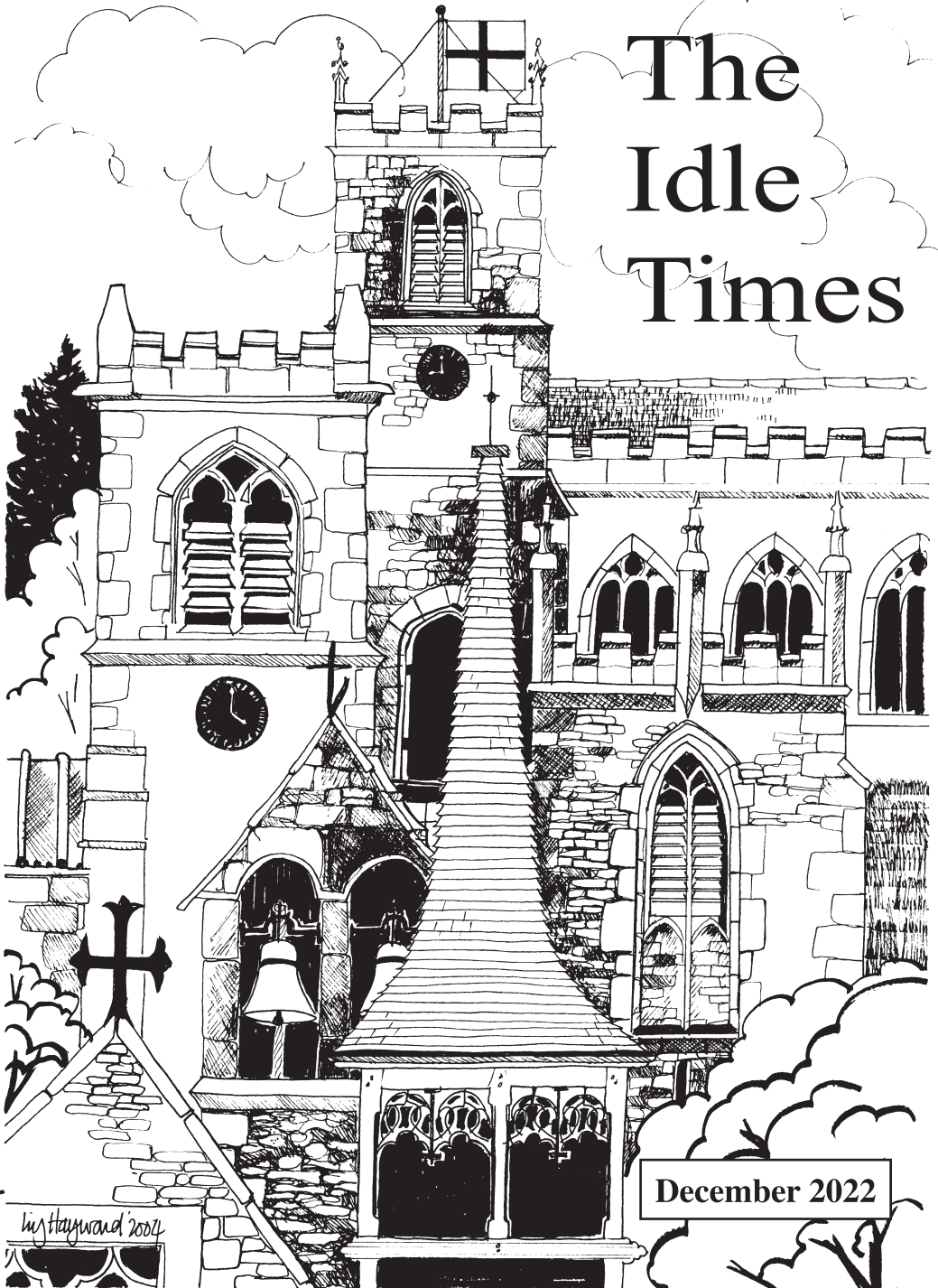


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Church Diary for December

<i>December</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Sunday 4	9.00am	Holy Communion	Scofton
	9.30am	Family Service	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Babworth
Sunday 11	9.15am	Holy Communion	West Drayton
	9.30am	Family Service	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Matins	Babworth
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Eaton & Gamston
Saturday 17	6.30pm	Carol Service	Bothamsall
Sunday 18	9.30am	Las Posadas	Sutton-cum-Lound
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Babworth
	11.00am	Family Service	Elkesley
	6.00pm	Carol Service	Osberton
Saturday 24 Christmas Eve	4.00pm	9 Lessons and Carols	Babworth
	4.00pm	Christingle Service	Eaton & Gamston
	6.30pm	Blessing of the Crib	Sutton-cum-Lound
	9.00pm	Christmas Communion	Bothamsall
Sunday 25 Christmas Day	9.00am	Holy Communion	Scofton
	9.30am	Christmas Worship	Sutton-cum-Lound
	9.30am	Christmas Worship	West Drayton
	11.00am	Christmas Worship	Babworth



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Elkesley School News

We have had a very busy half-term so far but a fantastic one at that!

For Remembrance, the children learnt about the importance of remembering and showed their respect through the creation of poetry and artwork. With the artwork, we filled the carpark and made an incredible display. This included a section of grass full of poppies, a large woven poppy on the gate, a poppy with petals describing reasons to remember and various other masterpieces. All of the work can still be seen on the Elkesley Village Noticeboard Facebook Page. The poems created by our year 5/6 children are on display in the Wonderland Bookshop and everyone can go and read our children's fantastic work; one of our amazing year 6 children won a prize for their entry!

Our Elkesley Innovators raised a whopping £191.86 during our 'SPOTacular' fundraising day for Children In Need. Children dressed up in spots - some children made incredible costumes of their own – and took part in various activities to raise money. Thank you to everyone who donated cuddly toys and money toward the fundraiser.

During anti-bullying week, we wore odd socks to celebrate individuality and what makes us all unique! It was an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves without any pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. Alongside this, we completed work to raise awareness of bullying and how can stop it!

Preparations are underway for our Christmas festivities. Our EYFS and KS1 children have their parts for the nativity and are currently singing jolly songs in preparation for the performance. We are holding a grand Christmas Fayre in UKS2 for all children, parents and members of the village. This will include games, the sale of decorations made in school and a bake sale. We are also looking forward to the Pantomime, Christmas Dinner day, Christmas Jumper Day, Class parties and our PTA-led Christmas Movie Night.

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**Wishing you all a very merry Christmas
and a happy New Year
With best wishes
from
Elkesley Parish Council**

Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council

Notes from the meeting held on Thursday 17th November 2022 at Gamston School.

Meeting

An application for the vacancy on the Parish Council was received and following a brief introduction, Sarah Argent-Cook was Co-opted onto the Parish Council and welcomed by the other members.

The Five Villages Trust

The Head Teacher of Gamston School, Chris Edwards, was in attendance and a discussion was held around the transferring of the lease when the school becomes an Academy. The lease is in the process of being updated by a solicitor in order to accommodate this.

Highways

District and County Councillor John Ogle did not attend the meeting and there were no new updates in relation to outstanding issues, however it was agreed that they will be chased up by the Clerk.

New reports are that the bridge at West Drayton has foliage and trees growing in to it and will become unstable if left and also that there is a lamp post in Rockley that is very loose and requires repair. This has been reported to Highways.

Parishes in Bloom

Daffodil bulbs have been obtained and will be planted at all entrances to the five villages in the Parish.

Pride in the Parishes

Councillor Ramsden is still progressing this but is hoping that an event can be held maybe next Summer. Expect more information soon.

Planning

The Parish Council had no objections to any current planning applications.

Parish Council land to the east of 19 Eaton

Another tree surgeon has visited the site and the second quote for the necessary work should arrive soon.

Defibrillator training

Thanks to Councillor Mee for organising a defibrillator training session held at the school at the end of October and also to the Lions Club for carrying out the successful session.

The meeting was then closed to the public to enable members to discuss staffing matters in private.

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As these are notes from the meeting, please visit our website at www.gamstonwestdraytoneatonparishcouncil.co.uk where the minutes of the meeting provide more details, or alternatively, speak to one of the Parish Councillors.

The next meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 14th December at Gamston School.

Please contact the Clerk, Ed Knox with any matters you wish to raise at clerk.gamston@outlook.com

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone all the best for a Happy Christmas.

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Gamston CofE (Aided) Primary School News

We have enjoyed a fabulous November at Gamston CofE (Aided) Primary School!

We have supported BBC Children in Need by joining in with The Great SPOTacular! On Friday 18 November 2022, children and staff dressed in spots to raise money for this great cause.

On Monday 14 November 2022, we kicked off Anti-Bullying Week with Odd Socks Day where we encouraged children and adults to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us unique. Anti-Bullying Week is coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. It took place between Monday 14th November to Friday 18th November and had the theme of 'Reach Out'.

We are delighted to announce that work on our EYFS outdoor area is now complete! We are very excited that we have been able to fund the development of this area and we can't wait for the whole community to see it.

Christmas at Gamston is well underway! Over the Christmas period, we are looking forward to performing our Nativities, having a visit from Santa and his reindeer and welcoming the community to our Christmas Fayre (Monday 19 December at 3:30).

As always, please do (continue to) follow the school's much-loved and well-followed Twitter account [@GamstonCofE](https://twitter.com/GamstonCofE) to see what is happening within the school.

Bothamsall Carol Service and Christmas Supper Saturday 17 December

6.30pm in the church and afterwards at the village hall

The bar will be open and we will be serving hot turkey and ham rolls plus mince pies etc. To help with catering please purchase supper tickets in advance £6 adult / £3 children under 12 from the social club bar (sorry cash only) or contact Alison Waite **07940 726372** / aj.waite@tiscali.co.uk

We will be holding a raffle on the night and would be grateful for prizes which can be given to any member of the church team or to Joan Eaglen, Teranjo, Main Street.

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Christmas in Eaton

The community in Eaton would like to say ‘thank you’ for all your continued support this year to raise funds for our project to add a kitchen and toilet to our church. The building work is now well underway and is expected to be completed early in the New Year. We would also like to welcome you at our Christmas activities in Eaton:

Carol service Sunday 11th December at 6.30pm: We’re delighted to once again welcome the Ordsall Handbell Ringers to help us to ring in Christmas with a selection of carols. The service will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies. We will also be drawing our Christmas raffle after the service. Please contact Lucy Vernon (lucyvernon@hotmail.co.uk / **07979 016920**) if you would like to buy a ticket to raise funds for improvements to our church.

Christingle Christmas Eve, 4pm: Our traditional Christingle service, led by Revd Bryony Wood, will take place on Christmas Eve in Eaton All Saints’ church – all will be made most welcome.

Christmas Day Service 10.30am: Join us for our Christmas Day service of readings and carols in Eaton All Saints’ church. Refreshments will be served after the service.

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Diamond Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to David and Sheila Eley who were married at Bothamsall Church on 17th November 1962 and have remained residents of the village. Best wishes from family and friends.

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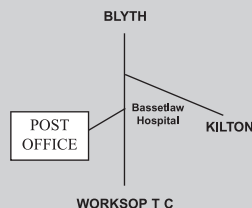
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