

St Michael & All Angels

Cherry Burton



Newsletter December 2019— January 2020

'See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.'

Isaiah 43:19

Christmas is approaching! Though, I probably don't need to remind you of that fact. It's a busy time of year with many, often competing demands on our time. Every year I approach this season with a hope and often a willingness to slow down the pace, to savour the moments, reflect genuinely on what this is actually all about and enjoy the 'festive season'. In reality, I can't remember a time when I have managed all this. Instead, I find myself getting stressed about writing that umpteenth Christmas card, buying that other gift or finishing off those hand made presents and decorating that Christmas cake... my heart was willing in the beginning but as Christmas Day draws near my life feels stifled by the busyness of the season. Perhaps you can relate?

Recently I've been reflecting on the verse above. It was a word given to Isaiah the prophet to the Jewish people who were in exile in Babylon. It is a word of hope in a stressful and exhausting place. It is a word that has resonated with me in the past and resonates with me still as my family and I embark on new adventures early in the new year. The verse also speaks of God's unending pursuit of us with his love... desperately wanting us to see His goodness and peace and joy and hope in the multitude of stresses and challenges our lives present. It was also a prophetic word about Jesus' purpose during his time on earth. In the brutality that was the Roman Empire, Jesus preached peace. When a Roman could force you to carry his pack a mile, Jesus encouraged his followers to carry it two. In a society that was very much 'an eye for an eye' Jesus preached turning the other cheek. He was counter cultural and as I read his words, I think he still is. The path to peace is not easy. It requires us to make active choices along the way. God desperately wants us to experience His peace, joy and hope but He also wants us to actively seek it. And so with that in mind, I think it's time I review my Christmas to do list.

With love and blessings, Andrea.

PS This is my last newsletter. It has been a blessing and privilege serving the communities of Cherry Burton and Eton in this way. I wish you and your families every blessing over the Christmas season and in 2020. May you discover and know God's immense peace and love.

Village Hall Coffee Mornings— 18th January , 10:30am—12noon. Come along and enjoy a mug of fair trade tea or coffee, home made cakes to eat in or take home. All proceeds go towards the Village Hall Fund. For further information please contact Jean Minney on 01964 503144.

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Office open Friday mornings 10.30—11.30 am. Tel. 01964 551805

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Cherry Tots—The Cherry Tots playgroup meets every Tuesday (9.15—11.00am) in the St Michael's Centre (behind the church). It is £2.00 per family which includes tea/coffee juice and biscuits, games and activities for the children. All pre school children and their guardians are welcome. Find us on Facebook.

The Friends of St Michael's

Burns Night, Saturday January 25th—7pm for 7:30pm



The usual festivities including a welcoming tot of whisky, a three course meal, a glass of wine with entertainment from a Scottish dance group, a piper. There will also be the traditional theatrical address to the haggis. **All welcome.**

Tickets £20 for members and £22 for non-members available from Andy Lindsey 07969815053 and George Sweeting 01964 550112.

The Friendship Circle: Wednesday 11th October: A Christmas meal with Jenny Winn and family at 12:30pm (please book with Enid on 01964 551947) and **Wednesday 8th November** at 2pm with guest speaker Val Holmes speaking about the Monster Puppets she makes for traumatised children.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal: The Beverley Area Appeal Organiser would like to thank everyone in Cherry Burton for their very generous donations this year and in previous years. Sales of the poppies and the money received on the Remembrance Sunday collection plate at St Michael's raised a total of £746.93. Thank you for your support of this fantastic cause.

Cherry Burton Tennis Club: We're a small, friendly club with 3 hard courts and the MUGA. We offer adult and children's coaching throughout the year for members and non-members. There is social tennis on Sunday evenings as well as competitive teams playing in both the Hull and Driffield leagues on various nights. We love getting new members so please get in touch with us via email at cherryburtontennis@hotmail.co.uk.

Messy Church at St Michael's: At Messy Church children, young people and adults come together to have fun, make stuff, play games, share food and learn and worship with each other. We meet **from 3pm until 5pm** at St Michael's Church, Cherry Burton on **Sunday 1st December and Sunday 5th January. Everyone is welcome to join us, whatever your age, with or without children! We look forward to seeing you there!**

Friends of School:

If you have any unwanted clothes, bags, bedding or shoes, Friends of School are doing a Bags to School collection on **Wednesday 22nd January**. Any money raised goes to Friends of Cherry Burton School. It's a great opportunity to have a clear out with money raised going to a local school.

Craft Mornings (Cherry Makewells)

The second Saturday of the month (December 14th and January 11th) in St Michael's Centre from 10am—1pm. Cost £2 towards centre costs. Bring along something you're working on or something new and join us for a cuppa and a chat. We'd love to see you.

Like a Good Yarn? We're providing you with yet another good reason to come to the Open Door Cafe at St Michael's Centre... If you enjoy knitting, crocheting or any other crafting you can bring along, or even if you just enjoy a good yarn in good company, come and join us as we'd love to see you. We're at the café every Friday from 2-3:30pm.

Christmas Lights—Saturday 14th December

Celebrations at the Village Pond will begin at **4:15pm** with the opening of a range of stalls.

The Pond Lights will be switched on and **Santa will arrive on his sleigh** shortly afterwards.

Help to set up and clear away on the day **would be very much appreciated**—contact Steve on 01964 551490 if you can help.

Cherry Burton Beer & Wine Circle: Next meeting **January 8th, 8:15pm at the Village Hall** for an evening of the ever popular **'Wine Whist'**. All welcome.

Wassail Evening—14th December, Village Hall

Carols plus acts prepared and presented by village residents ("new faces" would be really welcome), a pie and pea supper, mulled wine and mince pies are all included in the ticket price of £10. Tickets are available from George Sweeting on 01964 550112. Ages 16+ welcome. Entry by ticket only. Proceeds for the Friends of St Michael's and the Village Hall.

Etton Village Hall Regular Events

Coffee morning 1st Saturday of the month (except January) 10.15am

Book club Every 3rd Tuesday 7.30pm

Felt making group First Tuesday of the month 10am to 1.00pm

Indoor Bowls Every Thursday (except 2nd) 7—9pm

Pilates with Helen Singleton Thursday 9.30 - 10.30am & 10.30 - 11.30am

Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association 2nd Thurs in the month 7pm

Food for Thought

Our meetings are held on 3rd Monday of the month in the St Michael's Centre (no December meeting). Arrive 7pm for 7:30pm meal provided by Jenny Winn. Cost approx. £11 per head depending on speakers costs. Speakers are drawn from various aspects of life and asked to reflect on some element of Christian Faith.

Future dates: Monday **20th January**—Revd Martyn and Mrs Cathy Westby on 'Hand and Hand in Hull' - It will be almost 7 years since Martyn and Cathy and their children left Cherry Burton and moved to East Hull where Martyn is team rector of St Johns & Victoria Dock churches and Cathy leads a number of ecumenical church initiatives including 'Believe in Hull' which had its origins in the city of culture year. 'Helping people flourish where they are living is exactly what churches are all about' is at the heart of their mission. The Westby family were much loved during their 12 years at the heart of our community and we will hear of the many challenges they have faced since moving on.

Monday **17th February**— Rev Lynn Kenny on 'What a Journey so Far!' Lyn has quite a story to tell having previously been full time chaplain at HM Prison Humber and served a curacy in a very deprived part of Middlesbrough, she is now team vicar at Howden Minster.

For more details or to reserve places email howardpetch@btinternet.com or phone 01964 550736 Or George Sweeting on 01964 550112.

Plough Sunday Service, 12th January at 11am, St Mary's Etton. Please join us to mark the beginning of the Agricultural year, bless the land and celebrate the work of our farmers. Speaker Howard Petch. Homemade soup lunch in the Village Hall afterwards.

The Open Door Community Café:

Do you have a couple of spare hours on a Thursday or Friday? We're looking for some more volunteers for the café. Full training is provided. If you would like to find out more about what is involved, please pop into the café and have a chat to Andrea or email us at thependoorcommunitycafe@gmail.com.

We're open... Every Thursday and Friday (9:30am—3:30pm) in the St Michael's Centre, behind the church. Pop in and join us for a Fairtrade tea or coffee, a lovely home bake or homemade soup as well other delicious food. A children's menu is also available. We seek to source local produce where possible from local suppliers. For regular updates have a look at our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/TheOpenDoorCherryBurton/> or find us on Instagram. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Services in December 2019 — January 2020

		St Michael & All Angels Cherry Burton	St Mary's Etton
December 1st <i>Advent 1</i>	8.30am 10.00am 11.00am 3.00pm 6.30pm	BCP Communion Communion ===== Messy Church Advent Shalom Service	===== ===== Morning Prayer with Hymns ===== =====
December 8th <i>Advent 2</i>	10.00am 11.00am 7.30pm	All Together ===== Praise and Prayer	===== Service of Celebration =====
December 15th <i>Advent 3</i>	10.00am 6.00pm	Celtic Communion =====	===== Traditional Carol Service
December 22nd <i>Advent 4</i>	10.00am 11.00am 7.00pm	Scratch Nativity ===== Carol Service	===== Holy Communion =====
December 24th <i>Christmas Eve</i>	4.00pm 6.00pm 11.15pm	===== Crib & Christingle Service Midnight Communion	Family Crib Service ===== =====
December 25th <i>Christmas Day</i>	8.30am 10.00am 11.00am	Traditional Communion Service All Age Family Communion =====	===== ===== Christmas Communion
December 29th <i>Christmas 1</i>	10.00am 11.00am	Morning Worship =====	===== Songs of Praise
January 5th <i>Christmas 2</i>	8.30am 10.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	BCP Communion Communion ===== Messy Church	===== ===== Morning Prayer with Hymns =====
January 12th <i>Baptism of Christ</i>	10.00am 11:00am 7.30pm	All Together ===== Praise and Prayer	===== Plough Sunday Service =====
January 19th <i>Epiphany 2</i>	10.00am 11.00am	Communion =====	===== Morning Prayer
<i>January 26th</i> <i>Australia Day (Epiphany 3)</i>	10.00am 11.00am	Morning Worship =====	===== Holy Communion

CHURCH CONTACTS

Rector— Rev. Richard Parkinson (Tel. 503036) Or email Rector@stmichaelscherryburton.org.uk
(Saturday is Richard's rest day)

Churchwardens — Cherry Burton— Judi Peirson (Tel 01964 551490); Etton—Sally Hobson (Tel 01430 810614) and Rob Dawson

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