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FROM OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Allotment Number Twenty Nine

I miss my friend Mr B. Mr B lent me part of his allotment many years ago in Liverpool, possibly to test out if I knew anything about gardening. Well, I must have appeared willing as the following year I had my own plot and plenty of space to grow my Dahlias. Mr B and I became good friends, stopping to talk after an hour or two digging our plots.

I always think of Mr B at this time of year as he encouraged me in the cold and rain of January to get started, chit my potatoes, clear up the patch, sort out plans for a new season. Even in the New Year Mr B was out there getting ready for spring. Mr B was also to be found in church on a Sunday morning. He possessed a good tenor voice and a beautiful smile as he planned where to grow his onions.

Like many people Mr B had some difficulty with the things Jesus asked us to consider: *'But I say to you that listen. Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you'* (Luke 6; 27, 28). Mr B had real problems with the idea of offering the other cheek.

For Mr B, the Bible set some clear rules and we should try to keep them as best we can, but the idea of forgiving those who hate us was to him a bit strange. I have to admit that the ideas Jesus shared are very challenging, but I also believe we get it wrong when we believe that by keeping a few basic rules everything will turn out well. For Jesus, the ideas that we should have about the kingdom of God are glorious, absurd and challenging. The challenge to elevate the poor and needy to special status and the challenge to love the rich, particularly those who do not love or even respect us, is glorious in generosity and kindness.

I think what Jesus is saying is think of what you can do for the worst person you can think of and go ahead and do it. Think of what you would like someone to do for you and do it for them. Lavish generosity on people who may dislike you. See the world in a new way. Take on the spontaneity and generosity of a loving child.

Sadly, Mr B saw people who used soup kitchens or charity shops as scroungers and layabouts. Even if a few are rogues there is little wrong in sharing what we have. I happened to pass by as a lady was taking a tin of peaches from our food bank last month, and the fact that we are able to give a little gladdened my heart.

Mr B thought this was a strange idea and he quoted to me that, 'charity begins at home ...' I looked up the quote and the true context is a challenge as to whether love should only be given to those who love us. Mr B wondered if it was possible to love our enemies and I argued back that this is not a new tick list: (enemies loved –tick, hateful people loved –tick, people prayed for – tick). What Jesus asks of us is an attitude of the heart, a lightness of the spirit and a focus on what it is to love.

I am grateful for the generosity, friendship and encouragement Mr B gave me and others. He always had time and kindness for all he met.

I wish you a Happy New year and let Mr B remind us to chit our potatoes....

Rev Bill Herbert, Associate Minister at St Andrew's and St John's

BREDFIELD PRAYER CIRCLE

The Bredfield Prayer Circle is a group of Parishioners united in prayer for the needs of our community. The Prayer Circle operates in confidence. It does not discuss your requests but simply includes your needs with their private prayer. Please give just a first name and enough details to make your request meaningful to those who will be praying with you.

If you are in need of prayer, or praying yourself, and would like the prayer of others please contact Anne Ackerley 01394 384805 or Alison Cannard 01473 737707.

NEWS FROM BREDFIELD

Sunday Services and Private Prayer

We have resumed Sunday services inside the Church with appropriate measures to counter the spread of Covid. **Pre-booking is strongly advised.** Pre-booking contact details: Paul and Alison Cannard (01473) 737707 or lantern.bredfield@gmail.com

We have also opened up the Church daily for private prayer. We request that four actions are taken if you wish to enter the church at a time other than for a planned church service.

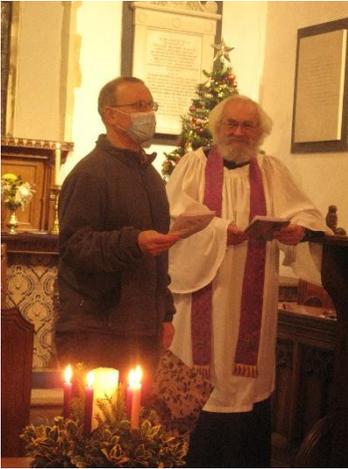
- 1) Please do not come into the church if you have recently tested positive for COVID or display the symptoms of COVID.
- 2) Please use the hand sanitiser on the bench in the porch – even better use your own before touching the outside porch door handle.
- 3) Please wear a mask whilst you are walking or standing in the church – preferably at all times or at least until you are sat or knelt in a pew.
- 4) Leave the main door and porch door open whilst you are in church to aid ventilation. When you leave then both inner and outer doors can be shut again behind you as per normal.

These simple measures will aid the minimisation and spread of the COVID virus and help to keep your fellow parishioners safe.

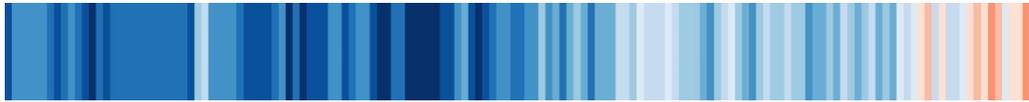
Bredfield Carol Service

A small group gathered on the Sunday before Christmas to hear the story of the birth of Christ in bible stories and traditional carols. We are very lucky and grateful to have kind volunteers who clean the church, decorate it beautifully with flowers, un/lock it daily, play the organ for services, ring the bells, maintain the churchyard through the year and have supported and continue to support the church in all manner of ways from belonging to the “100 Club” to encouraging wildlife and nature in part of the churchyard. The PCC were very pleased to present Rev. Bill Herbert with a small token of our gratitude for his endeavours with Roger Ackerley to enable us to have face-to-face church services since July 2020 – we pray that his garden will continue to flourish as a result!

Photos of the carol service by Andrew Cockrill



BREDFIELD & THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY



Along with many other Suffolk villages and towns, Bredfield Parish Council has decided to respond to the Climate Emergency. We would like residents to consider what actions we and they should take locally to help reduce global warming and ameliorate its effect. Appropriate actions can relate to: a) how to address global warming directly (through energy use and transport, for example); how best to mitigate the effect of global warming (through environmental care); or both. We would like comments to relate to what we should do as a community.

Climate Change is a global issue, but it will have local impacts. Climate change requires cross-national cooperation and international shifts in business activities, but there are still things that can be done locally. When combined nationally, local strategies can make a significant impact in tackling the climate emergency.

In Bredfield, we are already doing some things to help reduce the impact of Climate Change: solar panels on the Village Hall; use of the Village Shop to reduce food-miles; bus transport for local school children; and the activities associated with the '[Bredfield Wildlife Friendly Village](#)' initiative. However, there is likely to be much more that we can do. So, please send your comments and suggestions to the Parish Council via bredfieldpc@gmail.com, or leave written comments and suggestions at the Village Shop, in an envelope marked 'Climate Emergency Comments'.

The Rainforest Trust Donation



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Conservation Hero

Maria Bradshaw

who raised enough through her plant sale during the summer of 2021 to protect

471 acres of forest and savannah habitat in the Central African Republic

This donation will help Rainforest Trust and our local partner, African Parks, safeguard 5.7 million acres of Chinko landscape in the heart of Africa. This project will provide long-term protection for a substantial population of Lions, African Forest Elephants and Chimpanzees. This project will also store over 500 million metric tonnes of CO₂e, helping to protect the planet against climate change.

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Find out more by visiting www.RainforestTrust.org



Thank you everyone!

We have raised £138, which is a huge achievement, now we can help fund The Wilderness Project by the Rainforest Trust which will save thousands of trees and animal species. Everyone has been very generous, we have had sales of butternut squashes (which we had an awful lot of!), pumpkins, plants and flowers. We sold tomatoes, cabbages, leeks, French beans and a huge amount of flowers in the summer. We are also very grateful as Jemimah (Maria's school friend) made so much Jam and it sold ever so quickly! We would like to say a massive thank you to all of the people who donated us plants to sell, in particular we couldn't have managed it without Ann Stammers, she gifted us so many seeds it was phenomenal!

Thank you all for donating!!
From *Maria, Jemimah and Roswyn*

O Christmas Tree



Those regular followers of the Christmas Window Display, will have noticed that once again this year I have chosen to depict the essence of a Christmas Carol.

Although to my surprise, technically it was not intended as a carol originally. It was to be simply an updated folk song, with references to the fir tree's evergreen quality as a symbol of constancy and faithfulness.

'O Tannenbaum' ('O fir tree') the correct title; was a song composed by the organist and teacher Ernst Anschütz in 1824 Leipzig, Germany and totally unrelated to Christmas. Later though, because of the popular tradition of honouring and decorating Christmas trees, by the middle of the 19th century both the song and tree were entwined as quintessential elements of Christmas.

In fact, I remember many years ago a work colleague told me of the traditions of her German grandfather; who lived in a cottage on a large country estate back in Germany when he was a boy. His father was a hardworking and poorly paid estate hand, so there was no time or

money to be spent before 24th December. The children would go to bed Christmas Eve and his father would go out into the estate woods in the dark and cut down a fir tree, bring it home and then with his wife would decorate festively the whole house; so that when the children awoke the next morning it would be as if Christmas had magically arrived overnight and they knew they had been visited by Saint Nicholas!

It is hard to imagine now, how to recapture that innocence and magical wonder of Christmas for children these days, when the TV Christmas adverts, town decorations and bargains seem to start around September!

Perhaps going back to the simpler things like homemade decorations and comfort food; along with family gatherings to enjoy the season in amongst nature are the answer for a truly Hygge (Happy) Christmas? Whatever your own traditions and beliefs, I hope you are infused with good will to all and cherish nature through into 2022.

Lindsay

The Children's Society

First of all a great big **thank you** to every box holder, this time we have raised a total of £609.36 which has been paid into Barclays for The Children's Society.

A fantastic amount considering actual coins have been a 'rarity' over the past months. There was no coffee morning this year due to Covid and any problems which might have arisen, but, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alison Canard for her invaluable and reliable help in assisting me in the box opening, donation counting and bag weighing.

Due to many varied reasons we have less box holders in our group now, so if you would like to join us in collecting for a very worthy charity, please contact me on 01394 385702, or drop by and have a chat so I can explain the system. Thank you.

Hopefully the next box opening will take place in the Autumn - October or November 2022. So please keep collecting.

Once again - Thank you.

Angela Derham. (Quintet, The Street).

Extract from Epistle to Davie (A Brother Poet) by Robert Burns

While winds frae aff Ben-Lomond blaw,
An' bar the doors wi' driving snaw,
An' hing us owre the ingle,
I set me down to pass the time,
An' spin a verse or twa o' rhyme,
In hamely, westlin jingle.
While frosty winds blaw in the drift,
Ben to the chimla lug,
I grudge a wee the great-folk's gift,
That live sae bien an' snug:
I tent less, and want less
Their roomy fire-side;
But hanker, and canker,
To see their cursed pride.

It's hardly in a body's pow'r
To keep, at times, frae being sour,
To see how things are shar'd;
How best o' chiels are whiles in want,
While coofs on countless thousands rant,
And ken na how to wair't;
But, Davie, lad, ne'er fash your head,
Tho' we hae little gear;
We're fit to win our daily bread,
As lang's we're hale and fier:
"Mair spier na, nor fear na,"
Auld age ne'er mind a feg;
The last o't, the warst o't
Is only but to beg.

To lie in kilns and barns at e'en,
When banes are craz'd, and bluid is thin,
Is doubtless, great distress!
Yet then content could make us blest;
Ev'n then, sometimes, we'd snatch a taste

Of truest happiness.
 The honest heart that's free frae a'
 Intended fraud or guile,
 However Fortune kick the ba',
 Has aye some cause to smile;
 An' mind still, you'll find still,
 A comfort this nae sma';
 Nae mair then we'll care then,
 Nae farther can we fa'.

It's no in titles nor in rank;
 It's no in wealth like Lon'on bank,
 To purchase peace and rest:
 It's no in makin' muckle, mair;
 It's no in books, it's no in lear,
 To make us truly blest:
 If happiness hae not her seat
 An' centre in the breast,
 We may be wise, or rich, or great,
 But never can be blest;
 Nae treasures, nor pleasures
 Could make us happy lang;
 The heart aye's the part aye
 That makes us right or wrang

For translation please apply to Anne Henderson

100 Club Winners

1st Prize	No. 51 L. Buckman
2nd Prize	No. 69 G. Taylor

January/February Services at St. Andrew's

<i>Sunday 2nd January</i>	<i>No service at St Andrew's</i>	-
<i>Sunday 9th January EPIPHANY</i>	<i>Holy Communion Rev Bill Herbert</i>	<i>9.15am</i>
<i>Sunday 16th January</i>	<i>Morning Prayer Roger Ackerley</i>	<i>9.15am</i>
<i>Sunday 23rd January</i>	<i>No service at St Andrew's</i>	-
<i>Sunday 30th January</i>	<i>No service at St Andrew's</i>	-
<i>Sunday 6th February</i>	<i>Holy Communion Rev Bill Herbert</i>	<i>9.15am</i>
<i>Sunday 13th February</i>	<i>No service at St Andrew's</i>	-
<i>Sunday 20th February</i>	<i>Morning Prayer Roger Ackerley</i>	<i>9.15am</i>
<i>Sunday 27th February</i>	<i>No service at St Andrew's</i>	-

To book your place, please contact Paul and Alison Cannard on 01473 737707 or at lantern.bredfield@gmail.com.



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