

# Parish News

February 2025

The Community Magazine for you.  
With Information and News from you.

Delivered to the whole of the Parish

**Aley Green**

**Slip End**

**Pepperstock**

**Woodside**

## Editors' Notes

I'm not quite sure of the etiquette around wishing people a Happy New Year in February so I'll simply say, how are things with you in the New Year? I hope you all had a lovely Festive break with family and friends and that 2025 has been kind to you so far.

We are back with a bumper edition of the Parish News this month, from Santa's December tour of the Parish, news from our local school, births and 90th birthdays, news from the Good Neighbours Scheme (does anyone else immediately get the Neighbours theme tune stuck in their head when writing that, or is it just me?), the announcement of this year's Village Day and much more.

From looking to the future to remembering the past. Those of you that are a part of the Slip Enders Facebook group may have seen a few posts in January of some old photos of the Village. Personally, I find these fascinating, looking at the lives of others that lived and worked in the village decades before us. If you do have any old photos or stories of the Village from yesteryear, I would really love to see them and hear of memories and tales of the past, as I'm sure others of you out there would too. You can send these to [parishnews@slipend.co.uk](mailto:parishnews@slipend.co.uk) or perhaps you would like to share on Slip Enders so that more people can appreciate them.

For those that may not have seen some of these photos, there are a few below, and if you are ever in the Social Club, have a look in the back bar to see a few more photos of Slip End's history.



*Photos shared on Facebook by Paul Cooper.*

*For a better sized resolution of these, visit Slip Enders on Facebook.*

*A big thanks to Paul for sharing.*

# SANTA CLAUS & CHRISTMAS LIGHTS



Sadly we had to cancel the Christmas Market due to one of the storms that arrived at the end of last year. We managed to move a couple of stalls into the pub and to hold the Light Switch On at the Village Hall. Thanks to the choirs from Slip End Village School and St Andrews Church who came to the Rising Sun to sing for those of us who braved the weather, and to Santa Claus for popping in to hear the children sing. With the pub beautifully decorated and the choirs singing Christmas songs it was a very enjoyable afternoon.

We were so pleased we were able to tour Slip End, Pepperstock and Woodside with Santa Claus in December. It was brilliant to see the many people that came out to see Santa, get a little chocolate treat and donate to our charity.

Thanks has to go to everyone who helped us, for the loan of the truck by Mayday of Luton at a very good discount (as we were hiring for a charity event), all the elves who accompanied Santa Claus each night and, of course, a special mention for Sean who drove Santa's sleigh and Santa Claus himself. Also thanks for help behind the scenes from Barrie Acton and Wayne Kett!!



A huge thank you to all who put money in the buckets. We are thrilled to let you know that this year we collected more than we have ever done in previous years, a final total of **£970**. We are giving the money to Keech Hospice Care and to Slip End Village Day to help us set up this event in the summer.



*We have asked Santa Claus if he would come to see us again this year - and of course he agreed.*



Happy New Year from Slip End Village School!

As we welcome 2025, we are delighted to see our children return to school in such a settled and positive way, ready for the exciting term ahead. This promises to be a fantastic time of learning and growth for all. Furthermore, it was great news to hear that Slip End Village School is in the top 10 performing primary schools in Central Bedfordshire - this puts the school in the top 5% in the local authority!

The final weeks of term are always filled with excitement and December did not disappoint: the Autumn Term Learning Showcase allowed children to proudly display their work. This immersive experience brought to life the learning taking place across the school for parents and carers, highlighting the creativity and effort of our pupils. The choir's performance at Slip End Care Home and the Dart Terminus spread holiday joy to the wider community. Key Stage 2 pupils participated in a special Christmas Service at the local church, reflecting on the meaning of Christmas through carols and readings. Magical moments like the Christmas Dinner, Jumper Day, and a heartwarming Christmas Nativity for Early Years and Key Stage 1, followed by a sing-a-long for Key Stage 2, brought the term to a festive close.

One of the many highlights from last term was the work of our Junior Journalists. For this month's Parish News, they have been tasked with capturing their experiences of the Christmas break. Through their writing, they've shared their holiday memories, reflections, and the joy of the festive season. Take a look at their short and sweet articles below!

<p><b>The Winter Break</b></p> <p>I had a lovely time during the break. I saw lots of my family who came to visit, ate nice meals and enjoyed my time off school. I spent some of my time with my little baby brother to help my mum.</p> <p>Esa - Year 5</p>	<p><b>Christmas Time</b></p> <p>At Christmas Time I got loads of gifts! Christmas dinner was amazing! I said a little prayer and joined in the Church's Nativity.</p> <p>Finlay - Year 4</p>
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Here's to a wonderful new year filled with opportunities and success for our whole school community.

Best wishes, Mr Young, Head of School

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# Parish Council Update



## Planning

CB/24/02562/Full - Land adjacent to 128 Front St Slip End - Demolition of existing building/structure and the erection of a new stable building, have received amendments to this application in respect to the above property.

The Council agreed to keep to their original comments

CB/24/03327/Full - 1, Markyate Road, Slip End, LU1 4BU - First floor extension above existing shop/storage area.

The Council agreed to make no comment

## Newlands Road Closure

Road closures will cease on 24th January (hurrah). There is an overnight closure scheduled at the Newlands Rd junction from 24th to 28th February, for the removal of a slip road, and the forming of a controlled junction.

## Luton Airport Expansion

Decision delayed until April 2025

## Good Neighbourhood Scheme

Delivered Christmas biscuits, small acts of kindness and gift bags. These were gratefully received by all.

## Councillor Position

Cllr. S. Baird has resigned from the Council. The Council would like to thank Cllr Baird for his contribution during his time on the Council. A vacancy for a new Councillor will be advertised. Anyone interested in applying for the post of Councillor should contact the Clerk - Tracey O'Neill on [clerk@slipendparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@slipendparishcouncil.gov.uk).



# Slip End Village Hall

Are you interested in booking the Village Hall for your event?

The hall is conveniently placed in the centre of the village, has its own car park and facilities, including Wi-Fi. Let us know if you would like to look inside to see if it would suit your event.

Please note that bookings are now being looked after by Paula and Gareth Fowler. The hall has its own phone number and email address for bookings.

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Phone number is: **07747 819430**

Please leave a message and one of them will return your call.

The Village Hall is looked after by a small band of volunteers who meet once a month on a Monday evening. We mostly deal with housekeeping things – keeping the hall in good order and that bookings are coming in.

We are always keen to add to our number, so if you feel you could spare the time to help, please send us an email for further details.



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# Aley Green Methodist Church



## Dates for February

**Sat 1st 10am** Prayer Breakfast

**Sun 2nd 10:30am** Morning Service  
(Local Arrangement) and Sunday  
School

**Tues 4th 10-12am** Cakes and  
Company and Little Lambs Club (with  
Story Time 10.30am)

**Sun 9th 10:30am** Morning Service  
led by Rev Nigel Bibbings

**Sun 16th 10:30am** Morning Service  
led by Fiona Arscott-Smith and  
Sunday School

**Mon 17th 2pm** Ecumenical Fellowship  
led by Jo Prowse (REMINDER -  
changed time)

**Sun 23rd 10:30am** Morning Service  
led by Tina Salmon

**Wed 26th 7:30pm** Coffee Evening in  
aid of LWPT (Leaders of Worship and  
Preachers Trust

**Sat 1st March** Prayer Breakfast

**Sun 2nd March** 10:30am Morning  
Service and Sunday School

**Tues 4th 10-12am** Cakes and  
Company and Little Lambs Club (with  
Story Time 10.30am)

Our Christmas events at Aley Green  
were well attended and almost £2000  
was raised for a number of our chosen  
charities and church funds through

selected events. There was time for  
fellowship and refreshments.

The "Take Time at Christmas" along  
with the Hamper Raffle raised an  
amazing £538 for Medecins Sans  
Frontieres, a charity that is doing a  
great deal of good work in war torn  
areas. You may have seen or heard  
their adverts recently. The Hamper was  
won by the minister's wife—Bernie  
Bibbings, who was delighted! There  
were other prizes won by other  
members and friends.



The Charitree festival  
had 15 (mostly reused)  
trees all decorated with  
eco-friendly home  
made or recycled  
decorations. The event  
raised money for the  
church and for A Rocha  
UK, an ECO charity.  
(Recently, we were awarded our Eco  
Church Silver award.)



*God Bless,*

*From all at Aley Green*



# Good Neighbours Scheme

## Annual Christmas Party

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of December, the Good Neighbours Scheme held their annual Christmas Party at Slip End Village Hall. As usual there was tea, coffee, home made cakes and mince pies available.

There was a sing-a-long with word sheets on each table, with music supplied by Peter, Chris and Geraldine known as OHANA Ukulele Band, who also led the singing.

Following that there was 4 games of Bingo, two of one line and two full house, called by our own Josie. We ended the afternoon with the raffle (See Photo) and a visit by Santa Claus.

OHANA Ukulele Band are available for bookings and can be contacted through Chris on 07801 397820.



# **2025 - NEW YEAR RESOLUTION KEEP YOUR VILLAGE TIDY**

**Parents regularly remind children to put litter in a bin provided or take home. (Plastic bottles and cans in a recycling bin)**

**Teachers regularly remind children to put litter in a bin provided or take home. (Plastic bottles and cans in a recycling bin)**

**Residents remove any litter on their garden/frontage to prevent blowing onto pathway/road.**

**Residents try and ensure bin lids close to prevent any rubbish/recycling blowing onto pathway/road.**

**Businesses try and ensure bin lids close to prevent any rubbish/recycling blowing onto pathway/road.**

**Businesses remove any rubbish from frontage to prevent blowing onto pathway/road.**

**Dog Owners. Be responsible and clean up after your dog and deposit in appropriate bin provided.**

**Smokers. Extinguish cigarette when finished and put butt in waste bin or take home.**

**Your co-operation in these matters would be appreciated.**

**Thank you**

# GARDENING CLUB

At our last meeting of the year, the Guest Speaker, John Tyle, gave an interesting talk on "The World of Plants". The talk was followed by the annual social finger buffet, provided by members, along with drinks to finish off the year.

We are a small friendly Club which meets five times a year, Monday evenings 8pm at the Village Hall and would welcome new members. We have Guest Speakers on gardening topics at meetings. The annual membership is very good value at only £5 per person. Visitors and Guests are welcome at meetings at a charge of £2.

Any enquiries to **Rosemary Wickens 01582 423622**

**- PN Gardening Correspondent**



Monday 17th March  
Village Hall, 8pm  
**Gardening Club**  
Guest Speaker -  
To Be Announced



New Members Welcome  
Guests/Visitors £2

## **Slip End Village Day** **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

We have started planning this year's Village Day and are looking for stallholders, helpers and good ideas and raffle prizes.

If you would like more details or to book a stall please contact us on [slipendvillageday@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:slipendvillageday@yahoo.co.uk)

More details of the timetable, entertainment, stalls and things to do will follow in next months' magazine.

*- Tracey Acton and Jill Acton*

# Congratulations

Fantastic news in the village for the start of 2025.

We are pleased to announce the birth of Daphne Joy Crawford Thrift born to Edwin and Laura Thrift on the 17th December, exactly two years since they were married at St Andrew's Church, weighing in at 7lbs. She is a beautiful little sister to Delilah and a wonderful addition to the family.

Edwin and Laura would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, cards and gifts for which they are very grateful. (Many residents will know Edwin, local tree surgeon, as well as his parents, Roger and Louise, and Joy Brain his grandmother, who are all long standing village residents).

Plus more news for this family. We would like to also congratulate Joy Brain, Great Grandma to Daphne and Delilah with her 90th Birthday on the 15th January.



We hope she had an amazing birthday and celebration dinner with friends and family.

Well done Joy on this fantastic achievement from all your friends and family.

*Sue Briggs*



*From Roger and Louise Thrift.  
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The screenshot shows the FixMyStreet website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the FixMyStreet logo and links for 'Report a problem', 'Sign in', 'All reports', 'Local alerts', and 'Help'. Below the navigation bar, the main heading reads 'Report, view, or discuss local problems'. Underneath, there is a sub-heading 'Like graffiti, fly tipping, broken paving slabs, or street lighting'. A form prompts the user to 'Enter a nearby UK postcode, or street name and area' with an example 'e.g. 30 426 or The St, Manchester'. A 'Go' button is next to the input field. Below the form, there is a link to 'Use my current location'. On the left, a 'How to report a problem' section lists four steps: 1. Enter a nearby UK postcode, or street name and area; 2. Locate the problem on a map of the area; 3. Enter details of the problem; 4. We send it to the council on your behalf. On the right, a 'Recently reported problems' section lists several issues with small images: 'Drain cover' (16/01 today), 'Very large and deep pothole near the bus stop going toward the shed garage' (05/21 today, last reported 05/21 today), 'Large dip / broken section between road and pavement' (05/20 today, last reported 15/20 today), 'Leak Road, Monday' (10/20 today, last reported 10/20 today), and 'Abandoned Visual Cops' (05/20 today). At the bottom left, statistics are shown: '19,986 reports in past week', '25,891 based in past month', and '6,658,394 updates on reports'.



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# Small Acts of Kindness



Volunteers with Slip End Good Neighbour scheme distributed over 40 Warm In Winter gift bags to local residents during November.

These bags are put together by a local charity called Small Acts of Kindness.

## Here's how it all began....

In the winter of 2014, Lynne Misner, Small Acts of Kindness Founder and CEO, found herself with a broken boiler. She endured days of cold and misery until the problem could be resolved. She reflected that many people struggled through every winter like this and felt compelled to do something about it.

After researching the most effective way for older people to keep warm, Lynne created the concept of 'Warm in Winter' gift bags, which would be filled with essential, practical items such as a blanket, hat, gloves and hot drinks. Literature was also included providing information that signposted recipients to support, services and activities.

After sourcing these supplies, friends and volunteers helped her to pack the first 50 Warm in Winter gift bags and, with the help of local care organisations, members of the community were identified, who would be the first recipients. Almost immediately Lynne started to receive heart-warming letters of thanks from people who were genuinely surprised that someone cared enough to give them such a gift. The gift bags were clearly making a difference to their lives.

From this, Small Acts of Kindness was born. The following year, around **1000** gift bags were packed and distributed, a figure that has been increasing ever since.





Lynne gave up her full-time job in 2017 to run Small Acts of Kindness, which was registered as a charity in early 2018, by which time over **9,000** Warm in Winter gift bags had been sourced, packed and distributed across Hertfordshire.

In 2020, during the Covid pandemic they worked in partnership with Hertfordshire County Council and HertsHelp, sourcing and packing 'Bags of Kindness' which were then distributed to clinically vulnerable people, many of whom were shielding, feeling lonely and isolated. In 2021, Small Acts of Kindness was honoured to receive The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK.



Further expansion came in 2022 when they extended their reach into Bedfordshire. This was made possible through funding from The Fore, which helps the development of innovative young charities and social enterprises.

I was fortunate to collect the bags destined for Slip End and saw the operation of filling the bags underway in Luton. I was staggered at the size of the operation and so impressed with how well managed and dynamic the team was.

On behalf of everyone who received a bag, the Good Neighbour Scheme would like to thank Lynne and the whole team at Small Acts of Kindness for the excellent work they do.

Nikki West  
Slip End Good Neighbour Scheme



"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

# A Christmas Dinner to Remember



Towards the end of 2024, a kind local couple offered to provide a turkey crown to anyone able to provide Christmas Dinner to those who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day.

Good Neighbour Scheme volunteer, Carol Beeton, who had previously prepared community Christmas lunches, rose to the challenge to cook and host the meal in her own home and the event was advertised in the Parish News.



Other residents kindly donated wine, Christmas pudding and other elements of the meal and the rest was funded by Carol and by the Good Neighbour Scheme.



4 local residents joined Carol on the day and another lady had the beautifully prepared meal delivered to her home.

A huge thank you goes to Carol who worked so hard to make the event a success and thanks also to all of you who contributed and helped to make this such a special day.

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## Gardening Notes *by Russell Sprout*

With Christmas and New Year now a distant memory, and I hope you all had an enjoyable time, it's time to turn our thoughts to the gardening year. Clear away any dead plant material and keep on top of weeds as they start into growth. If you have a soil testing kit this is a good time to test to see if lime, nitrogen or potash is required to balance the soil. This is quite easy to do, just follow the instructions that come with the kit, you don't have to be a scientist.

Mint can be propagated now by digging up the runners just below the surface, separate them from the main plant, cut into lengths of approximately 6" long and plant. Mint is best planted in a container to stop it spreading everywhere. Parsley can be sown outdoors if dry and not too cold for a first crop. Prune autumn fruiting raspberries close to the ground by the end of the month.

Check Dahlias in store, cut away any rotted sections of tubers and if they are shrivelled plunge them into tepid water for 10-12 hours. Take cuttings of Chrysanthemums that have been over-wintered in the greenhouse or cold frame as soon as the new shoots are big enough. Stools that have been left in the ground will benefit from pushing a fork into the ground around the plant to stop rotting and clear away any weeds or debris that have accumulated. Any alpine plants that have been loosened by frost should be firmed into place and weeded. If the lawn has become wet and boggy with all the rain we have had, aerate with a fork to help drainage and scarify towards the end of the month to remove dead grass and thatch *if conditions are dry enough*.

Early potatoes can be arranged in boxes or seed trays with the eyes uppermost in a light frost-free shed, greenhouse or cool bedroom to sprout into growth for an early crop. If you haven't got your seed potatoes yet don't delay or you will be left with the dregs. Early peas and broad beans can be planted in the soil towards the end of the month if it is dry. Shallots can also be planted this month and just cover them with soil to stop birds from pulling them out of the ground. If you plan to plant tomatoes in a cool greenhouse in April now is the time to sow seeds in a propagator or indoors on a windowsill and pot them on when they are about 2" high.

Why not join the Gardening Club where you can swap gardening tips, listen to speakers on all different aspects of gardening four times a year in the village hall and visit some interesting gardens with like minded people between the spring and autumn. If you would like to know more before committing yourself give Rosemary Wickens a ring on 01582 423622, she will be happy to talk to you.

## St. Andrew's Church - Dates for February

If you prefer to join the service virtually via Zoom then you can join using the following numbers **878 5926 2657** and passcode **664663**, or via this link

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### Services held at St Andrew's:

**2<sup>nd</sup> February 10.30am** – Informal Communion – Prayer of praise – this is Nick's last service with us as his contract comes to an end. The communion service will be followed by a Bring n Share lunch. You are welcome to both or either. (Lunch from 12 noon.)

**9<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am** – Morning Praise – Hearing the Lord's call

**16<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am** – Holy Communion – Blessings & Woes - Archdeacon Dave Middlebrook will be visiting.

**23<sup>rd</sup> February 10.30am** – Family Service – Prayer in time of trouble



  
Little Stars



Little Stars starts at 10.30am each Wednesday.

We will be running sessions on 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> February – there is no session on 19<sup>th</sup> February due to half term. The kettle goes on at 10am

Turn up whenever suits your little one's routine.



## A message from St Andrew's

First of all I'd like to share with you my warmest good wishes for 2025. The beginning of the year brings with it the end of term of my tenure as Priest in Charge at St Andrew's, on 13th of February.

They say it is entirely normal to feel sad when leaving an old job, and indeed it is with a heavy heart that I write this final message. However, I will remain part time Priest in Charge at St Paul's Luton and so will be staying on in the vicarage and in the Slip End community. It has been a very real privilege to serve the church and community here and to share in the lives of many people in the four years I have been in post. I've come to know many lovely people through countless personal encounters and chats, in casual conversation and other times of ministry.



When I joined the community in February 2021, I was particularly delighted by the strong sense of community and belonging amongst the members of the church congregation. As I reflect on that now, I'm pleased to say that this remains the most significant impression of my time here. A church is not the building (or even a place) but its people. There is a close-knit identity that carries on, in caring relationships.

There is much to give thanks for. But the most noteworthy for me is the privilege of being accepted as part of the family that is St Andrew's church. More than any event, lessons, or experiences, I will cherish the relationships I have been blessed to be part of and the people among whom I was privileged to serve.

Plans are in place for a continuation of the life of the church and its ministry, so what lies ahead is firmly in God's hands. As the scripture says, there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens (Ecclesiastes 3.1). Thank you for the many good wishes and thanks I have received, both now and through the years – that has been encouraging and heart-warming. May Christian faith, hope and love win in our community as the Lord does a new thing.

With love and prayers,  
**- Revd Nick Mwandia**

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Laura Clark from The Rising Sun kindly donated nibbles and Christmas crackers for all the guests.

The afternoon concluded with Carols and popular Christmas songs led by Liz Higgins. Liz took requests for the carols and many brought back childhood memories from long ago.



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# ALL ABOUT

**PLANNING**



## Planning applications submitted within the Parish since November 2024

**Application CB/24/03327/FULL**  
**Submitted 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

1 Markyate Road, Slip End. LU1 4BU  
First floor extension to create flat above shop, storage area

**Decision: Application Refused**

**Application CB//25/00021/LDCP**  
**Submitted 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Cobblers Gold, Mancroft Road, Aley Green LU1 4DG  
Lawful Development Certificate proposed. Construction of wall enclosure.

**Decision: Not Yet Decided**

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	<b>M – F Sch</b>	<b>M – F SH</b>	<b>M – Sat</b>	<b>M – Fri</b>	
Pepperstock, Caravan Park	07:58	07:58	08:58	11:28	...
Slip End, Prebendal Drive	08:00	08:00	09:00	11:30	...
Woodside, Grove Park Road	08:02	08:02	09:02	11:32	...
Aley Green, The Chapel	08:04	08:04	09:04	11:34	...
Caddington, Culworth Close	08:06	08:06	09:06	11:36	...
Caddington, Manor Road	08:10	08:10	09:10	11:40	...
Dunstable, Manshead Academy	08:17				...
Dunstable, Southwood Road	08:22	08:16	09:16	11:46	...
Dunstable, The Square Stop 3	08:28	08:21	09:21	11:51	...
Dunstable, Asda	08:32	08:25	09:24	11:54	...

**Dunstable – Caddington – Slip End – Pepperstock****231****Mondays to Saturday**

	<b>M – Sat</b>	<b>M – F Sch</b>	<b>M – F SH</b>	<b>M – Fri</b>	<b>M – Fri</b>
Dunstable, Asda	11:00	15:20	15:20	16:40	17:40
Dunstable, Friars Walk	11:04	15:24	15:24	16:45	17:45
Dunstable, Southwood Road	11:08	15:28	15:28	16:49	17:49
Dunstable, Manshead Academy		15:32			
Caddington, Manor Road	11:14	15:40	15:34	16:55	17:55
Caddington, Culworth Close	11:16	15:42	15:36	16:56	17:56
Aley Green, The Chapel	11:18	15:44	15:38	16:58	17:58
Woodside, Grove Park Road	11:20	15:46	15:40	17:00	18:00
Slip End, Prebendal Drive	11:22	15:48	15:42	17:02	18:02
Pepperstock, Caravan Park	11:24	15:50	15:44	17:04	18:04

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## Community Christmas Carols with St Pauls Church, Luton and St Andrew's, Slip End.



On Saturday 14th December St Andrew's singers joined St Pauls Church again for a Community Carol Service at their Church in Luton, organised by Peter King of St Andrews and Wande Awonuga from St Paul's Church. There were favourite Carols throughout the afternoon and several wonderful solo's from the Awonuga family and Kamsu Onuoha age 7. Thank you for hosting it St Pauls. *By Sue Briggs*

## St Andrew's Woodside Community Coffee Morning



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## Christmas services at St Andrew's Church 2024

On the 1st December it was our Christingle Service and after making our Christingles, we formed a large circle and lit the candles to sing some songs together.

The band played and it was good to see quite a lot of children there. Tammy our trainee reader did a quiz with the children about Christingles and was very impressed that many knew the answers.

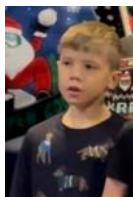


It was good to see the children of Slip End school back again for the Christmas Family Service on the 8th December. St Andrew's really appreciates them all coming and their families.

The children sang with the band 'Away in a Manager' and after doing all their readings went to the front again and sang 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas'. A lovely service and please come back again anytime. For some of Year six, (Seth, Freddie and Elizabeth) this was the fourth year they have read. Well done to them. Thank you also to Ted and Alfie from year 3, a great effort.



From the left  
 Charles  
 Freddie  
 Seth  
 Conall  
 Jaden  
 Archie  
 Darcy  
 Myla  
 Elizabeth  
 Ted  
 Leah  
 and Alfie



## Service, Flowers and decorations at St Andrew's

Well done to the flower team



## Christmas Community Coffee



Christmas Quiz from Paula and Christmas hamper raffle won by Marion.



Stanley helps decorate the tree

## Woodside Nursing Home



On the 17th December there was a short Carol Service at the Woodside Care Home. Andrew Harland led the service accompanied by his wife Sylvia on her violin. Several people in the room expressed their appreciation which was very encouraging. We do a short service there once a month for the residents. .



On Wednesday 18th December Sue Briggs took along a Hamper of treats and goodies for the staff and residents at the Woodside Home from the congregation at St Andrews Church, organised by the Tuesday Network Group. They were very grateful. Sue pictured with the manager and the residents Social Helper.

## Carols by Candlelight and St Andrews Crib Service

It was great to see children join the adults for the Crib Service on 15th December. Plenty of costumes had been left out to choose from. Thanks to all the excellent acting and singing. A great Nativity.



The Carols by Candlelight service was very well attended on the 22nd and we welcomed seven readers from the church family and Parish Council to help with the Christmas Story. The music group was led by Sylvia Harland and Liz Higgins assisted them on the piano and organ. It was a lovely service and thank you to all who helped in any way. After the service refreshments were offered and it was good to see so many parishioners stay and chat together.



*By Sue Briggs*

# CRIME REPORT



Parish Crime Statistics  
December 2024



## Aley Green

None

## Hyde

Public Fear Alarm or Distress 1

Assault without Injury 1

**Total – 2**

## Pepperstock

None

## Slip End

Theft or unauthorised taking of a Motor Vehicle 1

Assault with injury 2

Public Fear Alarm or Distress 2

**Total – 5**

## Woodside

None

## Caddington

Assault without Injury 1

Residential Burglary Home 1

Theft or unauthorised taking of a Motor Vehicle 1

Theft from a Motor Vehicle 1

Criminal Damage to a Vehicle 1

Shoplifting 1

Assault with Injury 1

State or Public Order 1

Sexual 1

Criminal Damage to a Building - Business 1

Harassment 1

Possession of Controlled Drugs 1

**Total - 12**

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*Diary - If you would like your events included, please contact the Editor*

### What's going on in 2025

**Weekly**      **Soup & Sandwich**    **Tuesday 12-2pm**    **Rising Sun**

**Weekly**      **Chatty Club** every Wednesday    **Rising Sun**    2pm—4pm

### February

**Sat 22nd**      **Community Coffee Morning, St Andrews, 10am**

### March

**Mon 17th**      **Gardening Club, Village Hall, 8pm**

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### Bin Collections - February

Orange - 7th, 21st February

Black bin and Glass - 14th, 28th February

Food Waste bin - Every Friday

Green - Restarts 7th March



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<b>Doctor</b>	Markyate Surgery 841559
<b>Pharmacy</b>	Medigreen, Caddington 457800
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