

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, TOSTOCKCalendar for December and JanuaryDEC.

- Tuesday 1st : 7.30 p.m. : PCC Meeting on 'Covenanting
for Unity'
- Sunday, 6th : 10.30 a.m.: Joint Service at Pakenham
- Tuesday, 8th : 8.30 - 4 : Norton Church Mart
- Friday 11th : 7.00 p.m. : Play Group Carol Concert -
Village Hall
- Sunday 13th : 11.15 a.m.: Family Service
- Sunday 20th : 3.30 p.m. : Carol Service
- Thursday 24th: 3.30 p.m. : Children's Crib Service
- Friday 25th : 9.30 a.m. : Holy Communion (Series 2)
- Sunday 27th : 8.00 a.m. : Holy Communion(B.C.P.)

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- Sunday 3rd : 10.30 a.m.: Joint Service at Norton
- Sunday 10th : 11.15 a.m.: Family Service
- Sunday 17th : 3.30 p.m. : Evensong
- Sunday 24th : 8.00 a.m. : Holy Communion
- Sunday 31st : 10.30 a.m.: Joint Service at Tostock

Christmas Services

We hope that people will go to Norton or Pakenham when the service they want is not available in Tostock. For Christmas Eve and Christmas Day the full programme is :-

- Christmas Eve: 3.30 p.m. : Childrens' Crib Service at Tostock
11.45 p.m. : Midnight Communion Pakenham
- Christmas Day: 8.00 a.m. : Holy Communion Norton (BCP)
9.30 a.m. : Holy Communion Tostock (Series 2)
11.00 a.m. : Holy Communion Pakenham " 3)

From the Rector : Our thanks to all who supported our Christmas Bazaar and made it such a success. During the next month we will be writing to church members asking them to contribute regularly to church funds, either through an

envelope scheme or by bankers order, so that all our fund raising efforts can be directed to the cost of church repairs. Our beautiful church is in generally good order, but such old buildings need regular maintenance and we know that the next round of repairs will include re-pointing the tower, costing several thousand pounds.

At Christmas we remember God's coming in Jesus Christ to show his love for everybody. Please look around to see that nobody is left out of the Christmas happiness.

Richard Addington

Annual Church Bazaar - This was held in the Village Hall on Saturday 21st November at 2.30 p.m. and was very well attended. The Bazaar was opened by the Rector and the stalls were soon divested of all their wares by a large and eager throng of buyers.

A competition was held to guess the weight of a beautifully decorated Christmas cake, made and donated by Mrs. M. Roberts. There was also a competition for the design of a Christmas card, which was won by Joana Cartwright, Iain Cartwright, Simon Thomas and Shane Osborne, in their respective age groups.

The Bazaar was organised by the Church Social Committee and well over £300 has been raised towards church funds. We thank all our friends for their much appreciated support and make special mention of those people who came from our sister parishes of Pakenham and Norton.

The monthly meeting for Afternoon Tea at The Croft was held on the last Thursdays of October and November and was very well attended and it would appear as though this informal gathering is keenly looked forward to. The success of this venture depends entirely upon the ladies of the Social Committee, who provide teas and cakes at a modest charge. The Rector was present on each occasion.

TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

The Hallowe'en Dance was enjoyed by nearly 100 people and raised £96, helping to off-set the loss on Sports Day. This was followed by Bonfire Night on the newly acquired land. The Chairman would like to thank all those who helped to make both events a success.

The Committee is also grateful to the TOADS who have generously donated and installed a fire extinguisher in the Committee Room.

Further work has been carried out by Committee members and Cricket Club members on the new land, pulling out the old hedge, planting a new one and moving the climbing frame.

TOSTOCK OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Rehearsals for the Pantomime 'MOTHER GOOSE' are well under way and with a cast of 45 members of all ages, the Director has a difficult job to keep everyone actively engaged at all times. It is in this respect that the Committee has sent out letters to parents of all those under 18, asking for their assistance in forming a Rehearsal Supervisor's Rota. The response from parents of the youngest members has been most gratifying, but that of parents of older children nil! Nevertheless, a Rota List is being made, and a meeting will be held soon to organise the various offers of help, i.e. costume making, front-of-house and publicity etc. The Stage Manager would still welcome assistance from would-be Scenic Artists and carpenters.

Production dates for 'Mother Goose' are as follows :-

Friday and Saturday, February 19th and 20th

Friday and Saturday, February 26th and 27th.

The Box Office will open on Jan. 20th. See posters later. We wish all friends and supporters in Tostock a very Happy Christmas and will look forward to seeing you in the the New Year, at the Pantomime.

TOSTOCK BROWNIES

The Brownies have been busy making things for their Mini-Market on Saturday, 5th December, 11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. There will be the usual Cakes, Bread, Christmas cards, bulbs and plants, Christmas decorations, plus 1982 Diaries and other interesting gifts, some Brownie-made, some bought in specially.

Father Christmas will be in his grotto from 12 noon to 1 p.m. and Christmas (turkey) lunches will be on sale from 12.30 p.m., also Ploughman's. Why not come and join the fun. Competitions and games for all the family.

The Brownies will be visiting the Croft on Monday, 21st December to sing some carols for the ladies there. Meetings resume on January 11th.

TOSTOCK W.I.

The October meeting started with the President welcoming Mrs. Laverick as a prospective new member, followed by the usual business, including a report on the Federation Autumn Council and the acceptance of nominations for President and Committee for the Annual Meeting.

As the booked speaker on Christmas Sparkle was unable to attend, Mrs. Joy Howlett very kindly stepped in at short notice and gave members a good insight into Yoga. She had the majority of members on the floor on their blankets, and put them through an hour of useful exercises and relaxation. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Walters. The evening finished with a short competition on European flags, arranged by Mrs. S. Rochford.

At the November meeting, the President announced the Bury Market Stall had made a profit of £50, which would help the sadly depleted bank balance.

At the Federation Music & Drama Festival held on Nov. 7th, the newly formed Drama Section had done very well with their play, under the able guidance of Mrs. S. Millman, their producer. Gabrielle Rochford and Mrs. M. Coe had come 2nd and 3rd in the Singing Class and Gabrielle won the Instrumental Class with her cello. The accompanist was Mrs. P. Reynolds.

The Treasurer's Annual report by Mrs. Layng, showed a small deficit on the year and money raising efforts would be necessary next year because of rising costs. She was congratulated on her work and the report adopted. The Red Cross being the main charity for the year, had received £68.

As there had only been one nomination for President, Mrs. J. Thomas was returned unopposed. There was a ballot for the 8 members of the Committee resulting in Mesdames Barnes, Buckle, Coe, Hart, Roberts, P. Reynolds and Wright being elected. All retiring members of the Committee were thanked for their work by the President, who also congratulated Mrs. T. Reynolds on her excellent profit on the Trading Stall. Mrs. Rochford then proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring President, Mrs. O'Reilly on behalf of members who heartily endorsed it. Mrs. A. Pillars then gave an amusing account of her teaching work with trainee nurses at the West Suffolk Hospital and was thanked by Mrs. Andrews.

PLAYGROUP

Many hours of work were well rewarded when our Market Stall on 4th Nov. raised the magnificent sum of £124.35. This will help to replenish our much depleted funds. We have been running at a loss for some time because of the small number of children attending Playgroup. We hope this will enable us to buy some new equipment. Our sincere thanks to those outwith the Playgroup who donated items for the stall.

Arrangements for our Carol Evening, in aid of the Spastics Society are well in hand. As well as community carol singing the Brownies and Junior TOADS will be entertaining us. Tea and mincepies will be on sale. All proceeds will go to the Spastics Society Family Help Unit, Shakes Lane, Bury St. Edmunds. Having visited there and met the children, I feel very privileged that my children were lucky enough to be born without a handicap. Please do come and support us - Friday, 11th December, 7 p.m.

TOSTOCK UNDER 16's - DANCE TO MIDNITE ROADSHOW

There will be a Disco in the Village Hall on Saturday, 5th December, from 7 to 9.30 p.m. It will be for children from 8 to 16 years of age. Tickets are 50p. each and there will be refreshments available. Any profits made will go towards starting a youth group in the village. Please support us and ask your friends too. Tickets available from Jenny Thomas, Beyton 70005.

CHRISTMAS POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS

COLLECTIONS : Normal letter box clearances will be suspended during the period 14th to 24th December and on 31st December. The first collection will be made during the course of delivery. One afternoon collection will be made generally earlier than the time shown on the letter box.

Deliveries : From Tuesday, 15th to Thursday, 24th December, there will be one delivery of letters and parcels. There will be no deliveries from Friday 25th until Tuesday, 29th. There will be no delivery or collection on Friday, 1st Jan. Normal services will continue from 2nd Jan.

BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 1981

The total amount collected in Tostock towards the annual appeal including the Church collection, the Gardeners' Arms and the Post Office amounted to £105.00.

Grateful thanks to all those who gave so generously and to those ladies who did the house to house collections -; Mesdames Beales, Bradley, Spencer Wright and Miss Sims.

TOSTOCK CRICKET CLUB

The A.G.M. of the Club was held on 22nd October at which the following were elected to serve for the 1982 season :

Chairman : E. Pearson
Secretary : M. Spencer
Treasurer : D. Hayward
Captain : J. Haselwood
Vice-Capts: D. Hayward and N. Moyle
Committee : H. Armstrong, C. Bennewith, R. Brown,
D. Plane and K. Spencer

The Club had experienced a successful season with more matches being played than in 1980. More matches were won and lost, the drawn games being fewer.

1981 : Played 24 : won 13 : lost 7 : drawn 4.

A Presentation Social Evening was held at the Gardeners' Arms on 12th November. The Club awards for 1981 were :-

Players' Player of the Year : K. Spencer
Single Wicket Competition : Winner - D. Plane
Runner-up - G. Spencer.

TOSTOCK BRIDGE CLUB

An influx of new members has saved the Club from closing through lack of support. Any more players in the district will be welcome to join us on Mondays at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. For more information, contact M. Spencer, Beyton 70395.

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A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL TOSTOCK RESIDENTS !

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