

BAMPTON PARISH NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2020 – JANUARY 2021



Dear Friends

‘So, this is Christmas...’ begins the John Lennon and Yoko Ono Christmas song, Happy Xmas (War is over) hitting No 4 in the singles charts of 1972.

They might be our words and thoughts as we contemplate what our Christmas will be like this year. And as I write no one can be quite sure what we will be allowed to do and where we can go during the Christmas season.

There is an uncertainty which the pandemic has brought to the UK and our planet that may be resolved with the advent of vaccines to combat the virus, we certainly hope so and pray for that to be the case.

Elsewhere I have written about the uncertainty of what our Christmas services will be like and until we know what the Government and Church of England allow us to do, that will remain, unfortunately. But we are hoping that in addition to definite services like Christmas Eve and Christmas Day there just might be a glimmer of opportunity for other things plus of course some online events and activities, including an Online Carol service on Monday 21st December at 7pm.

However, Christmas has not and is not going away, it will just be different, and we will adapt, and as we reflect on the situation that we face, never more have we required a sense of hope.

That is one of the themes of Advent as we wait expectantly for the birth of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of humankind and the pinnacle and most profound expression of God's love for each and every one who God has created, even including me as imperfect as I am..!!

The hope that comes with Jesus is a hope that points us in the right direction, to do the best we can and live lives to do justice to the gifts and abilities we have received, for the benefit of our fellow human beings.

Yes, the pandemic has changed everything and given us a year with lockdown and restrictions like we could never have imagined with lots of sorrow and sadness. We cannot ignore that and we, even if it has not affected us personally, must bear the weight along with the bereaved, of the tears and grief that engulfs them and this planet.

I do not know what your Christmas will be like or mine, or if you will be able to be with loved ones or not. What I do know is that the human spirit will persevere eventually through most difficulties, and with God's Holy Spirit we can be encouraged and strengthened to be little lights of goodness and joy shining out into the communities we live in.

The John Lennon song I began with has a chorus that says:

A very merry Christmas
And a happy new year
Let's hope it's a good one
Without any fear.

He looks to the future, and so do I in a different way through Jesus, and I pray for our people, our communities, our nation and our world that the coming year will be a better one and the fear of the virus that has enslaved many of us will finally be beaten and controlled and consigned to the bin.

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy, and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit'.

Paul's letter to the Romans ch15 v 13.

This is my hope, a hope that has its foundation in the birth of Jesus and our celebration of Christmas. I hope it is a good one for you with all God's blessings.

Alun

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From the Registers

Wedding

Laura Pettit to Graham David White

Sunday, 4th October

Interment and Service of Thanksgiving for the life of

Sylvia Hindmarch (who died 2nd October)

Friday, 23rd October

Christmas Services

As we go to press and await the outcome of the lockdown, our Christmas services are difficult for us to plan in the way that we would usually do. My colleagues and I within the Appleby area are all holding fire to decide what we may do, until we have a clearer idea from the Government, Church of England and Diocese of Carlisle, what we will be allowed to do in our church buildings or attempt to do, if anything, outside in our local communities.

Our popular Christingle services in support of the Children's Society in our parishes are already happening via the schools and in the community under a different form. Carol services and Golden Oldies are unlikely to happen either, even under the old pre-lockdown advice.

However, we are waiting, like the theme of Advent and the Coming Christ Child, to see what light on these things may come our way. If the news is good we will use all the means at our disposal to inform you of anything going on, plus of course word of mouth, which is often the best form of communication.

What I can tell you is that in the area that is covered by the Bampton Newsletter and Shap Today magazine, in addition to our usual Sunday morning services up to the middle of December indicated elsewhere in the magazine, there will be a form of Carol Service at St Patrick's Bampton on the morning of **Sunday 20th December at 10.00am**. There will be lessons and carols but as we are not able to sing, the carols will be recordings of professional singers and choirs. We also hope to hold a **Christmas Eve** Communion service at Bampton at **9.00pm**. There will not be any service on Christmas Eve at St Michael's Shap but a Family Communion will be held there at 10am on Christmas Day. We would love you to join us to celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

You will of course, under current regulations, have to wear a mask and there will be limits on the number of people we can accommodate to conform to social distancing rules.

We are also planning an Online Carol Service to be broadcast live from one of our churches on **Monday 21st December at 7.00pm** but without a congregation. The Zoom and YouTube links are here if you are planning to join us.

On Zoom

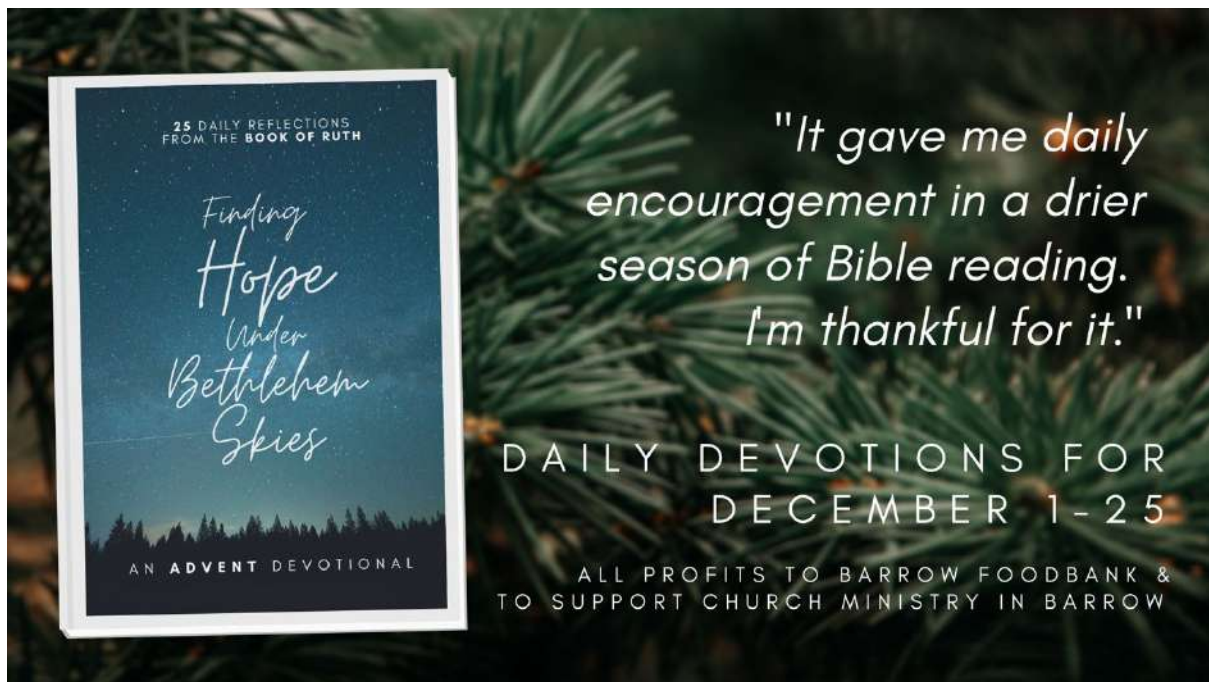
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83256610364>

On YouTube

<https://youtu.be/xEHexoKlkc4>

Best wishes

Alun



This advent, come on a journey . . . !

We all know the Christmas story, but do you know the story behind the story? The book of Ruth is a story much like ours today, with sadness, tears and even of death. But it's also a story where hope is found, even in the midst of darkness.

"Finding Hope Under Bethlehem Skies" is an advent devotional which journeys through the story of Ruth, with readings for every day throughout advent.

We invite you to join us on this amazing journey by reading the devotionals together and with an opportunity to gather, when you can, on the **Wednesday's** through advent at **7pm** on Zoom, for prayer and reflection (that's **Wednesday 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd**).

For further information, including how to get your copy of the book, please contact Alun Hurd alunjhurd@gmail.com or Fran Parkinson curate.hwparishes@gmail.com

Join us* on ZOOM for a . . .



On Wednesday 23rd December
Drop-in from 10.00 – 11.30am

*Bring your own seasonal refreshments and don't forget your
Christmas jumper!! 😊*

For access (meeting ID) contact . .
Fran Parkinson – curate.hwparishes@gmail.com

**The churches of High Westmorland*

Singing for Syrians Carol Concert

A few years ago the Village Choir, and a number of talented people in Bampton, were inspired by The Singing for Syrians project to hold a concert in the village hall, raising over £700 for the Hands Up Foundation. The Foundation supports local communities in Syria to provide much needed educational and medical services. In common with most charities during this pandemic, their funding has been severely affected. They are planning a virtual Carol Concert that includes performances from Dame Edna, Katie Melua and Michael Morpurgo, amongst others. If you would like to support them by buying a ticket, please visit events.handsupfoundation.org.

Marion Jones (713555)

Goodbye from the Old Chapel

We departed on Wednesday 28th October.

It was to have been a serious party! Lobsters, Caviar and Champagne would have flowed!

Alas, Covid restrictions forbade such gatherings, so, may Jeannie and Richard say farewell through these pages of the village Newsletter instead, probably far more appropriate!

We leave the Chapel with a high degree of sadness, such a perfect spot from which to view the truly lovely landscape of the Lowther Valley and a great place from which to purvey Jeannie's preserves. We have loved creating the garden and have been at great pains not to over-elaborate or jar with the truly beautiful natural surroundings; the same with the Chapel itself which sits so effortlessly within its rural idyll and is a building much cherished by many in the valley.

Jeannie says a special thank you to those who rallied to the cause of the Plant and Produce Fairs in support of Hospice at Home.

Covid has encouraged us to rethink our priorities, and it's also true that to coin a phrase 'we aren't getting any younger', beware! it does creep up on one. So, the call of the expanding family beckons us to Rutland, not so bad, but not to be compared with the Lakes.

The new incumbent and keeper of the Chapel is David Morris, and as Bertie Wooster might have observed 'seems a decent cove' from over Windermere way. By all accounts he has emigrated to Bampton in search of a quieter existence away from the hordes of visitors over there.

So, to you, our friends and acquaintances of Bampton, we say farewell and thank you for your kindness and special friendliness stretching back now to just within a month of ten years.

We have so enjoyed living amongst you all.

With love from Richard and Jeannie (not to mention Bertie and Bindi – the barkers!)

French Group

We were fortunate to be able to meet up in October but, as with everything else, our meetings were cancelled in November. We hope to be able to gather before Christmas but cannot provide any dates as yet. However, we would like to wish all our fellow Bamptonians "Joyeux Noël et une bonne année".

Restez en sécurité et bien.

Marion Jones (713555)

Macmillan

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the Coffee Morning – we raised £520.69. Considering the upset all year, you have all been absolutely marvellous. Thank you so much.

Lesley (713530)

Bonfire and Firework Night

We would like to start by apologising to all those who have livestock and horses who said they knew nothing about the display on Thursday 5th November. We should have been in direct contact with every farmer and owner of horses, and for not doing this we are truly very sorry.

Having put a piece in the Parish Newsletter, then hand delivering letters in September, and also reminder letters at the start of the week, we mistakenly thought that the village jungle drums would then reach out to those who don't read or receive the Parish Newsletter.

In 2001 the country was hit with Foot and Mouth. Our valley suffered immensely that year and the bonfire night of 2001 was cancelled. We bought some fireworks and did a display in the back garden for the children, and as it turned out, the adults enjoyed it as well. 2020 has been an equally difficult year different reasons and once again the bonfire evening was cancelled. Jacqui and I took it upon ourselves to put a display on from our back garden. Not one single complaint or issue was raised in the 2 months that everyone had knowledge of the event. The complete opposite happened and £950 was raised by the locals and the committee.

It is rather apt that it started in the Barbers' back garden, and has ended there. After being threatened with violence, a massive fine and a prison sentence it is with deep regret that the Barber family have made a decision to withdraw from the bonfire committee and will no longer be involved in organising any further events. If someone is willing to take on this role then we will obviously guide and support you as much as possible. Regrettably we are withdrawing totally from the event ourselves. **Thank you so much for all the help and support we have received over the years, it has been very much appreciated.**

The BarberFamily

Bampton & District Local History Society

This year, due to the ongoing COVID 19 restrictions, the Society's AGM took place via ZOOM. The technology worked well, which is reassuring, as the first of the new format ZOOM members' meetings will take place on **Tuesday 8th December at 7pm**. Presented by Dr Chris Boyko, Dr Sarah Marsden and Claire Selby of the University of Lancaster the talk is entitled: *Remembering Resistance: sharing stories of women's protest in the North of England*. I very much look forward to seeing you all (via ZOOM) on the 8th. Details of the ZOOM link will be emailed out before the meeting. The committee are now looking at further speakers and topics for 2021 – please watch out for further details in future newsletters.

Christine Hill, Chair BDLHS

Village Choir

I hope you enjoy at least some of the musical links that I've posted – do let me know and any further suggestions welcome. So this month how about:

'Take Five' with Dave Brubeck, perhaps my favourite jazz piece. Interesting because there are five beats in a bar (or perhaps 3 and 2 alternately). Listen to where the beat comes (it's very hard to play!)

<https://youtu.be/PHdU5sHigYQ>

And then about as different as you can get. Written about 500 years ago by Josquin des Prez, a French composer who died in 1521 and was perhaps the most famous composer of his time. This is the Gloria from one of his Masses:

<https://youtu.be/PgJFGsaPuXU>

Back to English folk song with 'The Foggy Foggy Dew' with the wonderfully inventive accompaniment by Benjamin Britten:

<https://youtu.be/LHy4H6Qt3e0>

Finally, and rather self indulgently, my best Christmas song – 'Santa Baby' with Eartha Kitt

<https://youtu.be/zFbnYwRzSyY>

John Garside (713294)

Bampton Parish Council

At the bi-monthly meeting of Bampton PC, held on the 17th November 2020 the following points were discussed:

- I Tuer reported that there was a shortage of magistrates in Cumbria. People from all walks of life (aged 18 - 65) are being invited to serve their community and learn new skills by volunteering as a magistrate for courts in Barrow, Carlisle and Workington. The committee that appoints magistrates in Cumbria is urging people to apply before the end of the year (31st December 2020).
For more information please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/become-magistrate>
- Covid Grant Money: Money could go towards a plant fair, planting fruit trees, Christmas lunch, bonfire, raft race, summer sports, cinema club. Can the organisers please contact the clerk on lakesclerk@icloud.com to apply for funding.
- Request ideas into how the PC can include those and are not tech savvy. Any ideas welcomed.
- A couple of dead otters have been found on the road. If members of the public find any they have a duty to report it to the Environmental Agency which will investigate cause of death.

Charlene Bell (07747587635) lakesclerk@icloud.com

50/50 Club

We are now at the end of the 10th year of running the Memorial Hall 50/50 Club. Congratulations to all this year's lucky winners and I am pleased to report that we have raised over £1,000 this year. Very many thanks to everybody who has supported this fundraiser not only this year but over the last 10 years during which time we have raised just short of £10,000.

I am standing down after the December 'Bumper Draw' and will be passing 'the books' into the capable hands of Lucinda Weymouth of Bampton Hall, just in time for her to organize the 2021 draws.

Application forms will accompany the digital copy of this Newsletter and can be downloaded. Additional forms will be available from Bampton Post Office and for those who take newspapers and magazines, a form will be inserted inside.

Forms should be returned to the Post Office or to Lucinda by 30th December 2020 in order to be included in the January 2021 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 form. Best of luck to everybody for 2021 and keep safe.

Christine Evans

Bampton Community First Responder team

Despite the lockdown, the government and NWS have decided CFR teams are allowed to continue training face-to-face, with proper precautions in place. The team will have met for our first training session this year by the time you read this and will have refreshed our skills with Basic Life Support (CPR) as well as better acquainting ourselves with the changes due to COVID19. The team are still available to help people in Bampton and the surrounding area but call-outs are down significantly as CFR's are not currently being sent to anyone with suspected coronavirus.

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, 07771 934996/01931 713210
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Tinclar's Library

The library is now closed until further notice – opening details will be published in the newsletter when appropriate.

When buying from Amazon, if you open up Amazon Smile and select Tinclar's Library, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase to us. If anyone would like to do this they can email sebletcher@icloud.com for the link. It would raise much needed funds!

The Trustees

Bampton REMOTE Cinema January 2021

Saturday January 30th: Cool Runnings (PG) 95 mins;

7pm start, doors open 6.15pm

If you enjoyed *Eddie the Eagle* then you'll love *Cool Runnings* – the outrageously funny comedy hit inspired by the true story of Jamaica's first Olympic bobsled team. Interval ice-creams will go perfectly with this feelgood film for all the family.

Yes, we are going for another film! **THANK YOU** to all who made it along for *Military Wives* in October. Great night had by all.

As before, Covid related restrictions will apply: tickets at the usual price of **£5 adults; £2 U16** must be bought in advance at Bampton PO and Shop (thanks to Justin and Dan) who will take name and contact number. Tickets will be available from **Thursday 14th January to Saturday 23rd January**. Ticket numbers will be strictly limited – no ticket sales at the door on the night. The week's gap between the close of ticket sales and the film screening will allow time to order both bar stock and ice-cream and for arranging socially distanced seating and tables. Covid safety measures are in place in the hall including Test and Trace QR code on entry by the side door. A double check of names will be made before entering the hall and you will then be seated. Exit by the fire doors at the back of the hall at the end of the evening. There is no need to help with chairs, tables, light switches, doors or cinema kit at the end of the evening as you kindly usually do. Table service for drinks and ice-creams will avoid any extra movement around the hall. When entering the hall and seated please wear personal protection and respect social distance.

We hope there will be no need to postpone or cancel but of course, we would abide by national and local guidelines, if it became necessary to do so. We'll let you know in good time if there are any changes to the above arrangements.

Posters will appear in two parts in all the usual places around the parish with all you need to know for the evening's event. You can also phone to ask any questions as follows: for arrangements within the hall: Lesley White (713530); for cinema arrangements: Hazel (713311); Dave (713586).

Have a lovely festive time and see you in the New Year – let's hope it's a good one!

Extracts from Mannix's Directory of Westmorland

Bampton in 1851

Bampton's Valley is very fertile, set among wild mountains. By 1851, the Lowthers owned the whole of it. The church belonged to Shap Abbey from 1170 – 1530s and was run by monks from there (this saved the Abbey from hiring a priest). The church was rebuilt in 1726. In 1851 the Vicar's pay was £75 i.e. not a plum living. Its school was founded in 1623. The Rev. John Boustead was its master for over 53 years. Many of his pupils became noted scholars, bishops, dons, etc.

Measand School, up the dale, was founded in 1713 and Roughill School on the west fell's edge was founded in or before 1662.

Bampton had in it, in 1851, three public libraries, founded in 1710, 1750, 1757, by Dr. Bray, Rev. Tinclar and Mr. Noble, and Lord Lonsdale. Bampton's most famous man was Bishop Gibson (born at Knipe 1669; Bishop of Lincoln 1715 – 1720, then Bishop of London 1720; died at Bath 1748). In 1851, Bampton had in it the Crown and Cushion and Wharton's beerhouse; also the Cross Keys pub; two millers; 3 shops; one stonemason (at Knipe); 2 blacksmiths; a joiner; the Vicar; parish clerk; schoolmaster; and 43 farmers. Postmaster Robert Burrow, mine host at the Crown and Cushion, Bampton Grange. A postman arrived on weekdays from Penrith, at noon, and set off again at 3.00pm with Bampton's mail, to Penrith.

Jeremy Godwin

The local bus

Face masks must be worn on the Fellrunner bus weekly **Thursday** service. The bus will go down **Rosgill Hill at 9.47am**, then travel via **Bampton Grange (9.53am)** to **Burnbanks (10.00 am)** and leave **Bampton at 10.14am** to arrive (via Morrisons) at **Penrith Bus Station at 10.48 am**. The return bus will leave **Penrith Bus Station at 2.00pm** to arrive back in **Bampton at 2.32pm**, **Burnbanks at 2.46pm** and **Rosgill at 3.00pm** (subject to passenger requirements). Bus passes can be used and children under 16 years travel free.

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!

Another year rolls by – and what an unusual one it has been. That makes this 'thank you' all the more meaningful as we would like to think that the Newsletter has helped to bring at least a small measure of normality to an otherwise extraordinary year. Once again we would like to thank the contributors – both regular and occasional; the advertisers; sponsors who have helped with the financing of editions; and Dan & Justin at the Post Office for taking in contributions. Thanks also go to the distributors and, during the early

part of lockdown, the Community Support Group, for delivering the editions. Lastly, but by no means least, our thanks go to you, the readers, without whom none of this would be necessary! We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and that 2021 brings good health and peace to us all.

The Editors

PARISH DIARY (Note MH = Memorial Hall; SMH = Small Hall)

DECEMBER

- Su 6th** Holy Communion with Sandra Ward, **10am**
Tu 8th BDLHS, Zoom, 7pm, 'Remembering Resistance: sharing stories of women's protest in the North of England' by Dr Chris Boyko, Dr Sarah Marsden and Claire Selby
Su 13th Service of the Word with Diana, **10am**
Su 20th Carol Service, **10am**. All welcome
Mo 21st United Zoom/YouTube Carol Service, **7pm**
Th 24th Holy Communion with Chris Jenkin, **9pm**
Su 27th United Holy Communion Zoom service with Alun from Orton, **10.30am**

JANUARY

- Su 3rd** Holy Communion with Chris Jenkin, **10am**
Su 10th Service of the Word, lay led, **10am**
Su 17th Holy Communion with Sandra Ward, **10am**
Su 24th Service of the Word with Diana, **10am**
Sa 30th Bampton Cinema, MH. "Cool Runnings". Doors open 6.15pm
Su 31st United Zoom service with Alun, **10.30am**

Copy deadline for the February/March issue is 5pm on Saturday 23rd January. Please send all items to Heather Pitt (Tel no: 01931 716861) pathfinders2728@gmail.com; Jane Storey (Tel no: 01931 713490) roger_storey@btinternet.com; or leave at the Post Office. Thank you.



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