

Church News

Review:

The **community breakfast** went extremely well this month. Concerns that the temporary change of venue (to the Stoke Hammond Sports Club) would reduce numbers were entirely unfounded. In fact it was yet again one of the best attended. Thank you to our regulars for bearing with our restricted service and thank you to those involved in the preparation and catering, who coped in the more cramped conditions of the sports club. It just goes to show that “where there’s a will, there’s a way”!



Christmas Fair: In last month’s report I hoped the Christmas fair had gone well. In fact, we had one of our highest attendances for a fair in many years.

What was particularly pleasing to see was that many people were from the new housing in the village – we were so pleased to see you! Perhaps it was all a bit new and different - maybe you’re not familiar with this kind of Community event – if so, thank you for taking a chance and coming down to have a look. We hope you enjoyed it and will come again! If you won a raffle prize, you should have had your prize delivered. Guess the weight of the cake was won by Wynne Bigrave (Again! – she must have a secret skill we don’t know about!)



Christingle service: The Christingle service was an interesting affair, with children being invited to the front to help the assembly of a giant christingle! Many thanks to those who joined us for this exciting service.



Carol service: Sadly the carol service took place on the day of the heavy snowfall. This meant that our numbers were significantly dented, but fortunately the Benefice choir turned out in force to do us proud and gave us a thoroughly enjoyable service.



Carol singing: This event was organised at short notice in response to a direct request (so many apologies for the poor advertising). We are always open to requests, so please do ask if there’s a service or event you’d like us to organise. Thank you to those who came along and enjoyed singing especially the



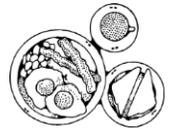
Brook Farm Close group! As you can see, in spite of a cold damp evening, there were plenty of us there to “raise the rafters” and the mulled wine and mince pies were particularly appreciated.

Christmas hamper raffle: The Christmas hamper raffle was drawn at the end of the Carol singing and at the time of going to press we have not been able to contact the winner. The winning ticket is number 44, which we believe was sold at the Christmas fair. There is a

phone number on the reverse, but it hasn’t been answered yet!

Forthcoming Events:

Community breakfast: We will be serving our Community Breakfast on **Saturday 13th January** between 8.30am and 10.30am. This time it will be back in the Community centre! The usual breakfast will be on offer in exchange for your company and whatever you feel your breakfast is worth OR what you can afford (we all know what January’s like with the bank balance – have one on us if that’s you this month!). Do come and join us!



January is a quiet month for us while we recover from Christmas. We hope you enjoy a peaceful time and wish everyone a Happy , healthy and successful new year.

Church Benefice Website: www.brickhillchurches.org.uk. If you want to come to a service, all church service times are listed on the website, along with contact details for the Rector.

If you would like to come to church but have mobility problems please ring John (see below) regarding transport. If you would like to volunteer to help, have a prayer request or enquiry, please ring **Harry: Churchwarden, on 07773065271, Diane: Assistant Churchwarden (unofficial), on 270409 or John: Treasurer, on 270202.**