

PARISH OAK



DECEMBER 2015

Parish Oak Activity Calendar

December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 st <i>5pm - 9pm Enham Post Office: Christmas Extravanganza</i>	2 nd <i>The Oak, Smannell: Quiz Night</i>	3 rd	4 th	5 th
6 th <i>10am St George's: Communion</i>	7 th <i>6pm Little London: Christmas Lights On</i>	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th <i>10am - 4pm Enham Trust: Snowflake Trail & Christmas Market</i>	12 th
13 th <i>10am Christ Church: Matins</i> <i>3pm St George's: Carol Service</i>	14 th	15 th <i>1.15pm Christ Church: School Carol Service</i>	16 th <i>The Oak, Smannell: Quiz Night</i>	17 th	18 th	19 th
20 th <i>10am St George's: Communion</i> <i>6pm Christ Church: 9 Lessons & Carols</i>	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th <i>5pm Christ Church: Crib Service</i> <i>5 - 11pm Enham Club: Open Hours</i> <i>9.45pm The Oak, Smannell: Tractor</i> <i>11.30pm Christ Church: Communion</i>	25 th <i>10am St George's: Communion</i> <i>11.30am - 2.30pm Enham Club Open Hours</i>	26 th <i>12 - 4pm/ Enham Club: Open Hours</i>
27 th <i>10am Christ Church: Communion</i>	28 th	29 th	30 th	31 st <i>7pm Enham Club: New Year's Eve Party</i>	<i>The Oak, Smannell: New Year's Eve Banquet</i>	

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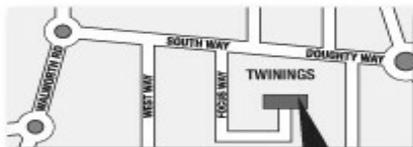
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EDITORIAL

December is a good time to reflect. To look back on what has happened, and also a time to look forward to the coming year.

To use an analogy from the world of business, you can analyse your Balance Sheet. Have you achieved what you intended? How is your health? Are your relationships still in good order, and perhaps have you reduced your liability to others, and made yourself more of an asset to friends and neighbours? Are you solvent financially and emotionally?

And for the future – Do you know where you're going, can you see the road ahead, and do you know what you need to do to achieve your forecast?

Well perhaps not everyone looks at things this way, I can't help myself, and of course I accept that others will see things differently from me.

However at least everyone reading this has the chance to review their life and make plans for the future if they choose. Tragically, we have learnt that at least 130 people in Paris have been denied the opportunity to plan a future. The lives of their extended family, their friends and work colleagues, have changed forever.

At the time of writing the position is rapidly changing, but events like this cause even the most cynical of us to stop and think. What kind of world are we living in, where (and this is my personal view) a group of terrorists can hijack a country, a religious faith, an ethnic group, and feel that they have a justification for murdering people enjoying a relaxed Friday evening in a cultured European capital city?

What on earth is their business plan, do they want to attract others to their cause, provoke a reciprocal violent reaction, highlight a security weakness, or maybe achieve a change of regime? Is there a financial gain in their actions, or do they want to attract attention to a perceived injustice?

It has been said that Democracy is the very worst form of Government - apart from all the others. Fortunately it is the system that allows us the freedom to plan our own lives. So when we stop to reflect on the events of this appalling weekend in Paris, we should remember that these actions and consequences were due to a group of criminals, who do not represent anyone other than themselves, and they should be dealt with accordingly.

Andrew Green



CHURCH IN SMANNELL & ENHAM



Ramblings from the Rectory...

I heard a story the other day about a 5-year-old boy who missed his biscuit at school. His mum had asked him what sort of a day he had enjoyed. Not very good, was the reply, and so his mum asked him why. I missed my biscuit today, he said, because I was too busy.

So what were you too busy doing, asked his mum, and he replied, I was too busy eating cake!

Well, from the young boy's perspective, cake was no substitute for his biscuit, whereas you and I might quite welcome a slice of cake for a change!

But he saw things with a child's logic from a completely different perspective.

Christmas is an invitation for us to look at things from a different perspective. The miracle of the birth of a child is something that we almost take for granted. A human baby is a symbol of life and hope and each new human life is miraculous. In the birth of Jesus, what moves us is not the thought of the power of God, but the vulnerability of God. It is the vulnerability of a baby being born in fragility and danger, with no wealth and power or privilege to protect him.

Christmas is a time to be enjoyed, a time to be celebrated, and maybe especially a time of joy.

People seem to know that Christmas is a time of joy, even if they can't quite explain why.

It's as though there is a deep instinct inside us, that Christmas is a time for seeing the good in each other, and the world. And that can be quite hard for us to do sometimes, but I am reminded of last year's Christmas advert for Sainsbury's which showed that even amongst the guns and slaughter of the 1st World War, there was a moment of peace and goodwill.

And as we reflect on the Paris bombings and indeed upon much of the rest of the needless slaughter happening in different parts of our world today, we are reminded that Jesus came to bring peace. As Christians we know that evil will not have the last word, because it has been dealt with finally and decisively upon

the cross. We perhaps may think of the words of Martin Luther King...."Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that". Soon we will hear familiar words from St John's Gospel in our Christmas services - The light has shone in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Among the many landmarks lit up across the world with the colours of the French flag, perhaps the most moving was the Brazilian statue of Christ the Redeemer. Christ the Redeemer, whose death has won the final victory, empowering us by his Spirit, to respond to hate with love, to respond to violence with peace, to respond to darkness with light.

And so at Christmas, as we prepare to celebrate the light of Christ coming into the world, we remember gift and generosity and open expressions of love. You don't need a faith to understand that these things make life worth living. But the Christian story suggests that gift and generosity and love are basic to what God does at Christmas, although we sometimes need to re-learn this truth from others. In the birth of Jesus, God offers us a new perspective on life - a new way and a new outlook. In that baby we see the whole loving activity of God at work within his creation. And this Christmas, once again we prepare to meet him with joy, and thanksgiving for his gift, so freely given; the gift of love; God's very self in Jesus Christ.

May the peace and joy of the Christ Child be with you this Christmas.

Rev .Val Gagen
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PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

Elliot George Francis Piner on 8th November 2015 at Christ Church, Smannell

Isobel Rose Ness on 22nd November 2015 at Christ Church, Smannell

Phoebe Esme Olivia Burr on 22nd November 2015 at Christ Church, Smannell

We welcome you into the Lord's family

We are members together of the same heavenly Father



Church Notices *December*

Sunday 13th December

3pm St George's carol service

Tuesday 15th December

1.15pm School service in Christchurch, Smannell

Sunday 20th December

6pm Carols at Smannell

Thursday 24th December

5pm Crib service at Smannell

Thursday 24th December

11.30pm Midnight Mass at Smannell

Friday 25th December

10am Christmas communion at St George's



Notices

CAROL SERVICES

There will be mince pies and refreshments after the services in the churches:

Sunday 13th December at 3.00 pm in St George's and

Sunday 20th December at 6.00 pm in Christ Church, Smannell.

Everyone welcome to these very popular events.

Pete Bowker, Church Warden.

PASSED AWAY

Rev. David King passed away on Sunday, 15th November.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Rev. Val Gagen

PAMPERED CHEF PARTY AND RAFFLE

£311.35 was raised through my very last party for Pampered Chef, with all proceeds going to the Countess of Brecknock Hospice.

A big thank you to everyone who came on the day.

Rev. Val Gagen

HOME COMMUNIONS

I am considering setting up a small group of people who wish to assist with home communions. If you are interested, or if you might like to receive communion in your home, please contact me.

Rev. Val Gagen

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF THE COUNTESS OF BRECKNOCK

I would like to thank all those who came to, or supported the Coffee Morning held at my home on 1st October. Sarah Redhead, the Hospice Trust Director, writes to say: 'It is wonderful that this year you raised the splendid sum of £348.00 and that the Hospice table sold £321 worth of Christmas cards and decorations. My thanks go to everyone who attended and generously supported your event. Please pass my thanks to your helpers, as always they did a sterling job running the bring and buy, making coffee and selling the raffle tickets.'

I would like to add my appreciation of the hard work of the helpers and the generosity of all those who attended, and those who could not attend, but donated none-the-less!

Margaret Smith



To love, to learn, to live ... to leave a legacy

SMANNELL & ENHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

As I write we are beginning that journey into the Christmas season. Our Christmas Fair will already have happened by the time you read this and by then our various Christmas plays and productions will be very well rehearsed and just about ready to go.

However, life in school isn't completely about Christmas at the moment and I thought it would be interesting to write about a few events which have a common, but perhaps quite loose, theme of thinking about others.

Puffins Class have recently had a fantastic visit from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance support team. As part of this they learnt all about the various roles that the team members play on the helicopter by re-creating a rescue inside the classroom complete with flying helmets!

Our older children, in Swallows Class, have recently enjoyed a visit to the mosque in Andover. They found it fascinating; it certainly helped them to gain an understanding of how people come together as a community.

We've also come together to join the village in the Remembrance Service on 11th November. This was the first time I personally had been able to participate in an outdoor Smannell Remembrance Service and I certainly found it provided me with plenty of opportunity to reflect.

Peter Shaw, Headteacher

**Deadline for January's Parish Oak
will be Friday 11th December**

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The Smannell and Enham Church of England (Aided) Primary School



To love, to learn, to live ... to leave a legacy

The Smannell and Enham Church of England (Aided) Primary School is currently in need of new Foundation Governors.

Governors are one of the largest volunteer forces in the country and have an important part to play in raising school standards. The role of the governing body is absolutely key to the effectiveness of a school. Ofsted (the national inspection body for schools) has noted that the most effective schools demonstrate effective leadership and management, and that includes the leadership brought by the governing body.



Our school Governing Body is made up of people who come to us through a variety of routes and with a range of different backgrounds, skill and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the School and are the link between the School and the community it serves.

The role of the Governing Body is a strategic one and its key functions are to set the aims and objectives for the school; set the policies and targets for achievement; monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making. All this while being a source of challenge and support to the headteacher (a critical friend).

This isn't an application to be taken lightly, as it involves time, energy and a willingness to become involved in the life of the school on a regular basis over at least four years. However, it is very rewarding, as together we can strategically input into the school and see another generation of children growing in knowledge and development within our community. A Foundation Governor represents the Church of England and should be a regular communicant within the Church.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who has an interest in the performance of the school, but also a willingness to listen and help us make informed decisions to develop the school forward.

Contact Peter Calcraft on 01264 512262 (editor@parishoak.co.uk) or Paul Sexton on 07766 162347 (paul@colvinnet.com) to discuss how you can be involved.

SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Cango is now "Hail and Ride".

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	Mon, Wed & Fri (Sch hols)	Mon, Wed & Fri (term time) & Sat	Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat	Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat	Mon, Wed & Fri
Andover Bus Station	0810	-	1040	1340	1700
Andover, Tesco	0814	-	1044	1344	1704
Enham Alamein, The Green	0820	-	1050	1350	1710
Hurstbourne Tarrant, George & Dragon	0828	-	1058	1358	1718
Stoke, Chapel Lane	0835	-	1105	1405	1725
St. Mary Bourne, The George	0840	-	1110	1410	1730
Smannell, The Oak	0847	-	1117	1417	1737
Little London - Ridges View	0849	-	1119	1419	1739
Enham, Alexandra House	-	0855	-	-	-
Enham Alamein, The Green	0858	0858	1128	1428	1748
Andover, Tesco	0902	0902	1132	1432	1752
Andover Bus Station	0907	0907	1137	1437	1757

Rod Bowker,
Chairman Smannell Parish Council.

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Peta Wilkinson CEO

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Hello Everyone,

As we enter December, so too do we enter the festive period; a time for family and friends, feel good films, and over-indulgence. For us here at Enham Trust, December is also the perfect time to celebrate our achievements, and get involved in some festive family fun.

So much has happened here at Enham Trust since my last entry; on Remembrance Day as every year, organised by members of the Parish Council, our beautiful village was proud to host a short service in the centre of the village; respectfully remembering our fallen heroes.

Also in November, we hosted our AGM and Enham Trust Awards 2015; celebrating the achievements of outstanding staff, clients, and volunteers. We were thrilled to welcome ITV Meridian's Sangeeta Bhabra back to our beautiful village to present the awards to their deserving winners.

During our AGM, we shared some truly inspiring stories and statistics, showing just how far Enham Trust has come within the last financial year. In 2014/15 we supported 34 people to transition from Registered Care to either supported living or fully independent living, supported 64 disabled people in our Social Enterprises, and now deliver services in 10 geographical locations. I'm sure you'll agree that these are incredible achievements for our charity and the people we support.

On 12th December we will be hosting our widely anticipated Snowflake Trail and Christmas Market here in the village. A great opportunity to purchase some unique gifts, and meet Santa, the day promises to be something special, so please join us!

More information can be found on our website: www.enhamtrust.org.uk

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peta Wilkinson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Peta Wilkinson, CEO

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You are invited to come along to a special event – A Christmas Extravaganza - where we will display all of our Christmas goods for sale and to order. Our local suppliers will offer tastings of their regular and seasonal produce and there will be a complimentary drink. Bring your family and friends too for a friendly and enjoyable time – Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd December 5pm until 9pm.

For your convenience the Post office opens at 7am on a week day and Saturday mornings. If Tim and I are here we will continue to provide all Post Offices services, after the usual hours, in the lead up to Christmas. While we cannot do Car Tax or Passports, for all other things there is no need to go to town, pay to park and queue! The new range of Gift Cards starts at £10 and can be used in many retail outlets and don't forget to sign up for Local Collect with either Royal Mail or Parcelforce and collect your parcels from here 7 days a week.

Look forward to seeing you soon,

Leslie & Tim Francis

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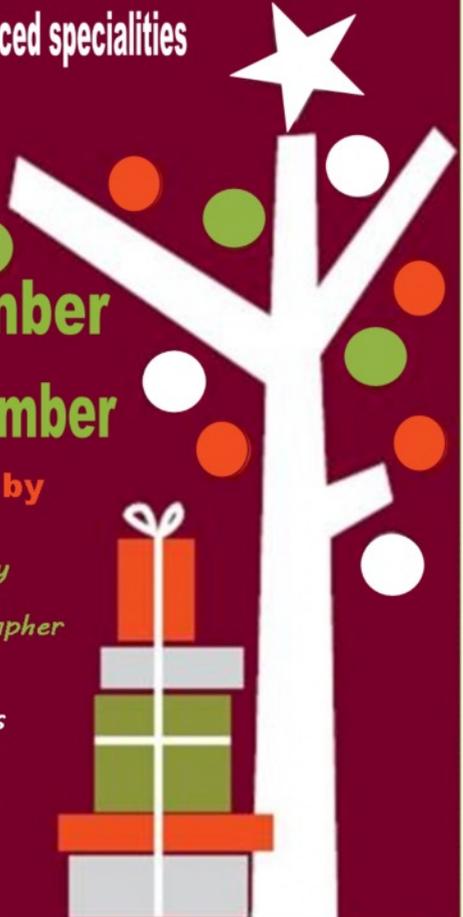
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Wednesday 2nd December

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Little London Christmas Lights Switch-On Monday 7th December @ 6pm

Please do come along and enjoy this year's fine Christmas tree as it stands proud at the entrance to the village and join us in our celebrations.

Children from Smannell School will be singing carols and encouraging us all to enjoy ourselves. We will be sharing hot minced pies, sausage rolls and mulled wine. There will be a raffle focused around the 12 days of Christmas so do come along and support us (you could go home with 10 Lords a Leaping or a partridge in a pear tree!)

After the switch on why not take a stroll through the village and admire the lights?

Hopefully we will see you there on Monday 7th of December at 6pm.

The Little London Playing Field Association wish you all a Merry Christmas and thank you for all your support throughout the last year.

LITTLE LONDON PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

An update on the Little London Fireworks and Bonfire display

This year we had a wonderful event. Everyone enjoyed themselves, which is the goal of our evening. Thank you to the 620 people who came to share the fun and create some beautiful community spirit.

A massive thank you to Alan, Billy and Jim who excelled themselves with a wonderful 27 minute firework display and a magnificent bonfire. Thank you to all the contributors to the bonfire, without your kindness there simply wouldn't have been one. We also extend our thanks to Will Brook for the loan of his field for car parking (I thought he looked very official in his Hi-Vis jacket shepherding visitors – the nearest he's been to farming for years apparently!) and all at the Oak for hosting our event and providing the sound system. Also our thanks go to the school for very generously giving us the additional parking space for disabled visitors. We are very grateful to all our friends who worked on the barbecue – Tim and George Bilborough, Mike Campbell, Mark Sherwood, Paddy Burt, Julie Dixon, Charlie and Anna White, Anne Brook, and Julie and Neil Morton. We won't forget Paddy's improvised Maître d'-in-a-hurry (perhaps next year he will dress for the part!) Our thanks go out to Alice Kate Hunt and Matt Wenham for their sterling efforts with raffle tickets, sweets, and mulled wine.

It's wonderful to see new volunteers from the village helping at the event, special mention should be made of the new Mrs Kate Campbell and all others who sold raffle tickets. They all put in an amazingly successful effort. We had a number of families working as teams this year, which I think always adds a little frisson to the event. Thanks go to Miles, Di, Georgia and Will – The Eden Harmsworths – who received visitors with smiles and such efficiency. Alongside them were other families – the ever generous Bowkers, and the very supportive Whitmores. Thanks go to Cyril Loveridge who is always willing to help out and this year had to help park just short of 150 cars. This task was made a lot easier thanks to some electrical magic from Ant Attwood who acted as our own very generous Thomas Edison. Thanks to our good friends Janet Whiteley and Tracey Preston for being kind enough to judge the Guy and Pumpkin competitions and well done to the winners for their wonderful entries.

I would like to finish by thanking everyone who attended or helped and am pleased to announce that we took over £3,600 on the night. So all in all another great success and one we hope to continue to build upon next year.

Thanks to all of you from the Little London Playing Field Association.

Sam Jackson, LLPFA

FRED'S PIECE

Dear Readers,

First, an apology for no gossip in November's magazine, but, owing to poor light, I just couldn't manage it.

Sorry to hear of Sammy Todd's passing; he came out of the RAF to work with us and settle down here and marry Marjorie, one of our village girls. Always nice to bump into them and chat. Another sadness has been the passing of a longtime workmate over at the Industries: Paul Mattin. He and the late Win Boswell (Mrs. Win Painter) worked together for years on a big machine known as a 5-cutter! You put a square piece of wood in one end and it could be formed into all sorts of shapes by the time it came out the other end. Once again, two happy memories of our days at the old Industries.

The monthly get-together for lunch was good and we welcomed one more old friend: Margaret Dunn, who we have known for quite a few years. Hope she comes again.

So - all for now - just to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year. All the best till next time,

Fred.



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Can anyone help?

During some years spent in the north country in the 1970s I had to learn not to use sexist language. That was quite difficult and it even spilled into church usage. "Who for us men" – meaning "for all human beings" was a target for strong objection. Indeed, one could not even use the word "human" as it suggested that "man" was prototypical. "If in doubt, say nowt" became the watchword of the hour. Now we have learnt inclusive language, though it doesn't have the same cadences of Shakespeare and can often sound bodged. But at least no-one is offended.

So, imagine my surprise when a whole group of us, male and female, are addressed as "guys" by the person running our course. Now I hear this word used a lot, indiscriminately of male and female. I wait for an explosive diatribe against sexist language, but backlash comes there none. What is going on?

I suppose that "guys" comes from that well-known musical "Guys and Dolls" based on stories by Damon Runyon. Personally, I would have thought that was a classic of stereotyping and that both male and female might object to it. But no! Apparently it has a new respectability and those who once decried being included in the male lobby are now glad to be part of that scene. It is all very confusing.

One could argue that it is simply one instance of wholesale changes in the way that we use English words in the 21st century. Where do you think the next surprise will come in the way we speak to one another? I have a feeling that in ten years' time we may be speaking about "crime workers" instead of criminals, but maybe you have a better idea.

In the meantime, can you help? Do I call the ladies I meet "guys"? I know I can't call them "dolls" so I seem to be out of options.

Ceolfrid

Just Visiting?

Fortunately I have managed to avoid the National Health Service for most of my life, but recently I was asked to visit someone in Hospital, and I couldn't think of a good enough excuse to get off the hook. I set off with good grace to do my 'duty', but my mood was soon shattered.

Parking my car was a nightmare. Since this seems to be true of all the local Hospitals, I don't think that I am giving you any confidential information that would allow you to identify the person I was visiting. It seems that the best parking technique is to lie in wait by the pedestrian entrance, and then stalk any person returning to their car. Then you have to establish your claim to the 'soon to be vacant' space by blocking access for any other vehicle. If you are very lucky you will have picked a driver with a good 'get-away driver' technique, but I often seem to choose someone (please note that I have avoided any reference to gender), who feels obliged to go through a comprehensive 'pre-drive' check that includes re-positioning the seat and mirror, and then check their make-up (ooooops, did I give the game away).

I think Hospitals are designed to intimidate visitors, and although I had been provided with plans of the site layout, my Boy Scout Badge for map reading had not equipped me with the skills to negotiate the main reception which had been conveniently closed for redevelopment. I did find a Receptionist, but she wasn't happy that I interrupted her game of Minecraft at a crucial stage. Apparently I was too early to be allowed in for the visit, so I settled down to read an item in a 1982 issue of Auto Car which dealt with the launch of the new Ford Sierra (OK, I exaggerated that bit).

Finally I was allowed to see the person I had come to visit. It wasn't a good start, he rejected my offer of a 'handshake' (perhaps he didn't want to pass on a contagious skin disease), and he diverted his attention to a pile of paperwork. Clearly this man was not well, and I don't think he even noticed that I was there. Something in his paperwork caught his attention, "Are you still smoking?". Now I'm not sure what the statute of limitation is for smoking, but I did stop eight years ago, and even then it wasn't much, so I really don't consider myself to be a smoker.

I'm sure that you have now identified that for this Hospital visit, I was the patient and the person I was visiting was the Consultant. It was a difficult meeting with no clear conclusion. The poor man was obviously suffering from a charisma bypass, and my presence only seemed to irritate him, but I may be wrong. He did ask me to make a return visit, and stay overnight, so perhaps I'll get a chance to finish reading about the new Ford Sierra.

John Hampshire

Amidst the tinsel, glitter
And ribbons of gold,
We forget about the child,
Born on a night so cold.

The children look for Santa
In his big, red sleigh
Never thinking of the child
Whose bed was made of hay.

In reality,
When we look into the night sky,
We don't see a sleigh
But a star, burning bright and high.

A faithful reminder,
Of that night so long ago,
And of the child we call Jesus,
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Brian K. Walters



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Sunday 6th December

10.00 a.m. *St George's, Enham*

ADVENT 2

Holy Communion

Sunday 13th December

10.00 a.m. *Christ Church, Smannell*

3.00 p.m. *St. George's, Enham*

ADVENT 3

Matins

Carol Service

Sunday 20th December

10.00 a.m. *St. George's, Enham*

6.00 p.m. *Christ Church, Smannell*

ADVENT 4

Holy Communion

9 Lessons and Carols

Thursday 24th December

5.00 p.m. *Christ Church, Smannell*

11.30 p.m. *Christ Church, Smannell*

CHRISTMAS EVE

Crib Service

Holy Communion

Friday 25th December

10.00 a.m. *St George's, Enham*

CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Communion

Sunday 27th December

10.00 a.m. *Christ Church, Smannell*

CHRISTMAS 1

Holy Communion

Enquiries for Funerals in the Parish to the Priest, Val Gagen (748065) or Churchwarden, Pete Bowker (357201).

Enquiries for Baptisms or Weddings in any of the seven churches in the Pastrow Benefice, including Smannell and Enham, please go to the weekly Vestry Hour to make a booking.

Vestry Hour is held at Charlton Church, SP11 4AN, from 5.30-6.30pm every Wednesday.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

The Church

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Gift Aid Secretary	Rod Bowker	357201
Parish Magazine Editors	Peter Calcraft	512262
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Enham Shop and Post Office		335678
Enham Trust		345800
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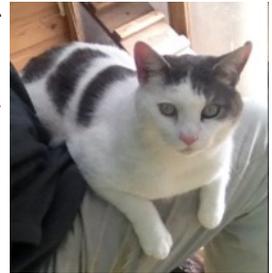
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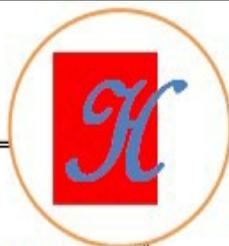
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