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Church Services

4 th December	8am BCP Holy Communion, Barnham Church and facebook 3.30pm Christingle Service, Barnham
11 th December	3pm Carol Service, Fakenham Magna followed by mulled wine and mince pies
18 th December	11am Carol Service, St. Genevieve's Church Euston 5pm Carol Service, Barnham (5pm to avoid the WORLD CUP final!)
24 th December	5pm Candlelit Crib Service, Barnham 10pm Midnight Mass, Barnham
25 th December	8.30am Holy Communion BCP, Fakenham Magna 10am Holy Communion, St. Genevieve's Church Euston
1 st January	10am Blackbourne Team Communion Service, venue tba
8 th January	3pm Fakenham Magna Songs of Praise followed by Communion
15 th January	10am Parish Communion, Barnham
27 th January	6.30pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity followed by supper at Sue Nutt's house. An opportunity for all denominations to worship and eat together. Father Pat Cleary from the RC Church in Thetford will be preaching.

There is a 10am Parish Communion every Sunday (except 1st January) at St Mary's Church, Ixworth and BCP Evensong at Ixworth Thorpe on the 4th Sunday at 6pm.

Daily services continue on the Blackbourne Ministry Facebook page. Should you not wish to subscribe to Facebook, just enter Blackbourne Team Ministry in your browser, then click Services and click on the Facebook icon at the top of the page.

Help available for anyone coping with tough times.

- **Barnham Village Hall Open Thursdays** - Funding has been secured from West Suffolk Council to open the Village Hall, every Thursday from 1st December until April 2023. This will provide a warm area, open to all Barnham residents, so they can spend any time between the hours of 10am to 4pm in the village hall. **Everyone is welcome.** Tea and coffee will be available and a bowl of homemade soup at lunchtime. There will be no personal charge for these services. The scheme will be run by volunteers and if anyone is interested in helping, particularly with cooking, please contact me. I hope that this will provide a place for meeting others, keeping warm, good conversation and conviviality. There should be some games for toddlers and please bring own entertainment also. Please pass the word and help neighbours who might not normally take advantage of these facilities, to have access on Thursdays over this time. Martin Belsham, Jubilee Cottage, 1960belsh@gmail.com
- **Food Pantry.** There is a basket of food in Barnham Church. Please feel free to take what you need. Donations of food are welcome too.
- **Community Fridge,** Freedom Café, Mill Road, Gt Barton (Open Tuesday 2-4pm, Weds/Thursday 10-12 noon). Saving food still good to eat.
- **Charles Burrell Centre,** Thetford. Excellent café for light refreshments **very** reasonably priced. Budgeting advice available and much more.
- **St Thomas' Charity** - This is a small charity for the people of Barnham. Grants (up to £100) are available to assist anyone in need. If you would like to know more please contact the Blackbourne Team Rector, Revd Karen Burton 075456 491388.

From 7th December the **Church Coffee morning** will be held in a 'Warm House' on Wednesdays. Please contact Sue 890409/07818670124 or Olive 890586 if you would like to come along. Craft opportunities, loads of chat and fellowship so switch your heating off and do come along.

Church House Group every Thursday 9.30 am Portelet, Blacksmith Lane, Barnham. Enquiries to Sue Nutt 07818670124.

Farmers' Market in Barnham Church and church yard. 10th December 10am-1pm. Home made cakes, local game, refreshments, Woosters' bread, Edie's pork pies, local vegetables, Christmas wreaths, crafts and delicious BBQ plus a free glass of mulled wine on arrival!

Christmas Wreaths and Topiary Trees - Following last year's sell-out we are going to be making Christmas wreaths and topiary trees again which can be ordered in advance and collected at the Christmas Fair on Saturday, 10th December. There will also be some available to buy on the day. We use foliage from Barnham gardens as well as fir cones, baubles, ribbons etc. to make them

really special. Wreaths – medium £20, large £30. Topiary trees – £15. Orders by 5th December via Mark at The Old Bakery or leave a message 07748 854635.

A thank you from Peter Meek - Just to say thank you to all who gave donations to St Nicholas Hospice Care in memory of my late wife Rebecca Meek (Becky). The total came to £1,155 AMAZING! Thank you.

Barnham Parish Council – The latest minutes/agenda for Parish Council meetings can be found on the notice board at the village hall and on the website: www.barnham.onesuffolk.net. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 10th January at 7pm in the village hall. This meeting is open to the public and press.

Barnham Parish Council appointed a new Clerk on 15th November 2022, Mrs Andrea Morris. The contact email address will remain the same for the time being and additional contact numbers will be announced in due course. We welcome Andrea and wish Tash Deverell, the outgoing Clerk, best of luck for the future.

Barnham Village Hall – For bookings/enquiries please call (answer machine) or text 07931 104122. www.barnhamvillagehall.org.

Craft Fairs at Barnham Village Hall – Thanks to everyone who supported the November craft fair. There will be another Barnham Village Hall Christmas Craft Fair on Sunday 4th December from 11am to 3pm (with Christmas lights and music!). Hot and cold refreshments available (including bacon butties). We are now fully booked and will have a wide variety of crafts including tree decorations, beeswax candles, handmade Christmas cards, rose bears, a wide variety of knitwear including gongs, handmade baby clothes and comforters and homemade cakes, jam and honey.

Barnham Social Night at the Village Hall – Christmas Social, Friday 2nd December 7pm-11pm. Mulled wine and mince pies.

New Year Social, Friday 6th January – 7 to 11pm. Over 18 years only.

The Charity Quiz held in the Village Hall on Friday 18th November resulted in a profit of £285 which will be shared between the Bury Women's Aid, St Nicholas Hospice and Barnham Church. Many thanks to all who made soup, helped beforehand and on the night, especially Judy and Ian Robertson who worked so hard in the kitchen to make sure the food was ready on time.

Unfortunately 4 teams failed to turn up which was extremely disappointing. Not only had we catered for them and delayed the start, but the charities would also have benefitted by another £100. Had any apologies been received, all 4 tables could have been re-let to others on the waiting list. Reluctantly, as a consequence, we may in future have to consider asking for the money to be paid at the time of booking.

Fakenham Magna Parish Council meets bi-monthly. For further information on dates and times please see the Notice Board or visit the website at www.fakenhammagna.onesuffolk.net. Church Field, Fakenham Magna is available to use by prior arrangement with Cllr. Ray Johnston, email him at fakenhammagnapc@live.co.uk.

Euston Farm - Hi all and welcome to another update. We have started harvesting sugar beet and it's all going ok. I attended a grower meeting in July this year and they shared the news that we have got to look out for a Beet Moth! The beet moth turns into a caterpillar and attacks the crown of the sugar beet. I checked straight away and we had very little signs of the pest but now in November most fields are infected. It doesn't really affect the beet too much but there is crown damage and we will have to keep checking to make sure the caterpillar doesn't progress down into the sugar beet. In extreme cases the beet can be split in 2 pieces as the caterpillar bores further into the beet. Hedge cutting is underway so please be patient if he is temporarily in the way. Other jobs are firewood cutting and lots of workshop work. We had the proud job of building a Float for the Lord Mayors show in London on the 12th of November. The trailer was representing Red Tractor brand and also the NFU. Hopefully you all have a quiet and rested Christmas and we will see you in the new year. Matthew at Euston Farms.

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Local yoga sessions: Wednesdays, 6.15-7.05pm High Energy Yoga and 7.15-8.30pm Yoga for All at Barnham Village Hall. Mondays 6-7pm Explore Breath and Mind and 7.15-8.30pm Yoga for All at United Reformed Church, Thetford. All sessions are pre-bookable only - £7 per session or £24 for 4 in a row. Find me on Facebook and Instagram or contact: email yogawithtracey@gmail.com or 07702056182.

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