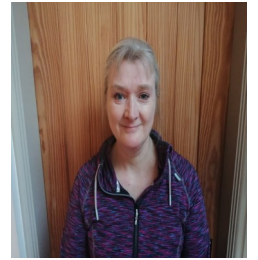




Welcome to the Harton Benefice Children and Family's Newsletter! Dec '21



By the time you receive and read December's newsletter you will have all broken up from school. We really hope you had a great time making Christmas crafts, and performing in Nativity plays. Let's hope we can do all the things we want to over the holidays like meeting our friends and families. I was delighted last week to hear the fantastic news that the shoeboxes had arrived safely in Romania and were soon to be distributed to the families who desperately need some festive cheer. This has reminded me that amidst all the excitement and partying that happens at this time of year, we need to spend some time remembering and praying for families, not so different from us, but a world apart, who on Christmas morning will be excited to receive a shoebox, lovingly put together by a family in our Benefice. Finally after this amazing year that we have had, all that remains is to wish you all, on behalf of the Messy Church and Ministry Team, a Happy, Healthy, Holy and fun filled Christmas! Love Rachael; Children and Family Worker, Harton Benefice. XXX



BENEFICE OF HARTON

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME YOU TO OUR

Babies, Toddlers & Pre-schoolers

'Play & Pray'

Fortnightly on Mondays

9.15 - 10.45

(10th 24th January, 7th, 28th February)

ST MARY'S CHURCH SAND HUTTON

For more info contact Rachael Harrison 07847 329015 rachaelyouthharton@gmail.com



CRIB SERVICE UPDATE

SADLY THE CRIB SERVICES IN BOSSALL AND FOSTON HAVE BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE VIRUS HOWEVER THE CHRISINGLE IS STILL HAPPENING—SEE BELOW.



MESSY CHRISINGLE

**St Mary's Church
Sand Hutton**

Sunday December 19th
2021 4.00pm

There will be
Carols,
Prayers,
Mulled wine,
juice, mince
pies!

Join us to make a festive
Christingle.

ALL AGES WELCOME

CONTACT RACHAEL HARRISON FOR MORE DETAILS
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Messy Christingle is being held outside on Sunday. Please let me know if you wish to come.

ALL AGE WORSHIP

From January we are experimenting with holding our monthly All Age Worship on a Sunday afternoon at a Village Hall. We are hoping this will prove a more convenient time for families to come together. We aim to rotate around the Benefice. Our first host will be Foston Village Hall on **SUNDAY 23RD JANUARY AT 4.00PM**. Why not come along & let us know what you think?



Here are Arnold, Toby & India who enjoyed making Christmas crafts at 'Play & Pray'. Beautiful work all of you!

Contact us

Do you have a good joke? Or would you like a birthday mention in 'Shout out?' Would you like to make up a prayer for the newsletter?

Grown ups you might want a church or school fundraiser mentioning? We circulate our newsletter to 150 households. Or has your child done something to make you feel extra proud?

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Lets give a Happy Birthday

'Shout out' to.....

A very 'Happy Birthday' to
**Ivan, Jack, Mabel, Catherine, Rosie, Alice
Cara and Alba** who

celebrate their birthdays in

December!

Have fun!!

LET US PRAY TOGETHER

Lord Jesus, as we buy our Christmas gifts and write our Christmas cards, Let us remember that we are celebrating your birthday. As we put up the Christmas tree and sing Carols, Let us remember that we are celebrating your birthday. Help us to prepare to bring you into our hearts AMEN

NATIVITY STORY BAG ACTIVITY

With only a few days left until Christmas, why not have a go at this fun activity? You need..

- Nativity peg figures. Use the link to find out how to make them. (<https://tinyurl.com/2p9d8zd5>)
- 3 boxes to represent the gifts of the Wise men.
- Stars.
- A variety of hearts
- A crown
- A selection of Nativity themed Christmas cards
- A story book
- A background cloth.

Have fun exploring the Christmas story using these props. Try re-telling the story in your own words to a brother, sister, parent or Grandparent. You may be able to think of other items to include as well.

ENJOY LEARNING ABOUT JESUS'S BIRTH.



Our allotment youth volunteers have a new name. after lots of suggestions and a vote, they are now known as the Aubergine operations! At their last meeting they made these beautiful Christmas door garlands. Care to join us? Are you aged between 11 & 18, and would like to be a green champion? Contact Rachael 07847329015 Our green tip of the month' Sainsbury's now offer a plastic wrapping recycling bin. You can take almost anything along, bread wrapping,, carrier bags, biscuit & cake wrappers & lots more! That means less to go in household bins!

CHRISTMAS JOKES !!

- What goes 'Oh, Oh, Oh' ???

Father Christmas walking backwards!

- What Carol is heard in the desert?

Oh Camel ye faithful!

- What happens if you eat Christmas decorations?

You get tinsel-itus!

