

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

'To know Christ and to make Him known'



16th December, 23rd December, Christmas Services and 30th December

The United Benefice of Mears Ashby, Hardwick and Sywell with Overstone.

Welcome to our Service.

If you are visiting the Benefice, we welcome you and invite you to make yourself known to Revd Katrina or a member of the team. We hope that you enjoy our service and would direct you to our website www.mearsashbygroup.org.uk to find out more about the life of our churches.

Sunday 16th December	9.00am	All Saints, Mears Ashby	Holy Communion with hymns
	11.00am	Ss Peter and Paul, Sywell	Holy Communion with songs and hymns
Sunday 23rd December	11.00am	Ss Peter and Paul, Sywell	Carol Service
	4.00pm	All Saints, Mears Ashby	Carol Service
	6.00pm	St Leonards, Hardwick	Carol Service
Monday 24th December	4.00pm	St Nicholas, Overstone	Messy Christingle
	11.30pm	All Saints, Mears Ashby	Midnight Communion With John
Tuesday 25th December	8.00am	St Leonards, Hardwick	Christmas Communion
	10.00am	Ss Peter and Paul, Sywell	Christmas Communion
Sunday 30th December	10.00am	All Saints, Mears Ashby	Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday 6th January	9.00am	St Leonards, Hardwick	Holy Communion with hymns
	11.00am	Ss Peter and Paul, Sywell	Holy Communion with songs and hymns

Morning Readings

December 16th Zephaniah 3: 14-end, Luke 3: 7-18
 December 23rd Carol Service Readings
 December 24th (Midnight) Isaiah 9: 2-7, Luke 2: 1-20
 December 25th Isaiah 9: 2-7, Luke 2: 1-20
 December 30th 1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26, Luke 2: 41-end



I wish everyone a very Happy
 Christmas and a joyful and peaceful
 New Year.

Revd Katrina

Diary – Forthcoming Events

Monday 17th December 7pm Adult/Youth Community
 Choir Practice.
 Wednesday 9th January 7.30pm Fellowship Evening,
 Hardwick.
 Tuesday 22nd January 7.00pm PCC Meeting,
 Hardwick.
 Wednesday 23rd January 7.30pm Fellowship
 Evening, Hardwick.
 Thursday 24th January 7.30pm PCC Meeting, Sywell.

NEW APPOINTMENT

The Revd Eddie Smith has been appointed Rural Dean
 of Wellingborough and was licensed on 12th
 December. He will also continue as Rector of Brafield,
 Cogenhoe, Great and Little Houghton.

PRAYERS PLEASE

Please continue to pray for all our families and
 friends within the Benefice, and for those who are
 facing Christmas on their own or, for the first time,
 without a loved one.

THE NEXT EDITION OF News From The Pews will
 be on Sunday 6th January 2019

Information for the newsletter to Tony
 (tony70jema@gmail.com) by Wednesday please. Thank you.

CAROL SERVICES

23rd DECEMBER

11.00am Sywell

4.00pm Mears Ashby

6.00pm Hardwick



MESSY CHRISTINGLES

24th DECEMBER

4.00pm Overstone

**24th December Midnight Communion
11.30pm at Mears Ashby with Bishop John.**

**25th December 8.00am Hardwick
10.00am Sywell**

NORTHAMPTON GENERAL HOSPITAL

CAROLS AROUND THE WARDS
CHRISTMAS EVE
MEET 6.45PM AT CLIFTONVILLE
RESTAURANT
ALL ARE WELCOME

THANK YOU to everyone who helped organise and support the SYWELL COFFEE MORNING. This was very much appreciated and helped raise £295 towards the ROOF FUND appeal which now stands at £39,802.12

STREET CHURCH SUNDAY 2nd December 2018

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and provide food and/or serve the guests and to James and Alison Bellamy for co-ordinating the Ashby team. It was a very moving and memorable occasion for all who were part of the catering team. Our next time at Street Church will be on Sunday 20th January 2019.

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A big THANK YOU to everyone who supported HARDWICK CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL and who came to the coffee morning. This was a huge success and the trees will remain in church over the festive period.

MEARS ASHBY CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

It was lovely to see so many catching up with friends and neighbours over a cuppa and mince pie (or two). The Christmas raffle, tombola, cake stall and Christmas cake competitions, gifts and name the snowman game, as well as our usual book stall were all very popular. Thank you to everyone who helped plan the event and run the stalls, activities and refreshments. The morning raised an amazing £785 for church funds.

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MUSIC

16th December 9.00am Mears Ashby: Prelude in D Minor, CV Stanford
23rd December 4.00pm Mears Ashby: Theme on 'We wish you a merry Christmas'.

6.00pm Hardwick: A Child is Born, William Matthias.

24th December 11.30pm Mears Ashby: Toccata in F, CM Widor.

25th December 8.00am Hardwick: Toccata in B Flat, Geoffrey Bush.

30th December 10.00am Mears Ashby: Jubilate Deo, Jonathan Harvey.

Do you know someone who will be on their own on Christmas Day?

The Salvation Army (Penistone Road, Northampton) will provide Christmas dinner for the lonely. They can provide transport to the centre or deliver a meal to the disabled.

Volunteers are needed. Contact Keith or Marion on 01604 643826.

A similar scheme operates in several centres in Wellingborough. Contact June (01604 644169) for details.