

# INGHAM PARISH MAGAZINE

*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year*



Ingham  
Craft  
Club's  
"Knitted  
Nativity"

**Astronomy Evening** 2<sup>nd</sup> December at the Village Hall

**Christmas Activity Morning** 9<sup>th</sup> December in the Church

**Carol Service** 17th December

# December 2023

## Editorial

Dear Reader

This year December seems to have come around really fast. Did it seem that way to you too? What a year it has been with the weather! Heatwaves and little or no rainfall in the summer, the leaves on the trees staying green well into November, and never mind the amount of wind and rain! Flooded fields, roads, and worse. I do hope you all survived it without too many problems. As I type this, the wind is blowing 'a hoolie', my favourite Norfolk word. Or as my neighbour tells me, "the Norfolk wind is lazy, it can't be bothered to go around you, so it goes straight through you."

Do you like the Knitted Nativity pictured on the front cover? This was made over several months by the Ingham Craft Club as a joint project. They meet every other Tuesday afternoon and make all sorts of things, not just knitting. If you would like to join, you would be more than welcome. You can see the Knitted Nativity in Ingham Church from 9th December.

The Ingham Parish magazine team wish each and everyone one of our readers a very warm and cozy Christmas. May the New Year bring all that you need and more besides.

*Angela, Andreas, Darren, and Lesley*

The magazine is available for download from the Ingham Village website: [www.inghamvillage.co.uk](http://www.inghamvillage.co.uk).

If you wish to send an article for the January magazine, the cut off date is 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please send it to: [magazine@inghamvillage.co.uk](mailto:magazine@inghamvillage.co.uk)

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## **INGHAM VILLAGE HALL - Registered Charity No 303988**

The Committee members wish all their loyal supporters a very Happy Christmas and thank them for attending our events during 2023. Very special greetings to our volunteer helpers who turn up to help set up, man stalls and clear up afterwards, to the volunteers who cut the hedges and cut and trim round the Hall where the contractor cannot work. We could not manage without them!!

The Christmas Bazaar on 18th November raised £365 for Hall funds. Thanks to all who attended inspite of the dreadful weather, who donated items to sell, especially on the Cake Stall and our band of helpers.

Our final event for this year is the Astronomy Eventing with Dr Andreas Schroeer on 2nd December. Hopefully you will have bought your tickets by the time this magazine is delivered!

**Regular hirers for December** (Contact numbers in brackets) Check with contacts for Christmas holiday arrangements

***Agni Yoga*** - every Tuesday, Chair yoga at 6.00pm, Yoga at 6.45pm (Pre-booking, Pam 07971 398284) **Last class on 19th** December, resume on 9th January.

***Bridge Club*** - Wednesday 6th & 13th from 1pm to 5pm (Paul Fuller 581472)

***Cliff Knight Art Class*** - Wednesday 6th, 13th & 20th 10am to 12 noon (Pre-booking, 01692 580212)

***Ingham Art Club*** - Tuesday 5th and 19th from 2pm to 4pm (Anne 580814)

***Ingham Craft Club*** - Tuesday 12th from 2pm to 4pm (Faith 583338)

***Zumba with Tina*** - every Monday Zumba Gold at 6.30pm, Zumba Toning at 7.30pm (Tina 07341 360389)

**Broadland Group Norfolk Wildlife Trust** - Friday 8th AGM Followed by an illustrated talk about Sweet Briar Marshes by Matt Wickens (David Mole 650826)

**All Hall Booking** enquiries to Darren Rogers 01692 580202

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## Sea Palling Lifeboat

This month I write with much sadness as we wish one of our longest serving crew members and Coxswain, Mick Clarke a long and happy retirement. Mick, who many of you will know, steps down after 17 years of service at the station having been a senior helm and our coxswain three times. It's a sad day for the crew but Mick should be very proud of his service with the lifeboat having made around 70 rescues on the boats Leo, Lions Roar, Lion Heart, and Lion Ros Clipston.



However, we are pleased to announce that Dan Barsley has accepted the role of our next Coxswain.

Don't forget Santa will be visiting Sea Palling beach on the morning of Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at around 10am. The Elves tell me he's very excited to see you all. This will be followed by a carol service and mince pies at the station afterwards. All are welcome to attend.

Have you ever thought about volunteering in your local community? Do you enjoy being part of a team and helping others? Then we would really like to talk to you. We are looking to recruit volunteer members for various roles, including, boat and shore crew (ideally you should live or work within 15 minutes of Sea Palling), fundraising and maintenance. No experience necessary as training will be provided. For further information please contact us via Facebook, via email at [info@seapallinglifeboat.co.uk](mailto:info@seapallinglifeboat.co.uk) or pop in and see us for a cuppa and a chat. There is a role for everyone.

On behalf of the crew at Sea Palling Independent Lifeboat I'd like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.



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## Nature Notes from Well Cottage

The first topic for these notes has to be 'the weather'!! We moved here in 1988 and although there have been spells of very wet weather, never going on for so long. The ground has never been so 'claggy' and no chance of digging it over. It has been interesting to observe the oak and ash trees at the front. They remained very green until about 2 weeks ago (beginning of November) but now the ash trees in particular have turned yellow and there is a constant stream of leaves landing in the garden. One oak tree is still quite green providing shelter for the birds. Apparently there are many different varieties of oak so the two here are not the same variety.



Inspite of the weather, the odd sunny day has meant some butterflies and bumblebees have been seeking nectar in the fuchsias which are still flowering well and will do so until the first hard frost.

The 'Jingle Bells' Clematis is a mass of buds and should look really good when they have all opened - in time for Christmas perhaps!

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## News from Holy Trinity Church

Dear Friends

I *think*, but I can't be sure, that something exciting happens in December? Something with lights and sparkles and parties and presents? Of course, I'd have had to be living under a rock to escape the Christmas extravaganza which is well under way by the start of this month. I have noticed this year that some of the adverts have been encouraging people to 'do Christmas' *their own* way. Now, of course none of the shops is suggesting that people should not spend money in their stores, but that there are different ways of celebrating. Vicars tend to celebrate with their families on Boxing Day, I have been known to leave it till New Year's Day - still Christmas in the Church calendar! I also like to mark St Nicholas (that close relation of Santa), whose feast is on the 6<sup>th</sup> December, he drops off some gold (chocolate) coins in our shoes, and when the Wise Men come at Epiphany (6<sup>th</sup> January) we celebrate with a Chinese takeaway - they came from the East, get it?

Whatever your spirituality or beliefs, it is important to take time to celebrate, especially at this dark and cold time of the year. Making space for wonder in the dark times, for connection with those around us, and the odd treat here and there does us good. The stories we tell are important too, and I may be biased, but I think the Christmas story of the birth of Jesus is, as they say, the greatest story ever told. That God came to know us, to be us, to live with us because we are loved with an infinite love. That Jesus grew up to show us what that love looks like in practice, rejecting oppression, lifting up those who are brought down low by life, standing up for what is right even when it comes at a cost. It's hard to believe stuff sometimes, it's hard to believe that we are loveable, but Christmas reminds us that our worth doesn't lie in the amount we spend, or the glitziness of our decorations, or how fancy our Christmas dinner is, but in just being ourselves, and being with others and loving them, as they love us, just as we are.

God bless us, every one.

Helen Lynch

*Rector of the Benefices of Smallburgh & Stalham*

*Phone/WhatsApp 07902 447821*

*My rest day is Friday*

## **Services at Holy Trinity Church**

Sunday	3rd December	Holy Communion	9.15am
Sunday	10th December	Morning Prayer	9.15am
Sunday	17th December	Holy Communion	9.15am

### **Carol Service**

**Sunday 17th December 4.00pm**

Sunday	24th December	Holy Communion at <b>Stalham church</b>	10.00am
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**Christmas Eve Crib Service 4.00pm**

**Christmas Day Holy Communion 9.15am**

Sunday	31st December	Holy Communion	10.00am
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## **Christmas Craft Activity morning for Children**

Children, come along to **Ingham Church** for our  
**Children's Christmas craft event**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30am - 12.30pm.**

We will be making lanterns, baubles to hang on the tree, cards, table decorations, stars, and many other fun things.

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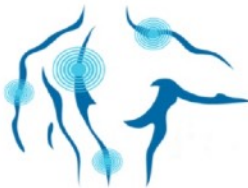


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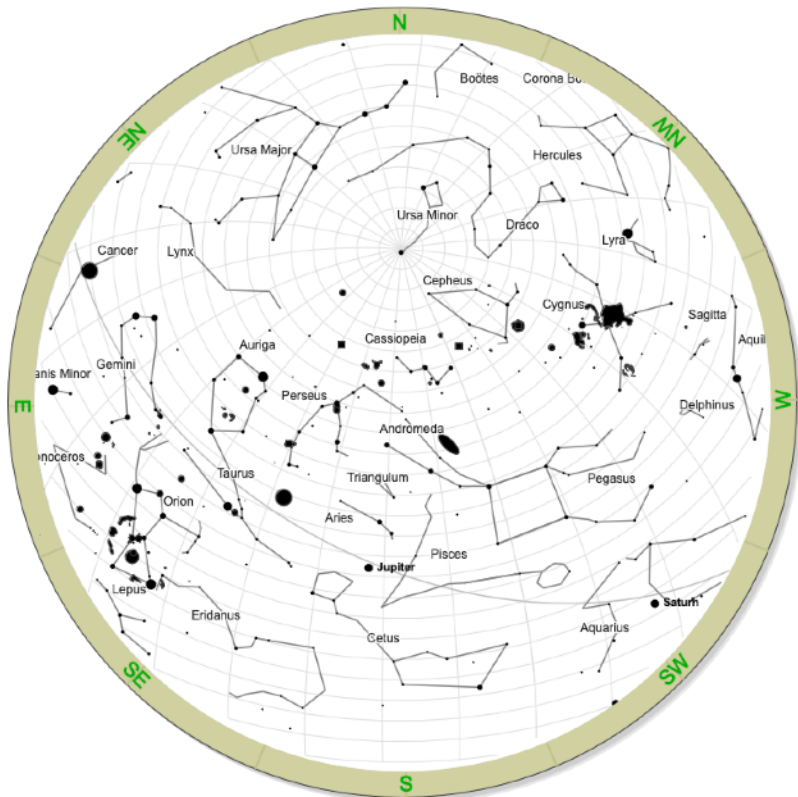


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# The Night Sky in December



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At the end of the year I would like to show you a chart of the whole night sky, the way it looks at 8pm in the middle of the month. The chart also shows concentric circles around the North Star. During the course of the night, the whole sky turns anti-clockwise so that all stars move along these circles. This way they rise in the east and set in the west.

The dark spots are deep sky objects like nebulae and star clusters. They are located mostly along the Milky Way and are good targets for larger binoculars. You don't need a lot of magnification for these objects, just big lenses to catch as much light as possible. The opposite is true for the planets. Jupiter and Saturn are so bright that the opening of your telescope can be rather small, but you need quite a bit of magnification to see them as a disk, or even make out cloud structures. With 30x magnification it starts to get interesting and you can easily spot Jupiter's Galilean moons Io, Europa, Ganymede, and Callisto. With 100x you can zoom in more and you will see clouds and even Saturn's rings.

Third Quarter: 5<sup>th</sup>, New Moon: 12<sup>th</sup>, First Quarter: 19<sup>th</sup>, Full Moon: 27<sup>th</sup>



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