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God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease,
poverty and pain shall end,
and the earth knows the peace of heaven,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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From St Matthew's, Hutton Buscel

Many thanks to everyone who helped bring our Flower Festival to fruition. For sponsorship, financial donations, practical help, baking, supporting and for helping Shirley with refreshments over the weekend. To the many talented and skilled flower arrangers from far and wide who gave up their time to put together the amazing displays bringing our theme together. To those who delivered poster and flyers around the villages and towns, put up/took down posters, banners and signage. To those who filled buckets with water, conditioned the flowers and greenery, swept, vacuumed, dusted and polished our Church late into the night, helped dismantle and a myriad of other essential jobs, a huge thank you.

Without the help and support of Jo Purdy, Hearts and Flowers coordinating and gathering together such dedicated, imaginative arrangers and arranging herself and my friend and colleague Helen Percival who designed our posters and event programme and set up and managed our Facebook page and Shirley Cook who coordinated and organised the refreshments over the weekend in the village hall with her team of helpers, the Festival would not have been possible. I am delighted to report that I have banked £1500.75 – this being clear profit.

We now have Advent and Christmas fast approaching with our Nine Lessons and Carols, our new 'Light in the Darkness' service and Christingle to look forward to.

Also we still actively searching for a new Treasurer – please.

With our best wishes

Beverley and David

Brompton Blog

I feel our Christmas Fest in Brompton should really be called the Advent Fest as it starts on 2nd December. We will be collecting 40 3ft (or 1metre!) trees from Dalby Forest on 30th November. They cut them freshly for us and give a small discount as it is for Church Funds. Church members put the trees into stands and place around All Saints. The trees are allocated to individuals, organisations and businesses to decorate. We always have amazing themes from sausages, golden hair grips, and Lego to stained glass, bells and baubles. They look stunning when illuminated with tiny battery operated lights. These are switched on for the first time at the Preview evening on Friday 2nd. The Church Christmas Fayre will be as usual in the Village Hall on the Saturday – 3rd – but the trees will be lit again so people who prefer to come in the daytime can go across to see them. Most of the trees stay in place until after Christmas so the Church should look (and smell) really festive when the chandelier is also lit for our Midnight Mass. If anyone would like to sponsor or decorate a tree or can help in any way do get in touch with me.

Mary Jones

View from the Vicarage.

During this month we remember those who have heroically given their lives in war. However, Jesus calls us all to a radical heroism: 'You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.' (Matt 5:43-45).

Love Your Enemies:

Our 'enemies' are not always life-threatening; they can simply be impatient, self-righteous or just plain disagreeable! Whether the conflict is with a family or church member, work colleague or spiteful neighbour, our attitude toward them must be one of love. We will naturally want to retaliate, but Jesus commands us to love!

Pray for Your Persecutors:

It's only when we are ready to pray for someone we don't get on with, that God can soften our attitude towards them. Like us, they are those in need of God's forgiveness and grace. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German pastor executed by the Nazis at the end of World War 2, wrote:

'This is the supreme demand. Through the medium of prayer we go to our enemy, stand by his side, and plead for him to God. For if we pray for them, we are taking their distress and poverty, their guilt and perdition upon ourselves and pleading to God for them.'

Become More Like Jesus:

When we start loving our enemies and praying for our persecutors, we become more like Jesus. This is how Jesus lived; He willingly laid down his life for us and gives us the power to love our enemies as He did.

In this season of Remembrance when we recognise that we all need heroes, what is the call to radical heroism in our own life?

Stuart

I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill

(Psalm 2:6)

This 'Coronation Psalm' answers the question as to where the rule lies, in the face of a world conspiracy. While 'the wicked' are portrayed in Psalm 1 as simply taking 'counsel' together, the plot in Psalm 2 – by 'the kings of the earth' – has assumed global proportions – and don't we know it today!

Rare are those Heads of State whose priority rise beyond that of 'staying in Power.' Many regimes actually fear the imagined 'chains' and 'fetters' (verse 3) that the accommodation of a godly society might impose upon their tenuous hold. Such is the fragility of every totalitarian government. "We don't want you, or need you!" is their boast. "You're in our way; we've worked out our Great Leap Forward... our Ten-Year Plan... an imposed long-term Manifesto for our Democratic Republic!"

In the corridors of heaven, it's laughable (verse 4) – perhaps we should say it's funny-sad. Few dictatorships can last beyond a few decades. Here the psalmist declares, "You defy God - and God will make a joke of you."

This King is no mere angelic figure. The New Testament confirms His divinity in its quotations from verse 7 – as in Acts 13:33, Acts 4:25 and Hebrews 1:5. Thus, we cannot identify this appointed King with David or Solomon. The profile of the Lord's nominee is divinely universal (verses 7-12) Here is the true Son of God, 'begotten' (KJV) of the Father – not in terms of natural conception (for Christ is eternal) but rather in terms of declared heirship over all the nations - and Lord of the whole earth. To Him even the highest-placed must cede the kiss of allegiance (verse 12). And all who take refuge in Him are 'blessed.'

You may defy this appointed Heir - but wait! It's this King who will have the final word. The message of the entire coming Advent season is summed up by St Augustine of old:

'This Child of the manger fills the world!'

Snainton Snippets

Snainton Village Hall was fairly full for All the Fun of the Fair on 7 October and what fun the audience had. Superbly directed by Heather Harris (with, no doubt, some assistance from Patrick!) we were treated to mini playlets, readings - some well known and some self penned and a variety of songs (an Elvis one featuring of course! Thanks Heather). And community singing too. And all accompanied by our maestro Terry. Everyone enjoyed a really lighthearted evening. So a big thank you to all who took part and helped in any way to make the wonderful profit of £400.

Forthcoming events in aid of the Roof Appeal:

Sunday, 6 November – Tombola at the Pop Up Market at Snainton Village Hall on Saturday, 6 November, 1pm-4pm

Saturday, 12 November – Autumn Fair at Snainton Village Hall at 2pm onwards

Friday, 18 November – Wolds Valley Voices Choir at St Stephen's Church, Snainton at 7.30pm

Angela Howgate

Will you help the Rainbow Centre Food Bank this Christmas?



Please bring your food donations to church on Christmas Eve

News from Wykeham CE Primary School

Following a period of formal consultation, the Hackness and Wykeham Church Schools Federation was officially formed in early October 2016. Mrs Christine Wilkinson is the head teacher of both schools sharing her time between both sites ensuring the care and progress of all our pupils at all times. It is a very exciting time for both villages and church schools as we share resources and good practice.

Both schools will maintain their own identity and will strive to share the same Christian vision of Learning, Living and Growing in God's World.

Thank you

Celia Tubbs

BUDS

Join us at the Downe Arms on 14 Nov. 2016
at 6.30pm for 6.45 for a one course supper
or just the meeting at 7.30pm



Come to
study and
discuss

Jesus heals on the Sabbath

John 5: 1- 9

Commentary and discussion, (Sue)

John 5: 10-18

Commentary and discussion, (Wendy)

Come to BUDS and GRoW



Oh No! Not the Book of Revelation!

Nov 23 @ 9:45 am – 4:00 pm

A day of discovering that the weird and wonderful writings of the last book of the Bible are not as strange as they appear.

Rev Adam Reed will lead us through the day.

Cost: £25 to include refreshments and lunch.

Advent Retreat

29 November to 1 December 2016

Arrive 12 noon Tuesday, depart 10am Thursday

This is a chance for you to take some time out and reflect on the coming of Christ into the world before the rush of Christmas becomes overwhelming.

Cost: £175.00 fully inclusive

Wydale Does Downton: An Edwardian Houseparty!

3-4 December 2016

Arrival 4pm Saturday, depart after brunch Sunday

We love the Wydale building and we know that many of you do too. So this is a new event to celebrate our surroundings!

Guests are invited to come for afternoon tea and have time to settle into their rooms, chat and dress in appropriate Edwardian style for dinner. A full household of staff will be in attendance to wait on your every need, serving aperitifs in the Library before a special banquet in the Large Chapel, followed by after dinner drinks in the hall.

On Sunday morning, brunch will be served in the dining room, with time to linger over coffee and papers or have a stroll around the grounds before departure.

This may be a one-off and places will be limited, so book early to avoid disappointment!
Cost: £75.00 fully inclusive

For more info www.wydale.org

The way I see it: 80 years of BBC television

David Winter looks back.

Some things seem to have been around forever, and among them, I suppose, is television. Most people alive today can't remember a time when the TV set didn't stand in the living room. So it is worth noting that 80 years ago this month BBC television went on the air for the first time. I remember working in a studio at the front of Broadcasting House, and reading the plaque on the wall recording that the world's first television transmission was made from there in 1932. It was not technically a 'broadcast', because in fact it was simply a successful experiment. Four years later regular evening programmes went on air from the BBC television studios at Alexandra Palace, north London. And look at it now!

Some people would say that we are now in the 'post-television' age. On the whole young adults don't watch television, in the normal sense, but stream or download the content when it suits them, on various 'platforms'. World-wide, however, television is still the universal medium of mass communication. Elections are won or lost on it, reputations built and shattered, genius recognised and incompetence or error instantly ridiculed on social media. It is an unforgiving medium, yet most of us, I suspect, would miss it enormously.

I like to think of television as simply rather sophisticated gossip. Most of it is the sort of thing my parents talked about with neighbours over the garden fence. Only instead of 'that Mrs Jones at No. 72' it's 'that woman with glasses on Bake Off'. We feel as though we know – and like or dislike - all these important, dazzling and gifted people personally. Indeed, TV personalities often remark how people on a train or even in the street will assume they know them and start up a conversation. And why not?

Joining a choir can actually keep cancer at bay

This sounds unlikely, but it seems that singing in a choir can help many cancer patients stay in remission. The collaborative research carried out by Tenovus Cancer Care and the Royal College of Music has discovered that choral singing can help to increase levels of your immune proteins, reduce your stress and improve your mood – all factors which help prevent cancer from returning. Dr Ian Lewis, director of Tenovus, explains: "We've long heard anecdotal evidence that singing in a choir makes people feel good, but this is the first time it's been demonstrated that the immune system can be affected by singing. It's really exciting and could enhance the way we support people with cancer in the future." The study was published in *ecancermedicalsecience*.

Why not join our Benefice Choir - for details contact Rosemary Sword on 01723 862434



Wolds Valley Voices

Choir

Friday, 18 November 2016 at 7.30pm

in

St Stephen's Church, Snainton

Tickets £6 to include light refreshments

St John Harris Tel: 850684.....Angela Howgate Tel: 859843.....Jane Williams Tel: 859130



In aid of St Stephen's Church Roof Appeal

Autumn Fair & Gift Day

Saturday, 12 November 2016

What.....a traditional village church fair with stalls selling homemade cakes, vegetables, fruit, jams, pickles and plants



Have a go on the raffle and tombola to try and win a bottle of wine or chocolates.



STOP PRESS....Win a Christmas Hamper containing Wine, Port, Coffee, Tea, Preserves, Mince meat, Christmas Pudding, Chocolates... something for everyone - only £1 a ticket - to be drawn at the Wolds Valley Concert on Friday, 18 November - tickets on

Buy some gifts on the handicraft stall... aprons for all ages, Christmas tableware, Santa's sacks, bunting, bags, padded coat-hangers

Your entrance fee of £1 includes a cuppa and a mince pie

Time.....at 2pm

Where.....Snainton Village Hall

Good old Advent!

On the last Sunday in November the Church celebrates Advent. In popular thought this is seen as the start of the Christmas season. Advent Calendars are on sale in the supermarkets. Christmas, our annual festival of excess, is just a few weeks away. Good old Advent!! yield to no one in my enjoyment of Christmas, with all the trimmings, but where Advent is concerned I have to be a bit of a party-pooper. It's not the start of the 'run-up to Christmas', whatever the shops think. In any case, they've been 'running up' since September. Advent is a solemn but exciting reminder that Christmas is not the end of the Christian story, but the beginning.

The end, with which Advent is concerned, is the ultimate triumph of love and goodness over evil and cruelty. The final loving purpose of God will be achieved. The kingdom of heaven will lie before us, its gates permanently open. 'Death will be no more, mourning and crying and pain will be no more'. God says, 'I am making everything new'. 'Advent' simply means 'Coming'. The first Advent was Christmas, the second Advent will be when all that the coming of Jesus promised will be fulfilled. Yes, it's a bit more complicated than a cattle shed and a manger, but it's a wonderful prospect. Good old Advent!

Worker or Worshipper?

What would you do if someone famous unexpectedly arrived at your home? No doubt you would invite them in and have a good chat! When Jesus came to the home of Martha and Mary they reacted differently. Martha carried on working, but Mary sat with Jesus and listened to Him. (Luke 10:38-42)

Perhaps Martha wanted to be with Jesus but women, at that time, were responsible for looking after the guests. If men turned up it was the women's role to offer food and drink. So when Martha saw Jesus, it was a time to get busy. A meal had to be prepared quickly. As this was a massive task she didn't like seeing her sister sitting around and doing nothing! Surprisingly, Martha didn't address her sister directly but spoke to Jesus wanting Him to intervene and issue the order that Mary should help with the work.

Jesus gives Martha a gentle rebuke. Her concern for hospitality was good, but at that moment it was the wrong decision. Mary ignored the catering to be with Jesus because this was a special moment. Mary's need to be with Jesus was so intense she went against Jewish convention and stayed with the men. Martha was so caught up with everyday concerns that listening to Jesus took second place.

Of these two characters, which one resembles us? Are we like Martha, always busy with a hands-on approach to life, task-orientated? Or are we like Mary, reflective, and discerning about what needs to be done?

As Christians we have to get the balance right between service and solitude, the work-place or the private place. If we do not discern when and how to have quiet times with God, we will become busy like Martha, and not be blessed. The temperaments of these sisters show us the need for a balanced life: a practical hand and a devotion to God; the worker and the worshipper.

All in the month of November

100 years ago: - on 21st Nov 1916 that the British hospital ship HMHS Britannic hit a mine and sank off Greece. 30 people were killed and 1,036 survivors were rescued. The Britannic was the sister ship of the Titanic, converted for war service shortly after its launch. It was the biggest ship lost in WWI.

90 years ago:- on 11th Nov 1926 that Route 66 was established in the USA. It was one of the most famous highways in the country and was celebrated in popular culture.

80 years ago:- on 2nd Nov 1936 that the BBC Television Service was launched in the UK.

70 years ago:- on 1st Nov 1946 that Karol Wojtyla (later Pope John Paul II) was ordained a priest in Krakow, Poland.

60 years ago:- on 5th Nov 1956 that the first Premium Bond was sold in Britain (to the Lord Mayor of London).

40 years ago:- on 2nd Nov 1976 that Jimmy Carter was elected as the 39th President of the United States. (Inaugurated 20th Jan 1977.)

30 years ago:- on 6th Nov 1986 that Alex Ferguson was appointed manager of Manchester United FC.

25 years ago:- on 5th Nov 1991 that Robert Maxwell, Czech-born British newspaper publisher, media proprietor and politician, died. His body was found in the sea near his boat, off the coast of Tenerife.

25 years ago:- on 18th Nov 1991 that C of E envoy Terry Waite and American educator Thomas Sutherland were released by Islamic Jihad in London after being held hostage since Jan 1987 and Jun 1985 respectively.

20 years ago:- on 15th Nov 1996 that England handed the Stone of Scone back to Scotland after 700 years.

100 years after the Somme

by David Winter

Remembrance Day this year will have a special significance. Almost exactly a century after the Battle of the Somme finally came to its inconclusive end (18th November) we shall once again be remembering all those who have lost their lives in war, or had their lives blighted by its consequences. The unbelievable slaughter of the Somme – more than a million men were killed or wounded – made it perhaps the bloodiest battle of human history. The incessant bombardment of heavy artillery, the suicidal waves of attack by unprotected soldiers, the introduction, a few months from its close, of the first tanks in battle all contributed to the vast number of casualties, but so did the pointless efforts of both sides to break a five month stalemate. This was a battle nobody won but a million men lost.

This year we shall once again make our prayers for peace and our reflective remembrance against a back-drop of a world that is stubbornly inclined to think that problems can be solved by fighting over them. In the Middle East and in parts of Africa there are still too many who believe that guns and bombs can solve things, when all the evidence of history is that they can't. Today, a hundred years after the Battle of the Somme, historians still can't decide what the Great War was actually about. And the arrival of the Second World War in 1939 tells us that whatever anyone thought it was, five years of sickening killing had not settled it. 'We will remember them', we say. Surely the finest remembrance would be a world without violence. It still seems a long way off.

Stone of Scone

Twenty years ago, on 30th November 1996 – St Andrew's Day – the Stone of Destiny returned to Scotland for the first time in 700 years. In a service at St Giles Cathedral the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Rt. Rev. John MacIndoe, formally accepted the return of the Stone – also known as the Stone of Scone or Lia Fail (the speaking stone). The Stone is a symbol of Scottish independence, and was used as part of the crowning ceremonies of the Scots kings. It arrived in Scone, Perthshire, in 840AD, having originally been located in the west of Scotland.

Long before that, legend had it that it was the same stone that Jacob used for a pillow at Bethel and that became the pedestal of the Ark in the Temple. The Stone remained at Scone until it was snatched by the English King Edward I in 1296, and taken to Westminster Abbey. The current Coronation Chair was made to house the stone in 1301, and it has been used in the crowning of every subsequent English monarch. There is doubt, however, surrounding the authenticity of the Stone now in Edinburgh Cathedral. It is a simple oblong block of red sandstone geologically similar to the stone found around Scone, lending credence to the story that the monks of Scone hurriedly removed the Stone of Destiny and hid it as Edward I approached, replacing it with another stone of similar size and shape.

Signs found outside churches:

Church carpark sign...FOR MEMBERS ONLY. Trespassers will be baptised!!

No God - No Peace. Know God - Know Peace.

Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!

Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!

Outside one church is a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed. A headline reads: 'For fast relief, take two tablets.'

When the restaurant next to a church put out a big sign with red letters that said, 'Open Sundays', the church reciprocated with its own message: 'We are open on Sundays, too.'

Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!

Thursday at 10am there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All those wishing to become Little Mothers please see our new minister in the vicarage....

Notice on a church in Cheshire:

'This is the House of God, This is the gate of Heaven.'

(This door is locked in winter months.)

Thine

A Yorkshireman wanted an inscription on his wife's grave to read: 'She was Thine'. The engraver mistakenly put 'She was Thin'. The man wrote to explain that they had left off the 'e'. The next attempt read: 'E', She was Thin.

Clocks

It is told of the great preacher C H Spurgeon that after preaching at length one Sunday he said: "I don't mind people looking at their watches, but I do dislike to see them holding them to their ears, to see if they are still going."

Untimely answered prayer

During the minister's prayer one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Tommy's mother was horrified. She pinched him into silence and, after church, asked, "Tommy, whatever made you do such a thing?"

Tommy answered soberly, "I asked God to teach me to whistle, and He did!"

Just for fun!





ADVENT starts on the last Sunday in November. Colour in the green leaves and the red berries on the Advent wreath.

Jesus is coming, ADVENT is here!
 Advent is the time we celebrate the arrival of Jesus, who is God's Son and our Saviour. In Advent we remember God's promise to the world, God's message to Mary, God's gift to us and God's promise come true in Jesus.

Give the wreath onto card then cut out. Hang up on ribbon. Each Sunday in Advent colour a candle and read the Bible verses.

God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life. John 3:16

ADVENT

1 A PROMISE
Isaiah 9:6-7

2 A MESSAGE
Luk 1:26-38

3 A GIFT
John 3:16-17

JESUS
Light of the World
John 8:12

4 A SAVIOUR
Luk 2:1-20

The circle of the wreath and the evergreen leaves represents God eternal, and His endless mercy and love.

The candles on the wreath represent the Light of God coming into the world through Jesus.

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DOG, CAT & MOUSE

St Martin de Porres is often shown with mice because, according to one story, the monastery had problems with rodents and decided to put traps out. Martin was so upset that he spoke to the mice and agreed that if they would leave the monastery, he would feed them at the back door of the kitchen. From that day forward, no mouse was seen in the monastery.

Which of these animals do you think are actually mentioned by name in the Bible?

1. Cat
2. Horse
3. Dog
4. Mouse
5. Lamb
6. Frog
7. Monkey
8. Lion
9. Donkey
10. Ox



Answers at the bottom of the page.

How does a group of dolphins make a decision?

Flipper coin.

How do sheep sign their letters?

'Ewes sincerely.'

Answer: all are in the Bible except numbers 1 and 7, the cat and the monkey.



St MARTIN DE PORRES

Martin was born in 1579 in Lima, Peru, the son of a former slave. He grew up in poverty and was taken in by a religious order as a servant boy. The monks looked down on Martin because he was mixed-race but in time his behaviour led to the Dominican Order stopping their racial limits on admission and he was made a full brother. He worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor, starting an orphanage and a children's hospital.

During his lifetime he was seen in other places. An African slave said Martin came to comfort him and many others. When the same man later saw him in Peru, he was very happy to meet him again and asked Martin if he had had a good voyage, but Martin had never left Lima.

In pictures, Martin de Porres is shown as a young man with a broom, since he thought all work sacred, no matter how lowly. He is also shown with a dog, cat and mouse, all eating in peace from the one dish.

Benefice Diary - November 2016

Sunday 6th November - 3rd Sunday before Advent

8.00 am	BCP Communion	Snainton
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist	Hutton Buscel
11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	Brompton
2.30 pm	Act of Remembrance	Langdale End
6.30 pm	BCP Evensong	Wykeham

Monday 7th November

7.00 pm	Snainton PCC	Vicarage
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Friday 11th November

7.00 pm	Pocket 'Mikado'	Wykeham
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Saturday 12th November

2.00 pm	Autumn Fayre	Snainton VH
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Sunday 13th November - Remembrance Sunday

11.00 am	Remembrance Service	Snainton
11.00 am	Remembrance Service	Brompton
11.00 am	Remembrance Service	Wykeham
11.00 am	Remembrance Service	Hutton Buscel

Monday 14th November

2.00 pm	Mothers Union	Snainton Chapel
6.30 pm	BUDS	Down Arms

Sunday 20th November - Christ the King

8.00 am	BCP Communion	Wykeham
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist	Brompton
10.30 am	Ecumenical Service	Snainton Chapel
11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	Hutton Buscel
2.30 pm	Baptism	Hutton Buscel

Monday 21st November

	Advent Course	Downe Arms
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Tuesday 22nd November

7.00 pm	Wykeham PCC	Vicarage
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Sunday 27th November - Advent Sunday

8.00 am	BCP Communion	Brompton
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist	Snainton
11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	Wykeham
6.30 pm	BCP Evensong	Hutton Buscel

Sunday 4th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00 am	BCP Communion	Snainton
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist	Hutton Buscel
11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	Brompton
2.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Langdale End
6.30 pm	Advent Hymns and Readings	Wykeham

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Dates for your diary . . .

Pocket Mikado (or the Town of Titipu) - Performed by Bill Scott's Sandside Players at 7pm on **Friday 11th November**. Tickets £10 (concessions £5) from Woodend 01723 384500

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Benefice Advent Readings and Hymns with the Benefice Choir at Wykeham 6.30pm on **Sunday 4th December**

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Christmas Fest from 2nd -4th December at Brompton

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