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CHURCH NEWS

Rector's Ramblings

Christmas seems a long time ago now. It's amazing how time flies! In the shops it seems like Christmas ends on Boxing Day, but in the church's calendar it's just beginning then. It doesn't properly end until 40 days after Christmas on 2nd February at Candlemas, which marks the time when, according to the Gospel of Luke, Mary and Joseph went up to the temple at Jerusalem and Simeon proclaimed the infant Jesus as 'a light to lighten the Gentiles.'



I say properly end because the actual season of Christmas has 12 days (as I'm sure you know from the carol), followed by the season of Epiphany which begins on 6th January. This marks the visit of the wise men with their gifts for the newborn babe. As foreigners from afar, they represent the Gentiles (the non-Jewish races of the world) and so the 40 days of Christmas and Epiphany are all about celebrating Jesus as light of the whole world.

I was talking about this in an assembly I did last month in Burstow school. I started by asking the children what they got for Christmas and then asked them if they knew what presents Jesus had received when he was born. I was surprised how many of them put their hands up and I went on to talk about gold, frankincense and myrrh. Each of these gifts, I explained, were very expensive and valuable things: gold, a precious metal that always stayed shiny, and frankincense and myrrh, precious tree resins that not only smell nice when burnt or turned into oils but also have medicinal and healing properties.

I then talked about the wise men who brought the gifts and how they had been led by the star to Jesus. Though the carol calls them kings, the Bible refers to them as *magi*, from which we get our word magician. However, *magi* didn't pull rabbits out of hats or saw their assistants in half. They were learned men who watched the stars and understood events in the light of their observations – a mixture both of what we would now call astrology and astronomy.

I said how the wise men would have travelled by camel across deserts which led to me talking about my time travelling with camels in the Sinai desert, something which I've spoken to them about before, and something I've previously written about in my letter here. I talked about how I too, like the wise men, had been a desert star-gazer, particularly aware each night as I went to sleep on the sand of the stars of the Plough above me, stars which are part of the constellation *Ursa Major*, the Great Bear.

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I then showed them a picture of a bear walking in the stars that I'd taken with me, one which usually hangs above my desk and is above me now as I write. I told them that it had been given to me by my daughter Sarah because she knew of my love of the stars and of my time in the desert and how the fact that she had given me the picture made it special for me. I finished by putting up on the screen some words I'd written and asked the children to think about them: The best gifts are the people who give them to us. Think again about what you got for Christmas, I said to them, and then think who gave it to you, and remember: the best gifts are the people who love and care for us.

And that's what I'd like to say to you, too.

With love and prayers

Nicholas

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St John the Baptist is celebrating 150 years

Following the stonework repairs, which should be complete by the time you read this, we will be able to celebrate our 150th year in the knowledge that, thanks to the Heritage Lottery Fund and National Lottery players, St John the Baptist has been secured for future generations to worship in and enjoy.

St John's foundation stone was laid on 24th May 1869 and the finished church was consecrated on the 23rd of December that same year.

With this in mind we are planning a programme of events through the year which we will publicise in the coming months. We will continue to interview people about their memories of any events that took place in the church. In addition, we are intending extend our visual and oral history to include more about other groups & societies in our, rather busy, community

St John the Baptist Christmas Tree Festival

We've had many requests for the return of the very popular Christmas Tree Festival and as it is our 150th year we have decided it is time to have one, with proceeds to be split equally between the church and St Catherine's Hospice. As the number of trees will be limited please contact Helen Winter (who has kindly volunteered to organise this event) at winterhelen@icloud.com to let her know if you want to put your name down to decorate one. Further information about the tree festival will be available later in the year.

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank our marvellous Poppy Appeal Collectors in and around the village, for their intrepid efforts in aid of such a good cause.

We would also like to thank Reigate & Redhill Choral Society for their generous support, H.A.M. for allowing us to collect on Fireworks night, and also the following businesses for their willingness to help by either having a collection box on their premises or by adorning their lorries with huge poppies, thus spreading the message far and wide.

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And finally, we would like to thank the people of Outwood and the surrounding area for their generous support once again this year.

With best regards,

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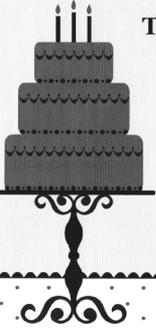
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NATURE WATCH

The weather during the last two weeks of December simply slipped past almost unnoticed, just day after day of grey, cloudy and unremarkable conditions. There were no heavy frosts nor thick fogs and, although mild, there was little or no sunshine that is until New Year's day when, as if in celebration, a white deadnettle (*Lamium album*), tucked under the hawthorn hedge by the gate, sprung into flower. Then over the wall in the corner of the garden were even more flowers. First the winter flowering cherry (*Prunus subhirtella autumnalis*) sprinkled with pale, pinkish white flowers, under which were the sweet smelling, white flowers of the winter honeysuckle (*Lonicera fragrantissima*), the vanilla spiced, cream coloured, spiky flowers of winter box (*Sarcococca confusa*), pink, white and dark red hellebores, a single snow drop, and the pink and purple flushed bloom of a cyclamen coum. In the shrub border a statuesque mahonia was decorated with bright yellow cones of flowers which acted as a magnet to the local blue tit population that spent most of their waking hours feeding on the pollen and nectar and in passing creating a carpet of yellow petals on the ground below that provided a perfect background for the buds of Erysimum Bowles Purple, which were beginning to break. Meanwhile out in the woodland, even though it was just weeks since they dropped their leaves, the horse chestnut's sticky buds seemed to be starting to swell. The mild conditions and the imperceptible increase in daylight hours since the winter solstice on 21st December (2minutes 7 seconds per day) may have also encouraged birds such as ring doves to start collecting twigs - but beware the false dawn.

Over the last three years a small team of National Trust Volunteers have been conducting a survey of trees across the Harewoods Estate as part of a national audit set up by the Woodland Trust and supported by the National Trust. It is only when walking the ground and measuring the girth of the trunks at chest height, that you begin to get a real idea of just how many trees we have around us, the number of species and the ages of many of the ancient specimens such as oaks with girths of five to six metres. In Outwood our commonest trees are oaks, ash and hornbeam with hazel and holly in the under-storey. Then, dependent on soil type and condition, certain species predominate such the wild cherries or geans in Hornecourt Wood. Then there are the willows and alders on more waterlogged land, along ditches and around the many ponds. In addition we have a number of more unusual species one of which we recorded recently. This tree was a black poplar (*Populus nigra*), which once was quite common, however, over the last two hundred years their numbers have declined substantially and it is estimated that there are now roughly 2,500 trees remaining mostly in the south and east of England and the situation is similar in Europe. The decline is believed to be due to drainage of farmland, hybridisation with other species of poplar and shortage of female trees. The black poplar is a large tree of flood plains and ditch- lines where it grows to between 20 and 30 metres and is deciduous with triangular shaped leaves. It is dioecious and both the male and female trees need to be fairly close together because they are wind pollinated. The timber was used for floorboards, clogs, matchsticks, and arrows like those found on the Henry VIII's flagship the Mary Rose.

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JANUARY MEETING

This month is already running away with us, and our first WI meeting of the year was buzzing with a full Lloyd Hall sharing good wishes and planning for 2019 activities. Our treasurer was bombarded by annual subscription envelopes, as members showed appreciation for the fantastic value offered by the camaraderie and learning that are central to our organisation. We have a full schedule of interesting speakers arranged for this year's meetings and the monthly clubs continue to enjoy shared activities: book appreciation; needlework of all types; play reading; films; mah jong. Lists of possible daytrips were also circulated as we discussed the merits of various gardens, houses, theatre productions and exhibitions. We certainly have a lot to look forward to in 2019!

A vote was taken on the six topics suggested by the national WI organisation as areas for us to take action on this year. These resolutions varied from female health to local services to ecological issues. The topic selected by our members was centred on improving plant bio security in the UK, calling for a comprehensive certification scheme to be introduced by the government.

Supporting both the local community and the worldwide community will always be part of our remit. It was a real pleasure to hear read aloud the letter we had received from the support team in Romania to whom, before Christmas, we had posted a parcel of handmade blankets and clothes as well as helpful tools. Their plight is desperate and we shall continue to support in whatever way we can. In contrast, several ladies left the meeting with large bags full of envelopes from which the stamps must be cut; the proceeds from the recycling of these will go towards the Canine Partners organisation.

It was also thanks to a donation we made last year to the Queen Victoria Hospital that we were able to welcome our speaker, Jacqueline Packer, from the Clinical Quality Department there. The money we donated will be going towards supporting the medical equipment and research at the hospital. Jacqueline outlined the origins of the hospital from its inception in 1863 as a local cottage hospital, its move to present location in 1936, and its renowned work with damaged soldiers from the world wars. East Grinstead was known as "the town that does not stare" and service personnel with horrific facial disfigurements were able to move around freely. Today the pioneering staff are still renowned for their ground-breaking work in facial surgery, made necessary by cancer and accidental injury. We were fascinated to hear about the latest developing techniques involving nerve grafts to the face which are carried out without any cutting or scarring. Outstanding results are achieved for children also in this field. Another specialist area of the hospital is successful breast reconstructions after cancer treatment. Jacqueline spoke with great pride about the awe-inspiring work done by her team at Queen Victoria Hospital.

As you can see from all of the above, our meetings are far from boring, so do come and join us! Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th February: it will be a birthday tea celebration and Caroline Durance will be telling us about her memorable year as mayoress.



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JANUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Tandridge District Councillor (Cllr) Kevin Bourne gave us an update on the churchyard extension which should be satisfactorily completed, later this month.

Beechfield planning – OPC Cllr Gosling asked what more has been done with regard to this matter. Cllr Bourne promised to follow it up and report back.

National Trust – Bellwether Lane footpath to be repaired shortly by the volunteers. The large church Christmas tree was donated by the NT and came from Horne Court Wood. Keep a look out for the reindeer walk in the woods.

Planning – Ryall and Edwards / Tone Sawmills development. Cllr Bourne advised the enforcement notes are being drafted. Pleased report any concerns about Tone/Media Structures/Austen Lewis vehicles in the village, or entering and leaving the site in a dangerous manner to the Parish clerk.

Training – Cllr Gosling reported back from the SALC conference on the 15th of November. There was some discussion about the committee not being representative as it is made up of men but that 40% of Councillors attending were women.

Annual Village Meeting on 1st April – We will have a speaker from Wellbeing and might also have a representative from a service dealing with domestic abuse. Watch this space.

Law and order – Reports of unwanted door to door sales in Smallfield and Nutfield. Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Jane Howard to be alerted.

The Lloyd Hall Management Committee (LHMC) – Cllr Gosling advised the build is now complete and all build and landscaping paid for. Bookings of 5 weddings this year and 1, so far, for next year. OPC letter to LHMC re parking received a response from LH chair advising they don't have money for it and want to build up a reserve. 2019 funds won't cover parking and they can't defend this sort of spend. Fundraising opportunities might require a representative from each LH and OPC to organise events and research grants. Car parking will be a separate OPC agenda item. LHMC AGM is on Friday 18th of January.

Aviation and transport – Ian Frow & Cllr Wyer went to the AGM of the Noise Management Board. It's about accepting that planes make noise. There are fourteen members on the committee, which include four seats representing the complainant groups which doesn't really **work**. Suggestion that the committee be restructured to include affected Parish Councils. The next airport related meeting is 'Gatwick airspace change' – Ian will report back. The recent Redhill Aerodrome Consultative Committee meeting was cancelled. Next meeting is in April.

Community Matters – Cllr Yeldham advised the church repairs are nearly there and they are hoped to be completed by the end of January.

Your Parish Councillors are up for election this year so if you want to make a difference and get more involved in village life why not consider standing for election. If you are interested or would like more information, please let the Parish Clerk or any of the councillors know, or come along to the next meeting on 12th February.

**Next Meeting Tuesday 12th February 2019 8pm in the Church Room
All residents are welcome to attend**

If there is a matter you feel needs raising at Parish Council please do get in touch.

For more detailed meeting reports and any current planning applications please visit the website at www.outwood.org and click on Parish Council.

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COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

There was no activity pre-Christmas or over the New Year period.

Temperature, weather and light conditions in the coming weeks will determine if it is worthwhile charging up the speedgun.

If you would like to support us as a volunteer in 2019, please give me a call. Training is done by Surrey Police, usually at Reigate, and we each do up to a maximum of 6 x 1 hour sessions (always in pairs) during April to November.

KNOW YOUR LIMITS...
Nigel Shaw 842743

St John the Baptist, Outwood

Services and activities for February

Sunday 3 February

9.30am A joint Windmill United Benefice service of Holy Communion for Candlemas at **Burstow Church**

Thursday 7 February

10 am Holy Communion at **Smallfield Church Hall**

Sunday 10 February

11 am **Morning Worship**

Sunday 17 February

11 am **Holy Communion**

Sunday 24 February

11 am **Morning Worship**

Rector: Revd Nicholas Calver

Tel: 01342 842224 Email: nicholas.calver@btinternet.com

St John the Baptist, Outwood is part of the Windmill United Benefice with St Mary the Virgin, Horne and St Bartholomew, Burstow

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DIARY OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Friday 8th	OUTWOOD FILM CLUB 'The Wife' 8.00 for 8.30pm - Lloyd Hall
Tuesday 12th	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8pm - Church Room
Thursday 14th	VALENTINES DAY
Friday 15th	CRICKET CLUB A.G.M. 8.00pm - Lloyd Hall

MARCH

Friday 1st	OUTWOOD HORT. SOC. SUPPER 7.30pm - Lloyd Hall
Tuesday 5th	WI MEETING - 'History on your head' 2.30pm - Lloyd Hall
Friday 8th	OUTWOOD FILM CLUB
Monday 11th	ST CATHERINES HOSPICE - AGM 7.30pm - Church Room
Saturday 23rd	ST CATHERINES HOSPICE - Spring Shindig 7.00pm - Lloyd Hall

OUTWOOD VILLAGE WEBSITE

www.outwood.org

The website Diary page, maintained by Outwood News, lists all village events (*of which we are aware*) taking place up to a year in advance.

Why not take a look to avoid a clash of dates!

OUTWOOD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Dates for the 2019 Diary

OHS Supper	Friday 1st March
Plant Sale	Saturday 4th May
Early Summer Show	Saturday 22nd June
Garden Stroll	tbc
Main Show	Saturday 31st August

Photographic classes for the Main Show

Around Outwood	Love
Summer Days	Wheels

OUTWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



JANUARY REPORT

Happy New Year everyone. There have been some recent reports of unsolicited door to door sales in the village. I still have some window stickers saying that cold callers are not welcome. If you would like one, please let me know.

Jane Howard

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janeveston899@btinternet.com

LLOYD HALL

BIKE RACE BAKE SALE YOU CAN HELP

We will once again be selling our famous flapjacks and brownies during the London to Brighton Bike Race on Sunday 16 June, profits to benefit the Lloyd Hall.

We need volunteers to sell on the day, bakers to bake and donations of ingredients or money to buy ingredients (we can bulk buy at Bookers but need cash donations).

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OUTWOOD CRICKET CLUB

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The end of the summer didn't mean the end of cricket for Outwood CC.

Our men and women both competed in Winter Leagues. The matches are played indoor by teams of six players. The action is fast and furious and all over in 70 minutes.

Both the Ogres (Men) and Blazes (Women) acquitted themselves well, securing runners up spot in their respective leagues.

The club Annual General Meeting takes place in the Lloyd Hall from 8pm on Friday 15 February. You are welcome to attend

Pre-season nets start in March at Hawthorn school for both the club Academy and Senior players. Details of this and other news, events and fixtures can be found on the club website www.outwoodcricket.club

New members are always welcome, either as players or as social members – details can be found on the website.

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We started collecting these from the Wimbledon offices every Friday since September to cut off the stamps for recycling to raise funds for a puppy to be trained as a Canine Partner. 566 sacks of stamps have been collected and I have distributed them around the Surrey Team all friends and family we can find, .It is a simple matter of cutting off the stamps, the envelopes can go into recycling. There is no hurry or deadline to do this and it's an easy thing to do in front of the tv....takes your mind off the horrors of Luther !! If children get involved it is very interesting to find all the places these stamps have come from.

If you could help us get through the last 254 sacks please can you contact me **01342 842827** or **p.g.hewett@btinternet.com** . I can drop off a sack to you!

There is a little puppy called Postie in the Midlands being sponsored by stamps....my motto?

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Thank you glug glug....

Pat Hewett

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If you wandered a bit further into the woodland on Outwood Common, you might well have been lucky enough to come across some of Santa's reindeer. These amazing creatures were all created by Outwood volunteer Andrew Eldred. Giving everyone, of all ages, a chance to explore the woods together and have some fun along the way!



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SANTA'S REINDEER

Santa's eight reindeer are grazing on Outwood Common in preparation for their big night. Do you know their names?

They are spread out between the Outwood Common National Trust car park and the Elf family at No.1 The Common. They are all close to footpaths and each reindeer is pointing to the next one – see if you can see them all.

When you reach the last one you can try knocking on the door – but expect the Fairies to be out – they're very busy helping Santa at this time of year.

Eleanor Yoxall - National Trust Ranger (Harewood Estate & Limpsfield Common)

07769 885991

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Outwood is a wonderful village.....

Father Christmas thinks so too! With Happy permission from Area Ranger Eleanor and all the National Trust Volunteer Elves he sent eight of his very special reindeer to the woods behind the Cricket Club and Wills the Butcher. Here they stayed building up strength and energy before the big night and were so pleased that in the late afternoons their antlers sparkled with lights. All had smiles and their names on them so young and old could squeal with delight when they found them..they are still there resting quietly at the moment and I suspect there is much midnight magical merriment. These little fellas gave such happiness and I saw (and heard) many photos being taken of them and some being hugged by Happy children..this Outwood MAGIC doesn't just happen and huge thanks are due to those creative elves and of course Chief Elf Andrew.

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Pat Hewett

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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For more information and wonderful photos of the garden visit www.gardenista.com/posts/long-barn-vita-sackville-wests-starter-garden/

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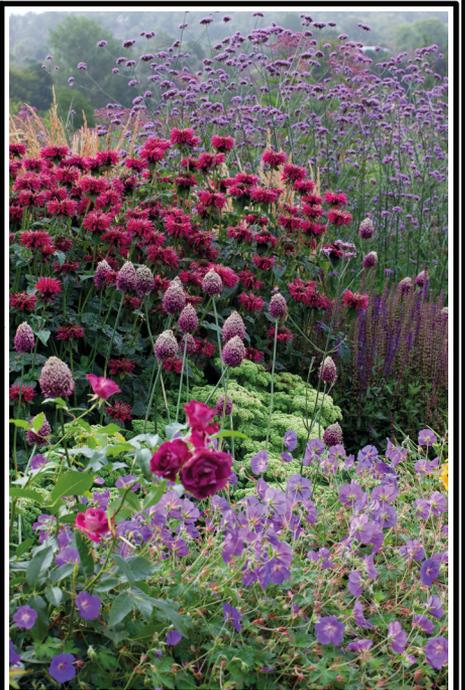
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