

WINCHELSEA PARISH MAGAZINE

Christmas Extra

11th December 2020



Court Hall Post Office

Open on Mondays (not Tuesdays) and
Thursdays, 9.30 to 11.30. Apologies
for the mistake last time.



Winchelsea Christmas Promenade

Plenty of positive response to the idea, so you are invited to come out for a stroll at or just after 10am on Christmas morning - a circuit of Castle Street, St Thomas' Street, Rookery Lane and Barrack Square - greeting friends and neighbours as we pass. But, no hugging!

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Christmas Services at St Thomas'

Sunday 20th December at 6pm

Service of Lessons and Carols

If you'd like to attend you will need to register with the Rector by midday on Wednesday 16th.

Thursday 24th December at 11.30pm

Midnight Mass

If you'd like to attend you will need to register with the Rector by midday on Monday 21st.

Christmas Day at 11am

Parish Communion

If you'd like to attend you will need to register with the Rector by midday on Monday 21st.

Registration for Christmas Services

As our numbers are limited in church so that we can observe social distancing it will be necessary to inform the Rector that you would like to attend. Please email or telephone (you may need to leave a message) giving details of the services you hope to attend and how many people there are in your group or 'bubble'. Please do not just turn up as we may not be able to admit you.

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Christmas Windows

The church windows have been visible since Sunday 6th and other windows are gradually being lit until the whole trail is complete on the 20th. All the windows will continue through to New Year's Eve. The lights should be shining brightly from 5pm to around 10pm.

Trail maps are available from Winchelsea Farm Kitchen, The New Inn and from the Church porch. Our charity is St Thomas' Church, so if you enjoyed this year's trail please make a donation.

justgiving.com/fundraising/winchelsea-windows

In the Farm Kitchen you will find a range of Christmas gifts and cards created by our talented team of crafters to raise further funds towards the event.



Carols Round the Town

Listen out for the singers on Sunday 13th and Monday 21st, from 6 to about 7.30pm.

All the proceeds will go to *Shelter* as usual which, like most charities, will have suffered from the impact of the pandemic. We in Winchelsea are fortunate in so many ways even in these strange and difficult times, and we hope that this will be reflected in donations.

Carol Scoines 01797 222772

[Click here to donate to Shelter](#)



Grand Christmas Raffle

We, the fundraising committee for The New Hall, have been waiting for this for so long it seems..... the Draw for our Grand Christmas Raffle in aid of the New Hall and Rye Food Bank, in memory of Sheila Holland who served on our committee for many years.

On 8th December, the Mayor of Winchelsea, David Page, the Deputy Mayor, David Merrifield and Robert Holland, the Chairman of The New Hall gathered together -socially distanced of course - with the New Hall Fundraising Committee to commence the Draw.

It went very well and a phenomenal 1,662 tickets were bought. After expenses we raised £1,144 for The Hall and £353 for the Rye Food Bank. Since the draw we received an additional donation bringing that total to £373.

We couldn't have done this without the generous people of Winchelsea and surrounding areas who not only bought the tickets but some of whom also kindly donated some splendid raffle prizes.

And we also have to thank the very generous local businesses who donated some fabulous prizes, amongst them, our Local Nature Reserve at Rye Harbour, The Rye Retreat, Winchelsea Farm Kitchen, Charles Palmer Vineyards, Calendar Window Cleaning, Harborough Nurseries, Rye Chocolates, Ethel Loves Me, The Red Fish & Chip Van, Garden Gems Garden Centre, Linda Gilfrin Jewellery, Cafe des Fleurs Flowers, Harborough Nurseries, Wickens at Ship's Stores, MJ Pilates, and artists Cheryl Fraser-Sampson, Shirley Meyer, Neil Eastell, Judith Pevsner, Hilary Roome and Anita Bevan!

Unusually, it was a 'choose your prize' raffle - a bit more work for the organisers but resulting in happier winners including Lorna Challand, Jo Lush, Jennifer Sutherland, Phil Bolton, Jenny Willshier, Sue & Tony Moore, Alan McKinna, Faith Maxfield, Stuart Bottomley, Nicola Byrne, Jonathan Murphy and Tony Davis.

None of this could have been done without the fantastic help of Jenny Lozano and Felix who designed our attractive posters, flyers and website. And none of it would have happened without the New Hall fundraising team of Rosemarie Roberts, Sandra Merrifield, Jo Sidders, Robbie Gooders, Anita Bevan, Richard Plumb and Hilary Roome. Thank you all and WELL DONE Winchelsea!

winchelsea.com/christmasraffle2020



Support Rye Food Bank this Christmas

Food Banks everywhere are experiencing a surge in demand. Your donation can make a big difference.

Details for donation by direct transfer are
'Bexhill Food Bank, Rye Branch'
Barclay's 20-54-25 a/c 83501116.

Cheques can be made out to
'Bexhill Food Bank (Rye Branch)' and sent to
C. Emson, 24 North Salts, Rye, TN31 7NU.

www.trusselltrust.org

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St Thomas' in Winchelsea



Worship

Parish Eucharist following common worship, including hymns takes place each Sunday at 11 AM.

Our choir leads the Gloria, Sanctus and Benedictus. Incense is usually used but our rite could not be described as very high church.

There is a said service of holy Communion from the book of common prayer on the first Sunday of each month at 8 AM.

History

The church is named in honour of St. Thomas the Martyr, Archbishop of Canterbury, who was murdered in his own Cathedral in 1170.

[More](#)

Stained Glass

The stained glass windows by Douglas Strachan were part of a series of gifts made to the Church in the period 1929-1933 by Lord Stanborough, then resident in the Town at Greyfriars.

New church website is now live

The new website is now up and running. Its predecessor covered Winchelsea and Winchelsea Beach. Now All Saints and St Nicolas in Icklesham is included as well.

Up-to-date church information will be posted here and if there are any extra announcements about Christmas services this is the place to check.


winchelsea-icklesham-churches.org.uk

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All Saints & St Nicolas in Icklesham

Icklesham parish is the sister of the two parishes within the benefice of Winchelsea with Icklesham.



Worship

Worship on this site in Icklesham almost certainly goes back to Anglo-Saxon times.

A charter from the eighth century records a gift of land by Offa King of Mercia to the

History – Foundation and early years

The oldest church within benefice as a rich history and a strong association with our French and Norman neighbours.

History – Architectural Features

Like the Bible and most churches it has been altered and added to, over the years.

Part of the west wall shows signs of the



Covid rising

As you've probably already seen, statistics now show that Hastings and Rother have increasing rates of infection - by the start of this week they were the highest in East Sussex, with Rother higher than Hastings.

The Director of Public Health at East Sussex County Council asks us to reduce social contacts and to adopt an 'only if you must' approach to activities outside our households as we approach Christmas.

Message from the Director of Health for East Sussex

Plea as Covid-19 cases rise - Rye News



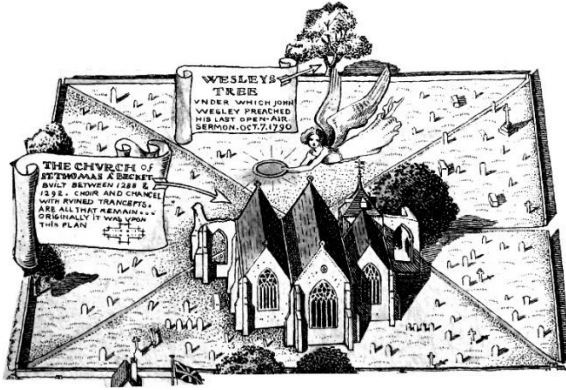
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For Winchelsea Beach information go to
www.winchelseabeachcommunityassociation.co.uk

For Winchelsea information go to
www.winchelsea.com

For more information about the Church go to
winchelsea-icklesham-churches.org.uk

For weekly news from the local area go to
www.ryenews.org.uk



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