

# Easton Village Newsletter

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## FARMER BURTON'S COUNTRY TALK



I last wrote about farming in August, when I was still waiting to combine our wheat. Well, we did finally get it done, between the showers, and this year's yields were quite pleasing but it costs more to grow and world prices are down. As harvest was late, we then had a lot of work to do to get the land prepared for drilling our next crop. I planned to drill as late as possible as I wanted the black grass to germinate, so I could spray it off and kill this flush before sowing the wheat, as, if not controlled, it can destroy a whole crop. I mentioned that costs have increased - sprays to help control black grass cost £55/acre (so no new car for Jill!!).

The mild wet weather has meant my Rape is susceptible to fungus so I am planning to starting spraying at first light tomorrow, probably 7am, to get it finished before the wind gets up.

Security of farms is becoming a big problem with more and more farms being targeted. Each week I receive emails from Countryside Watch about tractors and equipment that has been stolen, so please keep an eye out in the countryside for anything suspicious. We all need to keep our eyes peeled in Easton over the Festive season as some properties may be vacant at this time.

I wish you all early Seasonal Greetings and hope your larders are full of British farming produce!

## CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER

### Sunday 6th December (Advent 2)

*(Malachi 3.1-4; Philippians 1.3-11; Luke 3.1-6)*

09.30 COV Parish Communion (Rev R Lancaster)

10.45 KIM Christingle Service (Rev S Bowring)

10.45 SPA Parish Communion (Rev N Bland)

15.00 STO Evensong (Rev Dr J Rawlinson)

### Sunday 13th December (Advent 3)

*(Zephaniah 3.14-20; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18)*

09.30 EAS Parish Communion (Rev Dr J Rawlinson)

10.45 KIM Parish Communion (Rev S Bowring)

10.45 SPA Morning Worship (Mrs L Bowring)

### Sunday 20th December (Advent 4)

*(Micah 5.2-5a; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45)*

09.30 STO BCP Communion (Rev Dr J Rawlinson)

10.45 KIM Matins (Rev R Lancaster)

10.45 SPA Parish Communion (Rev N Bland)

15.00 STO Carol Service (Rev Dr J Rawlinson)

16.00 COV Carol Service (Mrs L Bowring & SB)

18.00 EAS Carol Service (Rev N Bland)

18.00 KIM Carol Service (Rev R Lancaster)

### Sunday 27th December (Christmas 1)

*(1 Samuel 2.18-20,26; Colos. 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-52)*

09.30 TIL Parish Communion (Rev N Bland)

09.30 EAS Morning Worship (Mr M Baker)

10.45 KIM Parish Communion (Rev R Lancaster)

10.45 SPA Family Service (Rev N Bland)



## Christmas Services 2015

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December

17.00 TILBROOK Carol Service / Christingle / Crib Service

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

19.30 BARHAM Carol Service

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December

15.00 STOW LONGA Carol Service

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December (Advent 4)

16.30 COVINGTON Carol Service  
18.00 EASTON Carol Service  
18.00 KIMBOLTON Carol Service

### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

19.00 SPALDWICK Carol Party

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve

16.00 SPALDWICK Crib Service  
23.30 SPALDWICK Midnight Communion  
23.30 KIMBOLTON Midnight Communion

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day

09.30 COVINGTON Christmas Day Communion  
09.30 EASTON Christmas Day Communion  
09.30 STOW LONGA Christmas Day Communion  
09.30 TILBROOK Christmas Family Service  
10.45 KIMBOLTON Christmas Family Communion  
11.00 BARHAM Christmas Day Communion



### CAROL SERVICE

All are welcome for our usual traditional candle-lit service on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00 p.m. Mulled wine and mince pies etc. will be served afterwards. We should also be very grateful for any offers of help to decorate the church for the occasion on or before Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

### AUNTIE KATH COLLECTION

**Richard Burton**

I would like to say a huge thank you for the fantastic sum of £984 that was collected at Auntie Kath's service. This will be split 50/50 between the Air Ambulance and Easton church, which were her two favourite charities.

### EASTON PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE

In order to facilitate sewer connection works to *The Timbers*, Stonely Road on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016, a temporary prohibition order of through traffic has been issued.

### THE KIMBOLTON PARISH MAGAZINE

This covers the seven Churches and villages in our group – Kimbolton, Barham, Covington, Easton, Stow Longa, Spaldwick and Tilbrook – and features a wide variety of news and events taking place each month over the whole area. It is well worth the cost of £3 per annum and can be delivered free to your letterbox each month. Subscriptions for 2016 are now due so would current readers please put £3 in an envelope through my letterbox as soon as possible. Thank you. If there is anyone else who would like to be included (from January, 2016), please would you be kind enough to let me know by Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December (tel: 890455) as orders are now being taken for next year.

**Stephanie Silcock**

### VILLAGE WEBSITE

Don't forget to make use of the village website! The address is: [www.easton.btck.co.uk](http://www.easton.btck.co.uk).



**Copy deadline for the next newsletter will be Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015.**