

All Saints Church

December was a busy month for the village including the church. We have had four services in the month, for the first time this millennium.

We held our annual **Lights Service**, slightly later than usual on 4th December and a collection raised £80 for Macmillan Cancer Support.



We held a **Communion** on the 16th December and our annual **Carol Service** was on 21st December. It was taken by Revd. Jonathan Dowman, one of the new appointments to the new Launde Deanery and it raised £68 for the Well Food Bank at Kibworth. The running of this service seemed doomed. The tableaux carefully planned with a real baby and proud parents, stalled on the day, when the family's central heating broke down and required their presence on site in London. However, who should step into the breach, but the baby's proud grandparents plus borrowed doll. Next, because of illness, one of the main readings had to be reallocated twice and was, at the last minute kindly read by Michael Ots, who should himself have been abroad, but couldn't go.



Finally our **Christmas Day** service looked at risk, when, because of Covid in his household, our preacher Revd. David Palmer, had to cancel on the day before. However, through the wonders of modern communication and perhaps with a little help from above, my cancellation notice managed to reach Revd. Chris Webb in Tugby, who, without another service to take part in, offered to take the service. And so Keyham was able to celebrate Christmas Day as we had hoped. Our thanks go to Steve for his help in erecting the lovely trees, to Sarah and the Flower Group, who made the church so beautiful and to all who took part in and helped give us these wonderful services.



The church year had changed a month before, with the start of Advent, and now 2022 proper has given way to a new year - 2023. There will be mixed feelings about the passing of a year, which has born witness to so much aggression, hardship, sadness and insecurity. However, the happiness of celebrating the birth of Jesus, with a reunion of families kept apart for so long by Covid and the joy of the arrival of a new baby into the family who couldn't get to our Carol service, show that it was not all bad. So whatever 2022 meant to you, let us welcome the new year; wishing you all a happy, healthy and peaceful 2023.

**Our next service will be on
Sunday 22nd January 2023 at 10.30am
led by Revd. Philip Norwood**

Please note the change in time from the usual one and the date, which for this month only, will be on the 4th Sunday of the month.

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Chairman's Report

Snows Lane Flooding and Lighting:

As reported in last month's 'news', the council were due to attempt to alleviate or even resolve the frequent flooding of Snows Lane. They carried out the scheduled work in December and the results look promising. Please let me know if you believe there's still a serious problem.

I'm hoping the street light has also been fixed, please let me know if it's not.

Main Street:

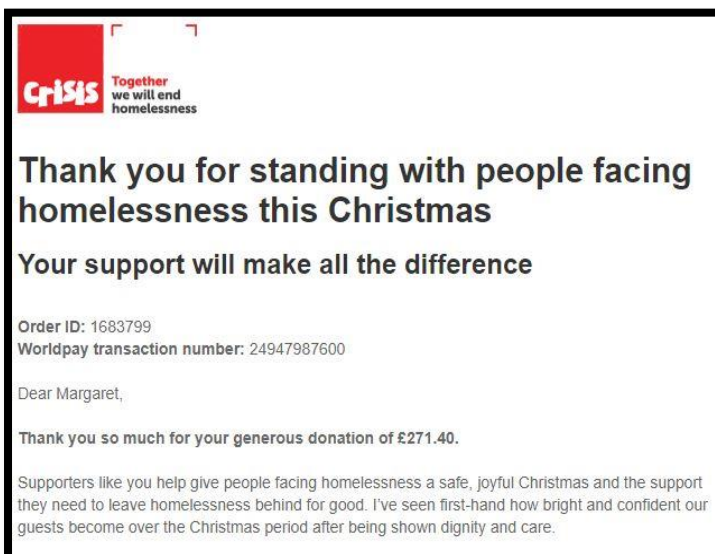
Lifted kerbs near the village hall/pub. No progress so I will escalate. I also notice that the road seems to be crumbling near the allotment entrance, which I will monitor.

On a general note, if there are any problems with the village 'infrastructure', similar to the above, please ensure that you contact me in the first instance before contacting the council. That way I can then ensure that I'm fully aware of any issues and take appropriate escalation as necessary.

Tony Johnson

Charity Donations at Christmas

£80 was donated for **Macmillan** at the **Lights Service** and, to add to it, another £20 has been given since. £68 was collected at the **Carol Service** for the **Well Food Bank in Kibworth**. The charity collection at the **Pensioner's Lunch** raised £271.40 for **Crisis at Christmas**.



Power Cuts

Following the latest power cut in early December, I have been in conversation with National Grid about our on-going supply problems in the village (note that National Grid has taken over from Western Power).

Resilience has improved within the village since cables went underground a few years ago. However, the problems we experience on a regular basis are due to faults on the (above ground) high voltage network outside of the village.

NG recognise this and tell me that they are planning some improvements in the new year. This work should not disrupt the service as it will be undertaken using a technique called "hot glove".



Further improvements will be made when more government funding becomes available for network improvements.

What to do when there is a power cut...

Phone National Grid on 105

Yes, it's that simple. You can also report faults on the NG website which can be accessed via Keyham website (desktop version, which works well on your mobile phone too). Try it now.

Chatting about it on facebook is ok to see who else is down but that won't fix it!

Remember to report it!

The sooner someone reports it, the sooner it gets fixed. **Mr Ed**

TV Celebrity visits the Dog and Gun



Owen Warner finished runner-up in I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here 2022
The young TV star is best known for his role in the Channel 4 soap opera Hollyoaks
His family lives locally

Books “what I have read” ...

(apologies to Ernie Wise, in his case “plays what I have wrote”...)

Christmas Day Sheffield and after pressies, a superb lunch, games, quizzes and a walk, the conversation turned to memorable books ‘what I have read’. Since the beginning of 2020 I am seldom without a book; COVID / lockdown started it for me since when an exchange of recommendations with sister Annie, a couple of good friends, and The Sunday Times book section the number of books consumed continues to grow.

Through various means I have dated and catalogued most of them, latest count about 45 which, for me, is pretty good.... some are absolute and utter tripe, others written very much with a film adaptation in mind, others totally absorbing and real page turners. Nonetheless I do keep going to the end.

So, and back to the discussion on Christmas Day, my favourite book and that of sister Annie is A Little Life by Hanya Yanagihara; we both re-read it during 2022. Definitely not for everyone, a tome of a book (over 700 pages), difficult subject matters, and quite harrowing. I am happy to lend my copy to anyone should they wish to read it. Incidentally James Norton is taking the lead role in the stage adaptation of the book at the Harold Pinter theatre in the spring; 4 hours long. I await the reviews.

Maybe some of our KN readers would like to share details of their favourite book?

Margaret, Mrs Ed

Keyham Village Christmas Party

Well done to Sam and Dave; Andy & Jude (the Keyham Entertainment Team) for organising this year's Christmas Party for the village. A very entertaining time was had by all.



Party games.....



Syston Brass Band at the D&G



The band play Christmas Carols and Popular Tunes



Woody joins in on the Bells
(Sleigh, not Arthur Bell's Original)

Keyham Charities Pensioner's Lunch



Vaulters

Positions having power
need to be transformers
so that their supply
safely lights up lives
as any skill high tension
may then kill instead

A friend

Look across the sea
and on the darkest waters
catch that ray of light
showing you the way
towards a harbour there.

The Battle of the Debit

D D Day was set
and went ahead as planned
but with many losses
despite a false date plot
though the surviving figures
stayed in line as ever
as did those disabled
and lying in the red
all of whom accounted
for the threats at hand
securing the position
for at least a month
and though the threat continues
on this first engagement
our figures gave their all
and should now take the credit
as others have before.

Oddly

Keyham News Deadline

The deadline for
KN February edition is
Tuesday 31st January
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Out and About in Keyham



Sunset on Christmas Day Evening – Photo: Rosemarie

Many thanks to Margaret and the Keyham Charites for arranging another successful **Pensioners' Luncheon**. Also many thanks to Zoe, Mark and staff at the D&G for a most enjoyable meal. We are sure everyone present had an enjoyable time. **Maureen & Bill**



All Saints Church at Christmas – Photo: Richard