
INGHAM PARISH MAGAZINE



We wish you all a very happy,
healthy, and special Christmas

December 2021

Editorial

Dear Reader,

We nearly lost our magazine as we couldn't find someone to print it! Now that Emma and Simon have retired, all the tireless printing that Emma kindly did each month also ended. We looked at getting the magazine professionally printed, but the cost was so high that we thought that this month's would be the last ever edition! Fortunately Richard Reid has stepped into the breach and has agreed to house the church photocopier and is willing to take on the printing of this magazine. Thank you Richard, we very much appreciate your kindness!

Christmas is just around the corner. Hopefully we will all be able to see friends and family this year. I remember writing last December that I was hoping a new vaccine would be found, and here we are a year later with most of the population vaccinated. It is good to see such positive progress.

We, the magazine team, wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and may the New Year bring everyone good health and happiness.

With all good wishes

Angela, Andreas, Darren, and Lesley

If you would like to add something to the January issue, please send it to us. It can be an article, a photo, a bit of history, wildlife, or whatever interests you!

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You can email us too: magazine@inghamvillage.co.uk



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The Bazaar and Jumble Sale on 13th November was very successful in spite of the frequent showers! The Committee members would like to thank all who supported the event, those who attended (some from as far away as Lowestoft and Gorleston), those who donated raffle prizes, gifts, and lots of lovely cakes and scones. £466 was raised for Hall and Recreation Ground maintenance. We must also thank our loyal band of helpers for helping to set up the evening before and for helping on the day. We could not manage these events without them.

The first fund raiser of 2022 will be a **Jumble Sale on Saturday 12th February** followed by **Quiz 'n' Chips on 26th March** and a **Concert on 9th April**. Full details for these will be given in this magazine nearer the time.

The Village Hall Committee members wish all their helpers and supporters a very Happy Christmas.

Village Hall Regular Hirers for December

Please check with the person who runs your class for running dates over the Christmas period.

Agni Yoga - every Tuesday, Chair Yoga at 6.00pm, Yoga at 6.45pm (Pre-booking, Pam 07971 398284)

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Cliff Knight Art Class - every Wednesday 9.30am to 12.30pm (Pre-booking, 01692 580212)

Dance Class - every Friday 4pm to 7pm (Harriett 07591 012832)

Ingham Art Club - Tuesday 7th from 2pm to 4pm (Anne 580814)

Ingham Craft Club - No meeting this month (Faith 583338)

John Etheridge Art Class - every Monday 1pm to 5pm (Pre-booking recommended, 01692 583446)

All Hall Booking enquiries to Darren Rogers 01692 580202
email: darren@inghamvillage.co.uk or book online

Some Christmas history

Did you know...

Leaving out food and drink for Santa and his reindeer dates back to ancient Norse mythology.

Christmas (Christ's Mass) was first recorded in England in 1038.

In medieval times people fasted up until 24th December, then indulged in twelve full days of Christmas festivities reaching a crescendo on 6th January 'Twelfth Night' when presents were exchanged.

The decorating of trees dates back to Germany in the Middle Ages. Queen Victoria's husband, Albert, popularised Christmas trees in this country in the 1840s.

The first official Christmas card debuted in 1843 with the message "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You."

Early versions of Advent Calendars were started in 1903 by publisher Gerhard Land. These offered children a count down to Christmas by opening one 'door' or 'window' a day to reveal a Bible passage, poem, or small gift.

Many of the now-familiar elements of Christmas come from the Victorian period. Sending cards, pulling crackers, and eating turkey (instead of goose) and Christmas pudding. Most Victorian families went to church at Christmas, and many of our popular carols were written back then, these include 'Good King Wenceslas', 'Once in Royals David's City', and 'O Come All Ye Faithful'.

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Farming Diary

Another year has flown by, maybe I'm getting older...!

The farming year has flown by too in contrast to the last few years. This year we had a fairly wet and soggy summer which led into an equally soggy harvest. Even the winter barley which virtually always comes in dry, came in around 17% moisture. The contract max is 15%, resulting in some hefty claims from the grain merchants. However, we can't complain as the last few years have been pretty dry and easy harvesting.

The big news in the farming world currently is Agricultural Inflation. As prilled or liquid Nitrogen fertiliser uses gas in its manufacturing process, prices have risen from around £200.00 a tonne to £700.00 plus a tonne for Spring delivery. This greatly increases the growing costs of most crops, something we will not be able to pass on to the end user.

There have been some spectacular sunsets this year in conjunction with the beautiful autumn colours, a real treat. As I regularly say, "Norfolk is the best place to live", but we all know that anyway... don't we!

All that remains is for me to wish all Ingham residents a Happy Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Best wishes,
Alistair Wright.



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News from Holy Trinity Church

Dear Friends,

Cast your minds back to last Christmas when we faced all the restrictions, which included mask wearing, and most importantly not being able to sing in Church. Which of course meant we were not able to hold Carol Services, a major part of our celebrations of Christmas. I wonder whether you will be reflecting on last year as you celebrate this one. Where will your thoughts be?

Perhaps your thoughts and actions might be directed towards climate change, doing whatever we can, and rightly so, to preserve this world for future generations, and our own, throughout the world. The help of the wealthy nations directing their help to the poor and lowly. The unifying factor in all this should, I think, be love. The love of family and friends is a banner and something almost all families of the world must embrace. We all want the best for our own. This may seem a selfish factor but it could be used for good, because if we all throughout the world, think of our own, legislate and finance, then we should come to a common mind and action, to protect them and us, and the world, now and in the future. Then there would be a mighty catalyst of action and purpose based upon that simple premise, of Love. We have to think, as modern 'speak' would say "Thinking outside the box".

So this Christmas our thoughts also must go to the God of Love who sent His son as a gift of Love and Life for the world, for all people, for all generations, for all time. A simple small act of a child born in a Bethlehem stable who would change the world, for his generation, for those who were to follow, and for generations to come. God "Thinking outside the box."

We hope you and your families have a peaceful and blessed Christmas as you hopefully gather together, to share, to celebrate and enjoy Love. We wish you all God's blessings and care for 2022 and the future.

Every Blessing
Jeanette

Holy Trinity Service in December

Sunday 5th December Holy Communion 9.15

Sunday 12th December Morning Prayer 9.15

Sunday 19th December '**Carols by Candlelight**'

All proceeds in aid of Cancer Research UK 4pm

An informal service of Lessons and Carols. Refreshments including Mulled wine and Mince pies.

All are welcome come and enjoy the first community carol singing since 2019. Please dress warmly.

Friday 24th December **Christmas Eve Crib Service**

Come and bring children, of all ages, to put the figures in our Historic Crib 4pm

Midnight Mass Stalham and Dilham Churches 11.30pm.

Saturday 25th December **Christmas Day Holy Communion**
9.15am.

Sunday 26th December **Boxing day**

United Benefices service at Stalham Holy Communion
10.30am.

Sunday 1st January, Holy Trinity Holy Communion 9.15am

On **Wednesday 1st December** at 2.30pm there is the history talk entitled "Spoyl'd by the Rage of the Sea", presented by David Standard. Admission is free (a donation is welcomed)
Please dress warmly as the church heating is minimal.

From **4th to 12th December** is the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church in Stalham. There will be a tree from our Church with the theme of the Trinitarians. After the festival, the tree will be moved to Holy Trinity. Please visit and enjoy.

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On **Sunday 19th December**, you can also see him at Sea Palling beach at approximately 10.00am as he starts his journey in our lifeboat to Lapland.

Wishing you all the happiest of Christmases and a very Happy and Healthy 2022.



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You can buy your tickets from our secure JustGiving page details of which will be available shortly on the Barn website and Facebook page.

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For further information please contact: Maggie Prettyman 01692 598324 or Shirley Sainsbury on 01692 598882 / shirley@briarleylodge.co.uk.

Hold the Date

At time of printing the ***The Big Fat Gym Quiz*** is set to return on Saturday 29th January 2022. Please save the date in your diaries and full details will follow soon.

Once again the Barn trustees and management team would like to thank all our volunteers for their hard work in keeping the Barn, the playing field and the playground Covid-safe throughout the year and wish everyone the very best for the festive season.

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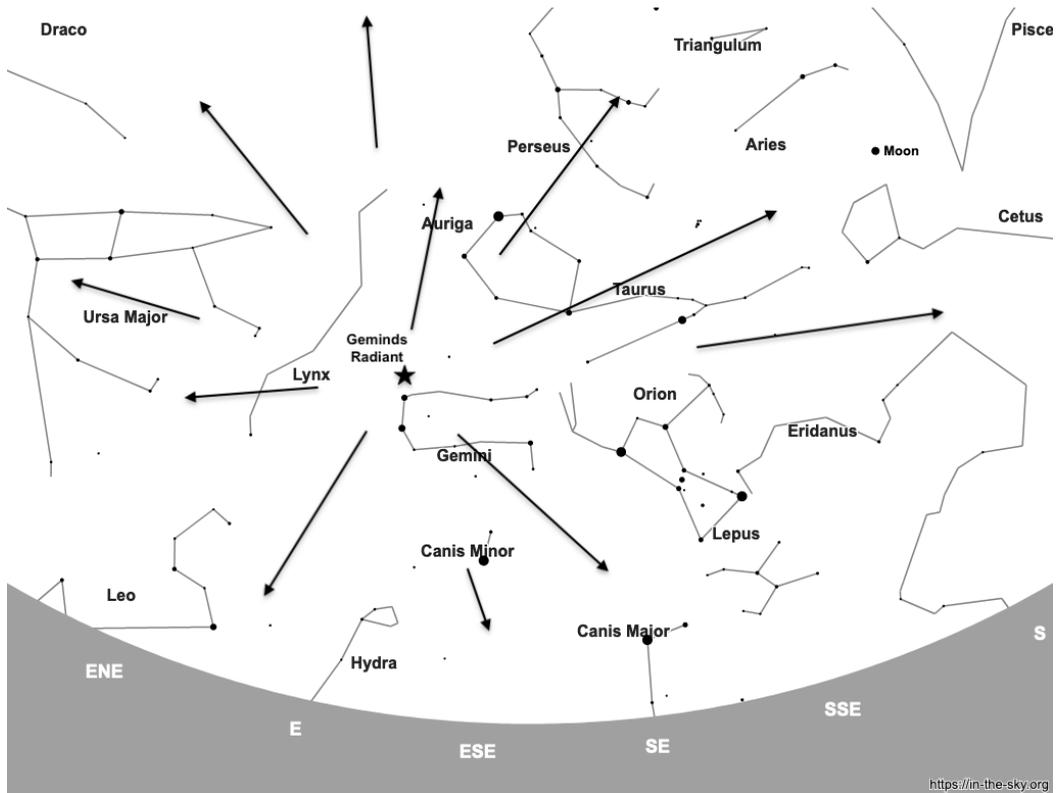


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The Night Sky in December



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The heavenly highlight this month, as every December, is the famous Geminid Meteor Shower. Small fragments of an asteroid are crossing the Earth's orbit each year between the 4th and the 20th of December. They are coming in from the direction of the constellation Gemini (hence the name) and hit the atmosphere at speeds of about 22 miles per second. At these speeds the friction is so high that they burn up very quickly as "shooting stars". Very rarely does one of the larger meteors survive the fall and reach the Earth's surface. If that happens, it is called a meteorite.

The chart above shows the sky on the 14th at 10pm. On this date we expect the maximum of the shower with about 120 meteors per hour. The arrows indicate possible paths of the meteors. You can see that they will be visible all over the sky, but they all seem to come from one point close to the star Castor in Gemini. This point is called the "radiant".

The best time to observe the shower is around 2am in the morning. At this time Gemini is at its highest point in the southern sky and the nearly full Moon is already very close to the western horizon.

New Moon: 4th, First Quarter: 11th, Full Moon: 19th, Third Quarter: 27th

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