



St. Mary's Dalton Holme Newsletter

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Services for January

1st	Naming of Jesus	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
8th	First after Epiphany	9.30 am	Holy Communion
15th	Second after Epiphany	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
22nd	Third after Epiphany	9.30 am	Holy Communion
29th	Fourth after Epiphany	9.30 am	Morning Prayer

Thoughts from Rev. John McNaughton

A Very Happy New Year. Let's go into this new year with positive determination. It means we can't be like that old gentleman who was walking along the road when he was stopped by a motorist who asked him the way to the village he was hoping to reach in his car. "Well", said the old gentleman as he scratched his head, "If I was going there, I wouldn't start from here!" (The story is said to come from Ireland!)

We all know that we have reached the beginning of 2017 along the road of life. Where are we going to get to? Who can we ask to show us the way? Our forefathers got to know someone who said: "I am the way, the truth and the life." In following him they built an outstanding civilisation which we have been lucky enough to inherit. Anyone can see that it has not been the same everywhere. I have visited the site of Belsen, an appalling "concentration camp" where thousands suffered and died because the Nazis thought theirs was a better way!

None of us is perfect. The road of life is a path of progressive pilgrimage for us all. Those of us who sincerely seek to be guided by "the good shepherd" have to confess to him regularly, "we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep."

Thankfully he continues to care and is a true comrade, keeping his great promise: "I am with you always."

There was one great event in history where he demonstrated that neither his death nor ours would cause that promise to be broken. It is only when we get to know him that we recognise that he really did leave his "Father's house, wherein are many mansions". His purpose was to lead us to that home where eternal love abounds.

If there is a reader anywhere who wishes to learn more, who perhaps may wish to be confirmed in the Christian faith, I will do my very best to help. Let's all do everything we can to make sure that 2017 becomes a "Very Happy New Year."

John McNaughton 01377 270869

February Issue

The closing date for the February issue will be **Thursday 19th January.**

Articles should be sent to me in **word format only** at rac.pfl@btinternet.com

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South Dalton Ladies Club

Thursday January 5th 2017 - A New Year meal at the Robin Hood pub in Middleton on the Wolds.

Thursday February 2nd 2017- Chris and Kath Richardson will baffle us with an antiques quiz.

Thursday March 2nd 2017 - **the AGM of the club. All welcome.**

Jan Nettleton

Dalton Holme Village Hall Christmas Lunch

The Dalton Holme Village Hall Christmas lunch took place on Thursday 15th December. A group of 40 people enjoyed a tasty Christmas meal cooked mostly by Dawn Cliff but aided and abetted by members of the South Dalton Ladies Club and the Thursday Coffee Morning Team.

The meal began with a drink of Buck's Fizz or orange juice and then the main course was served. Guests were treated to roast turkey with trimmings of pigs in blankets, stuffing balls, cranberry sauce as well as roast and mashed potatoes, carrots, sprouts and gravy. There was choice for sweet of Christmas pudding with either custard or cream or individual trifles made by Dawn.

It was very helpful to have several energetic waitresses and one waiter who ably distributed the meals throughout the afternoon, making sure everyone had plenty on their plate. Afterwards more people gathered in the kitchen helping with the washing up and putting away of equipment. They were all invaluable and deserve many thanks for their contribution. It is hoped they, along with Dawn, were able to put their feet up with a refreshing cup of tea or coffee at the end of the proceedings.

After the meal a free raffle was held and several fortunate people went home with boxes and tubs of sweets and chocolates, biscuits and wine, all generously donated.

It proved to be a very pleasant occasion where people were able to socialise with friends and neighbours and to wish each other a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and to celebrate living in such a beautiful place.

Thank you to all who attended and all those who helped before and on the day.

Glynis Bevan



Guests enjoying the Meal



Our chef Dawn Cliff with Brenda Simpson



More Guests