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and in the churchyard**

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church funds**



February 2026

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Badby ☿ Newnham ☿ Charwelton ☿ Fawsley ☿ Preston Capes



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Services for February 2026

| | 1 February | 8 February | 15 February | 22 February | 1 March |
|---------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | I Epiphany 4 (Candlemas) | II 2 before. Lent | III Next before Lent | IV LENT 1 | I Lent 2 |
| Badby | 11:00 Holy Communion CW [MB] | 11:00 Morning Worship [Lay SR] | 10:00 United Benefice Service of Holy Communion CW at Preston Capes [+EC] | 11:00 Morning Worship [Lay SR] | 11:00 Holy Communion CW [GS] |
| Newnham | | | | 10:00 Holy Communion CW [MB] | |
| Charwelton | 09:15 Holy Communion BCP (Church) [MB] | | | 17:00 Evensong BCP (Chapel) [Lay GW] | 09:15 Holy Communion BCP (Church) [GS] |
| Fawsley | | 11:00 Holy Communion BCP [CP] | | | |
| Preston Capes | | 09:15 Holy Communion CW [CP] | | 10:00 Morning Prayer BCP [Lay GH] | |
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OTHER SERVICES

Tuesday 17 February 6.30 pm Badby ESOW

Wednesday 18 February 7.30pm Charwelton Chapel Ash Wednesday service

SUNDAY READINGS

Principal Service CW

- for other services see Lectionary

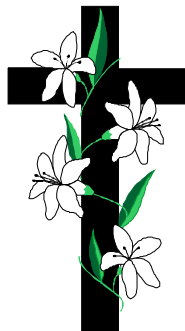
| Date | Feast | OT Reading | NT Reading | Gospel |
|--------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Feb | Epiph. 4 (Candlemas) | 1 Kings 17, 8-16 | 1 Cor. 1, 18-end | John 2, 1-11 |
| 8 Feb | 2 bef. Lent | Gen. 1,1 - 2,3 | Rom. 8, 18-25 | Matt. 6, 25-end |
| 15 Feb | Next bef. Lent | Exod. 24, 12-end | 2 Pet. 1, 16-end | Matt. 17, 1-9 |
| 22 Feb | Lent 1 | Gen. 2, 15-17 & 3, 1-7 | Rom. 5, 12-19 | Matt 4, 1-11 |
| 1 Mar | Lent 2 | Gen. 12, 1-4a | Rom 4, 1-5 & 13-17 | John 3, 1-17 |

FROM THE REGISTERS

IN MEMORIAM

at. Newnham
on 23rd. December
Interment of Ashes of
Simon Martin Dolan
[by Rev. Sue Faulkner]

at Fawsley
on 22nd. January
Robin Frederick Baker
[by Rev. Stephen Burrow]



*Grant them peace,
and let light perpetual shine upon them*

EDITORIAL

Robin Baker RIP

I am sure that it was with enormous regret to all of us that we learned of the death of Robin Baker on 1st. January.

Robin was a quiet and modest man, but one who did a huge amount of work for Fawsley, for the Knightley Benefice, and for the diocese. Not only was he Treasurer of Fawsley PC but also sat on the diocesan Board of Finance. He was a loyal member of our Evening Service of the Word group and many times gave us a thoughtful and perceptive insight into a topical saint during our regular discussion. He was a never failing source of advice, guidance and encouragement to anyone who approached him for assistance, and not only about church matters. Several years ago I happened to mention to Robin that I was having some difficulty with HMRC in setting up a couple of bare trusts for two of our grandchildren. He immediately offered to help, and came and spent a whole afternoon with me going through the process and pointing out where I had gone wrong. I shall always be grateful to him for that.

Some 5 years ago he offered to produce Sudoku puzzles to entertain the readers of the Link, and he did that every month without fail. He has done 131 of those, and indeed he sent me the last two from his hospital bed before Christmas.

I know that you will all join me in sending our deepest sympathy and condolences to Vivienne.

Pam Giles RIP

It would be remiss of me if I did not also mention another recent death from Fawsley, namely that of Pam Giles. Pam was one of the first people I met when we came to

Daventry nearly 55 years ago. Her husband John was at that time the owner of the garage and filling station in London Road near the surgery, and since the practice had an account with them we became very good customers. After all, GPs did a lot of home visiting in those days and we got through a good deal of petrol! And in more recent years we have greatly enjoyed the absolutely delicious cheese scones she produced for refreshments after church at Fawsley. In fact I have often told people that they were the main reason I went to church!

Our hedgehogs continue to make frequent visits, most nights it seems. I think the relatively mild weather this winter must be encouraging them to venture out, even in the frost we had on Christmas morning.

Replacing them during the day we seem to have been invaded by collared doves; we had 10 on the lawn the other day, busy pecking away at the bird seed (and maybe at some stray hedgehog food).

I am watching the blue tits outside my study window as I write; the bird boxes are already up and the cameras will be going in shortly. There are also a couple of very active kites circling in the sky above looking presumably for some carrion to feed on. I hope they are all going to breed again this year.

For a couple of years we have had a blackbird who seemed to have suffered some sort of injury (an attack by another bird?) as a result of which he lost the feathers on top of his head. We call him "Baldie", and he is back yet again this year.

And finally, did you have a Dry January? I did. I stuck strictly to dry gin, dry cider, and dry white wine.

David

PASTORAL LETTER

A springtime for the soul

February can be a tough month. Christmas is long gone and meanwhile the winter drags on; the weather's miserable and the news relentlessly depressing. There's not much to celebrate it seems. But there are some signs of things changing. In the woods, a scattering of brilliant yellow aconites hint at the sunshine that is to come and a bank of snowdrops defies the last frosts of the year. Nature is on the move.

And so too is God. As we enter the season of Lent, we tentatively begin our preparations for Easter. Ash Wednesday's ceremonies may seem sober; reflecting on our mortality and need for forgiveness ("remember you are dust and to dust you shall return; turn away from sin"), but also pointing us to the One in whom all our hopes are founded ("be faithful to Christ").

Traditionally a season of fasting, perhaps it might be better to think of Lent rather as a time to make space for God. Fast by all means but maybe it's head space we really



need, so why not, for example, turn our smart phones off for a few hours so we can think and feel and 'be' ourselves in the presence of God rather than at the beck and call of others?

Perhaps that way we might truly make Lent, what Brother Roger of Taizé called it: "a springtime for the soul" and arrive at Easter with a renewed clarity about God's love and care for us all.

Have a spacious Lent

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Dalliston'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line underlining the last name.

*The Very Revd Chris Dalliston
Dean of Peterborough*

BENEFICE PAGE

EVENING SERVICE OF THE WORD

This short lay-led service is held once a month on the Tuesday evening following the third Sunday at St Mary's Badby from 6.30pm to 7pm. The next meets will be on 17 February, and 17 March. There is always a brief talk about someone inspirational. All welcome!

ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be a service to mark Ash Wednesday on Wednesday 18 February in Charwelton Chapel at 7.30pm.

BADBY AND DISTRICT FILM SOCIETY

Friday 30th January 2026: Lee (2023)

Biopic of American photographer Lee Miller, a fashion model who became an acclaimed war correspondent for Vogue magazine during WW II. She travels to the front lines to embark on a mission to uncover the hidden truths of the Third Reich. Kate Winslet stars in the title role, supported by Marion Cotillard, Andrea Riseborough & Alexander Skarsgård. Nominated for a BAFTA for Outstanding British Film. [116 mins, 15 certificate]

Saturday 14th February: Mozart's Così Fan Tutte (1988)

Our Supper at the Opera series brings Jean-Pierre Ponnelle's brilliant film of one of Mozart's best-loved comic operas. It stars Edita Gruberova and Teresa Stratas, conducted by Nikolaus Harnoncourt, and was filmed on location in Vienna. It's in Italian, with English subtitles. We last

screened this delightful film version 12 years ago, so we thought it timely to celebrate Valentine's Day 2026 by showing it again. [209 mins, Exempt certificate]

Friday 27th February: War of the Buttons (1994)

Comedy/drama about two rival boys' gangs in Ireland – one working class, the other middle class – engaging in mischievous battles using humiliating tactics like cutting off buttons and removing underwear. Set and filmed in County Cork, it's based on the popular 1912 French novel, La Guerre des Boutons. It examines issues of conflict and violence: how war can divide people who could be friends as easily as enemies. Written by Colin Welland and produced by David Puttnam. "Warm, lovely little film." [91 mins, 12 certificate]

BADBY & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Please join us in Badby Village Hall on Friday 13 February, 7 – 10pm for Valentine's Wine Tasting in aid of the society. Tickets are now on sale £20 per person. This price includes an aperitif, lots of different wines to taste, a cheese board and other delicious nibbles! In addition to the wine tasting there will be a prize raffle.

To reserve a ticket please email sophiefitzhugh@yahoo.o.uk who will provide details of how to reserve your places and the payment process.

LENT COURSE 2026

The good news is that Rev Greg Shaw is happy to lead or organise three evening talks and discussions following Ash Wednesday. There will be Ministry team support and suggested themes include "How to Pray" on 25th February, "The Rosary", "What the Psalms say", and "Ignatian spirituality". Thank you Greg for the interest this will generate.

Please see the March Link for the other final subjects. It is very appropriate to give our faith some extra time in Lent and we hope the three evenings will be a powerful way to do that, by exploring, giving time where we usually cannot, and being more understanding and obedient to God's word.

Please reserve the dates in your diaries now; they are the Wednesday evenings 25th February and March 11th and 25th. All are at 1930 pm and in Charwelton Chapel, which can be comfortably warm. *Ministry Team.*



PARISH NOTICES

BADBY

Correspondent - Geoff Pullin (gcsspullin@yahoo.com)
website: www.badby-pc.gov.uk

| | Reader | Sidesman | Coffee |
|--------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 8 Feb | F. Williams N. Shaw | J. Peel P. Wakeford | J. Hall |
| 22 Feb | P. Wakeford C. Wakeford | J. Jordan F. Williams | A. Syred |
| 1 Mar | J. Jordan G. Nelson | F. Williams J. Hall | G. Morley |

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR FEBRUARY

w/b 2: Gillie Morley, Ann Skinner, Helen Morris

w/b 9: Jan Cooper, Moira Cooper

w/b 16: Jo Hind, Judy Jordan, Gill Nelson

w/b 23: Ann Cotton, Monique Shortt, Ann Syred

CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS

Jackie Peel is seeking a few more arrangers to fill all the slots in the schedule. If you would like to help please contact her at jackiepeel22@gmail.com - any ability, no experience needed.

BADBY BELLS

Still hoping for February!

SOUP LUNCHES

Lent will soon be starting so Badby will be holding a series of soup lunches in different people's homes. If you would like to be one of the hosts, please let Judy Jordan

(07752 384969) know and she will add your name to the list. You can choose which date suits you best and people will contact you direct to see if you have places left. We suggest your guests pay £10 each this year, which will be a donation to St. Mary's.

COFFEE MORNING

St. Mary's will be holding its regular coffee morning on Tuesday 17 February, in the church, from 10.30am till noon. All are welcome to join in with the chat, the coffee and the cake, and to see the church draw being made. We look forward to seeing you there.

CHURCH DRAW

The winners in the January Church draw were: 1st: Rachel Brodie, 2nd: Gill Nelson, 3rd: Philip Turvil. To join in, please contact Frances Williams.

ST MARY'S QUIZ & SUPPER

It is time to get your quiz teams set up for St. Mary's quiz evening in the village hall



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on Saturday 28 February. Doors open at 6pm and the quiz will start at 6.30pm. We will serve fish and chips at the interval and you are encouraged to bring your own drinks. Price £20 a head. Please book places for your team, or for you as an individual to join another team, with Jo Hind (07763 896754) or with Judy Jordan (07752 384969).

BADBYSINGS

Come and sing for fun and make friends on Tuesdays 7.30 - 9pm in the village hall.

VILLAGE HALL OUTSIDE SPACE

Work starts on 26 January to re-lay the outside courtyard at the village hall, to give a flat, safe, ramp-free space suitable for tables and chairs, and that can be used to provide an outdoor place for events, parties, etc; a long planter is included to brighten the area. The fencing between The Green and the hall will be replaced and new lights installed along the footpath, giving better and safer access. All efforts are being made to maintain activities in the hall while the work goes on, which will take about 10 days. We apologise for any inconvenience and noise during that period.

T 4 U

Do join us for cake, tea and chat for the first time this year in the village hall on Friday, 6 February from 2.30-4.30pm.

FLORAL BEE

This year our jolly little flower arranging group will be meeting on the first

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Wednesday of the month.
Each month we tackle a different floral design which is suitable for both beginners and the more experienced, so everyone can have fun with flowers. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 4 February, in the village hall, 7-9pm. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Liz Hudson on 07922 787418.

RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

There will be no meeting on our normal

date of Tuesday 10 February because members are having a lunch at Green Acres the following day. Contact Pat Eaton on 01327 705326.

BADBY & FAWSLEY WI

On Thursday 12 February we will be learning about our Cognitive Health – how we can improve our brain health and memory, with Lindsey Byrne. This is a topic that many of us will be glad to get help with as we’re getting older! New members very welcome. To arrange a free visit or for further information about this thriving and friendly WI, please contact Jan Cooper on jancooper2012@me.com or Jackie Peel on jackiepeel22@gmail.com

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Correspondent - Ellen Henning
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No 61 Mrs J Fenner £50
No 153 Coral Eyles £25
No 17 Zara Heathcote £25

NEWNHAM CLEANING ROTA FOR FEBRUARY

1ST. February Mr. and Mrs. Wood
8th. February Mrs. Cooke and Mrs. Wood
15th. February Ms. J Minor and Mrs. J
Ferguson
22nd. February Mr. and Mrs. Rees

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Thank you to all who came to the Christingle service, it often seems that this is the beginning of the Christmas celebrations. The collection at the service amounted to £60, which has been sent to the Children's Society, to help with their work with disadvantaged children.

SNOWDROP SUNDAY

This year Snowdrop Sunday will be on the 8th. February. Mr. and Mrs. Banks have once again kindly agreed to open their garden at The Nuttery, in addition to this there are many snowdrops around the village, they create a bright, beautiful sight in a month that can often be very dull. As usual tea and cakes will be served in the Village Hall, between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

FOOD BANK

A huge thank you to all those who continue to generously donate items for the Daventry Food Bank. After the Christmas/ New Year period stocks are now very low. If you can spare a couple of items please place them in the boxes in the Church Porch and they will be delivered to the Bank. (please ensure items are "in date"). Thank you.

NEWNHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

Monday 16th February at 7pm in Newnham Village Hall
Newnham History Society are pleased to present a talk on "Weedon Bec Royal Ordnance Depot - and inland port" by Doreen Addicott. This promises to be a fascinating talk on a site of great historic importance right on our doorstep. Entry from 6.30pm £3 members and £6 non members. For further information contact Judithdorkins@btinternet.com

NEWNHAM WI

Thursday 19th February 7.30pm in Newnham Village Hall
Newnham WI talk from "Canons Ashby - Tales from the Archives". Ladies - come and hear stories of the history of this wonderful ancestral home. Guests £6



CHARWELTON

Correspondent - David Pound
(davidpound1939@talktalk.net)

| | Reader/Sidesman | Flowers |
|--------|------------------|------------|
| 1 Feb | Fiona Spencer | June Pound |
| 22 Feb | Norman Blenkhorn | None |
| 1 Mar | Elizabeth Bird | None |

| Chapel cleaning | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| February | Graham White |
| March | Meryl Nicholls |

ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be a service to mark Ash Wednesday at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th. February at 7.30pm in the Chapel.

WARM SPACES

Warm Spaces coffee mornings return to the Village Hall on Monday 2nd. February and Monday 9th. February. Please come along if you can. All welcome.

VILLAGE HALL AGM

Charwelton Village Hall AGM is to be held in The Village Hall on Monday 9th. February at 7.30 pm. Please do come along if you are able to.

QUIZ NIGHT

Ever Popular Fish and Chip Supper and Jen's extraordinary Quiz Night on Friday 13th. March.

Further details on timings etc will be on a Flyer later.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

A Family Fun Time with the Easter trail in

the morning of Saturday 04/04/26
In the Afternoon from 3.00pm kids games and treats and adults can partake in tea/coffee and delicious cakes whilst they watch all the fun unfold.
Again further details will be in a flyer closer to the time.

CHRISTMAS PANTO

You may think I'm crazy but after the success of last years panto we have managed to book the Laugh Out Loud Theatre Company for their Production of The Sleeping Beauty on 29/12/26
Once the details are out I suggest that you book early to avoid disappointment.
IL



Sinbad the Sailor - 2025

100 CLUB

The December winner of the 100 club was No 32 Penny Cory.



FAWSLEY

Correspondent - Vacant

ANNUAL LITTER PICK

The Fawsley Litter Pick will be on Saturday 14th March at 11am.

CHURCH OPENING

The wet weather has made Church Field very wet and muddy. Until the weather improves the church will not be open for visitors during the week. We have had a lot of mud to clean up in the church recently and this has not helped the condition of the floor!



PRESTON CAPES

Correspondent - Claire Hoare
caghoare@gmail.com

| | Reader | Sidesman | Cleaning |
|--------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 8 Feb | Gerard Hoare | Mireya Weaver | Anabel Lewis-Bowen |
| 15 Feb | John Wilshire | Heather Wilson | |
| 22 Feb | James Delingpole | V. Brassey | |

Flowers - Anabel Lewis-Bowen

CHURCH ROOF APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you for the response to last month's progress report.

Support from the village has almost doubled since then and stands at £3040 as this goes to press. We are so grateful, for many donations received come from households that already support the church generously in promises, collections, work and tasks generally.

Still no news on VAT recovery. That looks unlikely and adds £10k to our costs which is so unfair for a fine building that is Listed, but it is our responsibility in law to maintain it. We have a few grant requests outstanding and are hopeful that work will get underway.

We have transient bats and are set to do the works in April when it is permitted by Natural England. To this end we must close this Appeal on February 10th so the Works contract can be signed and is affordable.

There is still time to contribute!, and so easy to do per BASCS 30-96-09 a/c 00230188 ref NAME/ROOF. Please be generous. And thank you all.
Churchwardens & PCC.

POPPY COLLECTION 2025

Thanks to Rosie, Moira, Oliver and Richard, the total came to £343.92 - a very good result.

DOG FOULING

Dog fouling in the churchyard. This still remains a problem. Please clean up behind your dogs. There are two bins for the purpose in the High Street.

FLOWER ROTA

This has now been distributed. Always looking for new recruits to join the team.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

This month's meeting takes place on Tuesday, 24th February, at 7.30pm in the village hall. Our speaker will be Graham McKechnie and he will be telling us about

the history of Northampton Saints Rugby Club.

Guests (male or female!) are welcome to join us for a fee of £6.00 (which includes refreshments). Please email our secretary, Anabel Lewis-Bowen, at alewisbowen@btinternet.com if you would like to come along.

VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

This month’s coffee morning will be on Friday, 27th February, from 10.30am to noon. Come along and enjoy your morning coffee/tea (plus biscuits and cake) with friends and neighbours – all welcome!



ANNUAL WEATHER REPORT

Edgar Mobbs reports that the Newnham rainfall has been as follows in mms. over the last year:

Jan 75. Feb 52.75. Mar 57.5. Apr 24.5.
May 23. Jun 30.5. Jul 53. Aug 30.75.
Sep 61.75. Oct 55. Nov 148.25. Dec 93.5.
This totals 705.5 mms.
This compares with 2024 with 1060 mms -
2025 is thus down a massive 33%.

However, just remember that September 2024 was the wettest month for a third of a century with 213 mms.

This report compares with Charwelton which had a total rainfall during 2025 of 688mm (1069 in 2024), but the overall comparison between the two villages remains in agreement

Edgar also reports that in addition to Newnham he records other rainfall readings locally too. These are from Blisworth, Cottesbrooke, Finedon, Flore, Great Brington, Harlestone, Harpole, Kislingbury, Rothwell, Upper Stowe and Whilton. Newnham is thus the furthest West of all the readings. Interestingly, Newnham regularly records the highest rainfall for all these recordings. It was the wettest in Jan, Feb, Mar, June, Aug, Oct & Nov. (Dec. not yet known!) We obviously get more rain this side of the county!

Looking to the future, our children gave us a rather fancy electronic weather station as a Christmas present this time. Not only does it record rainfall and max. and



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min. temperatures, but also wind speed and direction, humidity, and barometric pressure. What's more it transmits all this information by WiFi from the station in the garden to a little screen inside, so I don't even have to venture out to take the readings!! And then (once I have mastered the technology - which may take a while!) it will feed the information automatically into my PC. To think that I used to be happy to get a tangerine at the end of my stocking....

Be prepared next year to wade through a whole screed of useless information.



DIARY

This diary records the proposed dates of any benefice, parish or village events. We hope that this will help those planning such events to know what else is going on and therefore be able to avoid any unhelpful clashes of dates.

If you know, or become aware, of events which ought to be recorded please let David Pound, or your village Link correspondent, know.

Events known about so far are:

February

- 2 Charwelton "Warm Spaces" coffee morning
- 8 Snowdrop Sunday - Newnham
- 9 Charwelton "Warm Spaces" coffee morning
- 9 Charwelton VH AGM
- 12 Badby & Fawsley WI
- 13 Hort. Soc. Wine Tasting BVH

- 14 Film Soc opera BVH
- 16 Newnham History Soc.
- 17 Badby Church coffee morning
- 19 Newnham coffee morning
- 24 Preston Capes WI
- 27 PC VH coffee morning
- 27 Film Soc.
- 28 St Mary's quiz and supper BVH

March

- 3 Newnham PCC
- 10 Badby PCC
- 11 Charwelton PCC
- 13 Film Soc. AGM BVH
- 13 Charwelton Quiz Night
- 20 Bingo at Newnham
- 27 Film Soc.

April

- 4 Charwelton Easter Eggstravaganza
- 11 Film Soc. opera BVH
- 24 Film Soc. BVH

May

- 5 Newnham PCC
- 6 Charwelton PCC
- 17 Badby NGS Open Gardens & Teas
- 24 Newnham NGS Open gardens
- 29 Film Soc. BVH

June

- 13 Segovia's Guitar Legacy. Badby Church
- 20 District bellringers at Newnham 3.30pm
- 26 Film Soc. BVH

July

- 1 Charwelton PCC
- 7 Newnham PCC
- 12 Village History BVH
- 14 Badby PCC
- 18 District bellringers at Badby 3.00pm
- 18 District bellringers at Charwelton 7.00pm

31 Film Soc. BVH

August

21 Film Soc. BVH

September

1 Newnham PCC

2 Charwelton PCC

8 Badby PCC

13 Badby Fayre and Annual Show

25 Film Soc. BVH

October

17 Film Soc. opera BVH

November

3 Newnham PCC

4 Charwelton PCC

10 Badby PCC

14 Film Soc. opera BVH

27 Film Soc. BVH

December

11 Film Soc. BVH

29 Charwelton Pantomime



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Council Update

At the Council' last meeting on the 5th January the agenda covered updates on the ongoing flood prevention issue, reviewed the Christmas events, the grass mowing contract and finalised the budget for 2026-27.

As reported last month, the drainage works on Badby Road has been carried out, and without wishing to tempt fate, the work has helped to avoid any flooding so far this year. The programme of work to tackle the drainage on Daventry Road is still outstanding so we will focus our lobbying efforts on that.

On a related note, I wanted to highlight the "tool for reporting damage such as pot holes or blocked drains to West Northants Council' Highways team. There is an interactive tool at www.fixmystreet.com where issues and defects can be reported. These are investigated and responded to, outlining the findings and what remedial action will be taken. By making the Highways Department aware of the defect, the onus is on them to investigate and respond. I recommend people to use this tool if you have an issue with pot holes for example.

We discussed the feedback to various Christmas events. The Carols on the Green was well supported – many thanks to Simon Shenton for providing the live music. There was positive feedback to the additional string of lights we put in another tree around the Green this year and there was a suggestion that in the future we could look into some lighting around the Church.

Sadly, Councillor Laura Baker has stepped down from the Council due to other commitments. I would like to thank Laura for her time on the Council. This does create a new vacancy on the Parish Council, so if you resolved to do some volunteering this year or put something back into this special village then maybe signing up to be a Parish Councillor could be for you! It's just one meeting per month – if you're interested, please feel free to contact myself or the Parish Clerk

A reminder, if you wish to join the Parish Council email list to receive topical and current emails, contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

The next Parish Council Meeting is Monday 2nd February, starting at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The agenda for this meeting, together with all minutes and previous agendas, is available on the Council website newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk

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