

BAMPTON PARISH NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2017 - JANUARY 2018



Dear Friends

HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU.....

Well yes I have actually..!

To quote Slade 'it's Christmass.....' and it is NOW the beginning of the Christmas season when Advent starts despite what the advertisers and media have been trying to tell us since September and October as Christmas appears to be in existence earlier and earlier. And I mean Christmas in the religious sense of its true meaning – the birth of Jesus coming to the planet earth as the Son of God, the Saviour of the world. A Saviour who brings Good News that God the Father loves each and every one of us and wants us to receive his love and be as Isaiah the Old Testament prophet 'a comfort to his people'.

In the mystery of Christ's birth at Bethlehem to the Virgin Mary we find a miracle that can, if we let it, touch our hearts and way of life so that we are fulfilled as human beings just as God intended us to be. Something that transforms our way of thinking and doing, so that those we come into contact with are encouraged and pointed into a direction bringing goodness and joy to our world and our little part of it.

We are faced all around by disaster, terrible wars and conflicts, personal tragedies and hurt in our lives and much more. It can seem to be all too difficult and a waste

of time. However, I believe each of us can play a positive contribution to ours and others' existence on this earth by truly understanding and taking seriously the Good News of God's love that Jesus' birth signals as we begin to celebrate this Christmas.

It can and does require commitment and effort to 'love our neighbour' sometimes, but with God's help and trust we can make it a better life for all. Jesus' teaching and example as he grows up and begins his ministry are no doubt a challenge for us, even if we are not religious or 'churchy'. But it is Good News and always will be. So, extend the hand of kindness and be better for it, at the same time knowing that your actions and thoughts will be appreciated and are likely to have a knock-on effect. That cannot be bad ...eh? The Christmas that we celebrate and think about and prompts us to 'be nice' is ultimately an expression of hope for ourselves, this World and for God too. It is a hope that should extend beyond the 12 days of Christmas and long into the new year. I pray that this will be so for you and your families and friends. 2018 will bring its own challenges for us, both as village and for Christian communities as we move inexorably towards Brexit and the 'Moving Mountains' initiative. Each new year can give us the impetus for fresh starts and new horizons, invigorating what can seem like the same old, same old... maybe this coming year will point to new things and experiences for you. I truly hope so as the Christian calendar of events takes us through the life and ministry of Jesus and, dare I say, towards Easter with the universal hope for humanity of eternal life and God's love.

So that's the news I have for you – I think it will be Good News, God is with us-rejoice and enjoy!! Lastly, elsewhere in this magazine you will find a comprehensive list of various Christmas services happening in our parishes and I hope you will be able to come to at least one of them, if not a few.

May God's blessing be upon you and your families whatever and wherever you find yourselves this Christmas and New Year.

Alun

In the new year I am intending to start a group for those who might be interested in being confirmed at some point later in the year, or who just want to explore the Christian faith without any commitment, or perhaps renew and refresh their existing faith. It will be an opportunity to discuss, challenge, understand, develop, contemplate and many other things in a convivial setting and atmosphere. If that appeals to and you want to find out more call me on 01931 716048 or speak to me when you next see me and I will be happy to try and answer any questions you have.

Alun

Contact Details

Alun Hurd, Vicar	01931 716048
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Christmas at St Patrick's

Singers Wanted – particularly children!

St Patrick's Carol Service is on **Sunday 17th December** at **6pm**. We should be delighted to have extra people join the church choir for this service. We shall be practising in the church hall each Thursday from 6pm to 7pm. Just turn up or contact me if you would like to sing but cannot manage that time. Even if you are not a singer we do hope you will come to this service to start off the Christmas celebrations. Mulled wine and mince pies after the service!

Another Christmas Celebration

Come and join us for a Drop-in Christmas tea with carols, crackers and Christmas songs in the church hall on **Wednesday 20th December** from **3.30pm to 5pm**

And Finally

Christmas Eve at 9pm, Christmas Holy Communion with Christopher Jenkin

Diana Nicholson 713194

Christmas Coffee and Gifts Morning – Saturday 2nd December

December is upon us and so we hope the Christmas coffee and gifts morning is already in your diary but if not it's from at **10am till 12 noon** in the Church if possible but as work may be ongoing with the bells it may be necessary to hold the event in the Church Hall – please check the Church notice board for final details. Come and enjoy delicious coffee and cakes and then browse the stalls for Christmas items: home made cakes, preserves, gifts, books and good quality bric-a-brac items. There will be a raffle with terrific prizes for the festive season including £50 in cash and very desirable hampers of food and drink. Raffle tickets will be available in advance from PCC members, the Post Office or at the door and will be drawn at the event. Entry price for **adults** is **£3 (children free)** and will include tea/coffee and home bakes. See you there!

Bampton Bells

It will be definitely “DING, DONG MERRILY ON HIGH” this Christmas – and for very many more Christmases to come!

By the time you read this the bells and their associated equipment will be being installed in the tower following a short service of ‘Hallowing and Blessing’ by the Bishop of Penrith on the morning of **30th November**. After a ‘test’ ring following the completion of the installation they will be heard for the first time before the Christmas Carol Service on **17th December** so we hope to see many of you there – all in good voice!! Plans are also in hand for them to welcome in the New Year.

A special celebratory service will be arranged in the New Year when the full glory of our new bells will be heard from the capable hands of some of our bell sponsors, tutors, invited bell ringers and, of course, the current band of Bampton bell ringers. Interest has already been expressed by some parishioners in wishing to learn and hopefully the sound of the bells will attract more interest. During the installation a

simulator system, donated by the present Bampton bell ringers, will be incorporated especially for beginners but also to widen the experience and knowledge of existing ringers.

Bampton PCC

Bampton Trust

The trustees are sorry to say that our treasurer for the past 3 years Chloe Randall has resigned. Chloe did sterling work for us bringing to the trust's affairs the benefit of her wide experience and she will be greatly missed.

Her place will be taken by Kerry Harmer, already a trustee, who will bring to this extra role her background in office management and her enthusiasm.

The computer at the Post Office is no longer needed (it was purchased for community use when home computers were uncommon) and is free to a good home. The machine is an Acer tower-type computer with monitor, keyboard, mouse etc, and the printer is a Canon M600. The printer works perfectly in black and white, and probably only needs the print heads cleaning to make the colour printing work. Interested enquiries to Mike Jones Tel: 713555

Trustees of the Bampton Trust

Thank You!

The PCC would like to thank the Bampton WI which has kindly sponsored the production of this edition of the newsletter. Also, thanks to Heather and Jane for their hard work in producing the newsletter. They generously give their time voluntarily and work to incredibly tight deadlines to ensure the copy is well presented and sent to the printers in good time. Thank you too to the distributors who brave the elements to ensure you all get your newsletter.

Bampton PCC

Drop in for Coffee

Our drop-in dates for the next two months are **Wednesday 13th December** and **Wednesday 10th January**, any time between **10.30am** and **12 noon** in the Church Hall. This is not a fund raising event; it is just an opportunity to get out and meet people so do come and join us. If you would like to come and need a lift, then please contact me. We look forward to seeing you.

Diana Nicholson 713194

Tinclar's Library

The Library will be open in the Church Hall on **Monday 4th December** and **Monday 8th January** from **7pm – 9.30pm**.

The Trustees

Your Community Needs You!

A number of volunteering opportunities have arisen for various roles which are vital in keeping our community running smoothly. We really do need new volunteers so please give these roles your consideration.

A Chairperson is required for Bampton Memorial Hall Committee to chair the meetings

A Treasurer is also required for Bampton Memorial Hall to keep a record of the finances of the hall

Bampton Community Volunteer Drivers are needed

No experience is necessary, only a desire to help your local community. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these roles please contact Lesley White on 713530.

Bampton Community First Responders more volunteers needed

If you are interested in finding out about the Community First Responder's role, please contact Christine Hill on 713210

Design a banner for Bampton!

The sports committee would like to create a Bampton Community banner to be used at the sports and other village events. It will be made of fabric but can be any shape and as colourful as you want. Can you create a design? Yes you could – so why not have a go! Please submit your design to the Bampton Post Office by **Monday 8th January**. We will then select a design from the ideas submitted.

The sports committee are also planning events for 2018 which include:

Winter sports – **Sunday 4th February**

Ceilidh – **Saturday 14th April**

Summer sports – **Sunday 1st July**

Why not put the dates in your diary now! Thanks.

Vickie Haddock for the Bampton Sports Committee

Bampton WI

After much soul-searching, at a Special Meeting on 14th November we voted unanimously that **Bampton WI is suspended from 31 December 2017**. This does not mean closure yet but more “a period of grace” which will last for 3 years until or unless the WI re-forms.

We raised a toast to Elsie's memory as a dear friend and President of Bampton WI from 2010 until her death in April 2017. We want to commemorate Elsie who was a dedicated member of the WI for 60 years and to mark Bampton WI's long history from 1932 to 2017. Mrs Sylvia Hindmarch was President from 1979 to 2009, a remarkable achievement.

We can hope that Bampton WI might re-form. But for now a big thank you to all who have joined us for meetings, events, played music, enjoyed tea and cakes at Sports Day and given talks; it was excellent to have your company; Bampton Memorial Hall for our venue, our grateful thanks.

Bampton WI

50/50 Club

We are now at the end of the 7th year of running the Memorial Hall 50/50 Club – congratulations to all this year's lucky winners. I am pleased to report that we have raised nearly £1000 this year with 50% going to the Memorial Hall and 50% going in the monthly prizes. Very many thanks to everybody who has supported this fundraiser this year. Now is the time to enrol for the 2018 draws and an application form is enclosed with this newsletter so nobody will miss out. Additional forms will be available from Bampton Post Office for from Christine Evans at Brandscroft, Gatefoot. Forms should be returned by 30th December 2017 to be included in the January 2018 draw. The 50/50 Club is open to everybody and only costs £12 per year – i.e. £1 per month. Full details are on the application forms. Best of luck to everybody for 2018!

Christine Evans

Bampton Shop and Tearoom

As many of you will have already noticed, the old computer that was in Bampton Shop and Tearoom has now been removed – but don't worry, we are still offering free Wi Fi to all visitors to the tearoom and we do have a laptop that can be hired for a nominal sum to go to charity. The good news is that the space has given us room for lots of goodies for Christmas, from great present ideas to essentials such as alcohol and cards. Come and check out our display for lots of festive inspiration, including lovely wintry cards from Christine Longmire, special Christmassy jams and chutneys from Jeannie, yummy honey from Lowther, luscious smellies from the Keswick Soap Co and lots more.

We have reduced our hours slightly for winter. The shop is now open mornings only from **Monday to Thursday, 8.30am-1pm** (with the exception that we close at midday on Tuesday to do the outreach post office at Askham) **8.30am-4pm Friday and Saturday** and **10am-4pm on Sunday**. The Post Office hours remain unchanged. The tearoom is still open daily **10am-noon Monday to Thursday** and **10am-4pm Friday to Sunday**. Olivia will soon be making her almondy mince pies for Christmas, so do come along and try one! (or maybe two...)

Olivia and Graham

Une petite pause

The final get-together of the French group for this year will be on **Monday 11 December** in the Church Hall at 2pm. We will be taking a break over Christmas and the New Year and resuming on **8 January**. Anyone who would like to spend an hour once a fortnight wrestling with French is very welcome to join us. Joyeux Noel a tous.

Marion Jones

Children's Christmas Party

A children's party will be held at Bampton Memorial Hall on Saturday **16th December 6-8pm**. All children from Bampton and the surrounding areas are welcome. Games, food and a disco! Please contact Sarah on 713626 or Philippa on 713104 with any queries.

Sarah Maddicott

Bampton Amblers

Although we seemed to pick one or two rainy days for our walks this autumn we still managed some pleasant local walks followed by goodies at the Post Office and Haweswater Hotel! However, after several aborted attempts at Wetherlam in Coniston we decided to leave it until next year and settled for a leisurely climb over lowly Steel Knotts in good weather and decided it was an easy walk that we might be able to do in our eighties! By the time you read this the walking year will have been rounded off with our usual Jacob's Join supper at Alison's which I'm sure will have been enjoyed by all! With Christmas and darker nights on the horizon our forthcoming programme is somewhat curtailed but nevertheless we hope one or two of you might be tempted to join us. Dates for your diaries are as follows:

Tuesday 12th December Meet at **9.30 am** Ruth (713197)

[Moderate: Heughscar Hill & Arthur's Pike – 7¾ miles – 1,200 feet of ascent]

Wednesday 20th December Meet at **10.00 am** Katharine (713392)

[Easy stroll: Butterwick via Gill Head – 3¾ miles – 460 feet of ascent]

Sunday 7th January Meet at **9.30 am** Alison (713350)

[Moderate: See PO notice board for details]

Friday 19th January Meet at **10.00 am** Katharine (713392)

[Easy: Knipe Scar followed by lunch/tea or coffee at PO – see board for details]

Monday 29th January Meet at **9.30 am** Carole (0797 765 8889)

[Moderate: Gowbarrow Fell – See PO notice board for details]

Meet at the Memorial Hall in Bampton and bring a packed lunch, unless advised otherwise. Please note that start times may vary from those quoted depending on the nature of the walk, so please see the notice board in Bampton Post Office for full details of/changes to all walks. In the event of bad weather please contact the above leaders.

Heather Pitt and Alison Jones

Pilates in Bampton with Alexis

Don your Christmas jumpers for our fun final Pilates of 2017 on Monday **18th December**. We will start back with a nice warm up on Monday **15th January 2018**.

As always all are welcome. Classes are led by Alexis Dykes, a chartered Physiotherapist specially trained in Pilates. If you fancy giving it a try then come along to either the 7pm or 8pm class. Any questions feel free to contact me on 07411 902674, penrithpilates@gmail.com or go to my website www.penrithphysiopilates.co.uk

Bampton Bonfire and Fireworks

I would like to say a massive ‘thank you’ to the 5 amazing people who light the fireworks for me: Mike Murphy; Steve Ellwood; Simon White; Graham White and my wife Jacqui Barber. Without their dedication and help we would not be able to put on the firework display for the community. They sacrifice their evening so everybody else can enjoy the show. The donations collected and profit from food sold on the night pays for next year’s fireworks and we paid for this year’s display with the £1700 collected last year. However, I would like to make next year’s display even bigger and better! If you did not have the chance to donate on the night or would like to give a little more then please put your donation in an envelope and give it to Maureen Barber. THANK YOU – I hope you all enjoyed the evening.

Trevor Barber 713314

A very successful evening was enjoyed by all on Bomby Green on Sunday evening 5th November. The weather was crisp and cold, but thankfully no rain! Judging by the *oohs* and *ahhs* everybody enjoyed the firework display and I’m sure you will all join me in sending thanks to the firework co-ordinator and team. Thanks also to the helpers who manned the refreshment stalls keeping everybody warm and well fed. It is unfortunate that some people did put items on the bonfire which should not be burnt and it was only due to the diligence of the Bonfire Committee that the Environment Agency allowed the bonfire to go ahead. Finally, many thanks for the food and money donations from Cooke Aquaculture Scotland (Fish Farm) and Migdale Transport. See you all next year!

Maureen Barber

Overwintering Bomby Green

A well attended working party on October 7th has cleared the ditch alongside the road. We hope that this will carry any excess rainwater away to the river. Other areas were given a trim. Our aim is to keep the Green an attractive place for walkers, while leaving enough wilderness to accommodate wildlife. If you use the Green to exercise a dog, please make sure you tidy up after it and, of course, all litter should be taken home or put in one of the bins. The Bonfire was regularly monitored by the Bonfire Committee who ensured that only wood and foliage were burnt. The area has now been left in good condition to re-grow for next season.

Katharine Cooke for the Bomby Green Management Committee

Village Choir

Future dates for our meetings are **4th December** (not the 18th), **8th and 22nd January**, and **19th February**. We meet from **6pm** at **Bryham House** for an hour or so of singing with an ever expanding and ambitious repertoire in friendly and forgiving company. Do come along if you enjoy music – you would be very welcome.

John Garside

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Once again I would like to express my grateful thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to the Macmillan Coffee Morning. We collected a fabulous total of £700.75 which is our biggest collection yet! All being well, see you all again next year. Thank you.

Lesley White

Bampton and District Local History Society

On Tuesday **December 5th**, we will hold our revived Christmas Quiz. This is now a biannual event and the questions focus on Cumbria in general as well as local history. It's a great way to find out what you know and what you don't in convivial company. We are going to the Haweswater Hotel where a light supper will be provided and the bar will be open. We look forward to seeing members old and new as well as welcoming interested visitors.

The cost of the Christmas Quiz evening will be £5 which includes supper. To ease transport and parking, we invite you to gather on the night at the Memorial Hall at 7.00pm where car share will be organised. The Quiz will start at 7.30 in the Haweswater Hotel Walkers' Bar and we look forward to seeing you there

At the AGM held on Tuesday October 3rd, we welcomed Dr Chris Donaldson, from University of Lancaster. The title of his talk was 'Undefined by the Intrusion of Bad Taste' Early Impressions of Haweswater' This was a very entertaining and engaging talk exploring reactions of visitors in the nineteenth century to this wild valley. Members added their knowledge of early tourism to the account and both speaker and audience learned something new.

The November meeting (November 7th) was on The Carlisle Ship Canal. The speaker, David Ramshaw, a transport expert of longstanding, showed how the route and purpose of the Ship Canal between Carlisle and the Solway coast, can be traced on the ground and through reports in newspapers. The Canal opened in 1817 and press reports show ships still being built in Carlisle in 1853, and trade from the city reached Liverpool, Glasgow and Leeds as well as across the Atlantic and into the Baltic. The railway, however, literally over took this trade and the Ship Canal provided the route for the tracks.

In January 2018 we plan to hold an afternoon 'drop in' session to continue discussion of people's 'Bampton Memories'. After the June walk last year, people were very keen to hear more about the history of Bampton from those who lived it. The 'drop in' will be an informal session and everyone is invited to bring photos and other items showing life here in living memory. We'll meet in the Small Hall at 2.00pm on Tuesday **16 January 2018**.

Season's Greetings!

Pat Garside, BDLHS

Bampton REMOTE Cinema

Saturday 9 December: *Get Santa* (2014 UK | USA) cert: U, 102 mins, genre: comedy

Saturday 13 January: *Dunkirk* (2017 Netherlands | UK | France | USA) cert 12A, 106 mins

Lion was brilliant: an amazing true story while *My Cousin Rachel* might not have been everyone's cup of tea but it's been great hearing people's opinions about Rachel: guilty or not guilty?

We hope you've been enjoying the trailers for forthcoming films as an added bonus.

You'll notice we've had to change the December film. The rights for the film *Nativity!* have been withdrawn recently over the Christmas period this year due to the stage musical *Nativity!*

Get Santa stars Jim Broadbent at his best playing the lead as Santa in this British comedy. It is a tale of an estranged father and son bonding as they attempt to bust Santa out of jail and save Christmas. Santa is in prison because he was arrested trying to release his reindeer from an animal shelter after he crash landed his sleigh in London on a test drive days before Christmas. Is it too late to save Christmas? Warwick Davis as Sally the Elf, Ewen Bremner as PC Finkerton, Jodie Whittaker and Rafe Spall join Santa for an action-packed tale; scenes shot mainly in London and Yorkshire.

Dunkirk A direct and brilliantly portrayed film by Christopher Nolan of the evacuation of the Allied troops trapped on the Pas de Calais beaches in May-June 1940. Big star cast with among others: Mark Rylance as Mr Dawson, owner of the "Moonstone" a small family cruiser; Kenneth Branagh as Commander Bolton, senior naval officer; Tom Hardy as Spitfire pilot Farrier and newcomer Fionn Whitehead playing teen soldier Tommy. Scenes were shot "as much as possible for real". The film gives the audience the perspective of a few individuals out of many thousands at the sharp end: the men on the beach, the Spitfire pilots and the civilians in their small boats.

The venue is Bampton Memorial Hall: film begins at **7:30pm**, doors opening at **7pm**. Tickets are on sale at the door on the night, price **£5 adults, £2 U16**. Or, a **film plus supper ticket can be bought at Bampton Post Office, price £10 adults; £7 for U16** from Wed 22 November to 6 Dec for Santa and 27 December to 10 Jan for Dunkirk. We try to restrict numbers for supper to 36 so buy early. Menu details in post office; supper served at **6pm**; bar, ice-creams and an interval. See you there!

Hazel (713311), Katharine (713392), Mike (713555), Vickie (713466) David (713586) Bampton REMOTE cinema committee

Bampton Parish Council

It was with regret that the Council accepted the resignation of Vicki Buss. She is thanked for her valuable contribution to the council and parish. It is hoped that someone will come forward to be co-opted in her place, possibly at the next meeting

The half year's financial report was presented by the clerk and accepted. The new auditor, Chris Leece from Clifton, had approved that accounts and provided a good report. Discussion of the budget and precept requirement was deferred to the next meeting when the implications of EDC's devolution of duties to Parish Councils had been studied. This devolution might mean PCs taking over responsibility for services such as street lighting and maintenance/ safety inspection of playgrounds. You may have noticed that the willow tunnel in the playground has been trimmed. This was done by some of the councillors this time but it was suggested that in future this task should be added to the strimming contract that will be put out for tender in the new year.

It was suggested that a better site for the notice board would be on the wall of the Memorial Hall instead of the present very exposed site and the Hall Committee would be approached for their opinion.

Jim Campbell was appointed as parish Highwayman, a position held by Malcolm Evans for many years. Jim can be contacted and given information regarding potholes, blocked gutters and any other highway related problems which he can pass directly to Highways. His contact details will be posted as soon as the link with Highways has been set up.

The Clerk has been asked to contact BT to try to get urgent maintenance work carried out on the phone box at the bottom of The Howes. The box at Grange is also in very bad repair but it is unfortunately scheduled for removal as it is rarely used.

The next meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday **January 23rd at 7.30** in the Memorial Hall and all parishioners are welcome to attend.

Marion Drinkwater (Clerk)

Bampton Community First Responders

The Bampton CFR 2018 Calendar is now on sale! Available for £10 from Bampton Post Office or contact me at the numbers given below. All proceeds will go to help fund your CFR team and allow us to continue to provide emergency care for the local community when needed. A great Christmas present idea!

Since the last Newsletter I'm pleased to say that all the CFR team passed their annual assessment of patient assessment, Basic Life Support, oxygen therapy and defibrillation with flying colours. I'd like to thank the whole team for their continued commitment and the amount of hard work they all put into the training. Thank you! I have also become a NWSA CFR 'field trainer' which means I can officially train the Bampton team (something I had been doing unofficially but with NWSA's blessing up until now) and also train new CFR's during their initial training.

If you think you'd like to join the team and help provide essential emergency cover for the local community please feel free to get in contact with me for an informal chat or look at the NWS CFR page <http://www.nwas-responders.info/> All applications are submitted through the web page and are confidential.

If you feel unwell and think it is a medical emergency DIAL 999 or 112 and ask for AMBULANCE. Any on call CFR's will then be tasked by Ambulance control to attend if appropriate. CFR's will not be tasked to attend all 999 calls but will be asked to attend the following type of emergencies: abdominal pain, severe allergic reaction, breathing problems, fitting, diabetic emergency, chest pain, stroke, loss of consciousness, collapse, cardiac arrest, respiratory arrest, some trauma. We will not normally be tasked to any incident involving children under 12.

*Christine Hill, Bampton CFR Team,
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christinehillski@gmail.com*

Last Minute Reminder - Handel's Messiah

Penrith Singers have just begun their new term under their Musical Director, Edward Taylor, Assistant Organist at Carlisle Cathedral. Their next concert will be on **Saturday, 2nd December** when they will perform the first part of Handel's ever-popular Messiah and Rutter's Psalmfest. New members are always welcome; if you are interested in joining the choir, please contact Heather Tomlinson on 01768 891870. Rehearsals are on **Wednesday evenings from 7.45 pm** in St Andrew's Church, Penrith. More information is available through Penrith Singers' web-site

www.penrithsingers.co.uk

Shap Medical Practice

As a result of a legacy from a patient we are using some of the funds to pay for basic Life Support Training for our patients. The training will show you how to save a life in a heart attack situation and will also cover how to use a defibrillator. It will make you more confident in an emergency situation, will add value to your workplace and look good on a CV! We hope to hold the training in the medical practice at Shap next year. If you are interested in learning these skills or have more questions, please call in or telephone 01931 716230

Sue Graham, Practice Manager

The local bus

The bus is run by Fellrunner and operates every **Thursday**. It will leave **Burnbanks at 10.00am**, travelling via **Grange Bridge (10.07am)** and leave **Bampton at 10.14am** to arrive at **Penrith Bus Station at 10.48am**. The return bus will leave **Penrith Bus Station at 1.30pm** to arrive back in **Bampton at 2.02pm** and **Burnbanks at 2.16pm**. For those in the Rosgill area the bus reaches

Rosgill Head around 9.45am and returns **around 2.30pm**. Fellrunner tell us it is a 'hail and ride' service i.e. the bus will stop if you flag it down. However, it would be better to ring 01768 88232 in advance so the driver has warning. Use it or lose it!

Bampton Village Website - www.bamptonlakedistrict.org.uk

Please send any updates for the website to Chris Cant on chris@phdcc.com or 713240. Any new photos very welcome.

Thank you!

Once again it's the time of year when we take the opportunity to thank everyone who helps to make this Newsletter so successful. We would like to say a big 'thank you' to the contributors – both regular and occasional; advertisers; Olivia & Graham at the Post Office for taking in contributions; distributors, often delivering in awful conditions; sponsors who have helped with the financing of editions; and of course, you, the readers! May we wish you all the Compliments of the Season.

The Editors

PARISH DIARY (Note MH = Memorial Hall)

DECEMBER

Sa 2nd Christmas Coffee & Gifts Morning, 10am-12 noon
Su 3rd Holy Communion with Sandra, **10am**
Mo 4th Village Choir, Bryham House, 6-7pm
Pilates, MH, 7-8pm and 8-9pm
Tinclar's Library Open Evening, Church Hall, 7-9.30pm
Tu 5th BDLHS, Christmas Quiz, 7.30pm,
We 6th Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm
Sa 9th Orton Farmers' Market, 9.30am-2pm
Bampton Cinema, MH. "Get Santa" **Doors open 7pm**
Su 10th Holy Communion with Alun and Neil, **6pm**
Mo 11th French Group, Church Hall, 2-3pm
Pilates, MH, 7-8pm and 8-9pm
Tu 12th Bampton Amblers, Meet MH 9.30am
We 13th Drop In For Coffee, Church Hall, 10.30-12 noon
Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm
Sa 16th Children's Christmas Party, MH, **6-8pm**
Su 17th Carol Service, **6pm**. All welcome. Mulled wine & mince pies in Church afterwards
Mo 18th Pilates, MH, 7-8pm and 8-9pm
We 20th Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm
Bampton Amblers, Meet MH 10am
Su 24th Holy Communion with Chris Jenkin and Diana **9pm**. Mulled wine & mince pies in Church afterwards
Mo 25th Holy Communion with Chris Jenkin. Joint service at Shap **10am**
Su 31st Holy Communion with Alun. Joint service at Shap **10.30am**

JANUARY

- We 3rd Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm
- Su 7th Holy Communion by reservation with Diana, **10am**
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- Su 21st 'Café Church', Church Hall, **10am**
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- Mo 29th Bampton Amblers, Meet MH 9.30am
Pilates, MH 7-8pm and 8-9pm

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