

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH

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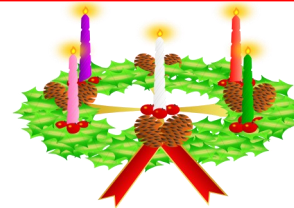
December is a very busy month for St Leonard's and its congregation. There will be an all-age service at 9.15 on 8 December, where we shall specially welcome children. That day, at 2.15, the Peterborough Guild of Ringers will be continuing to celebrate their centenary by ringing in all the local towers and ringing the three Glaphorn bells (one of which is medieval). On Friday 13 December, church supporters are cordially invited to join the children and parents at a Christingle service in the school at 2.30.

There will be a service of Morning Prayer at 9.15 on 15 December, and the Carol Service will be held at 5.00 on Sunday 22 December (no service in the morning.) On Christmas Eve, there will be a short service of Carols Round the Crib at 4.00 in the churchyard.

On Christmas morning at 9.15, the Vicar will take a service of Holy Communion with carols and there will be a short, said Morning Prayer on Sunday 29 December. Everyone in the parish is warmly invited to these services.

Our services in January and February 2025 will follow the usual pattern.

Many thanks to all who supported the Corby Male Voice Choir concert in the church on 5 October, which was a most enjoyable evening, as was the Tear Fund Quiz in the Village Hall on 16 November. Money was raised at both events for the roof repair fund, and we also gave £560 to the Tear Fund, a Christian charity that helps those in extreme poverty in more than 50 developing countries. This is a charity the St Leonard's congregation has supported for a number of years.



8 December, 9.15: All-age church service

8 December, 2.15: Bellringing at St Leonard's

13 December, 2.30: Christingle service at the school

15 December, 9.15: Morning prayer

15 December: Royal Oak Christmas lunch in the village hall

19 December, 10.30: Decorating the church for Christmas

20 December, 7.00: Royal Oak mulled wine and mince pies in the village hall

22 December, 5.00: Carol service in the church

24 December, 4.00: Carols in the churchyard

25 December, 9.15: Holy Communion with carols

29 December, 9.15: Morning prayer

Decorating the Church for Christmas

Penny Reading writes: We are decorating the church on Thursday 19 December at 10.30am. Once again we are using evergreens only, with candles. If anyone wishes to help or have large pieces of evergreen to spare, please telephone Penny on 274277.

Welcome to all newcomers to the village, including:

- Duncan and Sarah at no 6 Cotterstock Road
- Harvey and Louise, and their daughter Sophie, at Provost Lodge Farm

Glaphorn Church 100 Club

A big thankyou to all members for your generous support. In 2024 the money you donated contributed to the following expenditure:

Roof inspection and repairs, £4315 – Heater service, £659 – Roof alarm maintenance, £488.

One or two numbers are available for the coming year (which starts in December), so please contact Pauline Davidson on 07941621937 if you would like to become a member. The Christmas draw, when the prize is £100, will take place at the Royal Oak Club evening on Friday 20 December.

Congratulations to recent winners:

September, Jan Butlin, no 9; October, Di Grossman, no 37; November, Enid Reading, no 69.

GLAPTHORN C of E SCHOOL www.glapthornprimaryschool.co.uk

Christmas starts in earnest at Glapthorn CE Primary school in the first week of December when we kick off with Christmas crafts week. The children will be making their very own decorations to decorate the trees in the hall and classrooms and of course cards to take home. Barn Owls class are looking forward to a trip to Peterborough Cathedral in the middle of the month, where they will be learning about the story of Jesus' birth and creating a sticky stained-glass window. Towards the end of term, all pupils will receive a special visit from Santa as well as a Christmas meal and disco in the evening.



Everyone here at Glapthorn School wishes you and your families a very merry Christmas and we look forward to updating you with our activities in the New Year 2025!

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Since September, we have enjoyed a talk on the historic craze for writing postcards in shorthand, and one on Margaret Beaufort, delivered by Chris Carr in full medieval costume. We also had an hilarious evening learning how to needle felt. We are looking forward to our annual Christmas meal, this year at the Montagu Arms in Barnwell and in January we shall learn 'all about feet' from Jo Hood. This will be on the 8th January, not the 1st. We usually meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, and welcome new members to our lively, thriving, talented group. A Craft and Tea group and a Book Club meet monthly, in members' houses.

GLAPTHORN ALLOTMENT GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

Sandra Philpot writes: As winter has arrived the lack of daylight doesn't encourage much in the way of growing.

The allotments have been tidied and put to bed for the most part although there are some hardy folk still with veg to harvest.

We shall miss Chris Crosby, not only for the eggs but also the manure which has been so readily available.

Short and sweet this month but you'll be pleased to know 3 broad beans have joined me in my pacamac greenhouse, and I'm keen for the rest of their mates to join in.



THE ROYAL OAK

The autumn programme of delicious meals and a well-stocked bar has been a great success, with as many as 40 members at each of our Friday evenings. Once again, many thanks to our cooks, bar staff and other helpers.

Our popular Christmas lunch on 15 December now has a waiting list. Please note, food for this event is served from 1.00pm, not 2.00pm as stated on the flyer.

Everyone is invited to our mince pies, savoury snacks and mulled wine evening on Friday 20 December from 7.00pm - there is no need to book, just come along. If you are not yet a member, you can join on the night.

Following the Christmas break, our fortnightly programme of Friday evening meals starts on 10 January. Please contact Lauren Wilkinson (on 07429 538112) if you would like to cook a meal or help in any way.

The full programme and our Club rules and regulations are on the Glapthorn Village website: www.glapthorn.org.uk

The Royal Oak Club Committee wish all villagers a very Merry Christmas!

GLAPTHORN VILLAGE HALL

Shindo Bettley writes: Since the last newsletter, the village hall has been redecorated throughout and the telephone box has also been painted. The defibrillator that is housed in the kiosk has had its annual check and is now registered with the national circuit.

The blue and white check tablecloths have been replaced and the new ones are stored in the kitchen cupboard next to the freezer.

Due to the lack of tea towels not being returned, we have bought 10 new ones. If anyone still has some VH tea towels that they have taken home to launder, we would appreciate their return.

The footpath outside the main front door was causing a trip hazard due plant roots lifting the paving, this has been repaired.

Finally, the oven is due to be cleaned this coming week.

The village hall committee would like to thank everyone for their support this year.

GLAPTHORN PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

Debbie Carmichael writes:

The filling and reseeding of the sand slits on the playing field in November has been a success. Thank you to all those involved. The rain has promoted the growth of the grass and we are hopeful next year the field can be used by clubs.

The fundraising committee hosted a Bonfire evening on the 2 Nov, that many villagers enjoyed, with warm drinks and food around the fire. We raised £217 towards the upkeep of the field. Thank you to all those that attended.



Welcome to Glapthorn's youngest resident!

Lara Eva Moss who was born on 12 November, weighing 7lbs 8oz. Many congratulations to her parents, Sam and Suzie Moss.

Suzie writes that Lara is settling in at home and doing well.

Provost Lodge Farm

A warm farewell to Monica and Chris Crosby who are now living at Daisy Lodge in Cotterstock. The Crosby family farmed at Provost Lodge for 52 years; dairy farming from 1972 until 2004 then beef and sheep until 2024.

Monica and Chris supported a number of village organisations, including the Church, the Village Show, the Village Hall, the Royal Oak Club and the Women's Institute. Many of us remember the home-made teas, barn dances and lambing at Provost Lodge!

We wish them well in their new home. Harvey and Louise Smith, and their daughter Sophie, now live at Provost Lodge. We wish them many happy years on the farm.

GLAPTHORN PARISH COUNCIL

Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation regarding the review of the Glapthorn Neighbourhood Plan continues and the Parish Council (GPC) have further outlined the rationale for the review in 2025 in a comprehensive paper that was minuted at the November GPC meeting. This paper can be found on the village website with the meeting minutes or on the Neighbourhood Plan pages:

<https://www.glapthornparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan>

In addition, there will be a second Public Meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 15 January at which everyone is welcome to attend.

Cotterstock Crossroads

Following on from continued concerns regarding road safety at the Cotterstock Crossroads, NNC/Kier have proposed the introduction of a new speed limit. This proposal is to extend the 30mph speed limit on Main Street, from Cotterstock village up to the crossroads. The remaining roads at the junction will remain at a 40mph speed limit. This is at the consultation stage and the timetable for its introduction is to be confirmed.

Communication & Contacts

Information relating to the Parish Council along with other Glapthorn and North Northamptonshire organisations can be found on the village website: www.glapthorn.org.uk

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If you have any Glapthorn Website or Social Media content or news stories you would like to share, then please contact David Cashmore: cllr.cashmore@glapthorn.org.uk or 07971 533339.

You can contact the Parish Clerk, Jonathan Ward-Langman, directly via email: parish.clerk@glapthorn.org.uk



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