

HAZELWOOD and SHOTTLE PARISH MAGAZINE



HAPPY CHRISTMAS



**St John's Church, Hazelwood,
St Lawrence, Shottle
December 2023**

From the Revd Rachel Burdett CJN

As I write this in the middle of November, it's hard to believe that another year is almost over. For me, this acknowledgement that the year is almost at a close happens when we put the clocks back at the end of October. The chill in the air feels sharper and it's a relief every evening to draw the curtains and shut the dark, cold world out. I noticed with a heavy heart as I prepared the intercessions for Remembrance Sunday that Ukraine still needed our prayers, and as I added the people of Israel and Gaza to the prayers the world seemed like a very cold dark place indeed.

Human beings around the world have celebrated the Winter Solstice for millennia, and in a lot of those celebrations, light is a central element. Even as people in the Northern Hemisphere reach the shortest, and darkest day of the year, there is something to celebrate and look forward too, because from that day, the hours of daylight will gradually get longer, and light, warmth and the signs of new life will return.

For Christians, we celebrate this triumph of light and hope at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, when we hear the familiar words from the beginning of St John's Gospel. The words of verse 5 are particularly striking.

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

In the first nine verses we hear variations of the word 'light' seven times. In the middle of the night, on one of the shortest days of the year, we are reminded that no matter how dark things are, the darkness cannot overcome the light.

Desmond Tutu famously said, "Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness." He was Bishop of Johannesburg and then Archbishop of Cape Town, during the long years of Apartheid and certainly knew what it meant to live surrounded by darkness. Yet he never gave up hope, and when the light triumphed over the darkness, he literally danced for joy.

In 1908, Minnie Louise Haskins wrote the poem "The Gate Of The Year", and in 1939, King George VI quoted it in his Christmas broadcast, as people made the best of their first wartime Christmas and looked forward to the new year not knowing what it would bring. I wrote about this poem two years ago, and it is one that I like to read and think about as we enter a new year. It begins with these words:

***I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown".***

Again, we see how light is comfort, a guide, and a beacon of hope, and as we look around the world we probably feel we need all those things. As we stand at the gate of another year, and hope and pray that we and the whole world will be able to "tread safely into the unknown", let us all take comfort in the hope that light represents, and strive to be that light ourselves.

With my very best wishes for 2024

Rachel CJN

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We invite you, your family and friends to our

**Christingle Service
Sunday 3rd December at 11 am**



Please also join us for our

**Carol Service with Choir
Sunday 17th December at 3pm**



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The Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Hazelwood

Principal Services

3rd December	Advent Sunday	<i>Colour: Purple</i>
Hazelwood	11.00am Christingle Service With the Revd Val Hart First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-8 Read by: Patricia Kellogg Second Reading: Mark 13:24-37	
Shottle	3pm Christmas Carol Service with Fr Jonathan Page	
Christchurch	11.00am Sung Parish Mass with Fr Jonathan Page 6.30pm Advent Service of Light with Fr Jonathan Page	
Holbrook	10.45am Joint Service at Methodist Church	
Turnditch	9.30am Parish Eucharist with the Revd Alison Roome	

10th December	Advent 2	<i>Colour: Purple</i>
Hazelwood	9.30am Parish Eucharist With the Revd Alison Roome First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11 Read by: Catherine Raynard Second Reading: Mark 1:1-8	
Christ Church	11.00am Sung Parish Mass with Fr Geoff Johnston 4pm Christingle Service with the Revd Rachel Burdett	
Holbrook	11.00am Parish Eucharist with Fr Jonathan Page	
Turnditch	9.30am Christingle Service (All Age) with The Revd Rachel Burdett	

12th December	Tuesday	<i>Colour: Gold/White</i>
Christchurch Belper	Derbyshire County Council Carol Service with Fr Jonathan Page Time to be confirmed	

14th December	Wednesday	<i>Colour: Gold/White</i>
Turnditch	7.00pm Christmas Carol Service with The Revd. Alison Roome	

17th December	Advent 3	<i>Colour: Gold/white</i>
Hazelwood	3pm Christmas Carol Service with Fr Geoff Johnston Carol Service Readings	
Christchurch	11.00am Sung Parish Mass with the Revd Rachel Burdett	
Holbrook	6.30pm Christmas Carol Service with the Revd Rachel Burdett	
Turnditch	9.30am Parish Eucharist with Fr Jonathan Page	

22nd December	Friday	<i>Colour: Gold/White</i>
Christchurch	6.30pm Festival of Lessons and Carols with Fr Jonathan Page	

24th December	Advent 4	<i>Colour: Purple</i>
Hazelwood	9.30am Parish Eucharist With Fr Geoff Johnston First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16 Read by: Sue Brice Second Reading: Luke 1:26-38	
Christchurch	11am Sung Parish Mass with Fr Jonathan Page 11.30pm Midnight Mass of Christmas with Fr Jonathan Page	
Holbrook	11am Parish Eucharist with the Revd Val Hart	
Turnditch	9.30am Parish Eucharist with Fr Jonathan Page	

25th December	CHRISTMAS DAY	<i>Colour: Gold/White</i>
HAZELWOOD	NO SERVICE	
Christchurch	10am Mass (with carols) with the Revd Alison Roome	
Holbrook	10am Parish Eucharist with Fr Geoff Johnston	
Turnditch	10am Eucharist with the Revd Rachel Burdett	

31st December	Christmas 1	<i>Colour: White</i>
Hazelwood	9.30am Sung Eucharist With Fr Jonathan Page First Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Read by: Elizabeth Turvey Second Reading: Luke 2:15-21	
Christchurch	11am Sung Parish Mass with Fr Jonathan Page	
Holbrook	11am Sung Eucharist with the Revd Rachel Burdett	
Turnditch	9.30am Sung Eucharist with Fr Geoff Johnston	

7th January	Epiphany <i>Fr Jonathan's Farewell Service</i>	<i>Colour: Gold</i>
CHRISTCHURCH	11am Sung Parish Mass With Fr Jonathan Page	
Hazelwood	No Service	
Holbrook	No Service	
Turnditch	No Service	

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE BENEFICE

ST JOHN'S HAZELWOOD

Hazelwood Walking Group THURSDAY 7th December – See article in this magazine for details.

Future Event

3rd December 11am Christingle Service

17th December 3pm Carol Service with Choir followed by Mulled Wine and mince pies.

24th December 11am Regular Sunday Service

25th December – No Christmas Day Service

ST LAWRENCE, SHOTTLE

3rd December 3pm Carol Service

CHRIST CHURCH BELPER

3rd December 6.30pm Advent Service of Light

10th December 4.00pm Christingle Service

22nd December 6.30pm Traditional Christmas Carol Service

24th December 11.30pm Christmas Eve The Midnight Mass of Christmas

25th December 10am Mass with carols

ST MICHAELS HOLBROOK

17th December 6.30pm Traditional Christmas Carol Service

TURNDITCH

Mid October – Memory Stars will be available again this year for hanging on the Christmas Trees outside Turnditch Church

10th December 9.30am Christingle

12th December Tuesday 10am – noon Coffee Morning at the Railway

14th December Thursday 7pm – Traditional Christmas Carol Service



CHOIR AT CAROL SERVICE

This year I am forming a choir to sing at our **CAROL SERVICE** which will be held on **17th December at 3pm**. All are welcome to come and sing and we shall only do two non-congregational carols; I'm hoping we shall have some reinforcement from elsewhere! There will be only one practice on **Wednesday 13th December at 7pm** at the church.

Please see me, Richard, if interested, or if you want to see the music in advance. Telephone 01773 826719 Mobile 07944 213112.

Richard Grice

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING



The Church will be open for decorating on Friday 15th December from 10am or by arrangement. As in previous years decorations will be in the theme of greenery, baubles and candles. (Baubles and candles provided). We do like to decorate all the church windows and if anybody new would like to join us decorating a window please contact:-

Di Ottewell on 01332 840474 or mobile 07813028523. You would be very welcome.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM NORRIE

I would like to wish all my friends and neighbours in Hazelwood a very Happy Christmas and New Year. I hope that 2024 will be a healthy and peaceful one for us all.

Best wishes Norrie A

THANK YOU TO CHURCH HELPERS

We wish to put on record our thanks to all who contribute to the "behind the scenes" work at Hazelwood Church. In particular the organisers wish to say thank you to those helpers involved as sacristans, church cleaners after service coffee and altar flowers

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS 2024

The magazine subscription for the year is due from the **1st January**. Can I please ask you to pay the subscription fee of **£6** to the person who normally delivers your copy, clearly stating your name, address, and who delivers your copy. Cheques should be made payable to 'Hazelwood PCC' please. Any queries please contact Eileen Chadwick on 01773 550063.

A big "thank you" goes to all the volunteers who assist in the distribution of the Magazine throughout the year. Many thanks

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

TO ALLOW FOR THE MAGAZINE TO BE PRINTED IN TIME FOR THE NEW YEAR, THE FINAL COPY DATE FOR THE JANUARY EDITION OF THE MAGAZINE IS THE 15th DECEMBER

HAZELWOOD **WALKING GROUP**



The next walk will be on **THURSDAY 7th** DECEMBER. We will meet at 9.30 at the Hazelwood Memorial car park.

This pre Christmas walk will be around three miles in the local area, followed by a Christmas lunch at The Bluebell Inn, Farnah Green. All are welcome to join us, but pre booking via me is essential.

Further details from Mike Beardsley on 01773 829661.

Although great care is taken in selecting and leading the walks, please note that your safety is your responsibility.

Mike Beardsley

MAGAZINE COVERS - SPONSOR FOR DECEMBER

This month's magazine covers have been kindly sponsored by **Pat Cooper**

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Anybody wishing to share their memories or celebrations please contact:-

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Dick Bowman, fondly remembered on December 3rd by David McLoughlin

The Shaw family remembering Mrs Janet Doreen Shaw, a loving Mother and Grandmother on the 5th

Catherine Raynard remembering with love the birthdays of her Mother Shenagh on 6th and her Father Reg on 16th December

The Bowling family with loving memories of Aubrey on the 18th December

John remembered on the 20th by Mrs Ros Yates and family with love

The floodlighting may be sponsored for £5/week (Cheques payable to "Hazelwood PCC"). If you wish to have a dedication in any month please contact:-

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HAZELWOOD CROWN GREEN BOWLS CLUB

Our A G M was held on November 14th. There were 31 members present. We made presentations to Derek Marshall and Chris Rochester who have decided to retire from office this year. With Chris leaving the post of secretary this needed to be filled. Andy Waumsley has kindly offered to do the league and website and Liz Lycitt will be our minutes and correspondence secretary. All the other offices and committee stay the same.



As the crown green bowls come to an end some members start to play indoors, we hold two sessions in Hazelwood memorial hall, Monday evening 7-9pm and Tuesday afternoon 2-4pm. All ages and abilities can play, as you can see in the photo, we have a member playing in her wheelchair. We welcome new members please come and have a go.

SHOTTLEGATE & DISTRICT WI EST. (1918)

Meet First Wednesday of Each Month 7.00pm.

(Visitors Welcome - Contact Eileen Chadwick 01773 550063)

Our Speaker for the evening was David Adams of Bakewell on the subject of Sir Joseph Paxton, a very clever person who became a garden boy at the age of 15. The Duke of Devonshire met him when he strolled in his gardens and became impressed with his skill and enthusiasm and offered the 20yr old Paxton the position of head gardener at Chatsworth and he subsequently became famous for Cultivating the Chatsworth Banana - the most consumed banana in the Western World! He diversified to become a Liberal MP and was Knighted by Queen Victoria.

Members congratulated Betty Cowan on receiving a Highly Commended Certificate of Achievement for her entry in the Media Hub Coronation Short Story Competition.



Several members attended the plaque installation for the Rowan Tree planted in the car park at St. Lawrence, Shottle.

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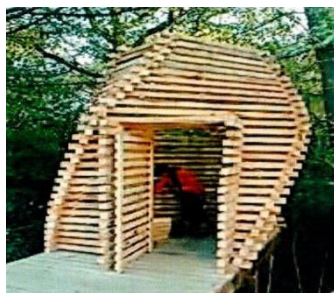
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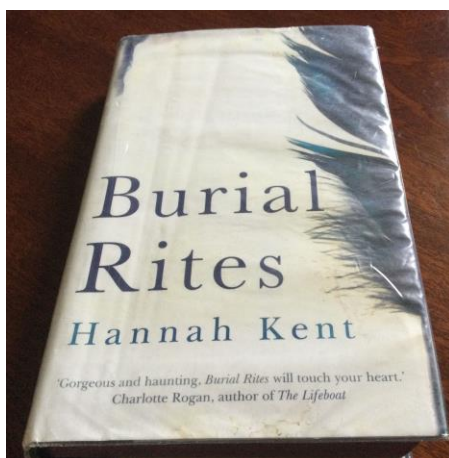
Burial Rites by Hannah Kent.

This debut novel is based on actual events. It is set in northern Iceland in 1829. Agnes is condemned to death for her part in the brutal murder of her lover.

Agnes is sent to wait out her final months on the farm of a district officer, Jon, his wife and their two daughters. Horrified to have a convicted murderer in their midst the family avoid contact with her as much as they can. Only Toti the young priest appointed as her spiritual guardian is compelled to try and understand her.

There is a real sense of the hardships of rural life, the cold and poverty are so clearly portrayed they are almost tangible. As they are forced to work side by side on the farm Agnes's story begins to emerge and with it the realisation that all is not as it seems.

Hannah Kent creates an incredible realistic portrait of a bleak, cold country where everything is a struggle. It is beautifully written. A compelling read, heartbreaking and uplifting in equal measure.



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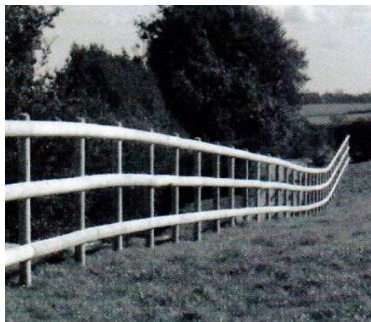
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