

All Saints Church Keyham

Our family had a lot of Christmas cards this year. Almost all ended with the hope that 2022 would be better than 2021. Here, the year 2021 was overshadowed by Covid-19 and its effects. However, we continue to hope that with vaccinations, and care to avoid passing on infection, we will see some return to a more normal and sociable life in 2022.

Activities have been curtailed in so many ways, including at the church, but despite that, the more recent Service of Lights and Carol Service showed that when we can, we all need to gather as a community.

The New Year will see Alison move to her new post as Archdeacon of Oakham. We thank her for all she has done for the Parish and we wish her all the very best. We will certainly miss her enthusiasm and her representations to the Diocese for the protection of rural parishes and their churches. We will be without a Parish Priest, for perhaps as long as a year, because the Diocese is in the process of restructuring all the benefices. We will have a monthly communion service, which will be on the third Sunday of the month at 10am and it will be presided over by local clergy, in our case usually by Rev. Nicky McGinty, who took our Christmas Day Service.

With the Diocese looking hard at the viability of every parish, we have to continue to show that our church is a necessary part of the community. It is at the centre of our village, and services are not the only way this lovely building can be used: we can meet for coffee, a concert, a talk, or just use it as a quiet space to think for a few minutes. The church belongs to the village, and so we are open to other suggestions for its use. It is run by the PCC and we would welcome any interested villager, to join us on the PCC, to help plan the year ahead and to help with choosing Alison's successor.

May we wish you all a very happy and Covid-19 free 2022.

Richard Windle



Service for January 2022

Sunday 16th January 10am Holy Communion

Village Christmas Party

We'd like to give a big thank you to everyone who came to the Village Christmas party we had such a fun time organising it and preparing games that took us all back to our childhood.



Musical chairs being hilariously competitive and our winner Vicky taking a bow as she basked in her glorious victory!

Dress the human Christmas tree was particularly entertaining and very creative with John's team taking the prize.

Musical statue's proved to be never ending with so many Madam Tussaud's professionals and the twelve days of Christmas singing round Robin style which again lead to competitive loudness.

Cheating in the quiz (you know who you all are) and pass the parcel with a right-left twist!

A delicious festive buffet was enjoyed by all (gammon or curry Mr Ed? hahaha! Both please – Ed!)

For those that couldn't make it this year we hope to see you joining in the fun next year.

Happy New Year and have a wonderful 2022.

Samantha, Jude and Estelle
Keyham Entertainments Team



The Human Christmas Trees



Musical Chairs about to get nasty!

Bridleway at Bottom of Snow's Lane

Following on from our December edition, KN has received more information from Leicestershire County Council concerning the bridleway/footpath that passes through the old kennels at the bottom of Snows Lane. Ellen Senior, Access Officer, writes as follows:

Diversion of Bridleway D31 Snows Lane Keyham

The Order has been confirmed by the Secretary of State but it does not come into force until the new route has been certified as ready for use.

We have been in touch with the landowners and they are now in the process of putting the new route in place. This will take some time as the works are extensive.

Meanwhile the old route will stay open and available.

A further Notice will be posted once all the works as specified in the Order have been carried out to the Highway Authority's satisfaction.

Kind Regards,
Ellen Senior
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Safe and Sustainable Travel Team
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Christmas Carol Service

Around 40-50 villagers attended the Christmas Carol Service at All Saints Church on 22nd December.

The choir of Claire, Nathan, Victoria and Julia led the singing and members of the congregation performed readings.

Star turn were the ladies and children from Blackthorn Farm who performed The Christmas Card by Kathleen O'Farrell.

A collection was taken for the Crisis Homeless charity which raised £46.



Keyham Charities Christmas Lunch

Over 30 villagers attended the Over-60's Christmas Lunch in the Dog and Gun where Angela and Jason provided an excellent meal.

The event provided an opportunity to raise a glass to Hugh and Elizabeth who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in December. Congratulations!



Christmas Wreath Making

Thank you everyone who attended the Christmas Wreath Making!

I hope those of you who felt a bit nervous about attending were reassured ... you were all absolute naturals, and definitely think we could have a travelling stall for next year's Christmas markets.

Once again, a huge thank you to Fiona Dowsett who kindly sourced the hazel twigs and made the Wreath rings by hand, as well as providing several bags of foliage and inspiration.

And not forgetting the Keyham Charities which helped to sponsor the event.

Perhaps we could do it all again next year? Please see our mugshots and evidence of the evening!

Watch this space for more Flower Group news. If you'd like to join in, please add your names to the list in the church porch, and I will ensure you have a key a week before the service.

Happy New Year! **Sarah (01162595615)**



CPR and Defibrillator Training

Funded by Keyham Charities, 17 villagers attended a training session on CPR and the application of the defibrillator. Delivered by The Community Heartbeat Trust it was very educational and informative with a sprinkling of amusement as Wendy, our enthusiastic trainer, demonstrated certain techniques on husband Ivan.

The training complete, Wendy and Ivan checked our Defibrillator albeit Lynette Harrison very kindly does this for the village on a regular basis. Also, and prompted by Wendy, I am progressing registration of the Defibrillator with the Ambulance Service and the purchase of signage for the village which will direct people to the location of the equipment.

And lastly, and unbeknown to me, there is an app called **what3words** what3words divides the world into three-metre squares and gives each one a unique three-word address so if you find yourself needing to contact the emergency services and are unsure of your location, use the what3words app and give those 3 words to the emergency service you need.... they will be able to locate you. Free to download, Google it to find out more.

Margaret

Keyham at Christmas – More Festive Photographs



The Weight of Matters

In a glass there's capacity
to ensure the contents fall
but then in defiance
froth and bubbles rise
to reveal another farce
which is called hilarity.

Catch Me

Having fallen now
into winter's pool
drowning in the dark
I dream of lighter times
but then feel a friend
put their arms around
to bring me to the surface
where we celebrate survival
with a quick immersion
of a better kind.

Wardrobe

I slowly close the door
on my suits as uniforms
from a life now over
and closet them away
with recalls as mothballs
not being ready yet
to abandon any habits
or throw away my ties
to make some room for new.

Oddly

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