

Hello Everyone

Sending out a quick email to flag up lots of different events this weekend that we don't want you to miss.. and thankfully the weather should be better than last week!

Tomorrow (Saturday 14th) we begin with Toddington Community Fridge at 9.30am, followed by Coffee Morning at 10am both in Wilkinson Hall. At 2.30pm there will be a lovely Christmas Concert in Toddington church by All Saints choir, from Leighton Buzzard. And we finish the day with an evening with Rev Nigel and Gram Seed at Toddington Church, sharing inspirational stories to inspire us about their ministry over the years. Nigel will be revealing his lovely book 'Splashes of Colour' which was launched on Thursday afternoon (see flyer above). Proceeds from his book will raise funds for Toddington Church and the Foodbank. Gram's testimony was inspirational when we met him about 10 years ago, but he has so much more to share now of amazing things that have happened.

On Sunday morning we have a 9.30am Holy Communion Service at Chalgrave Church, and an 11am Christingle family service at Toddington Church. At 2.30pm at Toddington Church, we host an informal worship service with a worship group gathered from Flitwick and other churches, to introduce a session with Gram Seed speaking more fully about his ministry, and a short focus on Nigel's book. Do please come and join us.

I pour out my huge thanks to Dee, Malcolm and the Christmas Tree Festival team who worked so hard to make last weekend a success. The Friends of St George's raised over a £1,000 from the fundraising, which is excellent, in light of the most awful storm which raged last weekend. Thank you to all from the village who contributed a decorated tree, or cakes for sale, and for the hard work, good organisation and volunteering of so many cakes and hours! You are wonderful!

This week, we enjoyed hosting the lovely Brownie and Rainbow Christmas Service on Monday, the Christmas Messy Church on Wednesday, and this evening it will be a joy to host the Scout Christmas Service.

Next week, we host:

Tuesday 17th

Christmas Youth Group at 5.45pm

Wednesday 18th

Parkfields Christmas Services,

the Pop Up Tea Room and Christmas sing-a-long at Chalgrave Memorial Hall at 11am,

the Nine Lessons and Carols Service at Toddington at 7.30pm.

Friday 20th

Toddington St George Christmas Service 9.45am

Saturday 21st

Carols by Candlelight, Chalgrave Church, 6pm

Sunday 22nd

9.30am Christingle family Service, Chalgrave Church

11am Holy Communion Service, Toddington Church

I've attached a calendar above of December events and Christmas Services for your notice boards. Do please join us for the Crib services and Christmas eve Midnight Mass and Christmas Day service.

And a final note.. for all who have, with me, watched the disintegration of the Union Flag at the top of the church tower, which has been battered by far too many storms and had wrapped itself too firmly around the flag pole to be lowered previously, thank you so much Pippa and Dean, who climbed the tower with me this morning to remove the rather sad remains of the flag. And.. a huge thankyou to Nathan for the generous donation of a beautiful replacement Union Jack to be raised in the future.

Have a good week. I look forward to seeing you soon.

God bless

Linda

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PS please advertise the different events to your friends and to your local churches.