

HAZELWOOD and SHOTTLE PARISH MAGAZINE



HAPPY NEW YEAR

**St John's Church, Hazelwood,
St Lawrence, Shottle
January 2026**

Rachel writes . . .

As I write this we are in the final week before Christmas, so it feels a little odd to be writing something people will read in January. There is still all the rush and celebration of Christmas to come, then the lull between Christmas and New Year; finally the first days of 2026 will have come around. Some of us will have made resolutions; others will not.

The best resolution I ever made was to read a book a week. It required quite a commitment to read every day - even when I felt like watching television or scrolling through my phone, but I really enjoyed it once I got over the hump of pushing myself to get back into the habit of reading. It also meant carrying books around - on the train in Tokyo, sitting waiting to meet friends, at work at lunchtime - but becoming aware of all the available space in my days and consciously filling at least some of that space with reading was well worth the effort. It also helped me to have plenty of suggestions for the members of my Japanese Ladies' reading group when it was time to choose a new book for us to read.

Thinking about my Year of Determined and Intentional Reading, I was reminded of a Japanese term, *tsundoku* (積ん読), which describes the habit of buying lots of books and letting them pile up without reading them. I realised when I moved house last summer just how many books I have! So I have decided in 2026 to have another Year of Determined and Intentional Reading, by reading some of the giant pile of books I have accumulated and not read yet. When I googled *tsundoku*, the AI summary at the top of the search results mentioned that *while once negative, tsundoku is often seen positively as a sign of intellectual curiosity or a reminder of what you still have to learn*. Contemplating the number of books I have accumulated, I am either an extremely intellectually curious person, or my subconscious is telling me that I still have a great amount to learn!

If you are the type of person who likes to make a New Year's resolution, I hope it will be something that you enjoy, or feel better for doing - something that opens up a new space in your life, or gives you a new view or experience. And if you are not that type of person, but someone who prefers to step into the new year without that pressure or added expectation on yourself, I hope that too will bring you joy.

I know that I have quoted this poem by Minnie Louise Haskins, but it always comes to mind at this time of year:

And 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".

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way".

As we step into 2026, I wish you all a year full of love, joy, hope and peace.

Blessings,

Rachel CJN

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Principal Services

4th January	Epiphany	<i>Colour: White</i>
Hazelwood	11am Parish Eucharist With the Revd Harold Dobbin First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 Read by: Richard Brice Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14	
Ambergate	No Service	
Christ Church	11am Sung Parish Mass with the Revd Rachel Burdett	
Heage	10.30am At the Methodist 6.30pm BCP Evensong with Patricia Sharp	
Holbrook	10.45 Holbrook Moor Methodist Church	
Turnditch	9.30am Parish Eucharist with the Rev Rachel Burdett	

11th January	Epiphany 1 The Baptism of Christ	<i>Colour: White</i>
Hazelwood	9.30am Parish Eucharist with the Revd Val Hart First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9 Read by: Francine Franklin Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43	
Ambergate	9.30am Holy Communion with the Revd Rachel Burdett	
Christ Church	11.00am Sung Parish Mass with the Revd Alison Roome	
Heage	9.30am Morning Service with The Ven Andie Brown 6.30pm BCP Evensong with Richard Chapman	
Holbrook	11.00am Parish Eucharist with the Revd Rachel Burdett	
Turnditch	No Service	

18th January	Epiphany 2	<i>Colour: White</i>
Hazelwood	11am Parish Eucharist with the Revd Helen Thake First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7 Read by: Tricia Kellogg Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9	
Ambergate	No Service	
Christ Church	11am Sung Parish Mass with The Revd Canon Dave Perkins	
Heage	9.30am Communion with the Revd Rachel Burdett 6.30pm BCP Communion with Diane McHarg	
Holbrook	10.45am Holbrook Moor Methodist Church	
Turnditch	9.30am Parish Eucharist with the Revd Alison Roome	

25th January	Conversion of Paul	<i>Colour: White</i>
Hazelwood	9.30am Parish Eucharist With the Revd. Rachel Burdett First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10 Read by: Tash Hayhurst Second Reading: Acts 9:1-22	
Ambergate	10.30am Covenant Service (Meths)	
Christ Church	11am Sung Parish Mass with the Revd Rachel Burdett	
Heage	9.30am Morning Worship with Christine Rose 6.30pm BCP Communion with the Ven Andie Brown	
Holbrook	11am Parish Eucharist with the Revd Val Hart	
Turnditch	No Service	

1st February	Presentation of Christ	<i>Colour: Green</i>
Hazelwood	11am Christmas Eucharist With the Revd Rachel Burdett First Reading: Malachi 3:1-5 Read by: Elizabeth Turvey Second Reading: Hebrews: 2:14-end	
Ambergate	No Service	
Christ Church	11am Sung Parish Mass with the Rev Alison Roome	
Heage	9.30am Morning Service with the Revd Helen Thake 6.30pm BCP Evensong with Patricia Sharp	
Holbrook	10.45am Holbrook Moor Methodist Church	
Turnditch	9.30am Parish Eucharist with the Rev Rachel Burdett	

If readers are not able to read on a given date and are unable to arrange a swap, would they please call Miss Elizabeth Turvey on 07714484099

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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 to all who throughout the year spend time to deliver the magazines. It is very much appreciated.

HAZELWOOD CHURCH ROTAS

Sacristan

Mrs Eileen Chadwick
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CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATIONS

Thank you all who decorated the church so beautifully for our Christmas festivities. We shall be taking the decorations down on Monday the 5th January. The church will be open at 10am until 12noon.

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This month's magazine covers have been kindly sponsored
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CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S

Our Christmas celebrations began on 1st December when we held our Christingle Service. The Reverend Val Hart conducted an enjoyable service during which Christmas carols were sung and Christingle Oranges were lit. We were reminded of the origin of the Christingle Orange and the congregation were invited to write memory/prayer cards which were hung on the Christmas Tree.

We would like to thank Hudsons Plant Centre who made a generous reduction on the price of the Christmas Tree we purchased to decorate our church.



On Saturday 6th December, a very wet day, Hazelwood Parish Council held their third Xmas Fayre at which the Church held a home-made cake stall. We would like to thank all who contributed by donating the many gorgeous cakes, ranging from elaborate iced cakes to Christmas mince pies and lemon tarts.

We would also like to thank all who braved the rain to purchase the cakes. We sold out by lunchtime raising £245 towards church funds. A very successful day.



On the shortest day 21st December, a foggy and wet day, The Revd Rachel led our Carol Service. The service was enjoyed by everyone and it was lovely to see the church with over 80 attending. A big thank to all who helped to make this a successful day.

After the service Mulled Wine and Mince Pies were served for all to enjoy. Thank you also goes to all who made the mince pies which were most welcome. Raffle tickets were sold for the prize of a Christmas Hamper which was kindly contributed by Lubrizol. Thank you to all who contributed so generously.

NON-ALCOHIC MULLED WINE

Prep 10 mins Cook 10 mins Serves 6

Ingredients:

500ml pomegranate juice
25g golden caster sugar
Handful of frozen blackberries
250ml apple juice
1 cinnamon stick
1 star anise
4 cloves
3 black peppercorns
1 orange, quartered

Method:

Put the pomegranate juice, sugar, blackberries and apple juice in a saucepan. Add the cinnamon, star anise, cloves, peppercorns, and orange. Heat gently until simmering. Taste for sweetness, then strain into heatproof glasses.

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

Next turnout: **11th January**
 8th February

13th December turned out fine after much rain. The sun never made it and the churchyard was ethereal. Paul took this very atmospheric photo.



The band of volunteers was slightly diminished (meaning that I still had cheese sandwiches to eat for tea!) but nevertheless most effective.

As so often occurs, we had a number of people calling in to leave flowers at family graves. They were appreciative (without any prompting) of the fact that volunteers were helping to keep the place looking as good as possible. There was also a group of walkers came by. Unfortunately none of them could be persuaded in for refreshments.

A big "Thank you" to all who were able to help. We look forward to more people joining us on **11th January, from 10.00 a.m.**

Elizabeth Turvey

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Meet first Wednesday of each month @ 7.00pm

December Christmas Lunch at The Bluebell Inn , Farnah Green on 4th December 2025.

No formal meeting to be held this month, instead we all gathered for lunch and were welcomed by the staff and shown to our Christmas themed tables. Orders for drinks were taken and our lunches (pre.ordered) were brought to the table, a very convivial lunch followed with plenty of laughter and conversation.

Eileen Chadwick (President) wished everyone a Happy Christmas, thanked the wonderful staff of the Bluebell and we raised our glasses to that.

Whilst coffee was served the Raffle was drawn with exciting prizes to win, and a collection was made (for the presidents charity) in-lieu of members sending Christmas cards to each other.

With many thanks to the staff for making our Christmas Lunch a happy occasion we made our way home after a lovely occasion enjoyed by all.

No meeting January.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 4th February 2026 at 7pm.

Visitors are welcome.

For WI information contact Eileen Chadwick:-01773 550063.

HAZELWOOD **WALKING GROUP**



Please note that there will be **NO** meeting of the Hazelwood Walking Group in January.

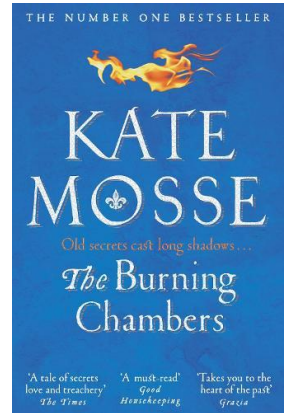
David Shaw

BOOK REVIEW

THE BURNING CHAMBERS

By

KATE MOSSE



This historical novel is set in Carcassonne in the Languedoc region in France in 1562. Nineteen year old Minou Joubert receives an anonymous letter in her father's bookshop. Sealed with a distinctive family crest, it contains just five words:

She knows that you live.

We are already intrigued, but before Minou can decipher the mysterious message, a chance encounter with a young Huguenot convert, Piet Reydon, changes her destiny forever. Piet has a dangerous mission of his own, and he will need Minou's help if he is to get out of La Cite alive.

This is an epic story with many threads. It has a romance between star-crossed lovers - a Huguenot and a Catholic. The religious wars are the backdrop where the Huguenots are being persecuted by the Catholics. There are many characters in the novel, excellently drawn, Vidal and Blanche are two people who will do anything to achieve their ambitions.

There are lots of secrets and twists and turns, but overall a very satisfying and pacy read. There are no cliffhangers and all the plot lines are resolved.

Francine Franklin

TIME TO SMILE

ORGANISTS

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how, after the service, he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," the minister said impatiently. "But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need £4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge £100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played the national anthem. And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

From A Bucket of Surprises, J. John and Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books

LYING

The preacher told his congregation, "Next Sunday my sermon will be on the sin of lying. To prepare yourselves please read the seventeenth chapter of Mark."

The following Sunday arrived and he asked, "How many of you read the seventeenth chapter of Mark?"

Most of the congregation raised their hands. "Good," he replied. "There are only 16 chapters in Mark. Now for the sermon on the sin of lying."

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PIPE ORGANS



Pipe Organ at St John's

I'm sure some of our Church will remember Martin Renshaw, an organ builder who gave us a talk when we re-opened our organ earlier on this year. He is one of the leading lights in "Pipe up for pipe organs" - leaflets about this are in the church - and he gave an interview recently on radio 3. Here is a link to it. <https://bios.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Saturday-Morning-Renshaw-BBC-R3-13-12-25.mp3>

In this talk, Martin explains just how dire the situation for organs is in Britain, although fortunately not in Hazelwood!

CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS

There is a collection box for the Belper Foodbank at the back of church, please feel free to drop in any daytime and bring donations of tinned food and/or toiletries which we will take down as the box gets filled. We also have a box for used stamps which are going to support the RNIIB towards paying for guide dogs for the blind.

Memories of Sledging by Gina Clarke

Deep snow, no school homework, no buses and banks of snow on the road. Local boys having snowball fights.

My father made me a sledge and painted it yellow. I still have it. We had to walk to the forge at Cromford to get metal runners on it. Outside the forge was a line of heavy horses for shoeing, inside a glowing red furnace, a smell of horses and the loud hissing as the farrier replaced the shoes.

Now with my new sledge and my friend we could go to Keys field, a field full of rabbits and deep holes and small mounds, a former mining site. We joined the local boys at the top of the field. We had to steer the sledge down the slope in order to stop under a gate which led to a side railway track. We then pulled the sledge up the hill again. My fingers and feet were numb. Oh, I had forgotten it was choir practice for the Christmas services and carol singing and had to dash home.



CHICKEN PASTA BAKE

Prep 30 mins Cook 45 mins Serves 6

Ingredients:

4 tbsp Olive oil
1 Onion, finely chopped
2 Garlic cloves, crushed
¼ tsp Chilli flakes
2 x 400g cans chopped tomatoes
1tsp Caster sugar
6 tbsp Mascarpone
4 Skinless chicken breasts, sliced
300g Penne pasta
70g Mature Cheddar grated
50g Mozzarella grated
Small bunch parsley, finely chopped

Method:

1. Heat 2 tbsp of the oil in a pan over a medium heat and fry the onion gently for 10-12 mins. Add the garlic and chilli flakes and cook for 1 min. Tip in the tomatoes and sugar and season to taste. Simmer uncovered for 20 mins or until thickened, then stir through the mascarpone.
2. Heat 1 tbsp of oil in a non-stock frying pan. Season the chicken and fry for 5-7 mins or until the chicken is cooked through.
3. Heat the oven to 220C/200C fan/gas7. Cook the penne following pack instructions. Drain and toss with the remaining oil. Tip the pasta into a medium sized ovenproof dish. Stir in the chicken and pour over the sauce. Top with the cheddar, mozzarella, and parsley. Bake for 20 mins or until golden brown and bubbling.

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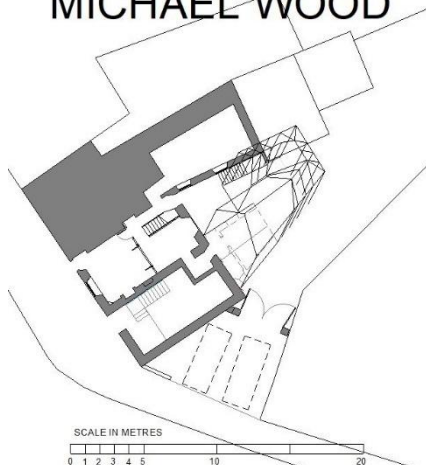
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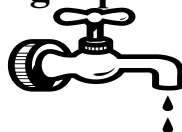
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