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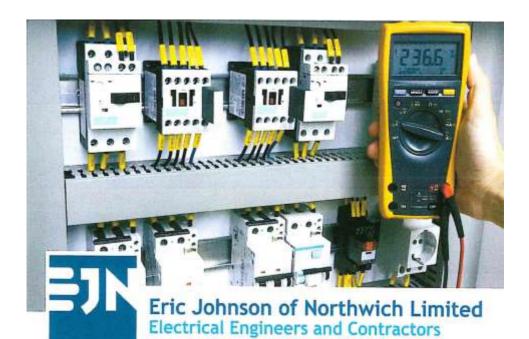
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Rev Clare Leal

I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome my husband Dave and I have received as we settle into High Legh. I look forward to getting to know everyone better and to be part of the High Legh community.

This is the most rural place we have lived in and we love the space and countryside, but I am still getting used to needing to use the car so much! We have come from Oxford where land is at a premium and bicycle is a major form of transport.

I have been part of a church since childhood and have worshipped in a variety of churches. I am also an oblate of the Community of St Mary the Virgin, an Anglican religious community. This means I have a 'rule of life' and pattern of prayer I am committed to. I was ordained in 2019 and have come from a church in Summertown, Oxford. Dave and I have lived in Oxford for 27 years, and before that we lived in Leeds. We originate from Bexleyheath in South East London.

I was licensed by Bishop Mark as priest-in-charge at a joyous service on 5 December. The church was full of Christmas trees as it was just after the Christmas tree



festival, but as you can see from the photo it was also full of people! Thank you to everyone who came and supported me and the church community at the start of this new chapter in the church's life.

Christmas is behind us now. The feast of Candlemas on 2 February marks the end of our celebration of the birth of Jesus, God coming in the vulnerability of a human baby, and the turning of our eyes towards Easter, the festival at the core of our faith, when we remember his death and resurrection. Lent is a time of preparation for Easter and we will mark its start on Ash Wednesday, 22 February, with a service when we receive a cross of ash on our foreheads as sign of our repentance. I invite you to any of our services and look forward to welcoming you.

Rev Clare Leal

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Late submissions may not be published

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Quiz Night

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Friday, 17th February 7pm.

Tickets £10.00 including light supper, from Elaine 753111.

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> Your mind is a garden Your thoughts are the seeds You can grow flowers Or you can grow weeds

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COMMUNITY LUNCH

Happy New Year. Another year has passed and our lunches are as popular as ever.

We enjoyed our Christmas lunch, and we were able to welcome Clare, our new priest in charge, and her husband Dave. We hope they are settling in to our community, and that they will join us whenever they can.

As we look forward to Spring and the longer days it brings, we hope that you will continue to enjoy our lunches, together with our friends, and that more friends and neighbours will come and join us.

The lunches will be on the 15th February and the 15th March.

Please book with Arthur 752481 or Elaine 753111

SERVICES AND ROTAS FOR January 2023 and February 2023

Date	05/02/2023	12/02/2023	19/02/2023	22/02/2023	26/02/2023
	3rd Sunday before Lent	2nd Sunday before Lent	Sunday next before Lent	Ash Wednesday	1st Sunday of Lent
Service	Holy Communion	All Age Communion	Holy Communion		0830 Holy Communion 1000 Cafe Church
Led by	Rev Clare Leal	Rev Clare Leal	Rev Clare Leal		Rev Clare Leal Chris Stanisstreet & Stewart Jackson
Bible Readings	Isaiah 58 vv 1-9a (9b-12) Psalm 112 vv 1-9 1 Corinthians 2 vv 1-23 (13-end) Matthew 5 vv 13 -20	Genesis 1 vv 1 -23 Psalm 136 Romans 8 vv 18-25 Matthew 6 vv 25-end	Exodus 24 vv 12- end Psalm 2 or Psalm 99 2 Peter 1 vv 16-end Matthew 17 vv 1-9		Genesis 2 vv 15-17, 3 vv 1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5 vv 12-19 Matthew 4 vv 1-11
Reader	Marilyn Ridler	Liz Whimpanny	Karen Drury		n/a
Interces- sions	Mary Cockayne	Karen Drury	Liz Whimpanny		n/a
Sides- person	Leslie Walton	Marilyn Ridler	Arthur Wardell		n/a

Date	05/03/2023	12/03/2023	19/03/2023	26/03/2023
	2nd Sunday of Lent	3rd Sunday of Lent	4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	5th Sunday of Lent
Service	Holy Communion	All Age Communion	Holy Communion	0830 Holy Communion 1000 Café Church
Led by	Rev Clare Leal	Rev Clare Leal	Rev Clare Leal	Rev Clare Leal Karen & Tom Drury
Bible Readings	Genesis 12 vv 1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4 vv 1-5, 13-17 John 3 vv 1-17	Exodus 17 vv 1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5 vv 1-11 John 4 vv 5-42	1 Samuel 16 vv 1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5 vv 8-14 John 9	Ezekiel 37 vv 1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8 vv 6-11 John 11 vv 1-45
Reader	Mary Cockayne	Tom Drury	Stewart Jackson	n/a
Intercessions	Karen Drury	Chris Stanisstreet	Mary Cockayne	n/a
Sides-person	Brian Green	Marilyn Ridler	Leslie Walton	n/a

Advent & Christmas at St. John's

It was certainly a very busy and active time at St. John's during Advent! As well as welcoming Clare as our new priest in charge (See p.6), there were a number of other special events and services.

The Christmas Tree Festival was a lovely community event with many beautifully and very differently decorated trees adorning the church, to say nothing of the decorations in the porch and the entrance to church. Held over 3 days on the first weekend of December, the festival attracted



many visitors. There was also some wonderful music from individuals and choirs, including from High Legh Primary School. Thank you to everyone who decorated trees and the church, to all our visitors and to everyone who took part. A big thank you also to the organisers and volunteers.

On Wednesday 7th December a special service took place led by our Archdeacon, Ian Bishop, to dedicate newly created banners depicting the Christmas story.

These beautiful banners were made over several months by

members of our community and have adorned the church throughout Advent and the Christmas period.

Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate the church in readiness for Christmas. This year we



had a combined Christingle and Crib service on Christmas Eve with readings from younger members of our community. This was followed by the traditional Nine Lessons and Carols in the evening. This service was signed, and we were delighted to welcome so many members of the deaf community as part of a full congregation. Thank you to everyone who contributed to these services.

On Christmas Day Rev Clare led our All Age Communion service where she was helped by two of our younger members of the congregation during her talk to unpack the meaning of Christmas from one of her recently used packing boxes!

Karen Drury

Regular happenings in the Church Room



Little Acorns

Aimed at babies and toddlers we meet every Tuesday morning 9.30-12 noon.

Come and join in the arts and crafts, play and singing activities. We are joined by little ones with their mums, dads, grandparents, great grandparents and carers. We welcome new families to our group.

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Coffee, Chat and Create

We are back as usual on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2pm.

We would love you to come and join us, and bring whatever you are creating at the moment. It's always interesting to see what people are making, or even drawing or painting. Hopefully the jigsaw will be out too, as long as I can find the board it goes on!

We pay £2.00 towards the heating of the room, and this includes tea, coffee and biscuits. Do come and join us.

WE'RE HOOKED

We hope that you did enjoy the Christmas tree we created for our Christmas Tree Festival, and which has stayed in place for the whole of the Christmas season. We were delighted with all the positive comments we received about it. Who knows what we might create in the future!

We hope that more people will join us in the future, both beginners and those who can already crochet. It is always a fun afternoon.

Come and join us. We meet every Monday afternoon at 2pm in the Church room.

For more information contact Liz on 07905 741969



Despite the dreadful weather on Sunday 18th December we made £142.80 on the cake/ knitting stall at the Community Farmers Market in the Village Hall. This will be distributed to the funds in the near future.

The MU tree at the Christmas tree festival was beautifully decorated by Elaine Jones with our thanks. Four of our members are in the "We're Hooked" crochet group and with other members of the group we made the Christmas tree and the Nutcracker theme in the porch, all achieved with the patience and expert instructions from Nicola.

The next meeting is at 2.30pm on Tuesday 7th February.



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Please contact Chris Stanisstreet on **01925 755559** or Stewart Jackson on **07835 249835** for further details, a service booklet and a hymn book.

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St John's Church Room, The Avenue, High Legh, WA16 6ND

Please note that the observatory is open on Friday nights every week if the sky is clear.

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High Legh Diary for February / March 2023 All meetings in the Church Room (unless otherwise stated) **Every Monday** 2.00 pm -We're Hooked 4.00 pm 9.30 am -**Every Tuesday** Little Acorns 12 noon **Every Wednesday** 9.00 am **Prayers** Mother's Union Tuesday 2.30 pm 7th February Thursday High Legh Community 7.30 pm 9th February Observatory Tuesday 2.00 pm Coffee, Create & Chat 14th February Wednesday Community Lunch (Please book 12.30 pm 15th February with Elaine Jones) Friday 7.00 pm Quiz Night 17th February 5.30 pm Tuesday **Pancakes** 21st February Thursday 7.30 pm High Legh Community 9th March Observatory Tuesday 2.00 pm Coffee, Create & Chat 14th March Wednesday 12.30 pm Community Lunch (Please book 15th March with Elaine Jones)

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