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Minster Parish Council

Next 2 meetings will be held on:

Tuesday 1 December and Tuesday 12 January @ 7pm in the Neighbourhood Centre

Members of the public are welcome to attend and can arrange to speak to the Council

through the Clerk or by requesting the Chairman before the start of the meeting. Copies of the Agenda are available from the Clerk and are posted in the Library. Clerk to the Council is Mrs Kyla Lamb and the Council Office is normally open from:-

9.30am - 12 noon weekdays; however due to commitments that require staff leaving the office it is better to ring first to ensure the office is manned

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their website at

www.minsterpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

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EDITORIAL

My Word, what a lot we've had to squeeze in this month, so much so that we've had to extend to 40 pages, something we've never ever done before, in fact we had nearly

enough to have gone to 44. So we've put in all the most important notices, articles, adverts etc and hope we haven't left anything out that has been sent in and we must

have missed.

Now, we've been asked why Parish Council Minutes do not appear in this magazine any

longer - simple answer "we've nobody on our team able to attend regularly to take notes" but Minutes are available to read on their own website at

www.minsterpc.kentparishes.gov.uk.

Just enough space left for me, on behalf of the whole Minster Matters team, to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year and we look forward to bringing you another 11 'fun packed' issues in 2016.

A Christmas Wish from California:

We would like to wish everyone in Minster, especially our neighbours (Dorothy, we wish we could stop by for a chat), everyone at Minster School (especially last year's Rainbow class), Streetwise and the Minster Matters team a lovely and warm holiday season. We'll send sunshine your way, if you send (a little) rain to help us with our drought.

Barry, Nora, Eamon and Gregory Aldous

Dear Editor

I would like to say what an excellent job has been done on our car park opposite the Minster Tandoori. It is a real

pleasant sight, thank you.

Pam Parkinson

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

The World War 1 and 2 panels that the Minster War Memorial Fund has been raising

funds for were officially dedicated on Remembrance Sunday by Reverend Richard Braddy during the Service.

Many thanks to everyone who helped and raised funds especially the public houses of

Minster who as always go the extra mile

when staging charity events and collections, also thanks go to Minster Sunday School whose donation gave us the idea to start this

fundraising and a big thank you to Julie Searles for her help and support over the years.

Early next year a 'Centenary Stone' will be unveiled in the village with the help of Nick Whybrow (Stonemason).

Thank you to everyone involved in Remembrance Sunday and to our wonderful church

which is open daily for anyone wishing to view the panels.

Appeal for Information

The latest model railway project for the Isle of Thanet Railway Society is a 2mm fine scale ('N' gauge) working model of Minster Junction. The model will centre around the station area and the lines to Ramsgate, Deal and Canterbury, set in the late 1950s during the last days of steam on the line, and just before the third rail electrification was put in.

The society has a British Railways drawing of the area of that time, but would like more detail. We are asking if

any reader has any post 1948 to the late 1950s, photos or

information of the station and station yard area up to the level crossing, including what is now Station Road, Conygham Road and Cheesemans Close, some family photos taken

outside could include these areas in the background.

We would be most grateful for copies or to get copies done of any relevant photos or documents to help with our project. Should you be able to help with any of the above, please contact Danny Day at the Library, or leave the photos etc. marked for his

attention along with your name and contact details. Thanking you in anticipation

MEMORIAL BENCH

The bench in Teofilo's memory will be placed outside the Salvation Army Community

Shop (Teofilo actually started the shop at the bottom of the village with the support of Jonathan Cole's father) so is a perfect location.

The bench will be dedicated at 11am on Friday 18 December by Majors Trevor Green

and Denise Cooper. Philippa, Debora and Mario will also be there. This will be followed by a cup of tea in the hall.

All are very welcome to attend.

MINSTER C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Molineux Road, Minster

01843 821 394

office@minster-ramsgate.kent.sch.uk

If you have a child born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012 you need to

apply for their place at a Primary School
between 10 November 2015 and 15
January

2016!

Why not give your child a taste of the
welcoming, creative and challenging
atmosphere that we enjoy at Minster
Church of England Primary School?

Wendy Stone, Head Teacher, together
with her Management Team, are looking
forward to welcoming parents and
children to come and view our School.

Please telephone Liz or Wendy in the
School Office to make an appointment.

We very much look forward to seeing you!

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Age UK Thanet

The charity supports older people in a variety of ways; our mission is to ensure older people can stay independent and safe in their own homes for longer. We offer services both in our Centre in Zion Place and out in the community.

Our centre provides many social opportunities, activities, meals and snacks. We have a hairdresser available, as well as a foot clinic and nail clipping service; we even have a bathing service

too.

Our support at home community service, provides free short term practical and

emotional help, for those at risk of becoming isolated or for those returning home after a stay in hospital. We can assist with practical tasks such as shopping, housework, paying bills and much more. We also run a befriending service, where volunteers visit a lonely older person on a regular basis for a chat and companionship. This service is a real lifeline for many who live alone and who otherwise would become socially isolated.

We deliver meals to an older person's

home, we even run a buddying service, where a

volunteer will keep someone company whilst they eat their meal. For many, meal times are traditionally family, social times and to have to eat alone doesn't always appeal, so a volunteer buddy can alleviate loneliness at meal times.

We can only offer the range of services we do as we have a team of volunteers, who

assist us. If you have a little time to spare and would like to find out more about the vacancies listed below, please contact Gill Ball on 01843 282 913

or email agecorecruiter@btinternet.com.

A befriender and visit a lonely person on a regular basis

A telephone befriender

Tea bar assistant at our day centre

Art and craft helper at our day centre

To deliver meals on wheels or become a meal buddy

Alternatively if you would like to find out about any of the services listed above please contact 01843 223 881.

MINSTER W.I.

On Tuesday 10 November, members gathered for the Annual Meeting in Minster Village

Hall at 7.30pm.

Following the welcome and Jerusalem, President Sarah Eaton-Brown reminded everyone

that the Committee and Officers for the next year would be decided during the evening.

Quizzes and mini-garland kits were distributed for completion – garlands to be made as decoration for the tree entry

in the WI Federation Competition. Quizzes were just for fun. During the formalities, members' cards and cakes were judged (with the latter cut-up ready for eating!). The new Committee members were introduced to the meeting.

Treasurer, Ann Wilks, Secretary, Liz Shervington, and Sarah (re-elected as President) gave their individual reports for the past year - all will be serving for the coming year as well!

Liz also read out the Resolutions to be discussed at a later date.

Following delicious refreshments (tea, coffee and home made cake) Christmas

events

were discussed – all looking forward to the Dabble Day on the following Saturday (14

November); the Christmas Party and the Village Civic Carol Service.

Sarah reminded everyone of the various collections and appeals, the Christmas Cracker Competition and the entertainment for the Party night. The meeting closed at 9.45

after a highly entertaining evening.

Forthcoming events :

Friday 4 December - Sunshine Club –
Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 8 December – Christmas Party -
Village Hall

Tuesday 15 December – Annual Civic
Carol Service - Lychgate

MINSTER PLAYHOUSE PROMPT CORNER

This Year's Pantomime

Our traditional Christmas Pantomime
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs will
run from

Wednesday 2 to Saturday 5 December,

evening performances at 7.30pm, with two

matinees on the Saturday at 10.30am and 3.00pm respectively, but the afternoon

performance is almost fully booked.

Box Office: 07501 894 381 or email: info@minsterplayhouse.co.uk

May Play

Auditions for our next May Play, a light comedy about village life as typified by a

committee arranging a summer fete, 'Day of Reckoning', will be held on

Wednesday 20

January at The Bell Inn at 7.30pm, and you are cordially invited to attend and try for a part. We really welcome newcomers of whatever age or experience, to work with us on/or back-stage.

East Kent One-Act Festival

The Playhouse is intending to take part in the East Kent One-Act Festival, a four-

company one-act play competition to be held at Ash Village Hall on Saturday 19 March next year, audition dates to be

announced.

For more information on any of the above please check out our website.

www.minsterplayhouse.co.uk

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TWINNING ASSOCIATION

On Sunday 8 November we welcomed representatives from Armbouts Cappel to join in

our Remembrance Day Service at St Mary's Church, then the laying of wreaths at the

memorial in the Cemetery, followed by a buffet put on by the Royal British Legion. Our colleagues enjoyed themselves dancing to the Big Beverley Band. Thanks go to our vicar Rev Richard Braddy for personally welcoming the French and also to the Royal British Legion for their hospitality.

Wednesday 11 November saw a delegation of seven committee members set off to join

the French for their service. They took with them 4 wreaths to represent the Association, the Royal British Legion, the Parish Council and the Carnival

Court and these were

gratefully accepted at their memorial outside the church. Our thanks go to the

community of Armbouts Cappel for the hospitality they showed us on the day.

Our AGM was held on Friday 13 November and disappointingly, no members of the

public attended. The election of officers took place, those already in post continuing for another year. Two committee members stepped down, Heather Epps and Sarah Bottle

and they were both thanked for all the

support and hard work they had given during

their term of service. Christine Lynch provided a buffet to celebrate the ending of

another successful year for the Association. Thank you Christine

The race night held on Saturday 14 November was well supported and great fun. Thanks go to Bernie Watler and O'Sheas Bistro for all the hard work involved in the evening's organization. The 3 course meal cooked and served by O'Sheas was amazing.

Please take note that we are organizing a

Charity event on Sunday 6 December in the

form of a Santa Dash around the Rec and the new playing field. This will kick off at 2pm from the pavilion and a free Santa hat will go to all entrants. Soup will also be on sale.

Come and join in the fun or watch with pleasure. Bring your dogs, walk, jog, run or crawl as your body sees fit on the day. Entry forms can be obtained from Attwells, Greens or Minster Garage and all proceeds will go to Cancer Research.

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 27 February – Quiz Night at RBL

Saturday 4 June – Race Night at the RBL

Sunday 19 June –Twinning Association Anniversary. Celebrations in the form of a

barn dance (more details later)

Saturday 20 August – Quiz Night at RBL

Any other suggestions for events you might like us to organize would be well received.

It just remains for us to say a very big thank you to all of the village for your

continued support. It has been a very successful year, the most amazing part of which in our minds was 'The Giant's Day Parade', the memories of which we hope will linger for many years.

We wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Nappy ew Year and hope to have your

support at our forthcoming next events.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

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MINSTER BOWLS CLUB

Brian Davis has been awarded a 'Merit

Certificate' by the KCBA for his work on behalf of this club, Congratulations!

The Short Mat season is now in full swing, as of Sunday 8 November and having all

played five EKSMBA matches, published tables show the Hinds lying 7th in Division One; whilst the Abbots are 2nd and the Monks 10th in Division Three.

In our own in-house competitions the 'Wednesday Pairs' are in weekly progress, and by Christmas the finalists for April will be known as will the finalists of the Gender Pairs, Alf Wood Trophy, and Morphew Cup.

Paul Churchley is organising a 'Bowls Party Games' for members only on Sunday 20

December, and it hoped to have a Short Mat Open Day on Sunday 10 January especially

for teams of non-players. Anyone can enter a team of four players but entries are strictly limited to a maximum of 16 teams. To register a team please contact Secretary, Brian Morphew, on 845 638, it's first come, first served."

PATIENT LIAISON GROUP

A BIG THANK YOU

We would like to thank all our Patients and Friends for their generosity and kindness in donating so many prizes for our raffle and tombola that was held at our Christmas Bazaar, and also, to all those who have supported us by purchasing raffle tickets and making such a wonderful selection of cakes. As result we have reached our target, purchased the Nellcor Portable Monitor and we will be making an official presentation on Friday 4 December at 1.00pm, when Dr Crosfield will accept the equipment on behalf of the practice. We cordially invite all our patients and friends to join us at this time.

APPOINTMENTS

We are fully aware of the difficulties patients are experiencing in booking appointments at certain times.

Consequently we are reviewing our procedures and considering what measures we can introduce to help improve the situation. In the meantime we would like to thank you for your patience and understanding whilst these measures are being implemented.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please note revised surgery opening arrangements for the Christmas period:

Thursday 24 December - AM: Normal opening hours

- PM: Emergencies only

Christmas Day 25 December - Closed all day

Boxing Day 26 December - Closed all day

Monday 28 December - Closed all day

Tuesday 29 December - Normal opening hours

Wednesday 30 December - Normal opening hours

Thursday 31 December - Normal opening hours

Friday 1 January - Closed all day

Monday 4 January onwards - Normal opening hours

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Should you need to see a doctor during times when the surgery is closed, please call the NHS

111 Service via the normal surgery number – 821 333 - where you will be automatically transferred, or you can call direct on 111 to receive non urgent confidential health advice and information for you and your family. For urgent/life threatening cases, please dial 999 or 112 as normal.

112 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER

This is the single emergency telephone number for all countries in the EU, however in the UK

both 999 and 112 may be used either via a landline or a mobile free of charge.

Users of mobile phones however may find the 112 number more advantageous, because in the event of loss of signal, it will automatically search for an alternative network to make the call.

REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS

Please ensure that you have sufficient

medication to last you throughout the holiday period and that all 'Repeat Prescription Request' are submitted in good time to allow for the increased demand, both at the surgery and at the various local pharmacies. Remember to check your local pharmacy for Christmas opening times as well. Due to the extended holiday period you may submit your repeat requests up to ten days in advance, but preferably by Friday 18 December at the latest. Obviously we appreciate that urgent prescriptions may still be needed at any time.

If your 'Medication Review' is due during this period please ensure you make an appointment in good time to

avoid any unnecessary delays. If you have any concerns please contact the surgery direct on 821 333.

MISSED APPOINTMENTS - HOW ABOUT A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION?

This problem is not going away! Last month: 42 patients did not attend their doctor's appointment and 107 patients did not attend their nurse's appointment! That's 149 missed and wasted appointments and valuable resources! So a plea, to all our patients throughout the villages and surrounding areas, make this your New Year resolution - DON'T NEED IT?

CANCEL IT! It's so easy by phone, text or online - just do it!

SURGERY TRAINING DAYS

Please note that the surgery will be closed from midday onwards on Wednesday 27 January and Thursday 25 February.

PATIENT GROUP MEETING

If you have any issues you would like to raise at our meeting in January, or require further information on any of the above, then please contact either Ken Self on 821 200 or Jeanne Lawrence on 821 049.

AND FINALLY

We would like to wish all our Patients
and Friends

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS and A
VERY HEALTHY NEW YEAR

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KCC Trading Standards

KCC Trading Standards has received
reports of rogue traders targeting
residents in

Minster with tree surgeon work. On
Tuesday 10 November two men
approached an

elderly resident and told them that whilst working on a neighbour's trees they had noticed two bushes in their garden had honey fungus and needed to be removed immediately. They told the resident if they did not remove the bushes they could be

prosecuted by the environmental service. The resident became very worried and agreed to the work. Whilst the men started to remove the bushes the resident contacted their neighbour and found out that the men had not done any work for them. The men

noticed the resident on the phone and

quickly left the property with the bushes. The first man is described as white, about 5'5 and aged between 20 25 years. He has short dark hair and stubble, wearing blue jeans and scruffy appearance. He was very abrupt,

confrontational and did all the talking. The second man is described as white, about 6'2

and aged between 18 25 years. He has short, light brown hair, cleanly shaven, wearing a checked shirt, turned up 3/4 jeans and black boots. They were seen getting into a 55

plate Blue Nissan transit type van.

KCC Trading Standards is urging all residents to be vigilant and warn relatives,

neighbours and friends about doorstep callers. Pick up a No Doorstep Caller sticker from your local Community Warden and please report suspicious doorstep callers to KCC

Trading Standards, contact Citizens Advice consumer service on 03454 04 05 06. For

details of a reputable tree surgeon contact Checkatrade.com on 03330 146 190, for a

Kent County Council Trading Standards

approved trader.

“NEXT ONE PLEASE” Flu Day

This was the notice on the large board at the surgery. They came – from Tothill Street, High Street, and Monkton Road, the surgery was a hive of activity, organised chaos!!

Some members of staff were standing outside the same door as last year; ‘Yes I have

moved during the year’ replied one staff member.

Outside was a different matter, the number of cars trying to drive down, turn

round and leave was amusing to watch, it resulted in cars reversing – “Oops” just missed the

bumper of the car behind. Flu jab over, others walking to the surgery, I looked – “I didn’t realise you were that old” – “Yes” came the reply, “But I didn’t think you’d remember me!” All over for another year and no doubt the surgery breathed a sigh of relief.

(Name and Address supplied)

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER

The sky was starless and moonless but entering the Rec at around 6.45pm it was an

amazing picture of colour. Many of the village youngsters were holding LED (I think!) wands and moving them in circles reminding me of Catherine wheels in blue, red and

green. Like the adults they were eagerly awaiting the fireworks.

Around 7pm the first 'bang' and colour filled the skies – then the Oooh's and Aaah's!! A brilliant display of fireworks ending with the final 'Big Bang' and the large crowd giving a round of applause. Many thanks to those who gave up their time to create the

masterpiece that was enjoyed by everyone.' (Name and Address

supplied)

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SHEPHERD'S TALE

A CHRISTMAS POEM BY SR. MARY STEPHEN, MINSTER ABBEY

You wouldn't have cared for the night-
shift,

I can tell you, not at the year's end,

with the wind slashing your face and
numbing your aching mind;

and the snow; the bitter reality of it
seeping through the traditional gear,

which was, to say the least, inadequate.

We had it to do,

but I think you'd back us up when we say
we would have preferred

to stay at home, in bed with our warm
wives,

and a good long sleep in front of us – for
choice.

You realise, I'm sure, that was before,
grumbling all together in a huddle like
the sheep;

before the instant of terror and the

withering fear,

the shrapnel-shock, the streams of shell-
light.

And when we dared to open our eyes to
the skies' blinding,

suddenly shattered out of our found
senses exploded into another world,

hurled on our ears the singing, singing
heavens.

We soon moved off

though some cynics were ready to think
we'd misunderstood.

But I knew when they said manger that's
what they meant.

We went down into the town.

The party-goers coming home late
thought we'd gone mad;

perhaps we had, but by then, there
wasn't a man would have turned back.

You'll be wondering how we felt when
we knelt there

so near the baby and that young Mary?

Hard for a poor chap like me to express
it really.

The light and the singing were gone;
just a smelly stable and the animals
munching away.

A bit of an anti-climax in a way.

But you see we knew who it was there,
sharing his bed

with the beasts, and we appreciated our
poverty after that;

after God had spoken his own

Word in our language uncouth and poor.

**Minster & Monkton Wednesday
Afternoon Club**

Royal British Legion 61 Augustine Road

EVERY WEDNESDAY 2.00pm -
4.00pm

Come and join us for a game of Bingo

ALL MEMBERS and bona-fide guests
welcome

Phone Pat on 822 622

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**SOUP (and cake) ON WEDNESDAY
at OLD SCHOOLS**

12noon to 1.30pm – Everyone welcome

Minster School PFA Christmas Fayre

Friday 4 December 3.30pm to 5pm

Come and be merry, meet Santa, guess the name of our snowman, tombola, raffle, tea,

coffee and cakes a plenty, decorate a festive biscuit for you stocking, plus much much more to see and do

YARD SALE

55 Monkton Road 10am – 3pm Saturday
5 and Sunday 6 December

CRAFT & PAMPER FAIR

SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER 10.00am to
2.00pm

OLD SCHOOLS, CHURCH STREET

Homemade Crafts and Goods

Buy Your Christmas Presents

Tombola, Bric-a-Brac, Reiki Head
Massage, other pampering available

Refreshments

In aid of Healthcare Ethiopia
Partnership a small local charity where
East Kent Midwives support health
professionals in Ethiopia in providing
maternity care

Enquiries to Kate Mockeridge on 447
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The Real St Nicholas

St Nicholas-at-Wade will welcome their
Patron Saint on His Feast Day,

Sunday 6 December

Please come at 10am for a festive
celebration and bring an unwrapped toy
for a child in need.

Father Jim 447 791

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St Mary's Church: Gift Service

Sunday 6th Dec: 10.30am

The Benefice of the Wantsum Group is pleased to repeat our support for Tools with a

Mission (TWAM) again this year.

In Africa and other areas around the world there are many schools that have little or no reading or writing material. Sometimes the only person with a book or writing material is the teacher. TWAM works with schools to provide suitable textbooks and with our help would like to provide individual 'Scholar Packs' for each child to help with their learning.

How does it work?

Plastic document wallets are supplied by TWAM ~ these are available in advance from

the Church ~ and we are asked to fill them with the following new items and bring them along to the Gift Service on Sunday 6 December:

A4 Writing Pad

Pack of Pencils and Biro Pens

Pack of Colouring Pencils, not felt tip

Geometry Set. i.e. ruler, protractor and square

Rubber and Pencil Sharpener

Small Calculator

If, instead of filling a wallet you prefer to make a financial contribution to this initiative, special envelopes will be available

If you would like to order a pre-filled scholar pack you can order one from the Church or please speak to the Churchwardens, or you can ring either Rev Richard Braddy on 821

250 or Sally Willins on 822 428

**MINSTER TWINNING
ASSOCIATION**

CHARITY SANTA DASH

Come along with Family and Friends To
Walk, Stroll, Jog or Run 1 Mile

Raising funds for CANCER
RESEARCH UK

Sunday 6 December

Recreation Ground, St Mildred's Road
Starting from the Pavilion at 2.00pm

Come dressed in Christmas themed
costumes

All proceeds to Cancer Research UK

1 mile = twice around perimeter of Rec

and playground park

Hot soup and drinks on sale

FREE SANTA HAT FOR ALL
ENTRANTS

Pick up your entry form at ATTWELLS
NEWSAGENTS, GREENS OF
MINSTER or

MINSTER GARAGE

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Minster WI

Next Meeting Tuesday 8 December
Village Hall 7.30pm Christmas Party

CANTERBURY CHORAL SOCIETY CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

Saturday 12 December FAMILY
CAROLS

Saturday 23 January VIVALDI Gloria,
HAYDN Nelson and MOZART Eine
Kleine

Nachtmusik

Tickets for all performances are
available from Canterbury Ticket Shop
(Marlowe

Theatre) 01227 787 787 or
www.canterburyticketshop.com and
there are discounts

available for booking all the concerts for the season.

Full information on the website
www.canterburychoral.co.uk

St Lucy's Christmas Fayre

Minster Abbey Sunday 13 December at
1.00pm

Refreshments available

Proceeds to 'Aid to the Church in Need'
in the Middle East

**Minster & Monkton Royal British
Legion Women's Section**

NEXT MEETINGS

Monday 14 December make a Christmas tree decoration

Monday 11 January A far away destination you would like to go to and why

Bingo , Speaker or Quiz

Raffle prizes needed for all meetings

For further information please contact Miriam Smith on 822 589

Civic Carol Service

Tuesday 15 December

7.00pm - Carols Around the Christmas Tree at the Lych Gate

Community Carols and Readings with The Salvation Army Band and Minster School

Choir followed by mince pies for all

BLEND – For everyone who loves to sing

Invites you to join them for a Social Sing at Minster Village Hall on Wednesday 16

December from 1.30 to 2.30pm

If you enjoy light-hearted singing, a

cuppa and a natter come and join us

Call Katharine or Richard on 07714 529
968 or 07725 057 688

blendsinging@gmail.com
www.blendsingingthanet.co.uk

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Horticultural Society

Next Meeting Wednesday 16 December
Village Hall 7.30pm

Christmas Social with Music and a
Buffet

ST. NICHOLAS HOODENERS

ARE COMING TO MONKTON
VILLAGE HALL

7 PM on FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER

TICKETS £6.50 Includes fish and chip
supper, mulled wine and mince pies

RAFFLE

ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO THE
HOODENERS CHOSEN 2015
CHARITIES

TO BOOK CONTACT TERRY MARSH
on 07749 921 843 or 01843 822 636

Salvation Army Tothill Street

Carol Service Sunday 20 December
5.30pm

Everyone is welcome to join us
Followed by Tea, coffee and mince pies

Christmas Dinner at the Salvation Army
for those who will be alone at Christmas

December 25th - time TBA

Please contact Major Trevor Green on
822 308 or Audrey on 821 792

**FIREWALK CHALLENGE AT THE
BELL INN**

SUNDAY 16 JANUARY

SPONSORED EVENT IN AID OF LITTLE HEROES CANCER TRUST

Sponsor Forms available from Ken or
Fiona at The Bel

Early Warning !!

Trash and Treasure Sale Saturday, 6
February 9.30-12 Midday

St. Nicholas at Wade Church

Refreshments. Entry free

Our Trash may be your Treasure!

**Minster Carnival Association
Selection Dance**

Saturday 13th February 7.30pm, Minster
Village Hall

Admission for non-entrants is £4.00

Tea and Coffee available otherwise
please bring your own drink

Interested? Then please contact Roy or
Carol on 01843 821 705

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AMBER'S ADVICE

Never miss an opportunity to make
others happy, even if you have to leave
them alone in order to do it.

TIGER'S TIP

To keep a cake from drying out and going stale, place half an apple (or lemon) inside the cake tin with it.

Zac's Musings

Well we had a good holiday least ways it wasn't on a boat! However I did get dragged out alongside some locks but the footpath was pretty wet and muddy so we didn't stay too long. The old boy had to have the AA out one day to start the car when he left the lights on, ended up we needed a new battery!!

Back home now to lots of very noisy and dusty building work in our kitchen. No

fun I can tell you, as I've been shut in the living room most of the week and my throat's sore from so much barking! Still when I'm allowed out and I've been able to look at what's

happening I think it's going to have been worth it.

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From Remembering to Watching & Waiting to Celebrating!

At St Mary's we have had a season of remembering - it was wonderful to see the church full with over 500 people coming to the Remembrance Sunday Service, particularly

seeing so many children young people - and our thanks goes to the Royal British Legion, The Salvation Army and all who helped with this service. This year we dedicated two new panels on the War Memorial recording formally new names not previously transcribed

from World War 1 and the names of those who gave their life in World War 2. Our

thanks go to Steve and Sam Philpott for the dedication and research to make this

happen. At our Always Remembered service we also recently had an opportunity to

remember those we love who are no longer with us and to light a candle for them in the peace that was shared. In recent days we have been remembering too those who died in the sad events in Paris - I have spoken to several people who have come into the church to sit quietly and say a prayer as they come to terms with this. The church is always open during the day should you wish to do the same.

Now we are in the season of Advent and we turn from remembering to watching and

waiting. Waiting for Jesus' coming among us which we celebrate at

Christmas. Jesus

came to be a light in our darkness and to bring hope in times of trouble.

During this time of waiting many of us will be rushed off our feet, but the result of this waiting is always good news. God sent his son to live with us here on earth, to share with us in our joys and sorrows - it is certainly worth waiting for! Whatever happens to us, through Jesus, God is with us in the waiting.

But what do we do in our waiting during Advent? Well, many of us will have Advent

Calendars which count down the days -

often with chocolates! This year, why not say a short prayer for yourself and someone else as you open the door on your calendar. This is a way of preparing ourselves for Jesus' coming among us.

You are all invited to join us at St Mary's, The Salvation Army or the Abbey for our services throughout December where we wait and share together the good news of

Christmas - and we hope to see many of you at the Lych Gate on December 15 for

Carols Around the Tree!

My prayer for us all this Advent is that,

as we prepare together, we find the space to find something different, something fresh and new that speaks to our hearts as we prepare to welcome Jesus into our world and our lives.

Richard Braddy - Vicar St Mary's,
Minster

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CHURCH NEWS AND SERVICE TIMES

**The Catholic Parish of Ramsgate and
Minster**

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Catholic Mass each Wednesday and
Holy day of Obligation at 12.00noon in
the Church

of St Mary the Virgin, Minster and each
Sunday at 10.00am in Minster Abbey

Minster Abbey

www.minsterabbeynuns.org

The Abbey Chapel is open for prayer
throughout the day

Lauds: 8.30am Mass 9.00am, Sunday

10.00am Midday prayer 12.10pm

Vespers 6.00pm Compline 7.50pm
(followed by Silent Prayer)

All our visitors, not only Christians but people of all faiths and spiritual tradition, all who

‘truly seek God’ (rule of St. Benedict) are warmly welcomed to join us in prayer, in our beautiful monastic chapel.

**THE SALVATION ARMY MINSTER
CORPS**

Church & Community Centre

Major Trevor Green tel: 822 308 or 825

Mondays 9.30am Bumps and Babies
(Term time only) 2.15pm Friendship
Club

Tuesdays 9.30am Parents and Toddlers
(Term time only)

Wednesdays 2.00pm Home League
Thursdays 9.15am Prayer Group

Sundays 10.30am Family Worship ;
6.30pm Worship and Bible Study

**St Mary Magdalene Monkton Sunday
Services in December**

10.15am Holy Communion (CW)

13 10.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

20 6.30pm

Carols by Candlelight

25 10.00am Christmas Holy Communion
(CW)

27 Services at Minster this Sunday

Sunday Services in January

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10.15am Holy Communion (CW)

10 10.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

17 10.15am United Covenant &
Communion Service with Methodists

24 10.15am Family Service

31 10.30am Benefice Celebration
Service

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St Mary the Virgin, Minster Sunday Services in December

Reverend Richard Braddy Tel: 821 250

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9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Praise & Gift Service

6.30pm

Evensong

13 9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Communion

20 9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Christingles, Lessons and
Carols

Christmas Eve

24 4.30pm

Christmas Special – suitable for families
of all ages

11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Day

25 10.00am Christmas Family
Communion

Sunday Services in January

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9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Praise

10 9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Communion

17 9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Worship

19 7.30pm

Service for Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity

with Christians Together in Minster

24 9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Communion

31 10.30am Benefice Celebration
Service

Wednesday Mornings at St Mary's

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

followed by refreshments

Holy Communion at Home is available for anyone who is unable to access

Minster or Monkton Church Telephone
821 250 or 822 428

Baptism at St Mary's Minster

8 November

Grace Cooper (11 months); Holly
Brooks (adult); Lily-May Waters (3
months)

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