

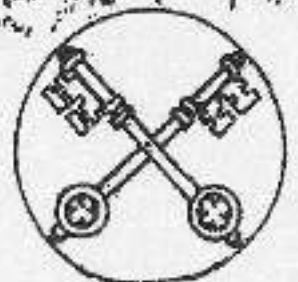
# Mayfield Church and Village News

## Full Review of Christmas in Mayfield



**February  
2025**

**80p**



## New starts

*<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup> Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. <sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. (Psalm 51)*

Many people will now have discovered that their new year's resolutions have started to falter. All the best intentions can fail after a little time and ordinary life. We start out so well, but then time and circumstances take their toll, and we lose sight of what we had hoped for.

In the Church year, at the beginning of February we change over from finishing the Christmas season into starting to prepare for Easter. The idea is that we move from one celebration to another through seasons which prepare us appropriately. Lent will start, there will be Lent Lunches in various parishes, and this year there will not be a Lent course as such. The Alton Alpha course members are moving into a regular small group so they can continue to grow in their fellowship and faith. But there will now be an Alpha course starting at Mayfield on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, weekly on Monday evenings to which people from all the parishes are invited. Do come and grow in your understanding of your faith.

There are so many things unstated in our lives that it is good to sometimes have a chance to think about how things are going and how we might improve. Our society now considers many things acceptable which used to cause terrible guilt (divorce is one); and conversely, we now look down on things which used to be perfectly acceptable (smoking is one).

There is an intellectual idea that if we can remove the restrictive ideas of the past, then we shall no longer feel guilt. Guilt is an internal feeling imposed on ourselves by memories of the past. Shame is when that guilt is imposed from other people. The Church looking down on divorced people where it wanted to promote marriage caused huge guilt and shame in those who were divorced. In society, those who were divorced were excluded from certain social events. Nowadays we feel differently – many people have this trauma in their lives and there should be no need to keep heaping guilt upon them. (I hope any divorced readers are not finding their emotions churned up as you read).

Our society is trying to remove guilt and shame for many things of the past, by saying all these things are acceptable. However, individuals still feel that guilt, and our faith shows us how to deal with it. Now so many things are acceptable you would think guilt would be decreasing, but studies show that the mental health of our nation is deteriorating, the guilt is not going away – it seems to be getting worse.

Those with a Christian faith need to be reminded again and again that we have a Saviour. We celebrated His arrival at Christmas, and we celebrate His victory over sin and guilt at Easter. What we need to do is accept what is our part in the failures of the past and then bring them to our Saviour and ask for his forgiveness and mercy. Then we need to receive that forgiveness and start to move into a newly forgiven part of our lives.

I have found the prayer of "Celebrate recovery" really helpful in my life, and especially the serenity prayer which guides us to seek God's help, and I commend it to you.

*God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.*

Brian Leathers (January 2025)

## A Warm Welcome to Sundays in February

### Sunday 2nd February (Presentation)

10.45 Church Family Communion. Revd. Chamil Fernando  
With support from Carol Akers, Marion and Andy Brown

### Sunday 9th February (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent)

10.45 Morning Prayer. Revd. Chamil Fernando  
With support from Martin Balderson, Margaret Mansfield and Ian McFarlane

### Sunday 16th February (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent)

10.45 Church Family Communion. Revd. Chamil Fernando  
With support from Paul Flint, Caroline Munroe and Martin Balderson

### Sunday 23rd February (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent)

10.45 Morning Prayer. Service led by Stephen Dunn  
With support from Catherine Mellor and Diana Houghton

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**The Editors**

### **Articles for the March 2025 Issue of the Magazine.**

We always welcome articles for the magazine, both from Mayfield itself and the surrounding villages. To ensure your article is published in our next issue,

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## *Christmas in Mayfield.*

Articles about the many Christmas events & activities that took place in our village are highlighted in a special *Christmas typeface*. And they covers everything from our Christingle service at church through to the MARNA children's party, not forgetting lunches and parties from early December to new Years Eve . Look out for them throughout the Magazine.

### *Christmas in Mayfield - The First Sign*



Is often the case that we first know Christmas is coming when we have write all of our Christmas cards and almost the first sign of Christmas in Mayfield was our village post-box outside Mayfield Stores that had been crowned with a very seasonal knitted topper of Carol singing birds, A perfect reminder of the season to come as people posted their Christmas cards and went to the shop to By seasonal treats and of course to get special double issue of the Christmas TV magazines!

It was a lovely start to Christmas and many thanks to our selfless knitter Adrienne Lewis, who as well as knitting the Topper was also busy moving into a new house in Mayfield! Adrienne, keep up the good work, Mayfield really appreciates it.

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## Christmas in Mayfield - The Friday Club Christmas Lunch



The village had already had a taste of Christmas with the very successful Mayfield Church Christmas Fayre, but that took place on the last day of November (as reported in last month's magazine) so the actual first event in December fell to the popular Friday Club who, despite their very name, held their traditional Christmas lunch on a Thursday - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December to be precise. It was the first time the Friday club had ever met on the Thursday instead of Friday and that was to ensure they got a special booking at the Royal Oak for their traditional Christmas lunch.

Friday club members, their partners and guests sat down to a sumptuous meal of turkey with all the trimmings including stuffing and seasonal vegetables for the main course, a choice of seasonal starters and of course Christmas pudding to follow. They were of course of options available but celebrating Christmas meant the majority went for the Christmas option,

And the Royal Oak did not disappoint the food was very good, piping hot and fresh from the kitchen and the service was excellent. And to entertain us there were Christmas songs carols and music played on the organ in the Royal Oaks function room

It was the perfect opportunity to have that first Christmas meal of the season in the company of friends neighbours and villagers and was a great success, Our thanks to Carol and the committee for organising it all.



## Christmas in Mayfield - Our Church Windows

One of the beauties of the church at Christmas is the lovely Christmas window displays where windows large and small are decorated with a whole variety of themes reflecting Christmas in all its aspects with something for everyone. Window displays were created by church members, villagers, local companies and even messy church to create wonderful displays that lasted throughout Christmas and gave joy to all those who visited the church. Space does not permit us to show but just a small sample of what was on display. Our sincere thanks to all those who did so much to transform the church.



A knitted Santa and snowman together with elves proved popular with children and families as did the elegant display of holly and seasonal greenery with tiny carol singers in a lantern at the centre.







A crib scene, complete with beautiful hanging wreaths and a whole host of decorations, contrasted nicely with silver stars and silver branches to match the carol 'Oh Holy Night, the stars are shining brightly, it is the night of our dear saviour's birth.'







A large and very beautiful floral display took pride of place in the main window of the North wall, catching people's attention as they entered church, whereas the traditional nativity scene took a key spot in the nave next to the Priest's chair, with a space for the baby Jesus who was placed there at the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.







Our traditional nativity scene had competition from Messy Church who displayed a very simple and very charming nativity scene occupying one of the windows on the South side of church, complete with snow falling behind it. Presents, Bows and Berries was the theme of one of the windows in the chancel and like all the the displays reflected both the skill and care of all our window dressers who do so much to create the seasonal Christmas atmosphere within our beautiful parish church. Our sincere thanks to all those who spent so much time an effort to make our church so attractive this Christmas.





*As we start a new year in our magazine it is a tradition that our churchwarden Charles Wimbush takes time to reflect on the previous year, both in the life of our church and in our wider village. 2024 was a significant year for Mayfield Church, with the appointment of a new vicar, Chamil who brought his family to live in our Vicarage and be part of our community. They became part of what is now a very vibrant village community. Over to Charles with that story and many more in an article he calls.....*

## **Things Are Looking Up!**

2024 started on a sombre note: no Vicar, Walley Beeson had recently died and his wife Joyce bereft and distracted, whilst the church faced the prospect of a tortuous recruitment process to get a new minister for Mayfield– unbelievably slow!. The lay team and volunteer priests, like David Leese and, of course our Incumbent Brian Leathers, had kept the doors open with a thriving Church community. We, ever optimistic, were sorting out the profile (wow! this Church looks and sounds really good) and sprucing up the vicarage garden and minor housekeeping jobs.

The excellent Ed Barker was collecting, scrounging and gratefully receiving the wonderful furniture he had found, and that kind people were giving – just about everything that a new Vicar and family might need. We all know the interview went well, but the immigration/ bureaucratic process took poor Chamil, ages.

We were finally underway at the Licensing service on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Our senior Diocesan clergy attended as well a host of friends from Leeds, and also, the one-time Bishop of Leeds, Paul Slater. Chamil, Evangeline, Keziah and the delightful but very naughty Chael and lovely Kleiah, just 3 months old, moved into the Vicarage that month and the place came alive.

Chamil's family is charming, many friends from Leeds have helped him and so have his neighbours and, my word, does he 'fit in' – anyone meeting him would tell you he does. He never boasted of it, but I discovered from Evangeline that he is the Karate National Champion of Sri Lanka (the scary and dangerous 'full contact' type of the art). Even as a boxer myself, I would never tangle with him, even if I were 30 years younger!.

Diana Houghton was licensed at Derby Cathedral on April 20<sup>th</sup> and took her first service at the Church on *the 28<sup>th</sup>*, and very good it was.

We had some lovely memorial services: the Easter day and week; the Wellington Bomber Memorial; Remembrance Day with a fantastic turnout and thanks to Tessa Pike for her flawless performance at the rouse- not easy as she been waiting out in the cold.

And, of course, the Scouts, ever and invaluable present at St George's Day and the Remembrance Day Parade. It is important to remember that Remembrance Day is, just that: all faiths, all creeds, our Commonwealth and in the course of a week, all sorts come and visit. The men bearing the flags and poppy wreaths were village stalwarts: John Parker, Mick Edge, Bob Carlisle, Simon Sowter, Katy Lewis and Les Tunstall. Later that afternoon, there was the Blessing of the Poppies in the Memorial Hall by 'our Vicar' (has a nice ring to it).

By now, Chamil was getting into the swing of things, the congregation regained its former strength and the PCC was encouraged to meet in various sub-committees rather than as the main committee, and get making the necessary changes needed.

September saw Kleiah baptised (very moving)) by Bishop Paul with youngsters reading the lessons and Keziah, age 11, brilliantly reading her own intercessions.

Later we had lovely flowers in church preliminary to Harvest. Then Harvest itself, a big turnout and later, a Memorial service on All Saints day.

I'm not a great admin/organisation man because I think people should just get on and do what is needed: how lucky I am that we have a fantastic team that has led the Church through an 18-month vacancy without a hitch – you guys know who you are! – thank you.

Looking back on the year I see the re-invigorated Messy Church is doing well and, judging by the turnout, giving considerable pleasure to some of us, *slightly older*, oldies.

November saw the Christmas Market, full of creative stall holders, Mulled Wine from Andrew and, roll of drums, a Sri Lankan 'Street Food' provided by one of Chamil's friends, Trevor. (another policeman).

Christmas was the same delightful and busy blur: Bob Bradbury decorating the tree, Don and Jean Lemon the Stable scene and those good people that decorate 'their' windows, thank you all, so much.

The services were lovely and, in particular: the Service of 9 Readings and Carols, in what I would call the 'old format', superintended by Geoff Allen, no choir but three solos from Paul, Diana, and Kaziah – wonderful stuff!

Let us pray for another year, our 'Anniversary Year', just like this.

**Charles**

## *Christmas in Mayfield - A Very Merry Christingle*



The church's first special Christmas service occurred on Sunday the 15th of December when for the second year running a special Christingle service took place. The Christingle service was a regular part of Christmas when the school was still open and after the school closure was much missed until it was revived last year.

This year the service was taken by Catherine a member of the Lay Team who is one of the leaders of our Messy Church and on this occasion our priest Revd Chamil Fernando took part as a member of the congregation along with his family.

And taking part was what the entire congregation did, receiving Christingle kits as they entered the church and then under the direction of Catherine putting them all together as we learned the meaning of Christingle and all the component parts from the orange representing the world through to the candle (in this case a safe glow stick suitable for children of all ages) that represents the light of the world.

As it was a Christingle service Catherine was helped by the younger members of the congregation who helped act out the Christingle service and its meaning for everyone in church. This included holding up four staffs at the corners of the church to represent The Four Seasons and especially tricky, stretching a red ball of wool all around the outside of the congregation to encircle it to represent a red ribbon that goes around the world representing Jesus and his sacrifice he made for all of us.



As you can imagine it was a very involving service and everyone loved making their Christingle,

The younger members of the congregation also took part in the prayers helping say them and in one case young Dougie the youngest person there and a member of Messy Church did a special prayer with his mum to thank all mothers and fathers for the love they give their children.



And at the end of the service Chamil came up to do the blessing and invited all the children to come and stand with him and Catherine in the chancel to show their Christingles to the congregation. It was a beautiful moment. SD.

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## Christmas in Mayfield - MARNA Children's Christmas Party



Now if you're 10 or under Christmas simply can't start until you've had a very special Christmas party with games, lots of fun and lots of laughter together with a chance to get your own balloon animal or even a balloon sword! .... And of course be covered in fake snow.







And that's all before you get to have a really good meal with lots of cakes and sweet things.... And that's not even the best, for no really good Christmas party will be complete without a visit from Santa Claus himself and of course a present for everyone from the man in the red suit and big white beard.

So if they are the ingredients the best children's party ever then that's exactly what happened in Mayfield on Sunday the 8th of December when the MARNA Children's Christmas Party Took place at the Memorial Hall... oh and you can add to that a full magic show complete with audience participation.



*Santa and his chief elf, fresh from the North Pole in their special Grotto*

The party, for the children of Mayfield, was organised and supported by MARNA, Mayfield's own Neighbourhood Association. As well all the above there was also games, music and dancing, before that full party lunch and the arrival of Santa Claus.



The party started at 10am and was great fun for all including Mr Claus and his special Elf friend who came all the way from the North Pole to greet every child in his special grotto on the stage, It was a great start to a children's Christmas with many asking Santa to be sure to call on Christmas Eve.

However, for the parents there was good news and bad news! The children were having the best of times but there was still a good two weeks to go until Christmas Eve - and if they are already this excited, how much more extreme would it get before Santa finally climbed down all those chimneys!

And all of those excited children meant that it was a party they would not forget a key part of the whole Christmas experience.

Our thanks to all the Marna volunteers who made it happen, to parents who kept everyone safe and of course to a certain Santa who stopped off from the North Pole to make our children very happy indeed. S.D.



## Christmas in Mayfield - Raising Money for a good Cause



Father Christmas was once again seen this year in Mayfield on the 14<sup>th</sup> December along with friends such as The Grinch, The Christmas Elf, The Snowman and others. They were all travelling in his specially decorated Christmas float, (thank you Mick) saying 'HO HO HO' and 'GIVE GIVE GIVE!' They started at the Royal Oak and worked their way around the village raising money for a very good cause, asking for donations in return for a selfie or two.

Last year Father Christmas and his friends were raising money for the MRA. This year it was for a great local charity '**1000 Miles for 1000 Smiles**' set up in memory of a local girl Eve, who sadly recently died of a brain tumour, in order to help children with that life threatening condition.

And how generous were the people of Mayfield and how much money was raised in a few short hours of a winter's evening? - check out the next page!





The good people of Mayfield were indeed generous, very generous indeed. Instead of telling the Grinch what he could do on a cold winter's evening they put their hands in their pockets and raised an absolutely amazing £605 on the night for this great cause. Our picture shows all of the team who made this great event happen, handing over the oversized cheque to '1000 miles for 1000 smiles' charity. Our grateful thanks to you all for doing so much for charity this Christmas. SD





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## Mayfield Parish Council

At the December Parish Council meeting, Mayfield Parish Council withdrew from the Ward Enhancement Grant bid because it would no longer have been possible to complete the Gateway Project by 30th March. This was a condition of the grant scheme. Although there were other ways that the project could have been funded, the Parish Council decided not to go forward with this project at this time.

Concerns were again raised about the planned closure of the Ashbourne Recycling Centre to Staffordshire residents. It is thought that the relevant Staffordshire and Derbyshire County Officers are still negotiating on this issue.

The clerk and Cllr Stephenson met with our Internal Auditor who was very satisfied with the way the finances had been managed in the first 6 months of this financial year. The community owes a great debt of gratitude to Cllr Stephenson for all the excellent work he has done in the role of Acting Responsible Financial Officer. Thank you, Pete. Sadly, he has now resigned from the Council and so we have 4 vacancies for Parish Councillors.

If you would be interested in serving Mayfield in this way, please get in touch. Further information is on our website <https://mayfieldparishcouncil.org.uk/>

Our next meeting is on **3rd February** at 7pm in the Maureen Burton Room at Mayfield Memorial Hall.

Pamela Boura

Chairman

### **Thank-You Note from the Mayfield Recreational Association (MRA)**

On behalf of the Mayfield Recreational Association (MRA), I extend our heartfelt thanks to Sharon Udale and Gary Robinson for their incredible efforts in raising the fantastic sum of £214.97 from the Christmas hamper raffle at the Memorial Hall.

We would also like to thank everyone who bought tickets and to all the staff at the Memorial Hall who supported the raffle and sold tickets.

The money raised will be put towards developing the old playground area at the MRA, which will greatly benefit our community.

Thank you all once again for your support and generosity. Warm regards,

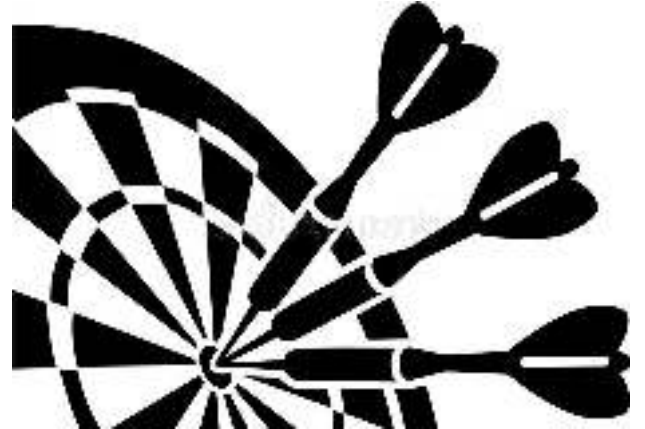
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Treasurer of the MRA

## Memorial Hall News

It was a great Christmas and new year at the Memorial Hall with lots of activities going on, many of which feature separately in the magazine. The village was out in force for parties, bands, community bars and of course the great New Year's Eve Family party and disco.

It would seem January would be quiet ... But there was one great fund raising event that took place on Saturday the 25th of January - a **Charity Darts Day Raising funds for Kidney Care UK** - and what a job they did. Dom Harrison a Mayfield man and keen darts player was doing the fundraising on behalf of Kidney Care UK.



The all-day event attracted 74 entries and with their supporters alongside them to cheer them on, then there were well over 120 people in the hall.

Each entrant paid £20 of which £10 went to the prize money pot and £10 straight to the charity. Alongside that there were other events and fund raising going on the day and when it was all over Dom had raised an amazing £1,750 for kidney care. Congratulations to all involved and to all who so generously donated.

### And now the big event for February .....

on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February Mayfield Memorial Hall presents **A Night with renowned footballer Kevin Wilson**. Kevin has played for Derby County, Chelsea, Ipswich and Notts County and at an international level played for Northern Ireland, as a striker appearing 42 times and scoring six goals. Kevin will be talking about his career both as leading football player and now manager. Tickets are £10 and are available from Graham Bushie Sowter on 07341 3335479 or from the bar at Mayfield Memorial Hall, doors open 7:00 PM from 8:00 PM start.

It will be a great night of all things football with the inside story on some great matches and clubs.

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*interviewed by Ed Dawes*  
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**February 28th**



# Mayfield Memorial Hall

## Forthcoming events

**Mayfield Arms Sunday Openings. 2pm -7pm**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> February**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY February 2025**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> -Line Dancing 7pm-9pm.**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> - Indoor Bowls 10.30am–12.30am**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> - Mayfield Friday Club 2pm - 4pm Everyone is welcome including non members.**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February Country Music Club with Live Music  
Doors open 7pm, Artist on 8.30pm.**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February A night with Footballer Kevin Wilson  
Tickets £10 from Graham on 07341 3335479 or from the bar at  
Mayfield Memorial Hall. Doors open 7:00pm for 8:00pm start.**

### **Mayfield Friday Club**

We look forward to the first meeting of 2025 on February 7th at 2:00 PM in the Memorial Hall.

Can I ask that committee members arrive at 1:00 PM so we can have a meeting beforehand. Please try and encourage more members to come along.

#### **February 7<sup>th</sup>**

The first meeting will be mainly paying our membership and having a catch up and I have sorted a quiz to entertain us and have a laugh or two.

#### **February 21<sup>st</sup>**

We welcome Keith with his guitar and songs to entertain us.

Looking forward to seeing you all again. Carol Akers

## Christmas in Mayfield - Our New Year's Eve Party



It is literally the very last party of the year and it's where Mayfield comes together to see out the old year and welcome in the new. And this year Mayfield's 2024 New Year's Eve family party attracted a record number of villagers including families of all ages who came together to see in the new year with a great disco and lots of dancing and even to start the evening party games for the many children in attendance.







With well over 160 people in attendance the Memorial Hall was packed. First off family and friends caught up on their Christmas news whilst Pass the Parcel kept the children amused and then it was up and dancing to a great disco culminating in the special New Year's Eve balloon drop at midnight as people came together to sing Auld Lang Syne.

Then the children went home to bed and the dancers literally danced into the early hours of 2025. What a way to welcome in the New Year.



## Mix Ups!

Can you work out what these should be? Some of them are more than one word

1. A D D G G H N O O R U Y
2. A A C D E L M N S
3. A D D G G H N O O R U Y
4. A A D E E I L N N S T V Y
5. A B C C E H L O O O T X
6. D E E O R R S S
7. A C E M N O R
8. A E H R S T
9. D N O O P R S S W
10. A A D I N R S Y Y

## Monthly Sillies!

- |  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| What did the cat say when he fell off the table? | Me-OW!!                             |
| What is a cat's favourite colour?                | Purrrr-ple!                         |
| What is a cat's favourite TV show?               | Claw and order!                     |
| What's a cat's favourite dessert?                | A mice cream cone!                  |
| What do you call a cat who loves to bowl?        | An alley cat!                       |
| Who was the most powerful cat in China?          | Chairman Miaow!                     |
| Why don't kittens play fetch?                    | They'd rather catch a nap!          |
| What kind of cats teach college classes?         | Purr-fessors!                       |
| Why was the cat so small?                        | Because it only ate condensed milk! |

Answers: 1. Groundhog Day 2. Candlemas 3. Groundhog Day 4. Valentines Day  
5. Chocolate Box 6. Red roses 7. Romance 8. Hearts 9. Snowdrops 10. Rainy Days



*Like our Churchwarden Charles, who earlier gave his view of the year just gone by, we feature another more personal take on the year 2024 from regular contributor Catherine Mellor.*

## **Another Year..**

As I blinked and another year passes, the time came once again sit down and fill in my 2025 calendar and diary. Having had 3 new babies born in 2024 into my extended family caused some fun as I had to spend ages searching for the exact dates of their birth to add to the calendar, all the while being annoyed with myself for not having written them on my calendar properly in the first place! As the birthdays, anniversaries, Messy Church sessions, Faith and Food group sessions, meeting dates, planned trips out and holidays fill up the months I am amazed at all the things I have planned for 2025 despite the year only having just started. This prompts me to think of all that has happened in 2024.

2024 has been as busy a year as any. January started out slowly and quietly as always but after my usual night out with my Mum to the Strictly Come Dancing Live Tour in February (yes, I have got tickets to see this years too) the year seemed to just fly by.

First it was Shrovetide (a 2-0 Upp'ard victory, annoyingly for a Down'ard like myself), then Mothering Sunday and before I knew what had happened it was Easter. In 2023 I started watching 1 episode of Doctor Who a day while eating my breakfast in the morning, starting with William Hartnell. I managed to raise some eyebrows over Easter commenting that it was quite fitting that the episodes had fallen so that Patrick Troughton's Doctor died and was then regenerated into Jon Pertwee on Easter Sunday morning!

Then came the appointment of new vicar, Chamil. Our search finally over. Having him and his family arrive and get involved with the church community seems to have filled it with an energy and positivity that had started to wane after 2 years of vacancy.

My holidays in North Wales came and went, then it was September. I always think that when you get to September the year seems to speed up as its Harvest, Halloween, Remembrance, Advent and then Christmas, all being supported by a new series of Strictly Come Dancing to enjoy. Then there we are, at the end of a year again. The birthdays, meetings, days out, holidays and other things all been and gone.

Looking again at all the things I have to look forward to in 2025, I think it will not be long before I am sitting filling in my 2026 calendar and diary and remembering all that happened in 2025. I'd better not blink as I might miss some of it!

Catherine Mellor

## **Just Breathe!!**

I'm sure that most people find December and the run up to Christmas to be a busy and challenging time but I can honestly say that December 2024 was one of the craziest times I've known at Pendlewych. And I'm sure you'll believe me when I say that living with Kim and Mal has meant that I've experienced a fair few crazy times!!

### **Just Breathe!!**

Of course, the preparation for Christmas itself brings many extra things to do especially when guests are arriving a few days before Christmas Day, more guests are arriving on Boxing Day and none of them are leaving until the Saturday. When I say guests, I'm very happy to say that Becky, Tom and Rosie were the human visitors but maybe not quite so happy to say that Bagel the Beagle and Ned the Sprocker also appeared! And didn't I just know it!!!

### **Just Breathe!!**

My toy box disappears – it has to be moved upstairs because those two beasts simply destroy within minutes my beloved and precious playthings collected over the years. My bed is no longer my bed – it is invaded by monsters!!! There is no peace whatsoever for a gentle little miniature poodle – they are everywhere – on the sofas, even on the table (Bagel!!!), their heads are in the cupboards and the fridge, their feet are on the work surfaces, they try to steal my food, my water bowl is always empty and I can only describe it as chaotic!!!

### **Just Breathe!!**

Before all of this, there are presents to buy, presents to wrap, cards to write, cards to post and deliver, food to shop for and decorations and trees to get down from the loft to transform Pendlewych into a Christmas wonderland. Can we put presents under the tree or will those savages attack them? Will our glass baubles be safe? Will Bagel wee up against the tree?

### **Just Breathe!!**

In addition to all the Christmas preparations, I had a couple of projects to undertake – surely, there can't be a lot more that needs doing at Pendlewych? The girls just seem to keep thinking of more and more improvements for me to manage!! In December, I had to work alongside LazyLawns to get rid of my very well worn, patchy, weed covered, muddy mess of a lawn and replace it with the most perfect lawn ever. Mud free year round, no bare patches and luscious green! Wonderful!

As well as this, I needed to help Andrew to replace the rotten wooden back door leading into the garage with a new uPvc version and to get rid of some panels with old and battered cat flaps in doors in the back porch and do some modifications to the locks and handles.

Both of these contractors are top notch but I do feel that it's my responsibility to keep an eye on them and there are always teas and coffees to make!!!

### **Just Breathe!!**



The Animal Service at St. Oswald's Church in Ashbourne is an annual event and my attendance is always required to support The Ark and Kim and Mal who always do readings. There are dozens of dogs dressed in their finest festive costumes joined by cats, guinea pigs, rabbits and many other representatives of the animal kingdom and, once again, this lovely carol service was a howling success!!



**Just Breathe!!**

Pets at Home at the Meteor Centre in Derby is a great supporter of Ashbourne Animal Welfare and I was enlisted one Saturday morning in December to go along to chat to the public about the work of The Ark and raise awareness of what is involved in running a rescue and rehoming centre. This meant an early start for a Saturday morning at Pendlewych but the bonus was a McDonald's cheeseburger and fries for lunch!

**Just Breathe!!**

You can imagine I'm sure that by the time Christmas Day actually arrived, I was quite exhausted and certainly when our guests all departed on Saturday 28 December, all I wanted to do was.....

**Just Breathe!!**

**BUT** after the chaos and madness of Bagel and Ned and their lovely parents, there were yet more jobs to be done. Bedding to wash, towels to wash, the house to clean and be put back to some sort of normality! After these extra dogs in the house for a few days, I decided to get the VAX machine out and clean all the carpets and wash all the cushion covers *and my bed!!* By Saturday night, I really began to feel that I could at last .....

**Just Breathe!!**

I enjoyed a lovely relaxing New Year's Eve playing cards, eating a delicious pie and supping champagne with Kim and Mal and some of our closest friends. A great way to start 2025! And so January arrived, things went back to normal – my toy box with new Christmas additions was reinstated in its usual place and my lovely clean bed was my own again! How I appreciate being able to .....

**Just Breathe!!**

Happy New Year Everyone!! Morse the Dog

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## Will you help plant snowdrops to brighten up the old playground?



I think everyone would agree that we need to make the old playground at the Mayfield Recreational Association a more attractive place than it is now. As a start the MRA want to plant 500 snowdrops under the oak tree. Marna, together with Trent and Dove Housing, are happy to donate the money to buy the snowdrops.

Marna will also plant them, but need more people to help. The planting day is to be decided but it will be on a weekend in February or March. If you are willing to help brighten up the old playground please email [office@marna.org.uk](mailto:office@marna.org.uk), or look out for an announcement of the planting date and just come along. Bring a trowel if you have one – no bulb-planting experience necessary!

Snowdrops are one of the first plants to flower, bringing a reminder of spring into winter. They need very little looking after and will spread year on year to make a beautiful carpet. They are originally a woodland plant so should do well under the oak tree. Although not native, they are thought to have been in this country since the 16<sup>th</sup> Century.

Tough little plants, snowdrops have antifreeze proteins which protect their cells from large ice crystals. They even have hardened tips to their leaves to help them emerge through frozen soil. They protect their pollen from cold, wet winter weather by closing their flowers at temperatures below 10 oC. At warmer temperatures, when early pollinators will be on the wing, they open up, offering much needed sustenance in the form of pollen and nectar. Jill Studholme

## Messy Church *Thinks About Mercy* – Saturday 25 January

As usual we met in the Church Rooms, but at our winter time of 11.30.am-1.30.pm, to avoid the dark hours. And a super session it was too, with 7 children & 16 adults – including newcomers

After a welcoming cuppa, we created a make-believe bubbling pool using a multicoloured parachute and equally colourful balls! The pool helped us imagine the story of the crippled man mentioned in John's gospel (chapter 5, verses 1-8) who was healed by Jesus: just one example of God's mercy (despite being shunned by the Jewish leaders).



Then we had an outdoor obstacle course, made 'Mercy posters' and cardboard men (with moving arms and legs), blew lots of bubbles, then watched an experiment demonstrating the hidden power of water.



Some of our younger members enjoyed building towers with Duplo (we cater for all ages and tastes!).



After singing 'Steadfast Love' and sharing a prayer, we sat down to a lovely lunch of jacket potatoes, cheese and baked beans, plus salad, followed



by bananas and tangerines, prepared and served by Penny and her helpers, June, Gill & Janet.



Our next Messy Church session is Saturday 22 February, **11.30. -1.30.pm**, in the Church Rooms, when we'll be thinking about 'Forgiveness'.

No charge, but any donations towards food & drink are appreciated.

Please join us for our easy-going, fun exploration of Christian teaching and celebration. Great for all ages. It's church but not as you know it!

You'll be very, very welcome. We guarantee you'll go home happy!

Arnie Rainbow

P.S. more pictures of a great day on the following pages







*Making the Bubbling pool with all hands to help and below the obstacle course helping the crippled man into the pool (sort of!)*







*The little ones all get acquainted and make new friends with toys and games whilst at the meal Janet's not sure she wants more beans!!*





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## **My Month - An Old Fashioned Christmas.**

It is so easy as the new year hurries along into 2025 for us to quickly forget what took place such a short time ago, (although the calendar tells us it is already a year ago), and that was Christmas 2024.

The last time you held this magazine in your hand Christmas was still a month away and I'm sure, depending who is reading this, you had everything planned, presents, food, visitors etc, etc, as to exactly what you were doing over the Christmas season - that's if you're a woman..... **Or** a faint realisation that Christmas was on the far horizon and you really ought to think about looking out the decorations from the garage which you will need to put up at some point, and you don't need to worry about presents, because let's face it Christmas is almost a month away and the shops will be open on Christmas Eve won't they, so I'll just watch the telly and go back to reading the paper..... if you're a man.

And then of course Christmas happened and would have been both the same as previous years and of course different from previous years, depending upon your family, your circumstances and where you were.

For us it was an unusual Christmas in that for the first time in some years our entire family we're coming to spend Christmas with us, all together and arriving before Christmas Eve and staying on after Boxing Day. Mary and I would not be travelling across the country to be with one of our daughters and would have both our children plus their partners in our house for all of the key Christmas activities - it could have been a Christmas from our past, where you focused on family, friends and neighbours, took part in village activities, played silly games at home and avoided travelling on crowded motorways wherever and whenever you could.

And that's exactly what happened this Christmas in Mayfield and thank goodness it did feel as if we were somehow in a magical past, rather than the current uncertain present.

Christmas officially started for us as a family on the Friday before the Big day, the 21<sup>st</sup> of December to be precise, when my eldest daughter and husband arrived from London. Alex came in set up his laptop and got on with work, which fortunately he can do occasionally from home or wherever there is a good Wi-Fi link. Meanwhile our daughter Philippa had a much more important job to do... decorating the Christmas tree and helping her mother put up all the decorations. She had been quite firm in telling us that we could get the tree ready, put the lights on but everything else was up to her and this took us back almost 30 years when as a 10 year old she and her sister would put all the decorations and baubles on the tree to get into the Christmas spirit.

I have to say she managed the task (and her mother) very well and by the time the day had ended and Alex had clocked off for the night, the living room and downstairs rooms were transformed.

Saturday turned into a last-minute shopping day in Ashbourne but in reality, a day for us to enjoy coffee and lunch in one of the many coffee bars the town now has. We chose to eat at 'Bear', which frankly reminded me of a cafe in fashionable North London, complete with north London prices!! Still, it was Christmas.

Sunday saw a very special treat for my daughter in that she could attend our traditional Carol service in the church. Husband Alex had a complete rundown of how good this would be all weekend, and they were not disappointed. Philippa remembered the service from her younger days when the church was dark and candlelit, and hymns were projected onto a screen so we could all sing along in an atmosphere that could have been (minus the screen and projector) anytime in the church's long history.

By sheer coincidence, this was the very year the church reverted back to that more traditional service, with a beautiful church decorated with flowers and displays and gentle candlelight and a large congregation enjoying the 9 readings and singing along to the hymns, Geoff Allen's family providing all the equipment. A great time was had by all, including my daughter who said the keywords as we left 'Oh this feels like a real old fashioned Christmas!' Little did she know.

Daughter number two, Rachel arrived on the Monday with partner Maddy who again like Alex set up her laptop and immediately went into meetings and in fact she worked right up to Christmas Eve. This allowed Rachel to add her skills to decorating the house, visit Ashbourne and visit friends in the area.

By mid afternoon on Christmas Eve computers and offices were put away and we undertook our first Christmas event - visiting friends for drinks and snacks. Families and friends caught up, with many coming back to Mayfield from all over the country, so it was a fond reunion with gossip, drinks and snacks in equal measure. However, for our lot it was limited snacks as we already had a meal prepared for Christmas Eve and that evening again felt we had stepped back in time as six of us sat round the dining table, while the girls told their partners exactly what we used to do when they were children.

Theme of friends and family continued on Christmas Day when neighbours were invited in for drinks on Christmas morning and again, there was talk, drinks and canapes in equal measure, before we all shooed friends and neighbours out of the door so they could have their Christmas lunch and we could have ours.

As is the nature of things, Christmas lunch went on into the afternoon and finished well after The King's Speech on television, something Mary insists on watching. However, with modern technology that was easy to watch on catch up and the family all sat round and said nice things about our monarch and then when Charles disappeared on the television it was opening presents time. Santa still comes to our house and everyone has their Christmas stocking with Mary helping Santa out for our children and the children helping Santa out for Mary and me!



And then when Santa's presents had been opened, we move on to our gift giving system we now have as adults, which is a Secret Santa system that means everyone gets a special present or presents chosen by someone else in the family and they then have to guess at the end who bought it for them.

It works well because everyone wants to see what's in the present and try and guess who bought it and also secretly worry whether someone else has bought someone a better gift than you have carefully chosen! The gifts reflected the love and care that people have put into choosing them and also the knowledge of the person they were buying for, so they were both seasonal, practical and very much enjoyed by the grateful recipient,

We also choose an overall winner of Secret Santa and this year it was Mary who received an air fryer, something she thought about but never bought herself and was delighted to have.... And in fact the gift was used that very Christmas to help cook the various meals, particularly as one of our ovens decided to stop working over the Christmas period! That air fryer was greatly appreciated by everybody!!

Present opening was then followed by another Christmas tradition of silly party games that everyone took part in with variations of charades and guessing who you are from a post it note that's been put on your head by asking other people questions about the character you meant to be and various other such communal games that became more enjoyable the more wine you drank!!

These very simple but very successful games were repeated on Boxing Day when more family and friends were invited in and finally on New Year's Eve when Mary and I invited neighbours in to celebrate the coming of 2025 with us.

Having a house load of people at Christmas may seem on the surface to be stressful, and indeed by the end of the season Mary and I were rather shattered, but the tradition of inviting into your family your neighbours and your friends really works and was a large part of the reason why our Christmas was both traditional and a genuinely enjoyable time.

However, I have missed out one particular item that for our family made it an old-fashioned Christmas beyond doubt.

That Item took place on the evening of Christmas Day and was surprisingly something my children and their partners we're really looking forward to as was Mary and I, a complete generation older and that is unusual..... and it was **Not** having a game of Monopoly around the dining room table, (a Dunn Tradition) or those charades in the living room around the Christmas tree, or just opening that last bottle of champagne, (or more likely at this time of Christmas, Prosecco).

No it was none of these..... it was sitting around the TV all watching the same Christmas Evening special programme. I would have to go back to the 1970s and

the Morecambe and Wise Christmas Special to recount a similar time when a family of all ages eagerly awaited just one programme on the telly.

Inevitably there are programmes that some of us wanted to watch but rarely one that takes in every member of the family, whatever age. This year it could have been Wallace and Gromit, or Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special or Doctor Who, or even The King's Speech. This latter one is one the family all watch but that is down to duty rather than enjoyment. As for the others, there was always one or two members doing something else whilst a few of us watched a particular programme.

No, the one we all wanted to watch, the one that brought us all together in eager anticipation, the one that we were all happily talking about throughout the day was of course Gavin and Stacy: The Finale.

Before Christmas happened, I was uncertain my children or partners would actually want to watch it, but that was dispelled when it became clear on the days they arrived that this was the highlight they were looking forward to, alongside the traditional Turkey roast with all the trimmings.

I thought maybe this was a peculiarity of our family, but then found in discussions with friends and neighbours that again all over Mayfield and beyond it was something they we were all really looking forward to.

And in the end it was a joy shared by almost 20 million people across the UK and indeed was the largest single watched show since current records began in 2002. It took me back to old family Christmas's when my brother and I actually agreed with our parents and that we all wanted to see the Morecombe and Wise Christmas Special, with mother sipping her Warninks Advocaat, my father his Johnny Walker Whiskey and us boys a Coca Cola.

Why Gavin and Stacy? It was a funny, heartwarming and beautifully written story that emphasised happiness that could be found in families and friends and re-introduced us to a group of people who had become over the years people we knew and had come to love despite all their foibles that at times made you both laugh and groan and like them even more - a good definition of a friend, like those friends you all saw at your own Christmas.

And so on Christmas night, we watched people we had come to know as friends, Ness and Smithy, finally tie the knot, as well as many other family events that had us laughing and occasionally crying and we loved it all. And that's a good definition of what traditional family Christmas should be.

Until Next time Stephen Dunn



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Any anniversary is special, but some anniversaries are very special indeed and the year 2025 is one such very special anniversary for St John the Baptist Mayfield's own church, for this year in 2025 it celebrates 900 years as a church building within Mayfield.

Historical record shows that our very first stone church was built here in Mayfield in 1125 and elements of that church still survive and are part of our current church today. There was an even older Saxon church in Mayfield, but that wooden church was taken down and replaced by a fine stone church first built in 1125. And you can still see that original church within our church if you look at our South wall and the beautiful small window inside, where the original altar was.

For this very special centenary year the church will be organising events including special services, open days, tours of the church and much more. Full details will appear in future magazines and on the church website and we will cover the entire history of our church from its humble beginnings in 1125 to a magnificent mediaeval church and then its beautiful 16th century tower and of course its West doorway where Bonnie Prince Charlie's troops failed to shoot their way in in December 1745 as they retreated north from Derby.

Our church has a magnificent and interesting history and this year you will be able to help celebrate this important anniversary both at the church and through events in our village. Watch this space. S.D.

## Carols Recipes for February

### Spiced Butternut Squash Soup.

I have a love hate relationship with Butternut Squash, love to eat it but hate to cut it up. I had bought one and I kept looking at it until I thought right get a grip and tackle it. I eventually won but had to sit and have a coffee knowing I had won. I have been told you can buy it ready chopped.

#### Ingredients

1 butternut squash  
2 tsp. ground coriander  
1 tsp. ground cumin  
3 tbsp olive oil, plus 2 tbsp frying  
¼ tsp flaked chillies  
Salt and black pepper  
25g butter  
1 large onion, peeled and chopped  
2 carrots peeled and chopped  
1 celery stick, trimmed and chopped  
2 chopped garlic cloves  
2 ½ litres veg or chicken stock  
Chopped parsley for garnish.

#### Method

1 Deseed, peel and cut the squash into chunks and put in roasting tin. Put the coriander and cumin into a bowl with the oil and pour over the squash. Scatter chillies flakes. Season with salt and pepper Roast unto soft about 35mins. Meanwhile, melt butter with oil and add onion, carrots, celery and garlic until onion softens.  
2 Pour on 1 litre of stock, bring to the boil then simmer, covered for 20-25mins until veg are soft, add the squash. Puree till the soup is smooth, add remaining stock to required consistency.

**Tip.** I found putting the squash into plastic bag with the oil; coriander, cumin, chilli flakes and shaking them about it distributed the spices worked for me.



## **Spiced Carrot Soda Bread**

### **Ingredients**

600g plain flour  
½ tsp mixed spice  
2 tsp bicarbonate of soda  
1 tsp salt  
500ml buttermilk (or 500ml of milk and tbsp of lemon juice mix tog  
and leave till it thickens )  
200g grated carrots

### **Method**

- 1 Preheat the oven to 180fan/200c/gas6
- 2 Mix flour, mixed spice, salt and bicarb in a bowl
- 3 Slowly tip the buttermilk into the flour and mix until it forms a soft dough. Add the carrots and ix. Tip onto floured surface and knead briefly
- 4 shape the dough into a round loaf. Place on baking tray and slash and X in the top with a knife. Bake for 40-45 mins until golden brown.

## **Mayfield Book Club**

We have two books to mention this month, the November title was by Stephen Booth called "Drowned Lives".

The story is set in the Litchfield area, when a council officer Chris Buckley, is approached by old and odd gentleman to help him deal with an old family rift. He sends him away. The old man is then murdered and the police end up on Chris's doorstep asking him questions, which he cannot answer. He then looks into the circumstances of his murder we were of mixed views but had enjoyed the book,

The December title was "The Overstory" by Richard Powers. The outline of the book is about nine Americans whose unique life experiences with trees bring them together to address the destruction of forests. Unfortunately we had put our meeting back a week to avoid New Years Day, in doing so the freezing weather, illness and family affairs meant I did not hear what the members thought, sorry about that.

Carol Akers



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## About the MRA

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## **REFLECTIONS.**

Looking back on the end of last year, while I enjoy the Christmas and New Year period I am always a bit apprehensive when the Christmas Card's start arriving to see if we will get a card that, for all its festive cheer, its words and the images on the front, there is a "name" missing from the signatures within it.

One can say, at the time of writing this, so far no names have been "missing", so that was a blessing.

I did have one card with a letter enclosed, from a couple living near Brighton, who were friends we met at the Leicester rugby ground, which bore sad news of family tragedy.

Closer to home, we learned of the passing of a very close friend we have, who's wife, Sue, passed away. We will miss her, as I said to her husband at the funeral, "She was so well loved"! and she still will be by our family, and never be forgotten.

On another level, I was worried when nothing came, either via the post, or electronically, from relations we have from Ann's side of the family in Canada. We usually hear from them often, and were concerned when nothing arrived, but at the last minute an e mail arrived full of news from Calgary and Alberta.

One bit of news was from the other side of the Atlantic, that there was a postal dispute, and if you posted from Christmas, it will arrive, possibly ten months early in February 2025!

While we have joy and happiness, and a Happy New Year, which I wish for you all to carry on into and beyond 2025, I for one will remember those "missing names" and carry them on in my thoughts and prayers, sad as I am they are no longer with us in person, in my heart mind and thoughts they exist forever, and, will never be forgotten.

God Bless you all.

**Tom Parkinson.**

## **MAYFIELD CHURCH (St. John the Baptist)**

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Church Family Worship  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Morning Prayer  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Morning Prayer  
(5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: See magazine for details)

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