs Smith  |
| February    | 25 | Mrs Townrow and Miss Newman   |
|             | 1  | Mrs Townrow and Miss Newman   |



## REMEMBERED....

Jean Brown, late of the Terrace  
Margaret Staples, late of West Wickham Road

We send our deepest sympathy to the families of the dearly departed and we are thinking of them in our prayers.

### HORSEHEATH PARISH COUNCIL

[www.horseheath-pc.gov.uk](http://www.horseheath-pc.gov.uk)

Facebook: Posts in @Horseheath - What's On

**Website and Email addresses** – From the 18 November our new website and email addresses will be live. The website is modernised and hopefully more user friendly as well as being easier for us to manage. The address remains the same - [www.horseheath-pc.gov.uk](http://www.horseheath-pc.gov.uk). Our email addresses are changing slightly – so please could you note these new addresses:

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A Parish Council meeting was held on the 10 November 2025 in attendance were our County Councillor, Henry Batchelor and District Councillor Geoff Harvey; 3 Parishioners attended.

**Public Participation:** A series of questions were received by email in advance of the meeting by a Parishioner who did not attend the meeting. The questions were addressed and will appear in the meeting minutes.

A Parishioner enquired as to the responsibility for the condition of the playground area and why it had not been returned to a condition compliant with the tender specification for the clearance of the site. As this was an Horseheath Village Community Association (HVCA) responsibility the Parish Council could only note the concerns and communicate them to the HVCA committee.

A concern was raised regarding the visibility of the left hand fork access to Horseheath from the A1307 Linton direction. White lines marking the junction and white lines parallel to the edge of the access road had been covered during earlier resurfacing work and not renewed. The County Councillor advised that the markings were on the 'to do' list and he would seek to expedite this action.

#### **District and County Council News:**

Local Government Reorganisation

Following the request by Central Government to merge District and County Councils into Unitary Authorities, Cambridgeshire are required to submit suggestions as to how the merger may best be effected. Various options for restructuring have been identified, largely based upon geographic location. The option favoured by the County Council is option A and that favoured by the District Council is option B

Option A:

- South Cambridgeshire, Cambridge City & East Cambridgeshire.
- Fenland, Huntingdonshire & Peterborough.

Option B:

- South Cambridgeshire & Cambridge City.
- East Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire, Fenland & Peterborough.

**Local Plan:**

The District Council has recently released its draft Local Plan – which is the development plan for the next 30 years and indicates the parcels of land in South Cambridgeshire that they feel can accommodate housing and commercial development to address the population and economic growth during this time.

The major development in our area is a site north of Abington called Grange Farm, which can accommodate up to 6,000 new houses. This would be a significant development in our area, as it would represent a new town, twice the size of Linton.

There will be a public consultation on this proposal and others relating to South Cambridgeshire, over December and January; there will be more detail to follow on this.

The local plan does not include any changes to the planning arrangements that currently apply to Horseheath. Under the existing local plan commercial developments are limited to 2 residential properties, based upon infill. The current Parish framework will continue to apply and therefore limited development is anticipated. The Parish Council, working with Hastoe Housing Association, is still seeking suitable exception sites for a small affordable housing development; exception sites are exempt from the normal process.

**Status of Planning Applications:** None

Planning Enforcement : A stop notice remains in force on the development adjacent to the Stables, Haverhill Road.

**Horseheath Village Community Association (HVCA):** HVCA have received donations for the planned new playground area amounting to £20,500 following donations from Streetly Hall Estate, Horseheath Lodge and from Horseheath Parish Council. The plan is to divide the former playground into 2 areas, the front being a garden area and the rear serving as the new play area. The donations together with the HVCA playground fund will serve as a firm foundation from which to apply for grant/lottery funding to enable the HVCA plans to be fully funded.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** A provisional date for the next meeting had been arranged for the 13 November.

**Glebelands:** No progress to report.

**Kingsway Solar:** The opportunity to submit objections to the project closed on the 29 October.

**Website:** The new Parish website is due to go live week commencing 17 November.

**Dates for HPC meetings 2026:** 12th January, 9th March, 8th May APM, 11th May AGM, 13th July, 14th September, 9th November

**Footpaths:** The following have been reported to Highways for action:

- A dangerous tree which has fallen across the Roman Road just south of the junction with West Wickham Road, but supported by branches of a tree on the opposite side of the path.
- The new fence erected on the outer side of the handrail for the steps leading to the cricket pitch, representing an incursion into the verge. This should be re-positioned within the boundary of the property

Terry Mundy Vice Chair

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## 1ST HORSEHEATH BROWNIES

Unfortunately the STEM Day (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) was cancelled. So were trying to have some activities that cover those topics this term. We will also have some festive activities too,

If you have been intrigued by what you have read about the Brownies and you have a 7-year old girl, or older, living in your home and think she might like to join us then please email me on [horseheathbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:horseheathbrownies@gmail.com) or register her on [www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/) and I'll get in touch. Also, if you have a daughter who is 5 years old, she could be a Rainbow or if she is over 10 years old then she could be a Guide, we have units in Linton that have spaces that they could join. Email me for more details.

Girlguiding is the largest organisation for girls and young women in the UK. Girlguiding helps them to find their voice, build skills and confidence. It inspires them to discover the best in themselves and empower them to make a positive difference in their community.

Girlguiding caters for a range of ages: **Rainbows** – for girls aged 4-7; **Brownies** – for girls aged 7-10; **Guides** – for girls aged 10-14; **Rangers** – for girls aged 14-18. We have spaces available in local units, Horseheath and Linton.

PAULINE, KATIE and ESTHER and ELLA  
[horseheathbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:horseheathbrownies@gmail.com)

## A604 CLUB

Since the last Venture, we visited Scotsdales so we can look at their Christmas displays and try out the new restaurant, which is now massive. Then it will be our Christmas dinner in December.

Our meetings are on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm, new members are always welcome. All you need to be is over 50!

If you would like more details about the Club contact Pauline & Christine on 01223 891086.

PAULINE & PAT, Secretary

## HORSEHEATH VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

We have had a busy few months with our Halloween party, Christmas market and quiz night. Thank you for those who came along and supported us.

All funds have helped to cover repairing the heating, roof repair and filling the hole in the driveway. Playground plans have continued and the land has been cleared ready for the next stage. We have updated the playground plans and are looking at having a community garden including a children's corner and a covered patio area as well as the playground. This offers all community members to use the space. We have been kindly offered substantial donations from the Parish council, Streetly End farm and Horseheath Lodge. We plan to apply for the rest of the funds from the Lottery.

The coffee mornings on Wednesdays continue to be well supported and has a great community feel. Come down and join us for tea or coffee and homemade cakes between 10 to 12.

We are ending the year with a new year's eve bash. Come along and join us to see the new year in. See flyer attached for more details.

We thank you again for supporting us and coming along to all our events.

We plan to run a monthly event next year including new activity such as a bingo night, food nights, wine tasting and quiz nights.  
We start in January with a Burns night quiz.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and happy new year and hope to see some of you at our events.

Many thanks  
Mel cunningham  
Chair

#### 100 Club Winners:

September – Michael Lovett - £30  
October: Mike Baker : £30  
November – Siri Jefferies : £30  
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### **CAMBRIDGE FIRE AND RESCUE**

Here is some safety information to publish in your next magazine. Please feel free to get in touch if you need any further information.

#### **Get your chimney swept and keep your home fire safe!**

The Service attends around 100 fires a year involving chimneys, most of which could be avoided by following some simple safety tips:

- Appoint a skilled and technically competent chimney engineer. To find your nearest local HETAS Approved Chimney Sweep visit: <https://www.hetas.co.uk/find-chimney-sweep/>
- Keep the flue shafts clear and ensure they are well maintained
- Only use properly treated wood to build a fire
- Always use a fireguard to protect against flying sparks from hot embers
- Make sure embers are properly put out before you go to bed.

We always advise getting your chimney swept at least once a year, preferably before lighting it for the first time when the cold weather arrives. There could be a buildup of debris that's accumulated over the year, which can be set alight when heating the home and could cause a significant fire.

Some will also be looking at using a chimney for the first time, that may not have been used for many years. It is really important to make sure it is swept and inspect the brickwork before lighting it for the first time.

#### **Stay fire safe in your kitchen**

More than half the fires crews attend in the home start in the kitchen. This can be down to a number of things.

Below are some simple safety tips to help you stay fire safe in the kitchen:

- Avoid leaving children in the kitchen alone when cooking on the hob. Keep matches and saucepan handles out of their reach to keep them safe
- Take care if you're wearing loose clothing – this can easily catch fire
- Keep tea towels and cloths away from the cooker and hob
- Double check the cooker is off when you've finished cooking
- Don't store items on top of hobs
- Take care if you need to leave the kitchen whilst cooking, take pans off the heat or turn them down to avoid risk
- Make sure saucepan handles don't stick out – so they don't get knocked off the stove
- Keep electrics (leads and appliances) away from water
- Check toasters are clean and placed away from curtains and kitchen rolls
- Keep the oven, hob and grill clean and in good working order. A build-up of fat and grease can ignite a fire.

### **Help your local community – become an on-call firefighter!**

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is looking to recruit more on-call firefighters to help local communities by responding to emergencies.

On-call firefighters are a vital part of your fire and rescue service. They respond to a wide range of incidents, from fighting fires and attending road traffic collisions to rescuing people and animals in need. They also respond to medical emergencies.

In addition to responding to emergency incidents, on-call firefighters support their communities by providing a range of safety advice helping people to keep safe in their homes.

Being an on-call firefighter has many benefits. As well as being paid an annual wage and for the time spent at incidents or training, there are also opportunities to develop first aid skills and heavy good vehicle driving qualifications.

Find out more about becoming an on-call firefighter by visiting our website: <https://bit.ly/CFRSOnCall>

Attached are some stock photos you can use to accompany any article. You can also access photos from our incidents and news releases on Flickr here: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/cambsfire/albums/> For more information log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk), follow us on social media or call 01480 444500. Please do not reply directly to this email. If you wish to get in contact, please email [pressoffice@cambsfire.gov.uk](mailto:pressoffice@cambsfire.gov.uk).

## **CASTLE CAMPS C OF E (V.C.) PRIMARY SCHOOL** **LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS**



It was wonderful to welcome the children back after their half term break and we are now busy rehearsing for our two Christmas productions: 'Bah Humbug!' and 'Simply The Nativity'. Preparing for Christmas is always a special time in school and we have some lovely events to look forward to, including our school Christmas Fair, Carols on the Playground and a very special visit from Father Christmas and his helpers.

### **Courageous Advocacy Award Autumn 2025**

Courageous Advocacy refers to the act of speaking out against an issue of injustice, often on behalf of those whose voice is not heard.

This term we have two winners of our Courageous Advocacy Award: Emelia and Hollie in Year 6:

- Emelia is raising money (and growing her hair) for the Little Princess Trust. It costs the Trust £700 to provide one child, or young person, with a real hair wig. Emelia intends to donate her hair and is hoping to raise the £700 for her ponytail to be made into a wig.
- Hollie wanted to raise awareness for Cancer Research and has been making and selling key rings. So far she has made £120 for Cancer Research UK.

Both girls have been instrumental in running a craft stall in school to raise money for their charities. Two other pupils joined in and between the four children, they raised £200 for: The Little Princess Trust, the RSPCA, Cancer Research UK and EACH (East Anglian Children's Hospice. We are very proud of their achievements.

### **Remembrance Day Service & Poppy Appeal**

Our Remembrance Day Assembly took place in the school hall on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November. Afterwards, children in Year 6, participated in a special service at the war memorial in Castle Camps. All the children engaged well and listened in a very respectful manner. This year, we have raised money for the Royal British Legion through our sale of poppies and merchandise. Thank you to Mrs Susan Cutter, for organising this for us again.

### **Music Assembly: "The Assembly of Everything"**

We were delighted to welcome Daniel Brinsdon (from the Cambridgeshire Music Hub) to school this week to lead a whole school assembly. In 30 minutes, Mr Brinsdon gave pupils the chance to see, hear, and ask questions about musical instruments from every section of the Western orchestra. The children were fascinated and asked some excellent questions.

### **Wraparound Provision at Castle Camps: Prestige Sports**

Please visit the school website for information about new, exciting activities in our Wraparound Care. The link below, shows what's on offer.

<https://www.castlecampsschool.co.uk/breakfast-and-after-school-club>

### **Prestige Football League**

The Football Team are doing incredibly well within the league. They have won their last three matches: 7-0, 6-0 and 2-0. We are so proud of our Football Team and everything they have achieved this term. We would like to say a special "Thank you" to our former pupil, Cameron Ovenden, who has worked so hard to encourage and coach the team this term.

### **Operation Christmas Child 2025**

This year, the School Council asked children to participate in Operation Christmas Child. This is a hands-on way to support children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, personal care items, school supplies, and fun gifts.

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>

Thank you to our Squirrel Class teacher, Mrs MacBean, for delivering the boxes to the local collection point.

Please accept my very best wishes for a restful and happy Christmas.

Miss Alexandra O'Connor (Headteacher)

## **MACMILLAM FUNDRAISER**

We would like to thank everyone who came to the coffee morning at the end of September. A total of £250.00 was raised and sent to the Macmillan fundraising office. Without your support it would have not been possible. Thank you to all the helper with the erection of the shelter

Thank you once again

Christine & Pauline

### **Join the Adventure – Become a Scouting Volunteer!**

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- Leadership and teamwork experience
- Lasting memories (and plenty of campfire stories)

Interested?

Please contact our Chair – David Weir via email –

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or Juliet Bevan – [juliet.bevan@balshamscouts.org.uk](mailto:juliet.bevan@balshamscouts.org.uk)



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## THE MEADOW SCHOOL, BALSHAM

As we move through a busy and inspiring term at The Meadow Primary School, we are delighted to share some of the special moments and achievements from across our community this month.

### **Honouring Remembrance Day**

Our whole school came together to mark Remembrance Day with respect and reflection. The children gathered outside for a special assembly, where we observed a two-minute silence, beautifully signalled by the sound of the church bells. Many pupils brought in pennies to place on a large poppy, creating a striking tribute to those who fought in the war. We also heard a thoughtful and moving poem read by our Year 6 captains, giving everyone a moment to pause and consider the meaning of remembrance. It was a touching and memorable event for all involved.

### **Children in Need – Pyjamas, Positivity and Community Spirit**

The school was filled with warmth (and lots of fluffy slippers!) as we celebrated Children in Need with a special Pyjama Day. Pupils donated money to the charity and embraced the fun of coming to school in their cosiest nightwear. Despite the wet and wild weather, our children showed fantastic resilience—staying indoors all day, continuing their learning, and still finding plenty of moments to play and enjoy themselves.

Our School Council also hosted a popular cake sale, raising additional funds which will go directly towards new resources to enrich our playtimes. We are incredibly proud of their leadership and the brilliant support shown by our school community.

### **Iron Age Adventures at Wandlebury**

Our Year 3 and 4 pupils enjoyed an exciting trip to Wandlebury for a hands-on *Iron Age Experience*. The children stepped back in time as they took part in activities such as weaving willow, cooking bread on sticks over a fire (and quickly devouring it!), and even trying their hand at slingshots. They were fascinated to learn about the Iron Age hill fort that once stood on the site. We were incredibly lucky to enjoy sunshine for most of the day, making the experience even more memorable.

### **Reception 2025 – Come and Visit Us**

Do you have a child due to start Reception next September? There is still time to come and visit The Meadow! We love welcoming families into our school to experience the nurturing, vibrant environment we offer. If you are applying for a school place, please remember that the deadline for submissions is January. Our doors are always open for tours, and we are delighted to share the wonderful things happening across our classrooms.

Faye Facer  
Assistant Headteacher



## WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

With the leaves tumbling and early morning mists returning, we know we are heading into winter with all its botanical stars lighting up our garden. From the sweet scents of Sarcococca to the first stunning hellebores, there's plenty to enjoy.

So, it is fitting that we are celebrating the seasons at our **Christmas social evening on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm** in *West Wickham Village Hall*. Wine, soft drinks and refreshments will be provided by the Club to help the members get into the Christmas spirit. This year we are beginning with an informal group chat about our gardening experiences over the past year before circulating and enjoying each other's company.

We hope that your winter walks will also inspire you to enter this year's photo competition. It's open to everyone in West Wickham and the surrounding area.

The categories for 2025–26 are... ***Along the Path***  
***Lovely Leaves***  
***Sky's the Limit***

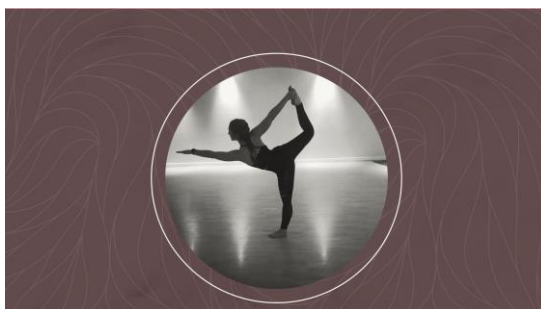
Photos to be taken after 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 and by the end of August 2026. Meanwhile keep the competition in mind when you're out and about through the year ahead. We had some great entries last year, with this one being the winner of *Light and Dark*.

[[***Giant Snowflake by Linda Upton***]]

Heading into the New Year, our first speaker of 2026 will be **Dr Neil Dickinson** talking on the subject of *Japanese Gardens: what, why, how?* on **Monday 19th January** in WW Village Hall at 7:30pm. Every Japanese garden is packed full of meaning and references that we may not fully understand and Neil will help us unlock how to interpret them.

Email your entries and queries for the photo competition to Alice and Andy Mitchell [photo@westwickham.org](mailto:photo@westwickham.org).

For Club information or if you'd like to help at one of our events, please contact Sally Collins at [wwdgc@westwickham.org](mailto:wwdgc@westwickham.org)



### ALEX POOLEY PILATES

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**FRIDAY** 9.20am

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## CHURCH SERVICES

|                                                           |         |                            |                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Advent 2</b>          |         |                            |                                    |
| Horseheath                                                | 11am    | Christingle                | Revd Ian Fisher / Lindi Kent       |
| Castle Camps                                              | 4pm     | Carol Service and readings | Revd Ian Fisher/ Lindi Kent        |
| <b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Advent 3</b>         |         |                            |                                    |
| Castle Camps                                              | 10am    | Eucharist                  | Revd Ian Fisher/ Lindi Kent        |
| <b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Advent 4</b>         |         |                            |                                    |
| Horseheath                                                | 10am    | Eucharist                  | Revd Paul Seaton Brown/ Lindi Kent |
| <b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve</b> |         |                            |                                    |
| Horseheath                                                | 6pm     | Crib/Carol service         | Revd Ian Fisher                    |
| Shudy Camps                                               | 23.30   | Midnight Mass/Eucharist    | Revd Ian Fisher                    |
| <b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas day</b>  |         |                            |                                    |
| Castle Camps                                              | 10am    | Christmas Family Service   | Revd Ian Fisher/Lindi Kent         |
| <b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December – Holy Innocents</b>   |         |                            |                                    |
| Shudy Camps                                               | 10.15am | Eucharist                  | Revd Ian Fisher/ Lindi Kent        |
| <b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany</b>           |         |                            |                                    |
| Horseheath                                                | 4pm     | Evening healing service    | Revd Ian Fisher/Lindi Kent         |
| <b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January – Baptism of Christ</b> |         |                            |                                    |
| Castle Camps                                              | 10am    | Eucharist                  | LK Revd. Ian Fisher / Lindi Kent   |
| <b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany 2</b>        |         |                            |                                    |
| Horseheath                                                | 10am    | Eucharist                  | Revd Ian Fisher/Lindi Kent         |
| <b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany 3</b>        |         |                            |                                    |
| Shudy Camps                                               | 10am    | Eucharist                  | LK Revd. Ian Fisher / Lindi Kent   |

### CHURCH WARDENS

|                                                                |                               |                                                                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>All Saints' Horseheath</b>                                  | <b>St Mary's Shudy Camps</b>  | <b>All Saints Castle Camps</b>                                      |
| Mrs Pat Smith - 01223 892484<br>Mrs Nita Miller - 01223 893250 | Mr Andrew Webb - 01799 584489 | Mr David Neal - 01799 584264<br>Mrs Patricia Haylock - 01799 584254 |



## VILLAGE DIARY

|          |                                                                                                   |                                                                                 |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| November | 2                                                                                                 | Church flowers and cleaning Mrs Mayes and Leah Cunningham                       |
|          | 5                                                                                                 | Horseheath: Blue and Green Bins; Cardinals Green: Black Bin                     |
|          | 9                                                                                                 | Church flowers and cleaning Mrs Mayes and Leah Cunningham                       |
|          | 12                                                                                                | Horseheath: Black Bin; Cardinals Green: Blue and Green Bins                     |
|          | 16                                                                                                | Church flowers and cleaning Mrs Miller and Mrs Harrison                         |
|          | 19                                                                                                | Horseheath: Blue and Green Bins; Cardinals Green: Black Bin                     |
|          | 23                                                                                                | Church flowers and cleaning Mrs Miller and Mrs Harrison                         |
|          | 26                                                                                                | Horseheath: Black Bin; Cardinals Green: Blue and Green Bins                     |
|          | 29                                                                                                | Quiz Night, Horseheath Village Hall                                             |
|          | 30                                                                                                | Church flowers and cleaning Mrs McWilliam and Mrs Smith                         |
| December | 3                                                                                                 | Horseheath: Blue and Green Bins; Cardinals Green: Black Bin                     |
|          | 6                                                                                                 | Seasonal Coffee Morning at All Saints Church 11am-1pm                           |
|          | 7                                                                                                 | Christingle service, 11am                                                       |
|          | 7                                                                                                 | Church flowers and cleaning Mrs McWilliam and Mrs Smith                         |
|          | 10                                                                                                | Horseheath: Black Bin; Cardinals Green: Blue and Green Bins                     |
|          | 14                                                                                                | Church flowers and cleaning Mrs Newman and Mrs Pearson                          |
|          | 17                                                                                                | Horseheath: Blue and Green Bins; Cardinals Green: Black Bin                     |
|          | 21                                                                                                | Church flowers and cleaning Mrs Newman and Mrs Pearson                          |
|          | 23                                                                                                | Church flowers and cleaning Mrs Miller and Mrs Harrison                         |
|          | 24                                                                                                | Horseheath: Black Bin; Cardinals Green: Blue Bin<br>Christmas eve carol service |
| 28       | Church flowers and cleaning Mrs McWilliam and Mrs Smith                                           |                                                                                 |
| 31       | Horseheath Village Hall – New Years Eve party<br>Horseheath: Blue Bin; Cardinals Green: Black Bin |                                                                                 |
| January  | 7                                                                                                 | Horseheath: Black Bin; Cardinals Green: Blue and green Bins                     |
|          | 11                                                                                                | Church flowers and cleaning Mrs Gouldstone and Mrs Morris                       |
|          | 14                                                                                                | Horseheath: Blue and Green Bins; Cardinals Green: Black Bin                     |
|          | 18                                                                                                | Church flowers and cleaning Mrs Gouldstone and Mrs Smith                        |
|          | 21                                                                                                | Horseheath: Black Bin; Cardinals Green: Blue Bin                                |
|          | 25                                                                                                | Church flowers and cleaning Mrs Townrow and Mrs Morris                          |
| 28       | Horseheath: Blue Bin; Cardinals Green: Black Bin                                                  |                                                                                 |
| February | 1                                                                                                 | Church flowers and cleaning Mrs Townrow and Miss Newman                         |
|          | 4                                                                                                 | Church flowers and cleaning Mrs Townrow and Miss Newman                         |