



January

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Elkstonians Village Newsletter



Margaret's Meanderings...

Our church was beautifully decorated for Christmas & all ready for the Carol Service on the 18th December. Many thanks to all who made a big effort to make the church look lovely & prepare for the refreshments afterwards, BUT once again the service had to be cancelled – last year it was due to the resurgence of Covid & this year it was the sudden freezing rain, causing lethal conditions both underfoot & on the roads. It was impossible to stand upright. Next day the ice went as quickly as it had come & Liz Meakin was able to sell raffle tickets around the area, raising just over £100 for the Church. Many thanks to those who generously donated prizes.

The winning ticket for 1st prize of the Christmas Hamper went to Tracy Wentworth. Winners of the other prizes will be notified.



Diary Dates St John's Church & Village Events

Sunday 22nd January Holy Communion 11am

Wednesday 25th January Coffee morning 10.30am

See details overleaf...

Church cleaning & flowers for January – Liz Meakin

Elkstonians' Christmas Lunch

On Sunday 11th December, eighteen members of the Elkstonians gathered together for a lovely Christmas Lunch at Biggin Hall. The first since 2019, so it felt really special to be able to sit down & eat together, give Secret Santa gifts & enjoy each others company again.

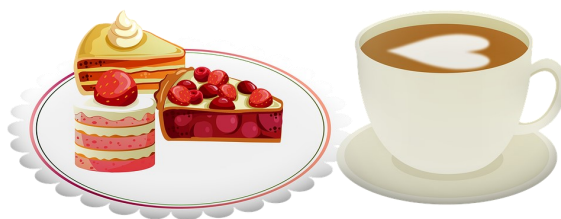


On Friday 16th December seven Carol Singers set off to make Christmas music around Elkstones. This year's fund raiser (which is always chosen by the current year's Chairman) was for Shelter, the charity for homeless people.

Thanks to some very generous donors, we have been able to send a cheque for £165 to Shelter.



Everyone is welcome!



Happy New Year!



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