



# PARISH NEWS



DECEMBER 2014/JANUARY 2015

MIDDLETON, NORTH RUNCTON & EAST WINCH

## Academy Status for Middleton VC Primary School

Linda Creed, Chair of Governors of Middleton VC Primary School has confirmed that the school is to become an academy. Linda said "We don't have to but we have chosen to secure the long term future of the school by becoming part of the Diocese of Norwich Multi Academy Trust. These are a few of our reasons:

- To maintain the ethos and values of the school, of which we are so proud
- To be part of a network of local, like-minded schools, some of which are Ofsted rated Outstanding, and sharing resources and expertise for the benefit of all
- To secure greater financial security – at the moment small schools' budgets are being eroded each year and more and more services once supplied by the Local Authority are having to be bought in – as part of the Trust we will have the benefit of more cost effective, shared procurement.

The Department for Education has approved our application and has set a provisional transition date of spring 2015.

More detailed information is available at <http://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/schools/dneat/> and there is a link to the prospectus at the bottom of that page. We are keen to consult with everyone in our local community so if you would like additional information please come along to the school on **12 December**. We are holding our Carol Service at the church at 14:00 and will be returning to school at about 14:45. If you would also like to join us in church then we would be delighted to see you, otherwise pop along to the school afterwards where mince pies and tea/coffee will be available. "

### ► Middleton Parish Council Christmas Cabaret ◀

Don't forget to book your tickets for our Christmas Cabaret Event on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 7.00pm!** We will enjoy a Christmas themed production by a unique, local theatre company whilst enjoying drinks from the bar. Then we can dance the night away with a disco! Tickets are £2 per adult and £1 per child/senior citizen. Please contact the Clerk, Kate Senter (01553 841387) to book.

## GET TO KNOW REV RIAZ

In March, Revd. Riaz Mubarak moved from Pakistan with his wife, Mary, to take up post as the new Priest in Charge to the four parishes in the West Winch Benefice.



Riaz grew up in a Christian home and was baptised at an early age, but it wasn't until he became ill at the age of 18 that he found a personal faith. He began ministry as a Sunday school teacher before becoming the Youth Officer in his church.

He also served as an evangelist and was captured twice by Muslim Imams and sent to jail in Pakistan. But as he spoke to the officers in jail they found him not guilty and released him after receiving copies of the Bible. For 10 years he struggled with whether to become a priest until two people spoke into his life, and his decision to become a full time minister was confirmed.

Before being taking up his new post here in West Norfolk, Riaz was Vicar at St Luke's Church, Abbottabad in north eastern Pakistan for seven and a half years. Abbottabad is the same town where Osama bin Laden was killed in 2011. He joined the parish in the aftermath of a disastrous earthquake, and so for four years he and his wife, Mary, ran a free medical camp providing free medicines, check-ups with doctors and treatment for the poor who couldn't otherwise afford it.

During his time in Abbottabad the church enjoyed considerable growth. Riaz said: "It was a small congregation when I started ministry there. There were about 37 families but we left with 115 families. It was a bigger, growing church and I baptised some of the non-Christian people there."

Riaz already has a great fondness for his new parishioners and is eager to see the churches grow and attract more young people and families. He said: "There is a big challenge for me to bring younger people into the church and I hope God will help me."

He is already planning different ways to engage with families including starting a Messy Church service. As part of his role he has become a Governor at Middleton VC Primary School and will be taking assemblies in the West Winch Primary School. As he and his family are friendly they expect to meet people in the shops and around the villages and at community events and build relationships naturally.

Riaz said: "We open our house to everyone and back in my country we opened our church to other denominations to use. I made my church a welcoming church. Here I'm working on it to make these four parishes welcoming parishes so that people can feel at home."

*[Editor's Note: This is an abridged version of an article on the Network West Norfolk Christian Community web-site. You can find the full article at [www.networknorwich.co.uk](http://www.networknorwich.co.uk) and then click on West Norfolk under the Regional News tab.]*

### **CHURCH ORGANIST WANTED (AND CHOIR MEMBERS)**

St. Mary's Church, Middleton needs a volunteer organist to play the hymns on the second and fourth Sunday of each month for the 11.15 morning Holy Communion service. If you are interested, please phone Mrs Joan Van Dyke on 01553 840716 who will welcome you with open arms!

We would also like to form a choir to lead the singing at these services, and to join the choir members who sing in our church at the Christmas Carol service and Midnight Mass. We warmly welcome anyone who is interested, please ring Joan on the above number.

## East Winch Parish Council Meeting 3 November 2014

At an exceptionally well attended meeting, the Council was able to offer the hopeful news that, following a meeting between Jim Moriarty, our Borough Councillor and Robert Wilson, Mr Wilson had agreed that a short path should be made inside the hedge between Holland House and the right of way leading to Grandcourt Farm, so that walkers on the north side of the A47 could get onto the path without having to cross the road. Mr Wilson also said that he would like to know whether there was interest in establishing a wider network of permissive paths to the north of the A47. He suggested that interested people should email him at [enquiries@arwld.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@arwld.co.uk) giving their name, address and email address. However, there will be some people who don't have internet access and Mr Harrod suggested he and other volunteers prepare a list of interested people to send to Mr Wilson.

The Council is to investigate whether it will in fact be practicable to construct a trod to the Post Office, and will prepare a bid for 50% funding if it seems possible. It is acknowledged that the Station Road trod is still substandard, and efforts to persuade Highways to sort it out are continuing.

By mid December the Council hope to be able to discuss other priorities for action thrown up by the Questionnaire.

Complaints were received that the dog poo bin by the church wall was being used for dead flowers. People who shove flowers in the bin are preventing it from being used as it is meant to be. The church does not have a wheelie bin because the Council won't empty it. So please take faded flowers home.

**Nell Steele, Chairman**

### **5 – A – TIME – QUIZ (answers on Page 9)**

1. What is this year's Pantomime at the Corn Exchange?
2. On the buses! Fairstead One; what five?
3. What position is currently held by Barry Ayres?
4. In Broad Street the cafe was "The Lounge"; what is it called now?
5. What disaster befell King's Lynn in 1331?

## Middleton Parish Council Update

**Broadband Box - Blackborough End:** The Council is very concerned about the installation of this box which occurred without any prior warning or consultation. We have made strong representations to Norfolk County Council requesting that the box be moved to a more appropriate location. The response we have received so far is that the box must either stay where it is or be removed altogether. The Parish Council believe there is a more suitable location in Blackborough End and will continue to press for this.

**Speed Gates:** The Council has approved the funding necessary to purchase two further sets of gates. These will be located at the start of the 40 mph limit entering Tower End and at the start of the 30 mph limit on Station Road (near the junction with Hill Road)

**Speeding:** The Council is very concerned about the persistent reports of speeding in the parish, particularly in Hill Road. We have deployed our VAS in two locations recently and hope to be able to use the data provided to argue for some formal enforcement checks.

In the meantime it would help considerably if you could volunteer to join the speed watch team, particularly in Fair Green. If you could spare a few hours a month to support this vital activity please contact our Clerk, Kate.

**Playing Field:** We have now received a final set of drawings for the revised car park layout and equipment location which will be discussed shortly with the Village Hall Committee. Once approved we will then be able to go out and tender for the work

**Website:** Very soon we will be unveiling our newly designed website which we hope will be easier to use and provide more information about the Parish and the Council to all.

**Parish News Latest:** Advertising will return to the Parish News in the next issue. Any enquiries please e-mail [parishnewsadverts@gmail.com](mailto:parishnewsadverts@gmail.com).

**We wish all our readers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

# Winter Birding

by Stewart South

I like winter birdwatching. I grant you there are shorter days and uncertain weather, but you have lots of opportunities to view many birds out in the open. In my article earlier in the year, I wrote about getting started on birdwatching by putting out bird feeders because you can see a variety of birds at close quarters. Now is the time of year when birds benefit the most from supplementary feeding from humans.

Already (mid-November) there have been scores of winter thrushes, Fieldfares and Redwings, flying through Blackborough End although I haven't seen them in my garden yet - but they will come. All the way from Scandinavia or beyond, they will spend several months with us enjoying such food supplies as hedgerow berries and windfall apples. If you drive to Flitcham or Anmer you may well see thousands of Pink-footed Geese in the fields feeding on sugar beet tops. These birds are so fascinating with their charismatic calls and are a particularly spectacular sight as they fly to roost on the mudflats of The Wash at dusk. The sight of these birds, that breed in Iceland and Greenland, must be one of the seven wonders of Norfolk birding. Incidentally, talking of Flitcham, did you know there is a free-to-enter bird hide at Abbey Farm in the village? It's always worth a visit.

The harsher the winter on the continent, the more likely it is that we will see increased numbers of birds coming across the water to Britain. There will be more Robins, more Blackbirds and more Jays. One particularly fascinating sight is the 'murmuration' of Starlings. This starts when our resident population is 'topped up' by an influx of their foreign cousins. Small groups of 10 to 50 birds merge together as the afternoon light fades, until they form a swarm (known as a murmuration) of hundreds or even thousands of birds before going to roost for the night. I have seen these large, spectacular displays of aerial artistry in King's Lynn and at Leziate.

If you like armchair birding (well, almost) you must visit the Wildfowl & Wetland Trust's reserve at Welney. During the winter months this is the place to get close and personal with wild swans. From the comfort of a heated hide you can see Whooper Swans from Iceland and Bewick's Swans from Siberia as well as Pochard and Tufted Duck, along with many other waterfowl

and wetland species. At feed times they are just the other side of the glass! It's a really good opportunity to check out your bird identification skills.

Another local birding speciality is the Hen Harrier - Britain's most persecuted bird of prey. They like to breed on the upland moors of northern England and Scotland but, sadly, they come into conflict with some people who don't want Harriers around. The good news is that up to 6 of these fine birds (probably continental birds) can be seen coming into roost at Roydon Common, from mid-afternoon to dusk. Wrap up warm and take a pair of binoculars with you!

There are other bonuses of winter birding. There are fewer LBJs (little brown jobs) around and, as most trees have shed their leaves, visual bird identification is easier. Also, it is a good time to try to identify birds by their calls and songs as you can more easily see to confirm what you are listening to. Thus, any unfamiliar songs in April and May could well 'belong' to recently arrived breeding migrants.

Most birds sing when establishing a breeding territory, although Robins seem to sing all year. One of the earliest breeders of the New Year is the Mistle Thrush. Look and listen out for it singing its heart out from the top of a tree.

## **EAST WINCH UNITED CHARITIES**

**(Registered Charity No. 210684)**

This charity receives a small amount of rental income from land and allotments which it owns in the parish of East Winch.

Under the rules of the charity, which are approved and monitored by the Charity Commission, the income enables monies to be evenly distributed between the parish church and those parishioners who can demonstrate that they are in need of financial assistance. At present, the grants are distributed in December of each year, as that is the time when many people need a little extra financial help.

However, there may be circumstances at other times throughout the year when residents might be in need of a little extra help. If you would like any information and would like to discuss matters further please telephone one of the trustees of the charity, Mr D Underwood, on tel: 07909 926570.

**Please be assured that all information will be treated in the strictest confidence.**

## Moving and Changing - News from Buttercups

We were inspected by Ofsted at the beginning of September and were once again awarded a Good rating. This is a significant achievement as the inspector mentioned that during her 13 years she has only come across one pack away setting that was rated as Outstanding. Also only one minor point was preventing us from being Outstanding, the complete report is on the Ofsted website and is very complimentary. A very well done to all our staff.

From 6 January 2015 we are moving to the Village Meeting Place at North Runcton so that we can provide longer hours: Monday, Tuesday and Friday – 08:30 to 15:30 Wednesday and Thursday – 08:30 to 13:00. Ring Sue on 07934 170412 for more details and a free taster session.

We are changing our name to **Buttercups Pre-school** to reflect the service we actually provide – early education at which we are very good – at the feedback meeting the Ofsted inspector commented that all teaching was good and some was outstanding.

Santa on the Green and a Winter Bazaar are planned for December – see our Facebook page for more details.

## OVER THE GARDEN FENCE with Steve Donoclift

Has anybody ever cut grass in late November and Early December?? Come on hands up. I can honestly say I have never cut grass that late. My grass was still growing late November and we were still cutting the playing fields at the Schools we look after!! However, just when you think you can take it easy because you have worked so hard in your garden, somebody tells you otherwise. There is LOADS to do, so get your boots on and get out to your gardens!!

Remember to check any protective structures and make sure they are stable, prune any apple and pear trees. Remember that Deciduous trees can be planted and transplanted. Clean out leaves from ponds, but be careful though unlike all our other Amphibians the Common Frog will become dormant at the bottom of our ponds, so please take care. Planning and digging new borders is also a good idea.

Our Summer birds have gone for now, and have been replaced by an array of beauties, feeding from our countryside. Fieldfares, Redwings and Bramblings are all here, geese flying overhead and the Bewick and Whooper Swans are arriving. Go to see these beautiful birds at Welney.

Well that about wraps it up for 2014. Just remember, enjoy your garden don't let it become a chore. If you're not into gardening enjoy the countryside. It's there to take away the stress of the day.

I will be back in February so until then one and all, may I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a trouble free, healthy and lovely 2015.

*Steve*

## West Winch Bowls Club.

The WWBC is situated adjacent to the William Burt Centre. The club boasts of a first class green and a fine pavilion equipped with kitchen, bar and lounge facilities. The club fields teams in the Middleton league, Silver Jubilee, EBA and the Albert Victor. Last season the ladies fielded a team in the Denton league too. Friendly's against other clubs, Social evenings and roll-ups form part of the social calendar.

The club is now in the closed season and ongoing green maintenance has already been carried out in preparation for the new season next April. The club is looking for new members from other villages to join, especially from Middleton, North Runcton and East Winch. Beginners are especially welcome as instruction will be given to new players. Ladies are encouraged to join the club and a warm welcome awaits them too. Membership costs just £16 a year. For further information, contact the Secretary John Sills on 01553 842476.

## ***Santa is coming to East Winch!***

On **Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm**, come to the Village Hall to buy home-made Christmas gifts, jams, cakes, all the things that just aren't the same in the shops! And if you hear a hearty "Ho ho ho!" from the corner of the hall, it's only Father Christmas sharing a joke with the Christmas fairy!

So bring the family, have a cuppa and a natter and enjoy yourself. At 3pm we're going to sing carols. Ho ho Hosannah!

## **Carols by Candlelight at Saint Cecilia's**

On **Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm**, join us for a candlelit carol service at the little church of West Bilney.

A wonderful peaceful hour amid the pre-Christmas rush, with refreshments afterwards.

## **CHRISTMAS COMMUNION ALL SAINTS CHURCH NORTH RUNCTON TUESDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER at 3.00 pm**

Let's fill our little church to show how much we care about it. Then over to the Village Meeting place for mince pies, mulled wine and a Christmas sing-a-long with John on the keyboard.

Look forward to seeing old and new faces to bring the community together for the festive season.

## **Blueberry Christmas**



This December Fairgreen Farms, Hill Road, Middleton will be open from 10am to 4pm on **Fridays and Saturdays** starting on Friday, 5 December until Saturday, 20 December selling Blueberry Wine and Frozen Blueberries.

Blueberry Wine 2013 vintage is a dry red fruit wine (Alcohol strength 10%). At £10 per bottle, it makes for a special local gift that you won't find elsewhere.

Frozen blueberries are available in 6kg bags at £24 a bag, ideal for Christmas desserts and sharing with family & friends.

We hope to see you soon. Best wishes for a festive season.

## **CHRISTMAS AT THE MAGPIE CENTRE**

An expanded programme of lessons means the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association, can now offer even more opportunities for people with disabilities who want to take up riding. The Centre welcomes those aged from four years upwards with a wide range of learning and physical disabilities, and the schedule offers vacancies on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays plus a new Wednesday evening session from 4.30 to 6.30pm. To find out more call 01553 810202.

And to get into the Christmas spirit, all are welcome to the **Magpie Centre Carol Service at 6.00 pm on Thursday, 11 December** featuring Nelson Academy Primary School Choir in the indoor school at Wallington Hall, Lynn Road, South Runcton, Kings Lynn PE33 0EP. Find us on the A10 between King's Lynn and Downham Market. Join us for carols, mince pies and mulled wine - plus enjoy the chance to meet some of our adorable ponies.

## **NHS "Choose Me Not A&E" Campaign**

The local NHS '*Choose Me Not A&E*' campaign aims to provide people with vital information about which health care service is right for them and help reduce pressure on A&E at the QEH. About 3,000 people a year attend A&E at the QEH, but are sent home requiring no treatment.

The key message is that A&E is for serious, life-threatening emergencies only. Many people could easily be treated by a local pharmacist, GP, or even just by staying at home and looking after themselves. If it's not a serious medical emergency, A&E is not the right choice.

If you are not sure which service to use log on to [ChooseMeNotAandE.co.uk](http://ChooseMeNotAandE.co.uk) to find out more. You can also use the NHS 111 number which can put you in touch with the best service for you.

## **Watlington Medical Centre News**

As we all hunker down for the winter, the Staff at Watlington Medical Centre are preparing for the usual onslaught of winter ailments. We have run our Flu clinics, but still have enough flu jabs to give to all the over 65s as well as the At Risk groups, which includes all pregnant women, asthmatics, chronic respiratory disease, diabetics, immune weakened patients, chronic kidney disease patients as well as carers for patients.



## Mothers' Union News

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September was the MU Day Out across the county and we marked it with a sponsored walk at Sandringham. Our branch was well represented and we wait to hear how much was raised for MU funds.

The annual Holy Communion Service was attended by most of our members and we were pleased to welcome both Riaz and Mary to our worship. We enjoyed a thoughtful and prayerful AGM and held a Bring and Buy Sale for overseas MU funds, raising £40.

We are supporting a global prayer initiative to support work opposing Violence Against Women from 25<sup>th</sup> November - 10<sup>th</sup> December and a vigil will be held in North Runcton Church on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 9.30 am until 4.00pm. This is a 'drop in' event and all are warmly welcomed

Our next branch meeting will be a carols and readings evening at John and Joan Van Dyke's home on 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Gillian Boon

### Christmas Craft Afternoon

at King's Lynn Library  
**Saturday 13th December, 2pm - 4pm**

Come along to the library and join us for a fun packed afternoon of Christmas Crafts.

Under 7s must be accompanied by an adult. Please book by calling the Library on 01553 761393.

### NORTH RUNCTON HARVEST SUPPER

A big thank you to everyone who came to the harvest supper. We all had a lovely friendly evening and raised £270 for All Saints Church North Runcton.

Many thanks to all who helped and gave in any way.

### St Mary's Church West Winch & Benefice



### Messy Church is coming here

Friday 12 December 2014

4.30pm - 6pm

The Scout Hut North Runcton

### For: Fun, Crafts, Celebration Time and Food

Everyone is invited - Children, Teenagers,  
Adults. Come as friends and families.

### EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

Children must be accompanied by an adult for the entire event. We will provide activities with a Christmas theme. A small donation (we suggest £2.00) towards the cost of the food would be welcome. Food is provided for children and adults. For more information please contact: Rev Riaz 01553841519 or John Turner 01553840589.

### Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)



**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

7.30pm at the Barn Theatre,  
Sacred Heart Convent School, Swaffham.

Access and parking from Sporle Road.

Please come along to this illustrated talk by Paul Eele, entitled:

### RSPB Titchwell

Many of you will have visited the famous nature reserve, just 'down the road' at Titchwell. So, NarVOS is delighted to welcome Paul Eele, the warden, to give us the inside story on Titchwell, the RSPB's most-visited reserve in the country. This NarVOS meeting will start with a short AGM, prior to Paul's talk, but we request that everyone turns up for 7.30pm.

Visitors most welcome. Admission £2 on the night if you are not a NarVOS member. For more information about this meeting or NarVOS call Ian Black on 01760 724092.

**Would you like to publicise your local event in the Parish News?**

**If so, please send details by e-mail to: [editorofparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:editorofparishnews@gmail.com) or by phone on 01553 849725. The deadline for the February/March issue is Friday, 16 January.**



## MIDDLETON & DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Firstly may I on behalf of Lilian and Maria of our Poppy Appeal Committee thank all of you that have helped and made a donation during the Poppy Appeal period. At the time of compiling this report (13<sup>th</sup> November) our branch has raised over £15,000. We have not completed the counting of the contents of all the static boxes so this total will increase.

Our December Evening Buffet will be on **Wednesday, 17 December at the William Burt Centre, West Winch, 6.30 pm for 7 pm.** Please book tickets for this by contacting Lilian Fisher 01553 841 852 email: [lilianfisher@talktalk.net](mailto:lilianfisher@talktalk.net).

For those of you that have never attended one of our buffets please come and enjoy an evening with us, all are welcome. Not only do we provide you with a full buffet but also wine and or soft drinks are all included in the ticket price of just £6.

Our first event of 2015 is our February Evening Buffet on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Our 2015 Agenda /Events list is now live on [www.britishlegion-middleton.co.uk](http://www.britishlegion-middleton.co.uk).

May our Branch wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

**Julian Kirk, Chairman**

**Lunch Club** usually meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at Middleton Hall Golf Club at 12 for 12.30pm. For further details contact Olive Turpin 840623.

### **Lonely? Housebound? New to the village?**

We are a group of people from St. Mary's Church Middleton who are willing to offer company and support. If you would like one of us to visit you, please contact Joan Van Dyke on 840716. If you live in North Runcton, please phone Wendy Galley on 840344 and somebody from West Winch Church will visit you.

## CARPET BOWLS



Carpet Bowls has a growing following in Middleton and the sessions are open to players from North Runcton as well. Join us at the Village Hall on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. Please wear soft flat shoes. More details from Club Secretary, Mick Porter on 841427.

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB



If you are 50+ you will be most welcome to join in the activities of the Friendship Club, which meets on the first Wednesday of the month at Middleton Village Hall.

**3 December** Making Christmas Table Decorations  
Please note there is no meeting in January.  
Further details from John Turtle (840280) or Pauline Crump (840053).

**Middleton Badminton Club.** Play badminton most Monday evenings (not Bank Holidays) at the Village Hall from 7pm to 9pm. The club is friendly and always welcomes new members. Contact Nigel Gray (01553 841541) for more information.



## Cameo Café

Cameo Café is held at the Village Hall on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 2.30pm till 4.30pm. The Café is supported by members of the Middleton Mothers' Union to provide an opportunity for people of all ages to call in for a "cuppa" and cakes or biscuits and to enjoy some friendly company. Carpet bowls is also played and new players, including beginners, are most welcome. Refreshments are free but we are grateful for donations towards the running costs.

The **Community Car Scheme** is to help villagers who have no transport, who are elderly or disabled to attend at local doctors' or dentists' surgeries, opticians, health clinics or to keep hospital appointments. A small charge is made to cover petrol expenses. If you require help or further information, or if you wish to volunteer help in any way, please contact Colin Skipper on 842448.

## Church Services in December and January

### **Sunday, 7 December**

10.00 **W Winch** Benefice Eucharist

### **Sunday, 14 December**

9.30am **W Winch** Holy Communion

11.15am **Middleton** Holy Communion

11.15am **E Winch** Morning Worship

11.15am **N Runcton** Morning Worship

### **Sunday, 21 December**

8.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion

11.15am **Worship with Carols & Wine** -

Village Hall, West Winch

6.00pm **Middleton** Lessons & Carols

### **Wednesday, 24 December - Christmas Eve**

4.00pm **Middleton** Crib Service

6.00pm **W Winch** Crib Service

11.30pm **Middleton** Midnight Communion

### **Thursday, 25 December - Christmas Day**

10.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion

11.15am **E Winch** Holy Communion

### **Sunday, 28 December**

10.00am **W Winch** Benefice Eucharist

### **Sunday, 4 January 2015**

10.00am **W Winch** Benefice Eucharist

### **Sunday, 11 January**

9.30am **W Winch** Holy Communion

11.15am **Middleton** Holy Communion

11.15am **N Runcton** Morning Worship

11.15am **E Winch** Morning Prayer

### **Sunday, 18 January**

9.30am **W Winch** Holy Communion

11.15am **Middleton** Morning Worship

11.15am **N Runcton** Holy Communion

3.00pm **E Winch** Holy Communion

### **Sunday 25 January**

8.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.00am **W Winch** Morning Worship

11.15am **Middleton** Holy Communion

11.15am **N Runcton** Morning Worship

3.00pm **E Winch** Holy Communion

A short Morning Prayer Service is held each Wednesday morning at 9.30am in Middleton Church.

**Bible Study** - People from Blackborough End, East Winch, Gayton and Grimston meet on Wednesdays at 7pm at each others' houses. For further details, contact Nell Steele on 01553 840814.

## **Beyond the Moon With Jesus**

In 1969, the United States overtook the Soviet Union in the post-war Space Race by landing the first man on the moon. Although space had been considered chaos for millennia and as such unapproachable, man still desperately yearned to see it.

Yet, 2000 years before man stepped into space, the Creator of space and this world had stepped into the lives of human beings.

Man's space adventure might bear his imprint, but God incarnate in human form gives us his understanding in a natural way. He is the God of love and of peace, related to His human beings as their Saviour.

God did not step on earth in a bright red robe, sitting in a reindeer-powered sleigh packed with digital cameras, tablets, smart phones and striped candy canes, singing Jingle Bells!

He came into our lives through miraculous human birth to change our lives. From a manger to political refuge in Egypt to debates with the elite of the land, through fasting, miracles, love and humility He completed God's word through the Scriptures.

Without His presence in our lives, we were and still are victims of our self-conjured images and the dictates of our imagination.

When we let Him come into our lives, we enter a space race with the Creator of space battling for us — a win-win situation beyond the moon!

This Christmas, as we share our love, fellowship and presents with our loved ones, let us bow our heads and renew our allegiance to the Living God.

Merry Christmas to you all!

**Rev. Riaz**

### **5 – A – TIME ANSWERS (from Page 3)**

1. Snow White and the Seven Dwarves
2. Gaywood Five
3. West Norfolk Mayor
4. Social
5. Great Fire

# PARISH CONTACTS

## CHURCHES:

**Priest-in-Charge:** Rev Riaz Mubarak 01553 841519 E-mail: rev.riaz.mubarak@gmail.com

### **Middleton St Mary's**

**Churchwardens:** Mrs J Van Dyke 840716 and Mr E Boon 840320

**PCC Secretary:** Mrs C Millen 840705 **Treasurer:** Mr C Reeks

### **North Runcton All Saints'**

**PCC Secretary:** Mrs V Nurse 849849 E-mail: val@kvtbookkeepers.co.uk

**Treasurer:** Mrs P Stafford Allen 841687

### **East Winch All Saints**

**PCC Secretary:** Mrs J Weavers 840510 **Treasurer:** Mrs W Smith 842281

## PARISH COUNCILS:

### **Middleton (www.middleton-news.co.uk)**

**Clerk:** Mrs Kate Senter Tel: 841387 E-mail: middletonparishcouncil14@gmail.com

**Councillors:** **Chair:** Mr M Fuller 841549; **Vice Chair:** Mr M Porter 841427;

Mrs E Barclay; Mr T Nurse; Mr R Smith; Miss V Ward; Mr M Wiles; Mr S Wood.

The Council meets on the first Wednesday of the month (except August) in the Village Hall at 7pm from October to March and at 7.30pm from April to September.

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The Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except August) at 7.45 pm at the Village Meeting Place.

### **East Winch (www.eastwinchandwestbilney.co.uk/parish-council)**

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**Councillors:** **Chair:** Mrs N Steele; **Vice Chair:** Mr K Harrod;

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