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St John High Legh & St Paul Over Tabley

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December 2021	St Mary Rostherne	Holy Trinity L. B.	St John High Legh	St Paul Over Tabley
Sunday 5th P or B 2nd Sunday of Advent Malachi 3: 1 - 4 Philippians 1: 3 - 11 Luke 3: 1 - 6	10.30 (BCP) Holy Communion	09.00 Holy Communion	10.00 Holy Communion Canticle: Benedictus	11.00 Holy Communion
Sunday 12th P or B 3rd Sunday of Advent Zephaniah 3: 14 - end Philippians 4: 4 - 7 Luke 3: 7 - 18	08.30 Holy Communion 09.30 Storytelling Service	18.30 Carol Service	10.00 Psalm 146: 4 – end 16.00 Christingle Service	11.00 Nine Lessons and Carols
Sunday 19th P or B 4th Sunday of Advent Hebrews 10: 5 - 10 Luke 1: 39-45 [46-55]	10.30 Holy Communion 18.30 Carol Service	09.00 Holy Communion	10.00 Psalm 80: 1 – 8 or Canticle: Magnificat	11.00 Christmas Communion
Friday 24th W Christmas Eve Titus 2: 11 – 14 Luke 2: 1 - 14	16.00 Crib Service 23.30 Midnight Communion	No Service	16.00 Crib Service 18.30 Nine Lessons & Carols	No Service
Saturday 25th W or Gold Christmas Day Hebrews 1: 1 – 4 [5-12] John 1: 1 - 14	10.30 Holy Communion (BCP)	09.00 Holy Communion	10.00 Family Communion Psalm 98	No Service
Sunday 26th W The First Sunday of Christmas Colossians 3: 12-17 Luke 2: 41 - end	10.30 Holy Communion	No Service	No Service	11.00 Holy Communion

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Prayer for the Month

Sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Pour into the hearts of all people the peace which they sometimes seek so desperately, and which you alone can give them. Help them to know one another better and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for you infinite goodness, join them together in your love; and give us all your heavenly peace. *Pope John XXIII, 1881 - 1963*

January Magazine

Please send contributions to your usual Editor or to parishmagrwlb@gmail.com if possible, by the end of the day on

Monday 13th December 2021.

We will continue to distribute the magazine mainly in the pdf version for the time being.

Christmas Services in The United Benefice 2021

We hope that services can go ahead without social distancing and with singing. **We still have sanitisers available and the use of masks will be the personal decision of individuals, though their use in crowded indoor spaces is likely to remain government guidance and this is what we would prefer.**

St Mary's, St Paul's and Holy Trinity have areas for social distancing for those who do not wish to sit too near people from other households. If numbers attending St John's are large we can make use of the church room with its live video link with the church.

Nevertheless, we will join together to hear the wonderful story of the birth of the Light of the World, Jesus Christ and sing well-known traditional carols and hear some new ones.

Sunday 12 December
11.00 Carol Service at St Paul Over Tabley
16.00 Christingle Service at St John High Legh

Sunday 19 December

18.30 Carol Service with The Mereside Brass Band at St Mary Rostherne
The Christmas story in readings and carols accompanied by Andrew Bailey (organ) and Mereside Brass Band.

CHRISTMAS EVE Friday 24 December

16.00 Crib Services at St John High Legh and St Mary Rostherne
A service especially for families and children. Before you go to hang your stocking up, come and help the angels prepare to welcome the baby who was born in a stable and receive your own pre-Christmas present.

18.30 Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at St John High Legh
The traditional service including readings, carols and music which sets the scene for Christmas.

23.30 Midnight Communion at St Mary Rostherne.
Share the wonder of the gift of our Saviour's birth in the quiet and stillness of the night.

CHRISTMAS DAY Saturday 25 December

09.00 Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Little Bollington
10.00 Family Communion at **St John High Legh**
10.30 Holy Communion at St Mary Rostherne

Sunday 26 December 1st Sunday of Christmas
Please note there will be only two services in the United Benefice on this day, at:
10.30 Holy Communion at St Mary Rostherne
11.00 Holy Communion at St Paul Over Tabley

From the Registers

Baptism at St John High Legh

14th November - Sidney John Worth was baptised.

Wedding at St Mary Rostherne

19 November Oliver Forbes-Leith and Sophie Mason

Funeral at Holy Trinity Little Bollington.

Christopher Charles Robinson Aged 74 years.
The service was conducted by Revd Patricia
Christopher will be sadly missed by those who know and loved him, especially Jennifer .

St John's High Legh

Christingle Service 16.00 on Sunday 12 December

Gift Aid envelopes are also available.

Call Revd Trish on 01925 754787 or 07703 470101 for

**Please watch our website for details of any changes if further Covid-19 restrictions come into place.*

St Mary's Church Rostherne

Storytelling Service for Families.

09.30 Sunday 12 December 2021

Crib Service Friday 24 December at 16.00

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St Mary's Rotas

Readers		Sidespersons
Susie Wareing	10.30 05 Dec	Andrew & Gail Simpkin
Alan Bailey	08.30 12 Dec	Eddie Wakefield
Andrew Simpkin	10.30 19 Dec	D. Moorhouse & P. Larkin
Lord Grey	23.30 24 Dec	S. Wakefield & Alan Bailey
Derek Moorhouse	10.30 25 Dec	D. Moorhouse & J. Gibson
Rodney Lambert	10.30 26 Dec	Chrstiopher Tetlow

Clergy Letter December 2021

Writing this in the middle of November I recall how different last year was. We were in our second lockdown – shops, restaurants and pubs all closed except for take-aways; meetings, work, celebrations all taking place virtually via Zoom or Skype or Teams; and public worship prohibited including the start of our Advent services.

However, by the end of that lockdown we had the best Christmas present for the whole world ever (well **nearly** the best!) We had the first Covid 19 vaccine that had been submitted to the MHRA for authorisation. This year on 8th Dec we will celebrate the one-year anniversary of the first person in the world to be given the Pfizer Covid19 vaccine as part of a mass vaccination programme. Margaret Keenan, who celebrated her 91st birthday the following week, said the injection she received at 06:31 GMT was the "best early birthday present". It was also **nearly** the best Christmas present for the world.

In July we spent a few days in Gloucestershire where we visited the Jenner museum. Edward Jenner was a British physician and scientist who pioneered the concept of vaccines including creating the smallpox vaccine, the world's first ever vaccine. The last naturally occurring case of smallpox was reported in 1977. In 1980, the World Health Organization declared that smallpox had been eradicated. I wonder if we will ever hear that for Covid 19.

We cannot be sure of the answer to that, but we know that without those vaccines plus other therapeutics, no doubt this time of year would have brought us yet another lockdown with possibly another cessation of public worship. We would still be socially distanced – even from our families; if public worship was allowed, no singing would be allowed, no friendship, fellowship and refreshments afterwards. Christmas 2021 would be looking as bleak as 2020 at least in terms of celebrating with families and friends and worshipping God. We are thankful for that for the benefits that vaccines have brought.

But there is still a long way to go in managing Covid 19 and we continue to face other dark challenges to the way that we live, value, cherish each other and the world we live in.

I said that the vaccine was “nearly” the best Christmas present for the world. Of course, the **very** best **ever** was the gift that God gave us in His Son Jesus Christ.

Whilst the promise of effective vaccines brought light into our world of the Covid 19 pandemic, Jesus brings light into every aspect of every darkness & difficulty.

As Christians we know the Light of the World which gives us hope; not a wishy-washy-wishful-thinking but a deep hope that if we all draw closer to God, if we all seek to bring his Kingdom of love, generosity, justice and mercy into our way of living, the world will be filled with light.

cf/……...

I took a baptism service on Sunday and was reminded that in baptism we are called to:

"*Shine as a light in the world, to the glory of God the Father*."

(© The Archbishops' Council 2015; Christian Initiation).

As you admire the Christmas lights around our villages in December, remember to become a light for those in the world around you.

John 1:5

"*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*"

May God bless you, your family and friends this Christmas.

Revds Trish, Philip and Patricia

Access Ramp Completed at St Paul's Over Tabley

I am delighted to say that the final part of the re-ordering at St Paul's, has been completed with the laying of the asphalt to complete the access ramp.

Members of the church set out the kerbs and the contractors at J19 of the M6, Amey Sir Robert McAlpine, laid the asphalt as part of their engagement programme with the local community. Our thanks to everyone involved.

Revd Patricia

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Mere and Tabley Community Club

A busy Autumn at the Community Club. With the return of our ever-popular quiz nights in October it was great to have the function room full of chatter and debate. November has the return of indoor bowls, initially on Tuesday evenings and now Monday afternoons. The Wednesday afternoon Whist drives are well supported, the participants appreciative of being able to travel in daylight hours. Our domino teams have decided not to enter the Mobberley league this year, but we are holding a members domino night on Wednesdays which has encouraged some who haven't played before to join in. We have two snooker teams in the Mobberley league. It is good to see some younger players coming into the club and enjoying the game.

Our regulars are all back in full swing, Knutsford Rex Probus meetings every other Thursday, Knutsford Farmers Club monthly meal and speaker, flower arranging classes and new this month, circle dancing on Thursday afternoons - come along and see what its about.
Our bookings secretary, Derek Long, has been busy with hire requests for christenings, birthday parties anniversaries. Blood donor sessions take place regularly, open to pre booked appointments only.

The bowling green has had various work done on it. It is good that our greensman Ken has recently been able to resume his role after ill health forced him to take it easy. His "apprentice", Jake, has done a sterling job in Ken's absence.

Coming up is our bowls presentation evening dinner. This is fully subscribed and once again will I'm sure have a super evening with a meal by our regular caterers Country Kitchen.
On Saturday 18th December, we are holding a Christmas party which is themed on the Strictly Come Dancing final which is that night. We are hoping to show the final on the big screen. Our secretary is already getting excited as the standard is so high this year.

The committee is hoping to collaborate with our parish councils and host an event to celebrate our Queen's Platinum Jubilee next June. Six months will soon go by so I hope to arrange a meeting shortly.

Let us wish for a happy and peaceful festive season and be able to celebrate with our friends and family.

Alan Greenway.

Coffee and Chat

10.30 - 12.00 - Just drop in or stay longer.

Wednesday 8th December - at St Pauls Church, Tabley

Please contact Brenda Folds on 01565 654 336 or email: bickerton_folds@btinternet.com.

Thank you to Brenda Folds for sending these Excerpts From Tabley & High Legh Magazine, December 2001.

"Please please Daddy, may we have a dog for Christmas?"

"Absolutely not children. You'll have turkey like everyone else!"

(Of course on the day, they received a gorgeous little puppy!)

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A nun called Sister Maris Stella wrote

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This is the Carol of the dog
that long ago in Bethlehem
saw shepherds run towards the town
and followed them.

He trotted stiffly at their heels;
he sniffed the lambs that they were bringing;
he heard the herald angels sing,
yet did not know what they were singing…

But being dog, he knew
to follow where the family led
to Egypt or to Nazareth
and no-one said

a word about the sharp nosed dog
who stuck close to the family then.
And yet, there must have been a dog.
This is a song for him. Amen

ROSTHERNE ART GROUP

There is no meeting in December,
All being well our next meeting will be on January 26th.

At St John's….

Cross of Remembering

The Cross of Remembering in the front garden at St John's contains the names of those placed there by the family or friends. Their names, along with others named by those attending the Remembering Service on 31 October, were read out and a candle lit in their memory. They will remain in the front garden until after Remembrance Sunday and then they will be placed in the Quiet Garden at the back of church.

Anyone ho placed a stone with the name of a loved one may take them home at any time or they may wish to leave them in the garden and visit them from time to time and spend some quiet time with their memories.

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HELP NEEDED!

Cleaning: We shall be meeting in church
at **10.00 a.m. on Saturday 4th December** to clean the church prior to our preparations decorating the church for Christmas.
Any help will be gratefully received – even if just for a short time.

Christingles: On **Saturday 11th December at 10.00 a.m.** which shall be preparing the Christingles ready for our Christingle service the next day. This is always a sociable time as well as an important part of our preparations for Christingle. Come along if you can – even if just for a short time.

For any further information ask either Rev'd Trish or Elaine Jones (Church Warden).

Completion of the Electrical works at St John's

Eric Johnson's skilled electricians spent the whole week beginning on 1st November repairing and restoring all the necessary electrical items that had been identified in previous inspections plus one or two that were identified as they undertook the work.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the cost of this work. Contributions would still be very welcome as, currently, we will still have to use some of our reserves to cover the entire cost.

Following discussion, the PCC also agreed to replace conventional light bulbs in the church with LED bulbs so there was an additional cost of £317.19. This is part of our contribution to the "Eco Diocese" initiative and in addition to the changes to the church room fluorescent lights that I described in the recent letter.

A huge "Thank you" must go to Brian Green who was present throughout the time of the works ensuring access and advice. Brian, with Stewart, also spent a significant amount of time fitting the new LED bulbs in church. We are very grateful for the expertise and commitment that Brian continues to bring to the maintenance of our beautiful church building.

Revd Trish

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LITTLE BOLLINGTON NEWS

CO-OP COMMUNITY FUND

Little Bollington has been awarded a sum of £842 from the Co-op Local Community Fund. This sum is provided for installing one or more benches in suitable locations in the village. The project was selected by the Co-op shop in Bowdon Vale as one of three community projects for customers to allocate points earned from their shopping. After a disappointing start, the Little Bollington project has attracted considerable support from Co-op shoppers in recent months, to make the award possible.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Ged Mann has kindly taken on the challenge of leading this project to completion to safeguard our village, and ensure that the green belt and rural character of this area are protected. He has been given the backing of the Parish Meeting to form a Community Forum, which is required in order to submit the Neighbourhood Plan for approval. There will be a further public consultation so local people will have another chance to have their say on the Plan. After submission and review and any final changes, there will then be a referendum when local residents will be asked to vote for or against the plan. We will keep you informed of progress. Please give Ged your full support to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan is approved for the long term benefit of all who love this village.

MOTORWAY SERVICE AREA

The November Parish Meeting discussed proposals by Tatton Group to construct a motorway service area at Yarwood Heath Farm, by the M56 just outside Little Bollington. The proposal will be the subject of a planning application expected soon. The meeting felt that the views of all residents should be invited on this major development. The proposals include some benefits but also raise concerns. The potential benefits include employment opportunities and the sourcing of goods and services from local suppliers. There would be safety improvements to the A556 roundabout, which has been a serious safety hazard. The proposals include new cycleways and extensive landscaping as well as contributions to local communities. But there are also concerns about the loss of green belt land, light pollution and noise. A further concern is increased traffic through the village and on local roads, due to the service area becoming a popular destination. Residents are also worried about the increased risk of flooding, particularly after the severe flooding incidents in the village in recent times. Please send your views to the Parish Clerk.

CHAIR OF LITTLE BOLLINGTON PARISH MEETING

The next Little Bollington Parish Meeting will include the election of a new Chair. Nominations are now being sought and all residents are encouraged to consider applying for this position. The role is not demanding, but is of great importance to the village and community. This may be the last ever Chair of Little Bollington Parish Meeting - see next item.

LITTLE BOLLINGTON PARISH MEETING - THE FINAL DAYS?

By the end of next year we may see a new Parish Council formed to serve the areas of Little Bollington, Millington and Agden. Cheshire East Council proposes the merger of the three parishes as part of its review of all parishes throughout Cheshire East. This would formally end the life of Little Bollington Parish Meeting after a long history of more than 125 years. The earliest records are still held and can be seen by anyone with an interest in local history.
A Parish Meeting was held in November to consider the proposals. The attendance was small, possibly due to concerns over covid. The residents who attended felt that the change was necessary in view of the difficulties in finding local people from within our small community to take on administration duties. However the Meeting asked that a fair system of representation be established to ensure that the voice of Little Bollington would be heard in the new enlarged Council. The new body would have a new name, which may be a Parish Council, but could be a Community Council, Neighbourhood Council or Village Council. Consultation was ongoing as we went to press.

Contact: Parish Clerk: Mike Reed, 25 High Field 07766 083765
clerk@littlebollington.org Website: littlebollington.org

Sewing Christmas Decorations

with Jo Johnson of French Knots Craft Studio Sale

14.00 - 16.00 Saturday 4 December

in St John's Church Room

Tickets £10.00 including coffee and cake

Contact Elaine Jones 01925 753 111

All materials will be supplied.

Ladies' Festive Lunch

A reminder for those who have booked for this.

12.00 for 12.30 on Wednesday 1st December 2021

at The Kilton, Warrington Road, Mere.

Men's Festive Lunch Thursday 16 December 2021
12.30 for 13.00

The members meet again to celebrate Christmas
at The Golden Pheasant, Plumley Moor Road, Plumley.
Derek Moorhouse 01565 830 398

Men's Lunch Group

Visit to Cold War Nuclear Bunker - Tuesday 12th. October 2021

As a 'pilot' project, our first day out, since the outbreak of Covid 19 pandemic, was to visit the Cold War Nuclear Bunker, located at Hack Green, Nantwich.

Originally the site was used as a radar station, vectoring RAF fighter squadrons to protect the North West from attack by German aircraft. The Cold War emerged from the cooling relationship between USA and the Soviet Union at the end of WW2, and an 'Arms Race' ensued. As a result, the British Government developed a series of independent Regional Headquarters. The Hack Green facility being responsible here in the Northwest to help rebuild the infrastructure after an emergency and effects from a potential nuclear attack.

Entering the 'bunker' is an eyrie experience. For over 50 years this vast underground complex remained secret, declassified in 1993. The site covers an underground area of thirty-five thousand square feet and hundreds of military artefacts. It is a self-contained unit with its own water, electricity supply and air conditioning cooling plant. A labyrinth of corridors housing separate insulated rooms including military communications control centre, nuclear warhead weapons display, radar warning equipment, a cypher communications centre, dormitories and even a BBC studio. There is also a cinema and an interaction facility. It really is a fascinating experience.

To lighten the mood, our party retired to the graceful atmosphere of Rookery Hall Hotel, a most elegant and impressive Georgian property in the heart of Cheshire. The following lunch did not disappoint, and the world's problems were immersed in bonhomie.

Another enjoyable day was had by all.

New members welcome, please contact:-
Ed Wakefield ..... 01565 830127. Derek Moorhouse ..... 01565 830398.

LITTLE BOLLINGTON W.I.

The Annual Meeting of Little Bollington W.I was held on 11th November.

Terri Shade graciously accepted the proposition that she remain as President, with Linda Chappell also happy to accept the role of secretary.

Members were unanimous in their support of the committee, praising their hard work over a difficult year. Both the President and Secretary spoke of their delight in being able to meet in person again, after a year when members first had to communicate by WhatsApp, and later by Zoom. They reminded everyone of the lovely outdoor garden parties we had enjoyed , and the trip to Highgrove.

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If you have any queries, please contact Pam Winward on 01565 830367

MILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Quarterly meeting took place on Tuesday 9th November 2021 at Egerton Hall

The Chairman welcomed all who attended, and the meeting was opened.

Casual Vacancies

Millington still has two Councillor vacancies available on Millington PC. If you are a parishioner, have the passion and time and would like the opportunity to assist our Parish Council, we urge you to contact the Parish Clerk or Chairman Cllr Diane Flanagan, via the Millington Parish Council website www.millingtonparishcouncil.co.uk or via email millingtonparishcouncil@outlook.com :
We hope to be more proactive this forthcoming year so we will look forward to hearing from you.

Guest speakers

Guest speakers from Cheshire East Highways, Cheshire Constabulary and the Cheshire Ward Cllr had all been invited to speak on behalf of their local organisations. Cheshire Constabulary attended and gave an update.

Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to report since the last meeting.

Community Governance Consultation

Cheshire East Council are inviting Parish Councils to 'come and have their say and make their representations' before 28th November 2021 regarding the proposals set by Cheshire East Council for the proposed 'governance arrangements for town and parish councils in the borough'. The review, which follows central government and Local Government Boundary Commission for England guidance, is to ensure that community governance arrangements 'continue to reflect local identities and facilitate effective and convenient local government.'
Millington PC will be making its representations before the deadline.

Parish concerns and updates

Cheshire East Council maintenance schedule for highways and invasive weeds update.
Millington PC are still in contact with CE highways on all manner of issues, potholes, flooding etc.
Road closed in reference to drainage work at Children's Adventure Trust.
Garages on Whitehouse Road have been purchased
Anti-social lighting complaints are still ongoing. Residents are reminded to keep a diary of the environmental issue and report to Cheshire East Council..
Grass Verges on Chapel Lane & the signage are still being pursued. Emails have been sent to CEC regarding these.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 8th February 2022, details will be posted on the website and notice boards.

ABBEY LEYS FARM SHOP - CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

Monday 21st-Thursday 23rd December : 8am—8pm
Christmas Eve : 8am—4pm
Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Monday 27th December : CLOSED

Tuesday 28th -Thursday 30th December : 10am-5pm

New Year's Eve : 9am-4pm
New Year's Day, Sunday 2nd January : CLOSED
Monday 3rd January : 9am-5pm

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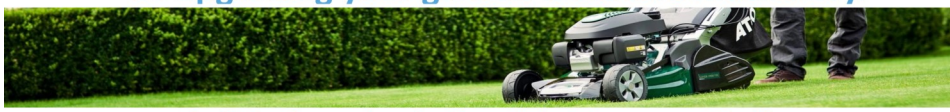

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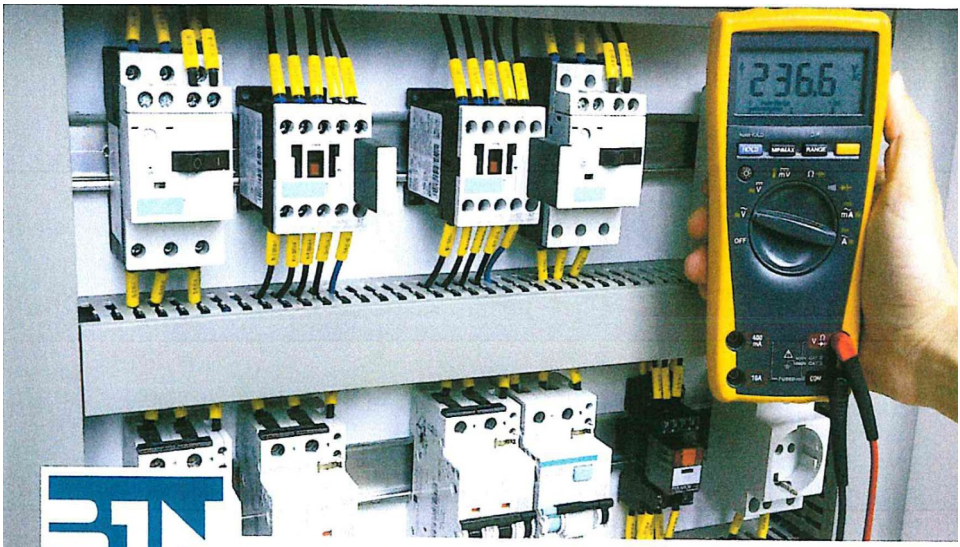

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