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Give it up for Lent!

February has arrived, and this calendar year brings with it a leap year, Pancake Day, Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day, all in the shortest month. Oh, and don't forget Half-Term! Quite a lot to pack in. Now, last year I wrote about my intention to play my piano more often over the Lent period, as opposed to giving something up. I feel I have been quite successful here, and whilst my neighbours may disagree with the portrayed level of my success, I think this coming year I may go big. And bold. This year, dear Readers, I am giving up caffeine.

Those of you who know me well, know that I adore coffee. My coffee caddy even declares 'DEATH TO DECAFF' in bright letters. I'm fairly sure that since having three children and countless nights of interrupted sleep, about 60% of my blood flow is in fact caffeine. At one point during early motherhood, I averaged seven cups of joe a day, and decided to cut down a little as my eye had started non-stop twitching. Cutting down is one thing, but can I give it up?

Even for a defined period? Jesus didn't ever drink coffee (He missed it by a few hundred years), but I do wonder if His temptation to turn stones into loaves could well equate to my temptation to order a double-shot oat milk flat white when in a café, after several weeks of going cold turkey?! This remains to be seen, however I think we can surmise that for the months of February and March, I shall be grumpy, jittery, tired, and perhaps, in the very end, triumphant.

Please do let us know what you are doing for Lent this year by emailing at the address below. We can share the most interesting submissions in next month's 'Contributions' page.



Editor Samantha



The view from
the Editor



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Dear friends

Rev Tim



Our rector writes

We have our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in February this year. We used to have them in May but it always seemed to me a bit strange to be reviewing the past year when we were nearly at the midpoint of the current year. So, I've brought the APCMs forward this year, which has made the start of 2024 especially busy for me (!) but I think it makes more sense.

Last year I said I was hoping that 2023 would be a year of growth, as I reflected on the way that 2022 had been a year that was all about trying to recover from the pandemic.

I set out a number of types of growth (and I hope you can see that I want us to be outward looking churches that care about our local communities). As I said, I would love to see us:

- growing in our faith
- growing in engagement with our local schools
- growing in kindness and compassion, expressing God's love in our community
- growing in our engagement with issues of justice and peace
- growing in our care of Creation

These hopes for our churches approximately match the "Five Marks of Mission," which set out the Church of England's understanding of the purpose of the whole Church, all around the world.

I also challenged both of our Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) to grow in three ways that relate to the future of our Benefice: 1) to grow in clarity of purpose, 2) to grow in financial resilience and 3) to be bold enough to say that we want our churches to grow numerically too. As I have been writing the reports to send off to the Diocese of Salisbury, I have felt a certain sense of pride in what we have achieved in 2023, because we've seen growth in every area.

To take just a few examples, we now have strong relationships developing with Wellington Eagles and Wellington Academy to compliment the strong relationship we already have with Castle Primary. We now have the Pastoral Visiting Team fully up and running, an ambition that I had when I first arrived, but one that was overtaken by Covid. At the start of 2023 a new local Environment Group was formed. Although this is a community group, the church was an integral part of this group being set up, as an expression of our desire to see nature and wildlife flourishing in our communities (because, as with all things bright and beautiful, the Lord God made them all!)

Growing numerically and growing in financial resilience are a bit harder. However, we have seen both churches welcome new people, even if we have very sadly lost a couple of real stalwarts of the church in the last year. And we have made our first steps towards being less reliant on subsidies from the Diocese of Salisbury because at the start of 2023 we were receiving a subsidy of approximately 50% of our ministry costs, whereas as we start 2024 this figure is now 45%. This is a small step, but it is a step in the right direction reflecting a lot of hard work and the tremendous generosity of the local people who support us. So thank you!

All in all, it has been a good year and we are look forward with hope.

Wishing you every blessing

Rev Tim

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You WhatsApp me on 07894 209833, or email me at revtimlaundon@gmail.com or you could even write me a letter!

BENEFACT INTERCESSIONS

These weekly themes of prayer will help everyone keep in touch on common concerns.

In the chart below the first name each week is a Province in the Anglican Community across the world; the second name is a diocese in Sudan or South Sudan, and the last 2 or 3 are related dioceses under the Porvoo agreement of churches in Denmark (D), Sweden (S), Norway (N) and Finland (F) and UK. The streets listed are Ludgershall then Tidworth.

Pray for

4 February. South America; Maiwut; Bango; Dublin & Glendalough.
People with addictions – alcohol, gambling, drugs; Clarence Close; Bulford Road.

11 February. South Sudan; Port Sudan; Worcester; Hamar (N)
Children in Need; Clover Gardens; Burlington Walk.

18 February. Sudan; Ezo; Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe; Roskilde (D)
H.M. The King; Collis Terrace; Cannons Close.

25 February. Tanzania; Tonj; Peterborough; Meath & Kildare.
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Church Services

February

Sunday 11th Shrove Sunday

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10am Service of the Word, St James

11:15am Sung Eucharist, Holy Trinity

Wednesday 14th Ash Wednesday

6pm Ash Wednesday Service, St James

Sunday 18th First Sunday of Lent

10am Holy Communion, St James

11:15am Celtic Contemplative Service, Holy Trinity

4pm Contemporary Worship, St James

Sunday 25th Second Sunday of Lent

10am Worship, Word & Song, St James

11am Eucharist and Service of Healing, Holy Trinity

11:30am Adventures with Hymns, St James Church Hall

4pm BCP Holy Communion, St James

March

Sunday 3rd Third Sunday of Lent

10am Holy Communion, St James

11:15am Songs of Praise, Holy Trinity

4pm BCP Sung Evensong, St James

Sunday 10th Mothering Sunday

10am Mothering Sunday Service, St James

11:15am Sung Eucharist, Holy Trinity

Sunday 17th Fifth Sunday of Lent

110am Holy Communion, St James

11:15am Celtic Contemplative Service, Holy Trinity

4pm Contemporary Worship, St James

Sunday 31st Easter Day

10am Worship, Word & Song, St James

11am Eucharist and Service of Healing, Holy Trinity

11:30am Adventures with Hymns, St James Church Hall

6pm BCP Holy Communion, St James

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Please join us in church or on Castledown FM for our Sunday worship and please phone or WhatsApp the Rector on 07894 209833 if you'd like us to pray for you over the next few weeks.

What's on

On these pages we list the monthly events in Ludgershall and Tidworth. If your group or organization have an event that the public can attend please let us now, we will be happy to include the details. Please send info to the editor at editor.ludgershallandtidworth@gmail.com

Holy Communion

10:30 every Thursday
at St James

Radio Service 10am every Sunday on

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Morning Prayer

8:30am Mon. to Fri. at St James 9:30am every
Wed. morning at Holy Trinity

Weekly events and groups

Mondays

1.30 - 2:45pm Trinity Toddlers (toddler group), Holy Trinity Church Hall

7pm (fortnightly) House Group at Rev Tim & Dawn's, Ludgershall Rectory

8pm (fortnightly) Bible Study Group at Ros' house in Ludgershall

Tuesdays

9:30 - 11:30am Stepping Stones (toddler group), St James Church Hall

2:30pm (fortnightly) House Group at Lucy & Tudor's house in Faberstown

7pm (3rd Tuesday) Women's Institute, Holy Trinity Church Hall

Wednesdays

8:30am Morning Prayer, Holy Trinity

7pm (fortnightly) House Group at Wenda's house in Shipton Bellinger

7pm-8pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Holy Trinity Church Hall

Thursdays

10:30 - 11am Holy Communion, St James

4pm - 4:30pm Introduction to Ignatian Contemplation, St James

7.30pm (fortnightly) Decibels Singing Group, St James Church Hall

Fridays

9:30 - 11am Community Café, St James Church Hall

Saturdays

8:45am-10:30am **First Saturday of the month** Women's Breakfast, St James Church Hall

10am **Last Saturday of the month** Church Walk, St James meeting at the Lychgate

2pm (Last Saturday) Sunset Club, Memorial Hall

Sundays

1pm-2pm Christian Fellowship Choir Practice, Holy Trinity Church Hall

Dates for your diary

February 2024

Saturday 10th	1:30-3:30pm Churchyard Maintenance Morning, H. Trinity
Sunday 11th	12:30pm Holy Trinity's APCM, Holy Trinity Church Hall 6pm St James' APCM, St James Church Hall
Tuesday 13th	4:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party, St James Hall 7pm LeaHoly Trinity PCC members, Vanessa's House
Thursday 15th	7pm Magazine Editors meeting, Ludgershall Rectory
Saturday 17th	10-12noon Churchyard Maintenance Morning, St James
Friday 23rd	12noon Lent Lunches starting, St James Church Hall
Saturday 24th	2pm Sunset Club meeting in the Memorial Hall (Meets every last Saturday of the month) 6-6.30pm Pudding Night, St James Church Hall
Wednesday 28th	11am Ludgershall Movement for the Mind, St James Church Hall

March

Friday 1st	12noon Lent Lunches, St James Church Hall
Tuesday 5th	7pm Leading Your Church into Growth course for Holy Trinity PCC members, Vanessa's house
Thursday 7th	7pm Leading Your Church into Growth course for St James PCC members, Ludgershall Rectory
Friday 8th	12noon Lent Lunches, St James Church Hall
Saturday 9th	8:45am Men's Breakfast, St James Church Hall 10-12noon Churchyard Maintenance Morning, St James
Wednesday 13th	11am Ludgershall Movement for the Mind, St James Church Hall
Friday 15th	12noon Lent Lunches, St James Church Hall
Monday 25th	9am Wellington Eagles Easter Service, Wellington Eagles Primary School Ludgershall 1:15pm Wellington Eagles Easter Service, St James 2:15pm Wellington Eagles Easter Service, St James

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Our Read Easy group need your help!

Read Easy is a charity with over 80 groups in England, ours formed a year ago and so far have paired up eight Reader/Coaches who are making great progress!



1. Do you know a friend, relation, neighbour or employee over 18, who missed out on learning to read and would be keen to try our friendly, free, one-to-one Reading course?

No classrooms, just their own volunteer trained Read Easy Coach, dedicated to help them learn to read and with complete confidentiality, at a convenient venue. 2.4 million adults in England can barely read or not read at all. Interrupted schooling, health issues, dyslexia are only some of the reasons. Imagine not being able to read mail that comes to your door, medicine instructions, bills, timetables, street names, writing or answering texts or using email? Trying to hide this by pretending to have forgotten reading glasses, or feeling anxious that people are judging you.

Read Easy is a charity with over 80 groups in England, ours formed a year ago and so far have paired up eight Reader/Coaches who are making great progress! We fundraise with Council grants and other donations, to train our Coaches and buy all the resources for each Reader. Generously our Coaching venues are all

sourced at no cost to us, like libraries, Church halls and offices. We have Coaches waiting to be paired!

Read Easy's vision is:
"For all adults in the UK to have the literacy skills they need to realise their potential and live life to the full."

Please talk to anyone you know at home or work who might benefit from hearing about us. It takes a lot of courage and determination to try again, but we are dedicated to helping. If they are interested to find out more they can ring: 07942 382318 and leave a message, or if they agree you can contact us at : sewadmin@readeasy.org.uk

All we ask is that they are able to commit to regular two half hour sessions a week, at a suitable venue we find near them, and bring their enthusiasm and a desire to learn.

In turn we offer:

- A trained one-to-one Read Easy Coach prepared to deliver a proven Reading programme, at the Reader's pace with respect, patience and good humour.
- A safe, vetted, confidential venue agreed with the Reader.
- All books and resources needed and the Coach's time, for free.

2. We are also looking for volunteers!

Our Salisbury drive has had a great response, now we are keen to hear from anyone local to Amesbury or Tidworth who would like to become a Reading Coach for new Readers coming forward in those areas.

3. Finally, our third wish is to find three new people for our Management Team:

- Secretary/Admin person, to keep us organised!
 - A Venues Organiser, to take over the important role of sourcing and sustaining links with a wide number of venues who generously allow us to Coach and hold meetings for free.
 - A Deputy to our Literacy Adviser, possibly an ex-Teacher who can share the role, based in Amesbury or Tidworth areas.
- More details on what each role entails can be found on the Read Easy website Volunteer roles section.



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...when resolutions are floundering

NOTES FROM A BIBLE STUDY | ROS LEVERETT

It's February : the traditional time for every New Year's resolution to be well and truly shelved, bandwagons fallen off and all that self improvement thoroughly abandoned! Maybe that's not you, in which case, congratulations. If it is you, you join me and many others in sometimes feeling the impossibility of making such changes in the cold of a winter's morning; why can't I make choosing right things stick?

The thing is that we as human beings are incapable of not messing up. Even if we are not messing up in a big way, we do often mess up in little ways. We find we can't manage to live without sometimes being mean, sometimes saying something that we shouldn't have, sometimes hurting other people, even those closest to us, that we love the most. That's not to let us off the hook in trying not to, but what we find is in little ways or big, our own selfishness or pride ruin things. It is a huge problem. In fact the Bible points at it as The Problem.

But do not despair! God knows you, loves you, and understands The Problem we all face, and has already implemented The Solution by sending His Son Jesus. On Christmas Day in church, we read Titus 3 v3-7.

(3) At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. (4) But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, (5) he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom (6) he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour, (7) so that,

having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

These four verses are like a mini-summary of the whole Bible. We are awful to each other. God our Saviour appeared. He has saved us because He is kind, loving and merciful.

He did it by sending Jesus, cleansing us from the awfulness through Jesus' death and giving us the Holy Spirit, and the hope of eternal life. But notice the big thing in verse 5! God does not save us because of the righteous things we have done. We do not earn or self-improve our way into His good books - that's not the way it works, and ultimately we cannot manage it anyway. All we can do is acknowledge when we mess up, and throw ourselves on God's mercy, love and kindness. If we do that, He will come through for us. In a world that expects self improvement and success to come from our own individual endeavour, it feels very tough when we 'fail'.

But God seeks to know and love you wherever you right now. He is not waiting until you are 'good' or 'going to church' or 'thin' or 'fit' or 'sober'. He is ready to support and hold you and be with you along the way as you seek to move ahead in life. Resolutions are all very well, but wherever you are with yours, do life with the God who loves you, and is your biggest champion.



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Ludgershall Students Walking Home for Christmas



Brother and sister, Scarlett and Ciaran Smith, students at The Wellington Academy have taken part in a 245-mile charity walk over 36 hours. Robert Wood, Headteacher at The Wellington Academy had been in talks with the students' mum to organise a non-school uniform day on Wednesday 20th December, in a bid to raise more money for their chosen charity, Walking with the Wounded.

The event was run by Royal British Legion Tidworth Football team with teams of 4 attempting their 245 miles within the 36-hour

time frame, starting on 14th December 8am and finishing 15th December at 8pm, completing laps around the Tidworth Oval. The miles mark the distance from the football clubs base to Freilinghien France, where the Truce football match was played during WW1 in 1914.

Ciaran and Scarlett completed an incredible 106 laps with 26.3 miles completed. Scarlett went on to say "It was my Dad who inspired me to take part as he has done the event before, and I wanted to raise money for a good cause" Robert Wood commented "As a school with a high intake of service families, I was honoured to be asked to help Scarlett and Ciaran raise money for a veteran charity. We are extremely proud of them both and hope we can help the students reach their donation targets with our non-school uniform day."



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no restrictions on who can use this service.

This group was set up by volunteers during the pandemic and we have been providing food to families, individuals and homeless people since 2019. Our aim is to ensure surplus food is distributed to people where any little additional help is appreciated, rather than it being wasted by going to landfill.



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT MINA AMIN AT MINA.AMIN@TIDWORTHTOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK OR ON 07864 879505

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Local Vicar Visits Secondary School



Reverend Tim, Local Vicar for Tidworth and Ludgershall visits The Wellington Academy to help with their revision. Students had the unique opportunity to ask questions based around the bible and Christianity in practice.

The students produced fascinating questions such as “why is God all forgiving?” and “why does God allow natural evils to happen?”, sending the classroom into a friendly debate. Students went on to personally thank Reverend Tim for his visit and for sharing his knowledge and guidance.

Rob Wood, Headteacher at The Wellington Academy went on to say “We have been working with Reverend Tim and the previous church Vicars for many years and take great pride in keeping a strong relationship with our local church and community. The students thoroughly enjoyed their lesson with Reverend

Tim, and I am hopeful that this invaluable lesson on Christianity is something we will be able to continue to offer in the future.



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The next in our series of community events where you can ask questions and find out more about the work of the council takes place at Castle Meadow Pavilion in Wilton on Wednesday 14 February from 6pm to 7.30pm.

The events are a great opportunity to put your questions directly to the Leader of the Council, Cllr Richard Clewer, and hear his thoughts and plans for the future.

Marlborough St Mary's Primary School visit to Ludgershall Castle

Marlborough St Mary's Primary School had an enjoyable visit to Ludgershall Castle on a bitterly cold but sunny day. Met by our Mayor Owen White and Councillor Julie Walker, the children and staff were introduced into the life of King John and his son Henry III. It was a life without medicines, supermarkets, central heating, running clean water, and toilets. No proper roads, just tracks, no cars, you walked or used horse power. Life expectancy 30/35 if you were lucky. Grim times!



COLLINGBOURNE'S SHORTMAT BOWLS CLUB

What do you do on a Wednesday evening between September and April every year? We play Bowls!!

We play at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall from 6.45pm until 9.25pm every Wednesday without exception throughout the winter. We also run Sunday afternoon sessions from 2.45pm to 5.15pm. The dates in December are Sunday 3rd and 17th December. Our membership ranges over 69 years from 19 to 88. It is a social event around the game of bowls indoors. You need no specialist equipment except flat and clean shoes. We have Woods to be borrowed and we have all the equipment needed. It must be expensive I hear you say If you consider 2 hours of fun, laughter, friendship and gentle exercise for £2 a session as expensive, then you are correct!

Would you like to know more?
Then call me, **Humphrey Sheppard**, on **07791 951 396** or email on collingbourneshortmatbowls@gmail.com



CASTLEDOWN BOWLS CLUB

The best kept secret in Ludgershall and Tidworth.

Castledown Bowls Club has been playing bowls up to 4 times a week at Wellington Academy for almost 40 years. We have just finished our summer season from the first Monday in May and once a month on the first Wednesday. We run a pairs and triples internal league throughout the summer and a singles knockout competition in June and July. We are a small friendly club with players from 19 to 86 and we love welcoming new members whether complete novice or extremely experienced. The Green is at the Wellington Academy, so if you are interested in playing this wonderful game do take a look, bearing in mind it is now shutting down for the winter.

If at any time you would like more information please contact the Secretary:

Humphrey Sheppard on 07791 951396 or castledownbowlsclub@gmail.com

I look forward to hearing from some of you over the winter. Humphrey Sheppard

Keeping a warm and healthy home

Warm & Safe Wiltshire is a free advice service which seeks to ensure people live in warm and healthy homes. Funded by Swindon Borough Council and Wiltshire Council in partnership with the Centre for Sustainable Energy, we provide advice and support to low income and vulnerable households across the county.

Currently, Warm & Safe Wiltshire can offer help to clients including:

- Giving grants of up to £3,000 to eligible householders for replacing their broken/intermittently working heating systems.
- Oil filled radiators and electric throws.
- Surviving Winter Fund payments of £200 for those of pensionable age and affected by a cold home.
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- In-depth casework for vulnerable clients and home visits.
- Light-touch energy advice and saving money on bills.



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Recipe

Hot Cross Bun Pudding

I was lucky enough to come across some yellow stickered hot cross buns in my local supermarket, and after forgetting about them for a further two days, I decided to get inventive when using them up. This is what I came up with! From Sam Welford-Goves

Ingredients

You will need:

A packet of hot cross buns (stale or otherwise)

Butter for spreading (about 25g)

250ml full fat milk

Two eggs

A liberal tablespoon of sugar

Method

Start by cutting each bun in half, and spreading with butter. Reassemble the buns, and arrange in a dish (I used a small rectangular dish), then squish down a little so they are all nestled in. Next, mix together the eggs, milk and sugar until well combined and pour over the buns. Bake at about 180 degrees for 30-35 minutes, until the custard is set.

If you have a favourite recipe you would like to share, please email us at editor.ludgershallandtidworth@gmail.com



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Working in partnership with **Wiltshire Council**

The Household Support Fund is in place to support households that would otherwise struggle to buy food, pay essential utility bills or meet other essential living costs during the current cost-of-living challenges.

We're working in partnership with a number of local organisations and internal departments to distribute £5.4m in funding from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

Information about the Household Support Fund 4 is available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/HouseholdSupportFund.

St James' Christmas holiday writing competition.

We announce the competition last month magazine and are pleased to report that Ludgershall Castle Primary School Christmas holiday writing completion was won by Antonina for her story *Lady Winter*. Antonina was awarded a £25 book token. Runner up was Ruby for her story *The icy Underworld* and received £10 book token. Very well done to both of them.

Lady Winter by Antonina

Once Upon a time in the Kingdom far far away there was a magical ice castle. The castle was made of gleaming ice and the towers sparkled like diamonds in the sunlight. The ice castle was home of Lady Winter, the queen of snowflakes and icicles. lady Winter was a beautiful queen but very jealous of Spring, the queen of flowers and sunshine, she was jealous because everyone loved Springs beautiful flowers and warm sunshine. Lady winter wanted to keep the Kingdom frozen forever so that she could be the only queen. So lady Winter cast a powerful spell that trapped Spring underground. She made the sun disappear and covered the land with snow and ice.

But one brave little girl named Lily decided to do something about it. She put her warmest coat, her brightest scarf and her cosiest mittens and set out on an adventure to find Spring and bring her back. Lily gathered her courage and walked up to the castle she had many challenges like slippery floors and rooms filled with frozen obstacles.

But she never gave up! Finally, Lily reached the throne room where Lady Winter sat on her majestic throne. Lady Winter surprise to see the brave girl standing in front of her "what are you doing in my ice castle"? Winter asked, " I've come to ask you to let Spring out" Lily said. People miss Spring flowers and the sunshine. Please won't you let her out".

Lady Winter began to realise that it was selfish to keep the world frozen forever. With a wave of her hand, Winter broke the spell and released Spring from icy prison. From that day on, Winter and Spring become friends, and worked together to create a world where the snow and the ice, flowers cooperate. Lily was hailed as a hero she showed Lady Winter the joy of sharing the season, they all lived happily ever after in a world where the winters were cold, the springs were full of flowers, and summers were warm and sunny. *Antonina*



Next month we will publish Ruby's story

Above. Antonina is presented with her prize with her teacher and, below, Ruby receives her prize.

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On Sunday 4 February, Children's Church donned their hard hats and took up the carpentry trade.



built on the sand, and the house built on the rock. Then it was time to put their new skills into practice! Utilising sand, a big rock, and hundreds of lollipop sticks, the two teams set about building their houses. But just like in the story, the winds and floods came! The house built on the rock was the one left standing, despite an excellent effort from Team Sand. The lesson that we all took away was that if we learn from Jesus how to love God and love other people, when trouble comes in life we will not be washed away, but be able to stand firm with our friend and Saviour.



The children continued their learning journey about Jesus' childhood, and heard about how Joseph would have taught Jesus his trade, specifically how to build houses. After making sure everyone had the correct safety gear, they acted out measuring, sawing, and hammering nails. All this hard work called for a tea break, where they heard Jesus' story about the house

BREAKFAST?



THE MEN'S BREAKFAST IS HELD ON A SATURDAY ABOUT EVERY 6 WEEKS AT 8.45AM IN THE CHURCH HALL. (SEE CHURCH CALENDAR/TOWN COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS) A SIMPLE MENU OF BACON BUTTIES/FRUIT JUICE/TEA OR COFFEE AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY COMPANY

"CAFE BIENVENUE" IS THE LADIES' BREAKFASTS CLUB. HELD AT 8.45AM ON THE FIRST SATURDAY EVERY MONTH. A LARGER MENU CHOICE USUALLY INCLUDING: PORRIDGE/MUESLI/FRUIT SALAD/CROISSANTS/BACON BUTTIES/TEA OR COFFEE AND WITH A SHORT TALK ON A VARIETY OF INTERESTING SUBJECTS

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The great team at the Community Cafe. Each Friday there is a warm welcome, with conversation, homemade cake, sconces, and the best Cheesy toasties in the west! Everyone is welcome, come and see and taste. Open on Friday mornings 9.30am until about 11am in St James Church Hall.



Great morning at our Women's Breakfast! Jane and Deborah gave us insights into the life of a midwife (Jane) and 'on the set of Call the Midwife' (Deborah). Both were very interesting with anecdotes and enjoyed by everyone. They will be back in the summer with part 2.



Out on our January church Walk. We had robins, black birds, blue tits and finches for company. It was muddy but we had a lovely crisp walk. We walk every last Saturday in the month and its starts from St James lychgate at 10am come and join when you can. Everyone welcome and our four legged friends.



BE A SHARE CLUB WINNER!

The draw takes place during the Friday Community Coffee morning, in the Church Hall. Winner for December is Number 35 Mrs Judith Hedges

Colouring by Castle Primary Year R after hearing the parable The Good Samaritan. They discussed how they can be Good Samaritans in their own lives.

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