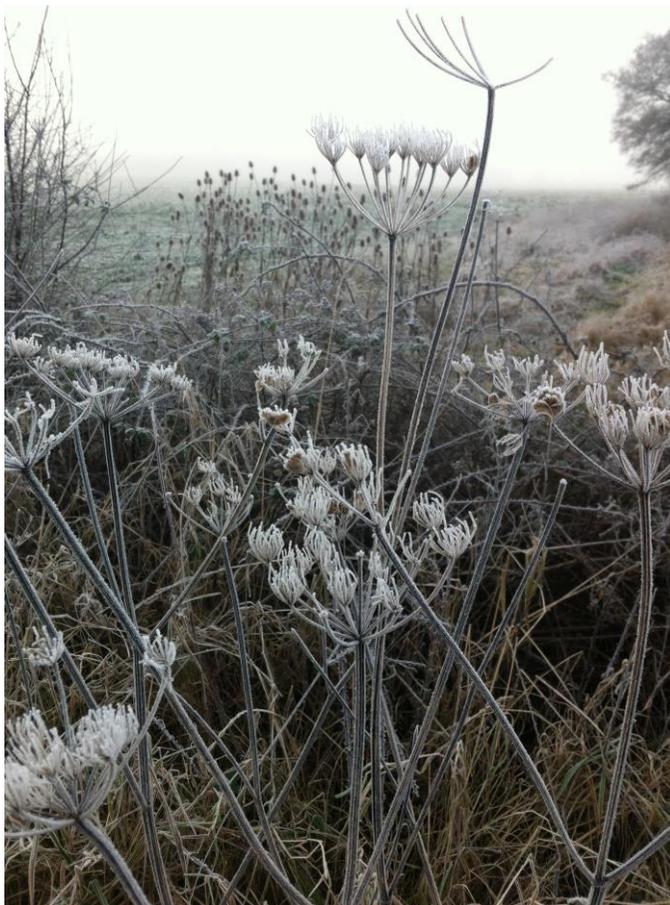


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January 2015

Village Diary

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| Saturday 3rd January | Pub Night 6-10pm |
| Saturday 24th January | Quiz and Chips |
| Sunday 25th January | Village Hall workday 9am onwards |
| Saturday 31st January | Orchard workday 10am onwards |

Wheelie bin collection dates

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| Friday 9th January | Blue and green bins |
| Friday 16th January | Black bin |
| Friday 23rd January | Blue bin only |
| Friday 30th January | Black bin |

Editorial

Christmas and New Year festivities may seem a long way off now but I think most of us probably enjoy returning to routine. There are exciting developments ahead for the Village Hall and help would certainly be appreciated for the village workdays.

I would like to suggest a "Village Notice Board" for the magazine where villagers could advertise items for sale or to give away. This might help to recycle things locally. I envisage this being a free service but donations towards the costs of the magazine are always welcome.

Please send emails to me, Mandy Ray, by the 20th of each month.
mja630@yahoo.co.uk

Vicar's Letter -

January is traditionally a time of new beginnings and Resolutions – lose weight, get fit, finally make that trip to New Zealand.

Last January, I thought I knew what the year was going to hold, and made some plans. February proved me wrong so I made some different plans. And again in March. And again in April. And then June turned everything upside down. Not surprisingly, I gave up trying to make plans at that point!

We already know some of the things which 2015 will bring – a General Election, for example, and probably a new model of iPhone.

But whatever the things are that we are expecting or fearing, hoping for or dreading, what actually happens is not usually exactly what we thought, and our plans almost always have to be redone.

That doesn't mean we should give up making plans, or give in to a "what will be, will be" fatalism. We have desires, hopes, worries, and dreams, and we have a great deal of choice about how we live our lives. So it's our responsibility to live in ways which we hope will make the world a better place. But we must hold our plans lightly, and be ready to change direction when we need to.

The only one who can plan and know the plans will not fail is God! The Good News of Christianity is that God's plans which include us. God gave this message through the prophet Jeremiah several hundred years Before Christ:

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord"

It was in Jesus that these plans started coming to fruition – by becoming one of us, Jesus ensure that we can indeed find God. By his death and resurrection, Jesus ensured that we can have a future with hope.

2014 didn't end up how I'd imagined it, but I am confident that it has been under God's care. Whatever your plans might be for 2015, and however well they turn out, remember that you are personally known and loved by God, whose plan is for your eternal good.

Stephen Day

Church Services for January

Sunday 4th January Epiphany Holy Communion 8.30am

Sunday 18th January Family Service 10.30am

Sunday 25th January Evening Prayer 6.00pm]

Church cleaning

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 st Sunday | Peter and Suzy Stokes |
| 2 nd Sunday | Donal and Monica O'Donnell |
| 3 rd Sunday | Linda Rimmer |
| 4 th Sunday | Janet Clear |
| 5 th Sunday | Peter Reynolds |

Church flowers and brasses

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 4 th January | Linda Rimmer |
| 11 th January | Linda Smith |
| 18 th January | Lee Steele |
| 25 th January | Christine Stone |

Village Carol Singing - 18th December 2014

We raised £462.60 plus gift aid of £85.00 which will help greatly towards the repairs to the Fabric of the Church.

A huge Thank you to everyone who donated so generously and to the Carol Singers who turned out on a windy night.

We wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

James and Janet Clear

Papworth Team Ministry

Team Evening Service

Sunday 18th January 6.00 pm at Caxton

Praise, Prayer, Teaching



Arrivals and departures

A very warm welcome to Stuart and Sue Dagleish who moved into Church Cottage in December. We look forward to seeing them at village events in the near future.

Congratulations to Tom Allen and Lina Orsino who were married on 27 December and have moved on from 2 Field Row to Abington Pigotts. We wish them well for the future and shall certainly miss their cheery faces around Kingston.

Village Workdays

Sunday 25 January: we need to clear the village hall, ready for the builders who move in on 2 February. We also need to demolish the old wooden shed. Could any able-bodied volunteers please join us to get this important job done. James Clear has kindly agreed to find space in one of his barns. Please bring stout gloves, and the following if you have them: van or a trailer, sledgehammer, lump hammer, crowbar, wood saw. Meet at the Village Hall at 9.00am.

Saturday 31 January: Tidying work in the Orchard, and clearing of channels leading from roadside into ditches. Meet at the Village Hall at 10.00am.

Flower arranging demonstration

Many thanks to Lee Steele who gave an excellent demonstration on how to arrange flowers both for the home and the church at Christmas time. Despite bone chilling temperatures Lee made the whole process seem straightforward and inspired even the least confident of us to have a go. We were sustained by delicious refreshments and all money raised went towards the church fabric.

I'm sure that any visitors to the church over the festive period must have been impressed by the quality and indeed quantity of beautiful arrangements. Many thanks to all who contributed to the decorations.

Village Hall Renovation

Great news! Since the last update in October, we have secured sufficient funding to cover the complete cost of Phase 1 of the renovation of the Village Hall. This is to re-build and enlarge the single story extension and kitchen/toilet area and provide a disabled access ramp. Peter Stokes has been appointed as the Project Manager for this phase and he has been working hard at completing the final paperwork. Work is targeted to start on 1st February 2015, subject to contract, and satisfying the grant-awarding bodies that their money has been correctly allocated against the proposed budget. The Parish Council agreed to 'underwrite' the project so confirmation could be given to the grant-awarding bodies and work started. The second sum of money pledged by the Parish Council will not be required but the original £20K is to be used to support the initial phases of renovation. There are still cash-flow issues in that the majority of the grants are payment following receipt of paid invoices and inspection documentation for specific parts of the renovation, but a short-term loan from ACRE is being applied for to overcome this. The Treasurer, Chris Reid, has resolved the cash flow issues posed by the different fund sources and once all documentation has been approved by all the grant bodies, the contract with the builders will be signed so that work can commence on or close to the planned date. It is expected that the work will take 6 months to complete. The main hall will remain open to existing hirers of the Hall during building work but toilet facilities will be limited to an external Portaloo. Further updates will appear in subsequent newsletters, but on completion of the work a grand opening ceremony will take place.

Mark Stalham Chairman, Village Hall Committee

Christmas Fair

Many thanks to all who supported the Christmas Fair this year. The total raised was £326.37 in aid of Village Hall funds. There was a lovely festive atmosphere with the mulled wine proving more popular than ever. The chocolate tombola had many happy customers and there were lots of home baked treats for sale. The back room was a hive of industry with decoration making.

Thanks to Suzy Stokes and Miki Ellar for organising the event.

Government money is available for energy saving home improvements

In Cambridgeshire, this is of interest to owner-occupiers interested in measures other than solid wall insulation. Better deals are available through council scheme Action on Energy for solid wall insulation (up to £6,000), and for energy saving measures generally in the private rented sector.

Homeowners will be able to claim up to £4,000 for solid wall insulation, and up to £1,000 for two measures from an approved list that includes a condensing mains gas boiler, secondary glazing, floor insulation and energy efficient replacement doors. A further £500 is available for those who apply within 12 months of buying a new home. The money - £30 million - is again available under the Green Deal Home Improvement Fund (GDHIF), and funds are expected to be snapped up quickly.

To be eligible, improvements need to be must be installed by a Green Deal provider or installer registered with the GDHIF, and must be recommended as part of a Green Deal advice report or Energy Performance Certificate. Up to £100 can be claimed back for a Green Deal Assessment under the scheme.

To find out more, go to gov.uk/greendeal, or call the council led scheme, Action on Energy on 0800 093 33 03.

Recruitment Day for Volunteers at Wimpole

Wimpole Estate is holding a recruitment day for volunteers on Saturday 17 January 2015 in the Old Rectory Restaurant. There are two sessions: 11.00am to 1.00pm for Room Guides, Flower Arrangers, Pianists, Catering Volunteers and other volunteers who are based inside; and 2.00pm to 4.00pm for Garden Guides, Outdoors Volunteers, a Sports Volunteer, Farm Volunteers and Farm Guides, Visitor Welcome Volunteers and other volunteers who work mostly outside.

Simply turn up on the day if you are interested.

Tricia Pope and John Procter Voluntary Volunteer Managers

A short, prayerful service of **Holy Communion** is celebrated **Wednesday at midday** in **Bourn Church**



Anyone from around the Team or beyond is welcome to attend.

| Date | Title | T.E.W | Bourn | Kingston | Caxton | Longstowe |
|--------|---------------------------------|------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Jan 4 | Epiphany | | 10.30 am HC(1) | 8.30am HC(2) | 8.30am HC(2) | |
| Jan 11 | Baptism of Christ | | 10/30am Worship for All 6.00pm EP | | 10.30am HC | 8.30am HC(2) |
| Jan 18 | Epiphany 2 | 6.00pm Caxton | 8.30am HC(1) | 10.30am FS | 10.30am FS | |
| Jan 25 | Epiphany 3 | | 10.30am Joint Songs of Praise with Longstowe | 6.00pm EP | | |
| Feb 1 | Candlemas | | 10.30am HC(1) | 8.30am HC(2) | 8.30am HC(2) | |
| Feb 8 | Second Sunday before Lent | | 10.30am Worship for All 6.00pm EP | | 10.30am MP | 8.30am HC(2) |
| Feb 15 | Sunday before Lent | | 8.30am HC(1) | 10.30am FS | 10.30am FS | |
| Feb 18 | Ash Wednesday | | 7.30pm Holy Communion at tbc | | | |
| Feb 22 | Lent 1 | | 10.30am MW | 6.00pm EP | | 10.30am MP |

HC Holy Communion MP Morning Prayer MW Morning Worship FS Family Service EP Evening Prayer

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| Date | Event |
|-------------------|--|
| Sat 17 Jan | Splitz Dance |
| Sat 17 Jan | Dance Excess |
| Wed 28-Sat 31 Jan | Les Miserables 7.30pm, & 2.30pm Saturday tickets from £5.50-£8.80 from http://www.ents24.com/cambridge-events/robert-james-theatre-comberton-leisure/les-miserables/4100896 |

News from Bourn Primary



Every term seems to wizz by and last year's Autumn term was no different, with lots of exciting things having happened.

Mrs Wheatman, our Maths Coordinator, spent two very interesting weeks in Shanghai in late September, observing and teaching in a Chinese Primary school. The trip was followed a few weeks later by a four-week visit from Ms Yin, who teaches Maths in the school that Mrs Wheatman visited. Ms Yin spent her time at Bourn teaching our Year 4 and Year 2 classes Maths the Chinese way. We are now beginning to analyse the advantages and disadvantages offered by the two different approaches, and the results of that work will feed into future planning across the School.

On the 9th October we were subjected to a SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection. These events, conducted by national inspectors, examine the effect that the Christian ethos of individual Church schools has on their pupils. We were delighted to receive an "Outstanding" judgement in all areas: mirroring our achievement when last inspected 5 years ago.

We once again celebrated Harvest in Bourn Church, focussing on how certain foods, originating from a variety of different countries across the world, arrive in a different form on our tables.

On 11th November the School's Year 5 and Year 6 children walked to the War Memorial, to join other members of the Bourn community for the two minutes' silence, and to lay a wreath to commemorate the sacrifice of those who gave their lives in the service of the Country. The Last Post was played by William Harris, a former pupil.

Christmas was soon upon us and the annual 'Christmas Capers' fair, organised by the Bourn School Association (BSA), was once again a great success: raising just under £2,000 for the School. The Christmas plays that were performed during the last week of term were highly entertaining, despite the fact that many children (and teachers) were more than ready for the Christmas break! The traditional Christmas lunch enjoyed by everyone on the penultimate day of the term was produced by our Bourn Bistro Staff, who work hard to produce high quality meals every day of the school year.

Finally, as some of you may have read, Bourn Primary achieved the distinction of being the first-placed school in Cambridgeshire when the Key Stage 2 SATs league tables were published in early December. We are delighted that our children have

achieved recognition for the hard work that they put into their studies but are also proud that the School matches its excellence in the classroom with outstanding results in other areas of activity, such as Music and Sport. Bourn Primary believes strongly that education should be about more than just being good at passing tests, although it is tremendous that our teaching is so clearly proving to be effective.

And so to the year ahead, with lots of exciting things to look forward to - including Music Week in late February, the construction of a new Library area funded by the BSA, and of course (hopefully) warmer weather.

Christine Page, Head teacher

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Home Visiting

As the weather worsens it may become difficult for you to attend worship but if you would still like to be able to share in the life of your Christian community the Ministry Team would be delighted to visit you in your home. If you would like a cup of tea and chat then we would be pleased to meet with you in your home and we are always happy to offer home communion to anyone who would like it.

If you are able to leave your house but are having difficulty getting to church, and a lift would make that possible please contact either your churchwardens or member of the Ministry Team (numbers can be found on the back of the pew sheet) and we will try to help.

If you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit please let the Ministry Team know.



What's your New Year's Resolution?

Could you become one of our volunteers who, like our Help at Home volunteers in 2014, provided practical and emotional support for people who were unwell, returning home from hospital or in a crisis over 2000 times? Or our Community Navigators who provided over 6000 pieces of information to help older people make informed choices about useful or enjoyable activities in their area.

Your New Years' Resolution could turn a small amount of your time into a big difference in someone's life!

People we've helped say:

"Well, when I came out of hospital, I was fairly confident about going home, but I couldn't walk. So, to start with, the Help at Home volunteer would do my shopping and pop up to the surgery to get my prescriptions for me. I must say that I couldn't have asked for anyone better."

"The Community Navigator gave me numbers and leaflets of places and things I might need and she explained it all. I can't praise her enough. In fact, I'm astounded there's a whole Care Network thing. I've got to 82 without knowing you existed, but I've never needed any help before. I can't thank you enough. It made all the difference"

"It made me feel like there were people out there who cared."

We believe it's important that volunteering is flexible and can fit around your other commitments. You give as much or a little time as you would like.

Care Network volunteers are people who help older, isolated or vulnerable people living in Cambridgeshire to stay independent and maintain social contact. They are all ages and from many different backgrounds, but have one thing in common; they gain great satisfaction from helping people. They are trained, supported and paid any out of pocket expenses.

Could you be part of our volunteer team and make a difference with just a few hours a month or are you interested in setting up a group or activity to support older or vulnerable people where you live?

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RECIPE: SNICKERDOODLE COOKIES

Courtesy of Tina Kover-O'Donnell

350g plain flour
2 tsp cream of tartar
1 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
225g butter at room temperature
200g caster sugar
dash of vanilla extract
2 large eggs
dash of cinnamon
dash of nutmeg

for rolling

50g caster sugar
2 tbsp cinnamon
1 tbsp nutmeg

Combine flour, cream of tartar, baking powder and salt in a bowl and set aside. In a large bowl beat the butter, sugar and vanilla until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time beating well after adding each. Add cinnamon and nutmeg. Add the flour mixture in 3 lots, only mixing each time until the dry ingredients disappear. Chill this dough very thoroughly in the fridge.

Pre-heat oven to 180°C. Mix together the rolling ingredients. Form a spoonful of dough into a ball the size of a walnut and roll to coat in the rolling mix. Place prepared balls 2 ins apart on a baking parchment lined baking sheet. Bake for 10 to 12 mins until the cookies have flattened and are a light golden brown. Cool for 5 mins before transferring to a plate of rack. Keep dough well chilled between batches of cookies. Even better and chewier the next day. Can freeze at the ball stage - allow 3 - 4 mins longer in the oven.

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