

Insight Supplement 5

Welcome to our fifth edition, keeping the residents of Church Minshull parish informed of local news and events. St Bart's and the Parish Council are working together to produce this supplement and we are very grateful to all those who produce and deliver it.



From St Bart's

We are now able to resume our services, but sadly the big Christmas events are still victims to Covid 19, with the exception of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Our thanks go to **The Badger** for providing the village Christmas tree at the front of church once more.

Christmas Eve Sound & Light Service, 7.30pm. 24th December

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we have had to alter our usual Christmas Eve Service, and are planning a modified version with reduced congregation numbers to allow for appropriate distancing and safety. **Our present plans are:** live music to be provided by The Weaver Quintet, there will be the usual readings, a little recorded music and some lighting effects. It is unlikely that communal carol singing will be allowed. Because of restrictions on the number of people that will be allowed to congregate in the Church, attendance at this service will be by free ticket only. Please phone 01270 522353 for ticket reservations, which will be issued on a 'first come, first served' basis. We are presently awaiting guidance on the numbers that may attend.

No entry on the night without a reservation. Congregation to be seated by 7.25pm. Please wear a mask - hand sanitiser will be provided at the door.

Details may have to change depending on further guidance from HM Government and the Church of England. Significant alterations will be posted on St Bartholomew's and the Village's website

Other weekly Services – December 6th 11am, Service of the Word. 13th 11am, Café & Messy Church combined. 20th 11am, Holy Communion. **25th 9.30am, Christmas Day Holy Communion.** January 2021 3rd 11am, Service of the Word. 10th 11am, Café Church. 17th 11am, Communion, 24th 11am Messy Church.

From The Village Hall

The trustees wish everyone a Merry Christmas and we hope to see you all, safe and well, in the New Year.



The Parish Council



At the last Parish Council meeting on 3rd November the following matters were discussed:
Given the re-instatement of the COVID-19 lock-down, the Parish Council have again offered to support any needs from members of the parish although to date this has not been a requirement.
Whilst many efforts have been made to get Cheshire East, the Highways Agency and the Environment Agency to undertake work on the flooding issues, there has been little movement. Cllr Pochin, who was at the meeting, has agreed to try and push this forward again.
The PC are again going to make some sandbags available from the village hall car park.
Planting of 20 trees has already been done (thanks to those who were able to help) and it is hoped that some more will be planted next year.
It was agreed that a defibrillator will be supplied at Home Farm Park.
The Village Hall development team have distributed questionnaires to all houses in the parish, requesting input from residents as to what facilities they would appreciate being available for the redeveloped hall. Feedback was requested either by filling in the form or via Survey Monkey. Cheshire Community Action will be reviewing the feedback and this would become part of the feasibility study. This would contribute to the ability to get funding which Cheshire Community Action believe will be possible.



From The Badger Inn



We are now open 7 days a week from 12 noon and will operate our usual Covid secure precautions in our warm and safe environment. The menu is on our website www.badgerinn.co.uk and there will be frequent updates on our facebook page, Badger Inn, Church Minshull. Thank you and Merry Christmas from all the team at The Badger.



From The Aqueduct



Here at Aqueduct Marina we are surprisingly busy in this Covid restricted Autumn season especially on the boatyard. After the 1st lockdown most of our customers were able to enjoy the summer using their boats, the Caravan site was busier than normal and boat sales were the best few months we have had with very strong demand, the café managed to keep operating despite the difficulties of the tier 2 restrictions, and the weather was in the main decent.

While typing we are awaiting news on what restriction level we will be in post lockdown, we currently (in the lockdown) have all our staff working with the exception of the café team who are furloughed. Please keep an eye on our website and social media output for the latest updates, in general everything will be open but requires a prior booking for Click and Collect from the Chandlery, boat viewing appointments, caravan pitch, or TBC a café table or takeaway.

Robert Parton Managing Director said, *"We remain optimistic, with plans to recruit a kickstart scheme appointment that could lead into an apprenticeship in the new year, and have plans for a couple of new positions into the coming year. We wish everyone a safe Christmas, with hopefully a successful vaccination roll out making for a happier 2021."*