

Village & Community Magazine

November 2024

Keeping All Our Villages Connected and United





*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

DEADLINE for the DECEMBER EDITION is 6am on WEDNESDAY 27th NOVEMBER

Input from you all will be gratefully received. At the end of the day, if you don't contribute then there is no magazine. Talking of which, a lot of you believe that you cannot send items until the deadline time and date. A deadline has to be set but you can send your information/pictures/jokes anytime and it really helps me to put things together the earlier you send your items to me. So please feel free to submit any article. It's your magazine and just so long as it is Legal, Decent and Appropriate in my eyes, it will be inserted of course.

Please remember I can only accept word documents and NO PDF's or Photocopies.

Call me on 01538 304560 if you need any help. Don't be late, the old rule still applies. Absolutely nothing will be accepted after 6am on the above date. **Editors decision on layout and inclusion is final.



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WARM WELCOME



AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, BUTTERTON

DATES THIS MONTH:

Tuesdays:-12th & 16th November - 10.30 to 12.30pm



POP IN FOR A CAT AND A COFFEE / TEA

NO CHARGE, BUT DONATIONS TO CHURCH FUNDS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED, THANK YOU

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

New & Local

Would you know what to do if you found someone, probably someone you know, unconscious?

If not come along to **DOCTOR-LED** training in CPR, CHOKING and DEFIBRILLATOR USE.

This session is suitable for new people and those who would like a refresher.

It's FREE, ALL are welcome, REFRESHMENTS will be provided.

It's in Alstonefield Village Hall on **Saturday 2nd November** 10am - 11.30am.

If you would like more information, please phone Meg on 01335 310488.

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For more information contact Naomi on 01335 310278 or 07973 858398.



People love to visit churches, chapels and cathedrals. Recent visitor surveys have shown that more people are visiting cathedrals this year, with an increase in visitors of 17% since 2022. They come for a variety reasons, attending services and concerts, enjoying the heritage and history and visiting exhibitions. This increase in visitors is the result of hard work and lateral thinking, focussing on making these special places appeal to those who may not be regular attendees.

Actually, it's possible that even more people are visiting burial grounds, be they churchyards, chapel yards, cemeteries and of course cathedral grounds. A survey in 2018 found that more than half the visitors to churchyards were neither entering the church building or visiting a particular grave, they were there to enjoy the peace, tranquillity, bird song, flowers and history of these special outdoor places. They were also making use of facilities such as surfaced paths, benches, ramps and other accessibility features. For those of you who care for and love your local churchyard, can you help to make it even more welcoming for visitors? Is there any information on the more interesting memorials to be visited, the locally famous or infamous or perhaps particularly beautiful stone carving? Could you put up a list of the wildlife to be seen at different times of year or steer people to spend time in the presence of a veteran tree and think how long it has been growing there?

Managing a churchyard for both people and nature really creates a space that looks cared for, is accessible but still full of the peaceful and enriching sights and sounds of wildlife that people so enjoy. By the autumn, all of your grassland areas will be cut short but can you leave a small patch of tussocky grass, nettles and hogweed around the back, perhaps by a compost heap, so that insects and other invertebrates have somewhere to overwinter? This will be used by frogs, toads, newts and slowworms who will be feeding on these invertebrates as well as by small mammals and birds. Hedgehogs in particular need shelter like this as well as food such as worms, slugs and beetles.

Do you have any berry bearing shrubs or hedges? Could they be left until the late winter before pruning or trimming in order to feed and shelter birds and small mammals? If there is ivy present you may have noticed the buzz of ivy bees on the flowers in September, flowers which have now been replaced by small black berries. Birds such as thrushes, blackbirds, pigeons and blackcaps love these berries which are rich in fat so good winter tuck! Autumn is a great time to make deadwood piles from windblown twigs and branches, pile up autumn leaves to rot down and perhaps erect some bird and bat boxes.

All of this work will enhance your churchyard so that it is teeming with even more life next spring and summer, giving pleasure to locals and visitors alike.

Harriet Carty. *Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor*, harriet@cfga.org.uk,



Frog in a Welsh Churchyard



Bullfinch & Berries by Andrew Fusek Peters

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Traditional Turkey, Chicken and Goose**

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01538 304225

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Christmas Wreath Workshops 2024



Morning Workshops

9.30am – 12noon

Afternoon Workshops

2pm - 4.30pm



**Saturday 30th November or
Sunday 1st December**

**Come along and create your very own Christmas
Wreath(s)**

Venue - Waterhouses ST10

**£28 – this will include all you need to create your
wreath**

If you have some finishing touches to personalise your wreath, please bring them. Additional Christmas items to add to your wreath are available to purchase.

Please bring gardening gloves secateurs/scissors.


To book your place on one of the workshops
or for further details

please phone/text/email/message - 07714041682

or Suemlovatt@gmail.com.

Payment required on booking. Limited places available.

I'm also currently taking orders for Christmas wreaths (Doors or Graves) and Table decorations. All individually made - for collection/local delivery priced £18-£30.



Tedesca Quartet



Coffee Concert

St Peter's Church

Alstonefield

DE6 2FX

Tickets £22

To book, contact Margaret:
cohenmargaret@aol.com, 01335 310381,
07506687660; or Richard:
munceyrichard@gmail.com

Haydn Quartet Op 74 No 3 in G minor
"The Rider"

Brahms Quartet Op 51 No 1 in C minor
Beethoven Quartet Op 59 No 2 in E minor

11 AM

Saturday, 9th November 2024



Indoor Christmas Fair

Saturday 7th December 2024

Warslow Village Hall

11am- 2pm

Refreshments available

All profit towards the upkeep of the
Village Hall.

Stalls £7.00 each

First come, first served basis.

Full payment required before the event to
secure your table.

Call Laura on 01298 84984.



Warslow Village Hall Bar

Winter Opening Hours
from

1st November' 24 - 31st January' 25

Friday 7-11.30pm

Saturday 8-10.30pm

Sunday 1-3pm

For more information call Laura on 01298-
84984

Voluntary run to help raise funds for our Village
Hall.

Join us to celebrate the New Year in ...

Tuesday 31st December 2024

Warslow Village Hall

Doors open 8.30pm-until late

FREE ENTRY



TimmyRae Fare are providing entertainment
free of charge for the village and
local community.

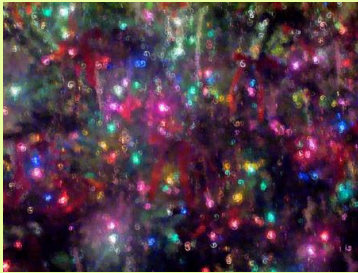
Raffle and licensed bar.

Everyone to bring a plate of food/dessert to share.

Family and friends welcome...

For more information call Laura on 01298 84984.

Jingle Mingle & Sparkle



Accept this invitation to join the party as we celebrate Advent
with Wetton's sparkling social event of:

Fine folk, fresh food and frolics.

Dress Code: Sparkle or Smart

Free glass of fizz on arrival

(non-alcoholic available for children/others.)

Horse Box cocktail bar, Roast Meat Baps with 3 course buffet.

Music and dancing!

Saturday 7th. December 2024 at 7-30pm

Wetton Village Hall.

Tickets £15 each, Under 16s £8,

Contact Alice 07964529804

*Thank
You*

The Community Magazine would like to thank Darren Barlow (Property Services)
of Warslow and Naomi (Stanshope Hall), both for their most
generous donations towards the ongoing costs of the production
of the magazine.

*Address to the
Haggis*

The Immortal Memory

Toast to the Lassies



BURNS *Night*

Cock-a-Leekie Soup

Haggis with Neeps & Tatties*

Topsy Laird Trifle

Coffee & Shortbread

**or vegetarian cottage pie*

Catering by Carver Cottage Kitchen



**Saturday
25th January
Alstonefield
Village Hall, 6pm**

Profits to Alzheimer's Research UK

To book contact

**Cathy Reavy
07732 22206**

OR

**Joanna Griffin
07812 606790**

cathyreavy@gmail.com jl.griffin@hotmail.co.uk

Please advise any dietary requirements and/or allergies on booking

£49

**includes 4-course meal,
glass of single malt
whisky, welcome drink
& entertainment!**

ALSTONEFIELD



Vicar: In Vacancy
Church Warden(s): Position(s) Vacant
Contact & Reader: Clare Day 01538 381773

<u>Sunday Services in November</u>		
(Friday) 1 st	6.00pm	All Souls Service
3 rd	11.00am	Holy Communion
10 th	10.45	Remembrance Day

St Peter's Alstonefield

Alstonefield Parochial Church Council: this is the group that look after all things to do with the church, alongside the myriad of wonderful volunteers who organise the worship and services, and take care of the inside of the building and the churchyard. The PCC would love to welcome some new members. Please contact Angela Campbell (angela@angelacampbell.me) or mention to Paul Railton if you would consider joining. We meet every 2 months for about 2 hours

Harvest Supper: Many thanks to all those who came to the Harvest Supper and to those who kindly donated to, and those who bought, the wonderful Harvest baskets of fruit and vegetables and other items that were sold at the auction. A lovely community evening was had. We raised £784 to be shared between the Leek Food Bank and the upkeep of St Peter's Church.

Refreshments in St. Peters: Even though the evenings are drawing in and many of the cafes shut through the week you can still buy hot drinks and snacks in the church. Self-service drinks in the church kitchen and snacks (biscuits, chocolate, fruit bars and cheesy nibbles) at the entrance are available to raise funds for the church.

All Souls: there will be a reflective service on Friday 1st November at 6pm at St Peter's for us to remember those who have died in the village in the last five years and others, all are welcome.

Churchyard: Huge congratulations to the Churchyard team. St Peter's have yet again won a Gold Award and a Nature Friendly Award. The judges said: *This beautiful rural churchyard continues to be a lovely, very well cared for place where visitors are made very welcome. The graves and area for interment of ashes are kept neat and tidy, and interesting historical information about some of the older graves is provided in the porch. The grass is well managed with grass paths cut through areas of longer grass where wildflowers flourish. The development of the woodland area as an extension of the churchyard will provide a further range of habitats. Several well positioned benches invite visitors to sit and enjoy the peace and beauty of this lovely churchyard. Continue the good work and consider providing information for visitors about the woodland area and the plans you have for its development. With very many thanks to you and to all those who work hard to maintain and develop your lovely churchyard.*

Jigsaws: There are plenty of jigsaws in Church for sale or swap; please do buy some for the long dark evenings!

The **50+ Forum** in Ashbourne have a meeting on Friday 15th November at the Elim church at 10am to discuss the **Future of Hospitals and GP care in Ashbourne**. Those who go to Doctors in Ashbourne may be interested to attend.

Community Larder Open 24hours a day in the porch of St Peter's Church, Alstonefield.

St. Peter's PCC Community Larder supports people experiencing difficulties in the current cost of living crisis. Anyone needing food or other household items, please help yourself from the box in the church porch.

All donations of dried food and toiletries, to benefit others, are welcome. Please place them in the boxes in the church porch. Every two weeks or so excess items will be donated to the food banks in Leek or Ashbourne.

"We are so lucky that the Tedesca String Quartet are coming back to play for us again in Alstonefield on Saturday November 9th. This time the concert will be in the morning, 'a Coffee Concert', and will be held in St Peter's Church, which the quartet knows has a good acoustic as they have played there before. I will be serving tea/coffee and cake in the interval in the Church. I do hope you will not miss this golden opportunity to hear three beautiful quartets by Hadyn, Brahms and Beethoven superbly performed live on our door step".

Margaret

Ed's Note: See Poster on a Previous Page

Burns Night Supper Event – Saturday 25th January 2025

We hope that you will be able to join us for a traditional Burns Night in Alstonefield Village Hall on Saturday 25th January. With catering by Claire at Carver Cottage Kitchen and all the customary ceremonials including Piping in the Haggis and the Toast to the Lassies, this promises to be an enjoyable and entertaining event to liven up a winter's evening! Included drinks are a glass of prosecco, wine or orange juice on arrival and a glass of single malt whisky for the Toast to the Haggis. The menu and more details can be found on the poster in this newsletter. Profits will be donated to Alzheimer's Research UK. To book your place, please message (or e-mail) either Cathy Reavy (07732 22206) or Jo Griffin (07812 606790). Please advise any dietary requirements and/or allergies on booking.

**Tickets are selling quickly and at the time of writing, there are only 20 remaining, so be quick! A reserve/waiting list will be opened.*

Alstonefield & District RVS Friendship Club Welcomes New Members and Visitors

Wednesday 6 th November 2.00pm	Alstonefield Village Hall £6.00	Lisa- our very own Post Lady- has another "string to her bow" Please join us to hear Lisa play her bagpipes. Event includes our traditional cream tea
Wednesday 4 th December 12.00pm	Venue to be confirmed	Christmas Dinner.
Wednesday 1 st January	No meeting	

Please join us at one or more of the events in our programme.

Alstonefield Village Hall

Chair: Kevin Stockton **Treasurer & Bookings Officer:** Jo Griffin

Committee members: See Below.

Liz Power

Dave Littlehales

Duncan Scroggs

Val Littlehales

Mark Smith

Charlotte Jordan

Martin Snodin

*If you would like to hire the Hall or have any queries, please
email: alstonefieldvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk*

Alstonefield Parish Council

Clerk to the Council – Martin Jinks **Next Parish Council Meeting:** Contact Clerk for details.

Email: clerk@alstonefield-pc.org.uk c/o The Village Hall, Alstonefield, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. DE6 2FR

Chair: Mr R Hignett (07904 187785)

Vice Chairman: Mr G Campbell (07919 353800)

Mr A Hayes ([Tel:01335 310057](tel:01335310057)), Mrs S Jeffery ([Tel:07465 217269](tel:07465217269)), Mr C McIlroy ([Tel:07930 001374](tel:07930001374)).

Mr M Newman (mn821268@gmail.com), Mrs R Longdon (07870 731389).

For date of next meeting contact any of the Parish Council Members.

“AVETS Remember”

In an emergency you should always dial 999 first.

If you need help before the emergency services arrive, you could call the Alstonefield Village Emergency Telephone System (AVETS) on 01335818911.

AVETS aims to connect you direct to speak to a local volunteer who may be able to assist.

If you would like to know more about what we do, please call Meg on 488 or Carrie on 009

BUTTERTON



St. Bartholomew's Church

Revd - Jane Held:

01538 262116

Church Warden:

Maggie Risby 304115

Rachel Hopper

Deputy:

Lily Hambleton-Plumb

Services in November

10th	3.00pm	Evening Worship
24th	10.00am	Holy Communion

October Altar Flowers: Doris Wentworth

October Cleaning Rota: Dorothy Glaister

NB: We have a short Act of Remembrance outside Church at 11am on Monday 11th November.

P.C.C. Members: **Secretary:** Maggie Risby 304115

Treasurer: Patrick Bailey

Maurice & Barbara Woodward, Dorothy Glaister, Sheila McDermott, Jackie Sumerling, Maggi Rowland.

St Bartholomew's Church.

Twenty five people attended the Harvest service at 6pm in Church on Sunday 20th October.

Monday saw us all actively engaged in preparing desserts and setting up the tables to seat and serve Pie and Peas to 80 guests on Monday 21st October. Selling tickets for this event was fast and furious. There was a raffle and an auction of the donated produce. It was an action packed, fun filled, joyous occasion (as always). We didn't run out of peas or gravy. The desserts were fabulous and second and third servings were had by some !

The event raised just over £900 for St Bartholomew's Church.

Thanks go to absolutely everyone who attended, help set up, donated desserts, raffle prizes and produce. Special thanks go to those who are not on the PCC but were seen to be scrubbing the pots and pans, plates and cutlery and sweeping up and collapsing tables (see Facebook photos!). It would have been so much harder, time consuming and back breaking without you. See you all again next year !!!!

Remembrance Garden: Good news in that we have reached the stage where a notice has been posted for any comments as to why we shouldn't proceed with our plans for a Remembrance Garden. The Garden will be sited at the tower/west end of the graveyard, in front of the bench and parallel to Church Lane.

Remembrance Day: There is a short service at the Poppy memorial at 10.45am on Monday 11th November.

Dates for your Calendars

- Warm Welcome sessions in Church are on Tuesday 12th November and Tuesday 26th November. 10.30am-12.30pm.
- Warslow Band Concert- Sunday 15th December in Church
- Carol Service Sunday 22nd December 6pm in Church
- Christmas morning Holy Communion 11am

St Bartholomew's Church Lottery Winners for October

1st	Olivia Bailey	(58)	£40.00
2nd	Wayne Allen	(106)	£20.00
3rd	Mavis Barker	(25)	£10.00

The next draw will be held on Saturday November 9th in Church at 11.00 am.

Don't Forget

'Warm Welcome' Tea Coffee Mornings at St. Bartholomew's Tuesday's 12th & 26th November
10.30am 'til 12.30pm,

Butterton Village Hall

Chairperson: Hilary Bassett (Chairperson) 422314, Marjorie Renshaw (Minutes Secretary), Sheila McDermott (Secretary), Maggie Risby (Treasurer and Bookings Clerk) 304115, Gwen Bagshaw and Dianne Wint.

On Friday 18th October Hilary Bassett organised her annual MacMillan's Coffee morning. Over £400 was raised for this important, extremely worthwhile cause which has touched a lot of people's lives. Hilary thanks everyone for their support.

Podium Pilates sessions held by Instructor Louise are on Tuesdays at 1pm (Chair Pilates) and Thursdays at 6.30pm at the Village Hall. See her notices on the village noticeboards.

Churnet Valley Dog Training sessions are held on most Sundays at the Village Hall. See Karen Landon's Facebook page for details.

For Your Diary:

- Village Hall Christmas Fayre Sunday 1st December.
- Christmas Bingo Friday 13th(!) December

Butterton History Group

On the weekend of 5th/6th October, the History Group held its event in Church. This was extremely well attended and many found the displays of interest. The theme was 'Butterton from its beginnings and how it has changed over time'. The furthest back we can go is 1253 with the establishment of a religious presence. We have a list of families living here in the 1530's. We then 'jump' on many years to electoral rolls, trade directories, Poll tax records and census documents. We have all census information from 1841 until the Register of 1939 so we have a good idea of who was living here, what they were doing and where they lived. From the end of WW11 we have very little documentary evidence to go on, so this event was a chance for people to add their memories to our archives. We now know how many Buttertonians were working in the Leek Mills, quarries, dairies, potteries etc. It is interesting how the ladies of our parish progressed from 'assisting their husbands on the farm' or being dairy maids/house servants to actually having a profession they could choose themselves and becoming more independent.

Sadly, we will never see the 1931 census as the material was destroyed by bombing and water damage in WW11. There was no 1941 census as such as the Register of 1939 had been taken on the eve of WW11. We welcome all contributions to our archives be they oral memories, documentary or photographic. Please contact Maggie Risby in the first instance.

If anyone has any copies of the Deanery Magazine that was distributed from the early 1900's onwards, we would be grateful you didn't bin them but hand them to us please.

Maggi Rowland would like to hear from anyone with knowledge of Butterton wells ie where they were, who was drawing their water from which well, who helped maintain them etc etc.

Butterton Parish Council

C/O Clerk: Maggie Risby, 01538 304115. Email buttertonpc@live.co.uk

Chairperson: Jenny Land 304265, **Vice Chairperson:** Mike Stone 304455

Committee Members: Karen Salt 304543, Peter Tomlinson 304560, Mike Stone (Website Manager) 304455, Tracey Perkin 304781, John Hewitt 07976266459, Darren Kirby 07779121210.

The last meeting for 2024 is Tuesday 3rd December at the Village Hall at 7pm.

The PC continues to 'agitate' SMDC to get potholes fixed and signs replaced, verges trimmed, gullies emptied and wild areas left to flourish. Of particular mention was the episode of the long wheel-based lorry that got stuck in the Ford on Pothooks Lane on the way up to Grindon on Saturday 12th October. The driver's Satnav did him no favours. He had to sleep the night in his cab and await lifting gear to release him the following morning. A wall was demolished in the process and the kerbs squished once again.....

ELKSTONES



St. John the Baptist:
Vicar: Father John Baines

Services in November

10 th	6pm	Remembrance Day Service** at Warslow.
17 th	3.00pm	Holy Communion

Flowers & Cleaning for November: Katy Parkinson

Remembrance Day this year falls on Sunday 10th November, and the Service will at 6 p.m. in St. Lawrence's Church, Warslow.

St John's Church, Elkstones.



Our little church is not licenced for weddings, and in all my years of living in Elkstones I can only remember two having been specially licenced by the Archbishop of Canterbury, so it was lovely that on Saturday 26th October, a third took place, when a young lady from our village, Phoebe Faulkner of Mount Pleasant Farmhouse, married her fiancé Jack Vincent. The church was beautifully decorated to welcome Phoebe and Jack, who are going to start their married life living in Elkstones. We wish them a long and happy marriage.

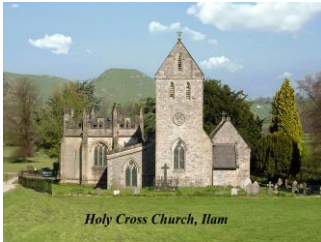
It was good to see that Rob is now back home from his recent hospital stay and that he was able to be present at grand-daughter Phoebe's wedding, to add to the happiness of the day.

Christmas Poultry

Well, I don't know where this year has gone, but Christmas seems to be on the horizon already, so with your 2024 Christmas Dinner in mind, if you want a home-reared Turkey, Goose or Chicken, please put your order in as soon as possible with Myrtle Alcock in Lower Elkstone, before they are all spoken for, by ringing Myrtle on **01538 304225**.

Finally, a big THANK YOU to the Community Magazine for giving to our village a generous donation of £250 towards the cost of a further stretch of hedgerow for our village green. We are very grateful for the funding, which will enable us to complete the planting of the hedgerow in next year's Spring weather.

Ilam



Vicar: In Vacancy
Contact & Reader:

Clare Day 01538 381773

10th

Sunday Services for November

10.45am

Remembrance Day

November Flower and Brass Rota

1st & 8th Nov.

Mrs D Flynn

Flowers & Brasses

15th & 22nd

Mrs S Wiltshire

Flowers & Brasses

29th & 6th (Dec.)

Miss E Clewes

Flowers & Brasses

Remembrance Sunday 2024

Our Remembrance Sunday service will take place on Sunday 10th November at 10.45am and will be a lay led service. All welcome

Many thanks to all who clean the brasses and put flowers into church during the course of the year. The 2024/2025 rota will be out soon.

Harvest 2024

A massive thank you to all who played their part at the Harvest Supper which was a great success and enjoyed by all.

Christmas Decorating 2024

We hope to decorate Church for Christmas early in December - please contact Ellen or Joan for further details

ILAM PARISH COUNCIL

Chairperson: Caz Sellers 01335 350368

Clerk: Lindsay Oulsnam 01335 350579 Email: clerk@ilamparishcouncil.co.uk

Website: www.ilam.org.uk

The next meeting is Tuesday 12th November 7pm at Ilam School.

All welcome and please send any questions you may have to the Clerk, so they can be passed on to the council for discussion.

Ilam School

At Ilam Primary School, we continue to fill our days with fun and learning! As the half term draws to a close, we've certainly managed to pack in a lot!

At the end of September, our wonderful Mrs Nottage retired after 34 incredible years at the school. We gathered our school community, current and past, to celebrate the heart of our school. With some moving words from the children, tea and cake, we looked back over Mrs Nottage's long and dedicated service to our school. Mrs Nottage, we hope that your retirement has been full of adventures and it goes without saying that we miss you dearly! Our door is always open to you! Thank you for being such a huge part of our precious school!

Our Key Stage 2 children continued their sporting journey with a Primary Stars Tri-Golf event which fortunately went ahead despite it being a very wet day! A new event for the calendar this year and enjoyed by all!

We hosted an open morning linked with our Muddy Ducklings playgroup at the beginning of October and what a success that was! So lovely to welcome new faces into school with some lovely autumnal activities on offer too! Please do remember that every day is an open day at Ilam school, please contact us if you'd like to pop in and have a look around.

We concluded our half term of forest school lessons around the fire pit with marshmallows! What a delicious way to end things for a week! We can't wait to continue into next half term and wonder what great treats Tanglewood have in store for us!

Our Grandparents also joined us for a Miss Lisa roast dinner recently. The children proudly showed their visitors our school whilst tucking into a very delicious meal indeed! Thank you, Miss Lisa!

We also filled the Church with singing and joy at our Harvest festival! We celebrated and shared our harvest gifts to raise valuable funds for wonderful causes. The children enjoyed sharing their prayers and written work, as well as the wonderful art of our younger children. We left some in Church to continue to spread joy! Take a look!

Towards the end of the half term, we celebrated our school's spirituality with a day of outdoor learning and craft. We connected with nature in our stunning school surroundings, and celebrated God's plan for us thinking about the book of Jeremiah. A truly lovely day!

Following visits from Open the Book and Nathan from the Baptist Church for worship, we held our last collective worship in Church reflecting on a very successful half term!

As we rest over half term, we can't wait for all of the festivities planned for the run up to Christmas, always one of the most amazing half terms in school!

Please do come and see our adventures if you'd be interested in your child attending the school!

Miss Emily Johnson, Acting Headteacher.

WARSLOW



St. Lawrence

Vicar:

Rev'd John Bains
01298 83411

Deputy Warden:

Judy Prince
01298 84351

Services in November

3 rd	11.00am	All Souls
10 th	6.00pm	Remembrance Day
17 th	11.00am	Eucharist/Holy Communion

Do come and join us, you will be very welcome

Altar Flowers: Dorothy Mellor

St. Lawrence

November is often a turning point in the year when we have to accept that summer is just a memory and we need to be prepared for the winter ahead. November is also, by tradition, a time when we remember other people. On 3rd November, the All Souls' service is the time we remember all the loved ones we have lost. Then on 10th Remembrance Sunday brings with it a salutary reminder of the sheer horror of war and the sacrifice made then to secure the gift of freedom for us today.

Remembering and giving thanks is a vital part of who we are. Memories both good and bad shape the way we behave, the work we do.

On 17th we celebrate the Eucharist or Holy Communion, based on our Lord's command to remember Him every time we break bread together. To remember the sacrifice of His life through His broken body and spilt blood, given freely for us.

We look forward to welcoming you at St Lawrence, Warslow this November.

Tower Roof:- You may have seen that some work has been taking place on the top of the tower, mainly clearing the gutters. Sadly, more remedial work is required.

Looking forward, our carol service is on 22nd December at 3pm

Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council

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Date of Next Meeting: Contact Clerk for details.

History Live!

A Short History of The Potteries and the Ceramics Industry

**Presented by Joe Perry
Curator at The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery**

**Wednesday November 6th at 7.30 (doors open 7pm) Warslow Village
Hall, SK17 0JL**

The Potteries of North Staffordshire are famed the world over for their ceramic output – but how did this part of the world become such a powerhouse of pottery? From post-medieval butter pots to modern mass-production, our whistle-stop virtual tour will take in the sweeping changes to pottery, people and landscapes that have occurred during this time.

Joe Perry is a part-time Curator at The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery helping to oversee archaeological and social history collections. He spends the rest of his working week as a consultant for System Simulation Ltd, a developer of museum-focused software and websites. He has previously worked for Buxton Museum & Art Gallery and in many other roles for Stoke-on-Trent Museums. When not at work there's a good chance you'll find him searching for stone circles, plucking various stringed instruments or playing with tiny plastic soldiers.

Doors will open at 7pm to give you time to have a drink, a cake and a chat! No need to book – just turn up. Entrance is just £4 including refreshments.

*Raffle tickets in aid of the Air Ambulance will be on sale at our November and December meetings so raid your money boxes. We would also be grateful for any donations of prizes – large or small. The draw will take place in December and last year we raised nearly £300 so let's see if we can beat that! *

** We are always grateful to receive cakes to share at our events. If you can help, please let Elspeth know in advance. Email her on elspethjwalker@gmail.com or ring 01298 83282. Free entry to the talk if you bring a cake! **

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WETTON



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Sunday Services in November

10 th	10.45am	Remembrance Service
17 th	11.00am	Holy Communion
24 th	11.00am	Morning Worship

St Margaret's Church 50/50 Lottery Results

The lucky winners in the October draw were:

1 st Prize	Roger Broughton	£54.00
2 nd Prize	Mrs L Higton	£36.00

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The next draw will take place on Sunday 17th November in Church



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Saturday 7th. December 2024 at 7-30pm
Wetton Village Hall.

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