



FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY BLYTHBURGH

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Greetings Friends

It is time to bring you up to date with Holy Trinity Blythburgh.



Our open afternoon in May, mentioned in my last newsletter, was a happy and informative event. Simon Roberts of Union Farm (close neighbour to the church) showed how local history is slowly revealing itself through the archaeological research being done on his farm. Some 35 people enjoyed afternoon tea and a tour of the church.

Blythburgh's Jubilee celebrations in June were a wonderful success and the church played its full part. The village was awakened with a peal of bells, floral crowns appeared in the

Church porch and villager Adam Burrows hoisted the flag on the tower, which was resplendent in red, white and blue.



The Blessing of the Animals service continues to be very popular. This year we welcomed 5 horses, an enormous number of dogs, 3 chickens and a corn snake! The Harvest service this year took place in the ruins of Priory, as the opener to Blythburgh Day.

Looking ahead to upcoming services, there will be two more Choral Evensongs before Christmas, on 6 November and 4 December, and we will join with members of St Andrew Walberswick for the Service of Remembrance on 13 November.

If you are local, you are welcome to enjoy a quiet day with us on Saturday 19 November. We meet at Quiet Waters, a retreat house near Bungay, to explore what St Benedict and his Monastic Rule might have to say to us today, particularly about hospitality and welcome. It will be hosted by the retreat staff and will include lunch. Places cost £25, and the day will run from 9:30am until 4pm. To book a place contact Jenny Allen at jennyanddick@aol.com.

The ever-popular Christmas Market will take place on Saturday 26 November 11am-3.30pm. As ever, it promises to be a convivial occasion, packed with good gifts and Christmas cheer.



All the dates and times for the Christmas season have now been finalised, so here they are. I do hope some of you can join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Carol Service with the Blythburgh Singers	Saturday 17 at 4.00pm
Carol singing around the village	Wednesday 21 from 6.00pm
Midnight Eucharist with Revd Margaret King	Saturday 24 starts at 11.30pm
Christmas Morning Family Service with Revd Malcolm Doney	Sunday 25 at 10.00am

This year the Friends have produced a new Christmas Card. Award-winning designer and illustrator Jeff Fisher, who lives in the village, has allowed us to feature his image of an angel hovering over the church. The message inside is 'Christmas Greetings'. These are available in packs of 10 for £5. If you would like to support us in this way, do email me with your order and we can agree on the cost of postage and a payment method that suits you.



I hope you have warm and happy winter season

With very best wishes

Meryl Doney, on behalf of the Friends of Holy Trinity

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