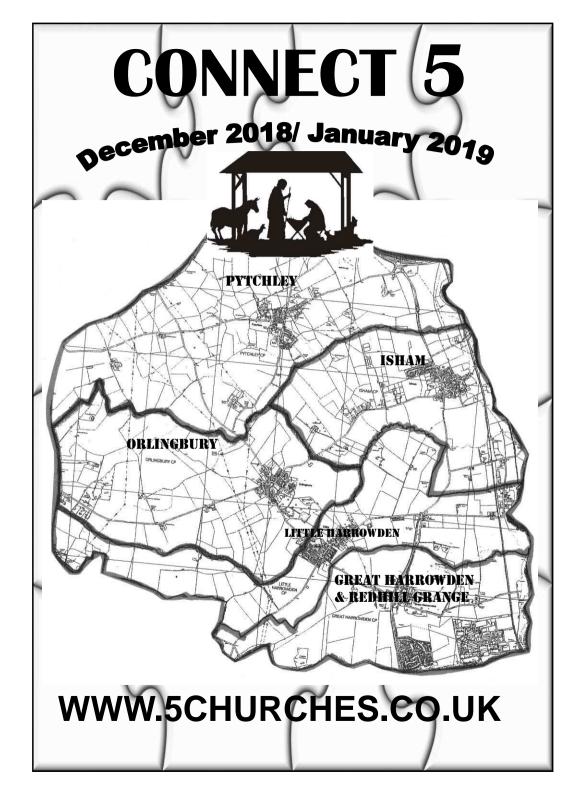
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Sun 6th	9:00am Holy Communion at Little Harrowden 9:00am Family Service at Isham 11:00am Family Service at Great Harrowden 11:00am Come & Worship at Orlingbury 11:00am Family Service at Pytchley	
Wed 9th	9:15am Holy Communion at Little Harrowden	
Sunday Sun 13th	No Service at Great Harrowden—to join others 9:00am Holy Communion at Pytchley 10:00am Family Service at Little Harrowden 11:00am, Holy Communion at Orlingbury 4:00pm Cupcakes & Fizz at Isham	
Wed 16th	9:15am Holy Communion at Little Harrowden	
Sun 18th	9:00am BCP Said Communion at Isham 10:30am Benefice Holy Communion at Great Harrowden 3pm -4:30pm Sunday JAM at Little Harrowden 5:00pm Evensong at Little Harrowden	
Wed 23rd	9:15am Holy Communion at Little Harrowden	
Sun 27th	9:00am Morning Worship and Sunday School at Little Harrowden 9:00am Holy Communion at Isham 11:00am Celtic Holy Communion at Great Harrowden 11:00am Café Church at Orlingbury No service at Pytchley—to join others	
Wed 30th	9:15am Holy Communion at Little Harrowden	



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Please send items for inclusion to thevicarage.kingslane@gmail.com by January 10th

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reduced to half. Going forwards Connect 5 will be printed on a bi-monthly basis with editions joining as follows:

- December/January
- February/March
- April/May
- June/July
- August/September
- October/November

Over the last twelve months print costs have increased by 25% and paper 16%. We need to increase our charges for next year:

The deadline for items for inclusion to be sent to: thevicarage.kingslane@gmail.com remains as the 10th of the month preceding publication of the next issue. Contributors will need to send in items to cover both months featured. Only items relevant to the issue will be included.

December Sunday Service Rota		
Sun 2nd	9:00am Holy Communion at Little Harrowden 9:00am Family Service at Isham 11:00am Family Service at Great Harrowden 11:00am Family Service at Orlingbury 4pm Christingle service at Pytchley 4pm Christingle Service at Little Harrowden	
Wed 5th	9:15am Holy Communion at Little Harrowden	
Sun 9th	No morning service at Pytchley No morning service at Great Harrowden 9:00am Holy Communion at Pytchley 10:00am Family Service at Little Harrowden 11:00am Holy Communion at Orlingbury 4:00pm Messy Christingle at Great Harrowden 4:00pm Cupcakes & Fizz Christingle Service	
Wed 14th	9:15am Holy Communion at Little Harrowden	
Sun 16th	10:30am Benefice Holy Communion at Isham 3pm - 4:30pm JAM Family Service at Little Harrowden Nativity Evening at 6:00pm at Little Harrowden	
Wed 19th	9:15am Holy Communion at Little Harrowden	
Sun 23rd	9:00am Morning Worship & Sunday School at Little Harrowden 9:00am Holy Communion at Isham 11:00am Celtic Holy Communion at Great Harrowden 4:00pm Nativity and Carols at Orlingbury 4:00pm Crib Service at Little Harrowden No service at Pytchley to join others.	
Mon 24th Christmas Eve	3:00pm Crib Service at Isham 4:00pm Crib Service at Pytchley 6:00pm Lesson & Carols by Lamplight at Great Harrowden 7:00pm Nine Lessons & Carols at Isham 11:30pm Midnight Holy Communion at Orlingbury	
Tuesday 25th Christmas Day	9:00am Holy Communion at Little Harrowden 9:00am Holy Communion at Isham	
Sun 30th	11:00am Benefice New Year Covenant Service at Pytchley	

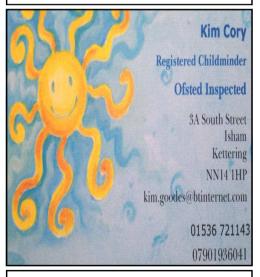
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Dear friends.

This is a difficult Christmas letter to write as the fire disaster which struck California has only just happened and is still raging. The reports coming in of the devastation caused, seems too unbearable for us to hear. Imagine being surrounded by flames with no way out! But we must continue to listen to the plight of others throughout the world...even more so at Christmas time.

I know there are many people who would want to shut their ears to horrific news, especially at Christmas when all we would vote to hear are Christmas carols, and the continual jingles of frosty the snowman and poor ol' Santa who is still stuck down the chimney! Of course, Christmas is a time for families, and happy times, and the joy beaming from children's faces, but the real world tells us something different.

Our government has had the disruption and tensions over the Brexit agreement to deal with, but I am hoping that they will be able to find it in their hearts, and their budget to pledge something towards aid, and I hope that other countries will do the same. For these people, they have been left with nothing. Can you imagine that? Especially as we prepare for a time of joy and celebration, and for some families, facing a time of debt! Perhaps in the midst of all our celebrations we can spare a thought for the survivors and for the families who have lost loved ones, and for those reported missing. We may have the opportunity to give towards this disaster, and to be able to give another person or family hope in human kindness. Or we could of course lift them in our prayers.

When Jesus was brought in to the world, his family knew what it was to be homeless and rejected, but for the kindness of one person who gave them the room to rest, even though it was among the animals and dirt, the King of all Creation entered our world knowing poverty. Despite this, he taught us to love one another, be kind and to show compassion, not just to our families and friends, but to those who we do not know.

The Archbishop of Canterbury made a plea to this nation that we stop the cycle of pressure put upon us all, to buy such expensive gifts. This generation is growing up without knowing what it is to be thankful for a small gift given in love. It has become a competition with their friends at school and college of how much on their list they were able to get!

Perhaps this latest natural disaster and the devastation it has caused will help us to realise what is actually important. The world will never change when good people do nothing. I am praying that you will all enjoy your Christmas celebrations, whether at home or on holiday, and when we feel like having a moan because the turkey is dry or the brussels soggy let us be thankful for...the mess to clean up after a party, because it means I have been surrounded by friends.

The taxes I pay because it means that I'm employed.

The clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.

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My shadow who watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine.

A lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning and gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home. All the complaining I hear about our government, because it means we have democracy and freedom of speech.

The space I find at the far end of the car park because it means I am capable of walking. My huge heating bill because it means I am warm.

The lady behind me in church who sings off key because it means that I can hear.

The piles of laundry and ironing because it means I have clothes to wear.

Weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been productive.

The alarm that goes off in the early morning because it means that I'm alive.

Getting too many e-mails that bog me down, but at least I know I have people who are thinking of me.

Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings, thank you,

Lord, that I have a bed.. There are many who sleep on the pavement.

Even though I keep my eyes closed against the morning light as long as possible, thank you, Lord, that I can see. Many are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off getting up, thank you Lord, that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedridden.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned and tempers are short, thank you, Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, thank you, Lord, for the food we have, there are many who are hungry;

Even though the routine of my job often is hard, thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no job.

Even though there are those who criticise and slander, thank you Lord there is another heart you can touch.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest, thank you, Lord, for life.

Thank you Lord for Christmas and for stepping into this dark world and bringing the light of your love. Help us to share it with others.

Wishing all who read this a blessed and peaceful Christmas, and please God, a happy new year, especially for those who have been affected by disasters or grief this past year.

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tips are here to help:

- Check on neighbours who may be elderly, sick, lonely or haven't been seen for a while.
- Don't answer the door to people who you don't recognise.
- Don't purchase items off people who approach you with a 'bargain' as it's likely stolen or maybe fake.
- Always walk in well-lit areas if possible and don't take out large amounts of cash with you.
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Events



SUNDAY JAM

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JAM & Sunday School Christmas Party

Sunday December 16th 3:00pm



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*This Year (2018) the Pensioners Party will be on 1st December * This is open to all residents of Little Harrowden Parish who are 60 or over and is completely FREE. Keep this date free in your diary.

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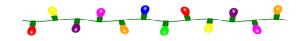
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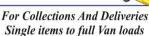
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Wednesday 19th December 6.30pm Everyone is welcome to join our traditional carol singing around Orlingbury.

Wrap up warm, bring a torch and meet on The Green at 6.30pm. We will end at the Oueen's Arms pub at around 8.30pm for a

hot supper. Please let Zoe Robinson know if you would like supper as Ian needs to know numbers for catering purposes.





New beginnings Sunday 20 January 11am

Join us at St Mary's for an informal, short, lay-led service starting at 11 am with drinks and bacon baps or croissants. Activities for children, choose the hymns and songs we sing, listen to a short talk and chat, help choose the topics each month.

More info from Gillian gillwalton66@gmail.com

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Please note there will be a Holy

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Great Harrowden at the same time



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Sunday 23rd December 4pm NATIVITY AND CAROLS SERVICE

Christmas Eve 24th December 4pm
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Contact gillwalton66@gmail.com

Great Harrowden & Redhill Grange



Christingle Service

We invite ALL families to join us for this special session of Messy Church. Please come along and join in this Christmas celebration. You do NOT need to have been to Messy Church before. ALL WELCOME! There is a

magical moment when the lights are dimmed and the children's faces glow in the light of the candles. A collection will be taken for the work of the Children's Society, which helps vulnerable

children throughout our land.

We invite our wider church family also to join us for this special occasion.

When? Monday, 10th December

Where? Great Harrowden Church

Time? 4pm start - welcome drink from 3.45pm

As always, we will end by sitting down together for tea - this month it will be 'Christmas' baps. Depart circa 5.15pm.



Please join us again January 14th - same time, same place for more faith, fun and food.

Children - please make sure you bring an adult with you.

More information from Claire on 01933 678758



St Hubert's RC Chapel

Great Harrowden has its annual Carol Service with our Church of England Friends on

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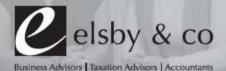
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All Saints Church, Great Harrowden

Carols by Lamplight Christmas Eve 6pm

Traditional Lessons & Carols by Lamplight and Candlelight



All Welcome

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Isham news & events

Cupcakes & Fizz! St Peter's, Isham

ADVENT

WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER

4pm Christingle Service -Make your own Christingle

MONDAY 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE 3pm Crib Service where the children will tell the story

January

Sunday 6th Jan - Family Service 9am

Sunday 13th Cupcakes & Fizz 4pm

If you would like to join us, just come along!





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4th December - Members Only -Christmas Lunch 12pm for 12:30pm

18th December

Christmas Beetle Drive 2:30pm Isham Weslevan Chapel

January 2019 No meeting

5 February 2019

Review of the year

Note: New Venue -Isham Wesleyan Chapel

Christmas greetings and a Happy New Year to all

ISHAM LADIES CLUB

Will meet at Isham Village Hall on Thursday 6th Dec at 7.30pm to celebrate the start of the Christmas season with Sound Sensation Music from Kettering Concert Party.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served to add a Christmas flavour to our celebrations. Please join us quests are welcome. The cost for the evening will be £2.50

The first meeting in January will be a festive lunch at the Old Vic. Burton Latimer. We will meet at 12 noon for 12.30pm on Thursday 10th January.

Names and menu choice will be taken at the December meeting along with a £5 deposit...

If you cannot make this meeting and wish to attend please telephone either Janice on 01536 722 602 or Josie on 01536 724 234

before the end of December. All are welcome.

Wishing you a peaceful Christmas.

Isham Church Cleaning Rota

1 December 2018

Mrs Bean and Mrs Pepper

Mrs Buchanan and Mrs Gowen

8 December

Mrs Cheanev and Mrs Forrester

Mrs Hatcher and Mrs Tristram

15 December

Mrs Kenny

Mrs Humphrey and Mrs Gatehouse

22 December

Mrs Sperring and Mrs Jones

Mr and Mrs Wood

29 December

Mr and Mrs A Smith

Dr and Mrs Gostelow

Silver and brass cleaning - Mrs Sperring and Mrs Jones

5 January 2019

Mrs Marshall

Mrs Moriarty and Mrs Flemming

12 January

Mrs Walford and Mrs Crick

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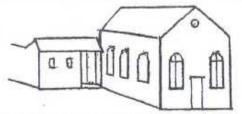
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Start your Christmas with us at our annual candlelight Carol Service Friday 7th December at 7pm.Come and sing your favourite carols:- Hot drinks and mince pies after the service and a gift stall. Everyone made welcome.



Our preachers for Dec & Jan 2019 all at 10:00am

Sunday 2nd Dec John Hutcherson Holy Communion at 10:45am	Sunday 16th Dec Marcus Collins (Coffee & Chat 10:45am)
Sunday 9th Dec Mike & Jenny Clark	Sunday 23rd Dec Alan Palmer
Sunday 30th Dec Jean Pratt (Coffee & Chat 10:45am)	Sunday 6th Jan Susan Deacon Covenant Service
Sunday 13th Jan Mike & Jenny Clark	Sunday 20th Michael Lawson 10:45am Coffee & Chat
Sunday 27th Jan Ted Scarf	Coffee Mornings 10am - 11:15am Dec 13th & 27th / Jan 10th & 31st

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Coach Trip—Sunday 27 January to the London Wetland Centre Greater London £20 including a permit. For more information and booking please contact Bob 01933 460644

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COFFEE & CHAT.

The December Coffee & Chat will be at Steve's, 29 Orlingbury Road, on Tuesday December 4th from 10.30am – 12 noon, to include Secret Santa gifts, up to the value of £2. There is a small charge of 50p to cover refreshments.

Why not come along and meet new and old friends – all welcome.

There will not be a Coffee & Chat in January – see you all in February. If you are willing to be a host please call Barbara Lodge: 01536 790 049

WORLD WAR 1 ARMISTACE EXHIBTION - THANK YOU

Thank you to all who visited or supported this exhibition in any way. Thanks to the Heritage Trust for setting up and manning the exhibition throughout the weekend. A big thank you to Rosemary Eady for the original idea of the exhibition and who worked so hard researching the men of Pytchley who went to war and tracking down various artefacts, without her hard work this event could not have taken place.

WORLD WAR I ARMISTACE SOCIAL EVENING - THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who decorated the village hall (and cleared up afterwards!) and to Julie and her team of ladies who worked so hard in the kitchen, preparing the delicious food and manning the bar. Also to Trevor for supplying the music and the cabaret for the entertainment.

At the time of going to print the rough estimate is that this happy social evening raised about £600 – a magnificent effort.

OBITUARY. Mrs. Jean Roberts of Isham Road, Pytchley. Our sympathy to her husband and family.





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Gardeners Corner December/ January By Alistair Peak Of PGS



With the ending of another year and the start of the next, the garden might be in slumber but soon with an increase of light it will begin to wiggle its toes.

By the end of January I start to feel there is movement in the garden with the first of the bulbs showing their heads above the soil line. It will not be long before they are in flower, watch this space!

If you have any produce stored in garages or sheds, check it on a regular basis for either being eaten or going soft etc, however, don't just throw it away, last winter was hard for all so why not put some fruit out from time to time for the wild life.

We may be in the depths of winter but this is still a good time to move deciduous plants, remember to prep the hole and reduce the top growth by two thirds, the plants will then get away a lot quicker in the spring. The only rule of when not to do this is when it's either frosty, snowy or water logged.

Many of you will be having fresh Christmas trees this year, try and resist bringing them into the house too early, why not give it some TLC before, during and after. Before you bring it home cut off at least two inches or 75mm from the bottom then put in a bucket of water for a few days. Try and keep it away from direct heat once brought inside, and like all living things, place it with a vessel so that you can water every few days to keep it looking good. Afterwards, try and take it to a recycling centre and hopefully it will be shredded, which in turn can then be used as mulch.

When driving around the countryside looking into gardens, I have noticed an abundance of berries. If you intend to use them for Christmas arrangements, I suggest cutting these sooner and placing them in a garage or shed as I have experienced them being stripped overnight during a very cold spell. Place into a bucket of water to keep them looking fresh.

Check that plants attached to stakes, trellis on fences or walls, is secure and that no branches have been broken due to bad weather.

Alistair's Tip:

I trust you will all have a Peaceful Christmas, enjoy a rest before the New Year of 2019..... and then you'll be ready to go.

Isham History Society

Will meet on Thursday 13th December at 7:30pm at Isham Village Hall.

Mr Steve Dimmer will give a talk about 'The Titanic'

The January meeting will take place on Thursday, 24th January Mr Trevor Jones will give a talk about 'Burton Latimer a sense of place.'

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All Saints Church Pytchley Christingle Service

Sunday 2nd December 4pm

Please note there will be no family service this day



Friday 7th December

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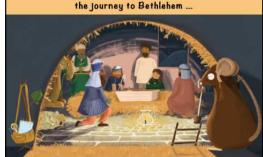
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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 12th

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MONDAY JANUARY 7th Parish Council meeting 7.00pm. in the village hall. All villagers are welcome to attend..