

# HINXTON NEWS

Carol Service

Light Up Hinxton

Carol Singers

Christingle Service

BOXING DAY WALK



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Original painting by Joan Roberts

# Light Up Hinxtton

**Saturday 2nd December at 6pm**



Santa's sleigh pulled by Rudolph with the elves, will tour the village giving presents to all the children they see.



Mulled wine served from 6pm  
Sausages at 7pm

*and*



The Amazing Mince Pie Pit Stop  
at 96 High Street



Donations to John Huntingdon charity



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## Dear Readers

This edition has been severely trimmed owing to circumstances outside our control. You will have to wait to read the final stages of Peter Hiscock's 'Jaunt in India' travelogue but I can assure you it is well worth the wait.

Congratulations to all the village and to Ros Smith in particular for the wonderful Silent Auction. The £2600, raised during that frantic couple of hours, was truly amazing. *(I found it got more and more frantic whilst Graham walked around pouring a bottomless bottle of Shiraz.)*

Thanks to Steve Marshall for his brilliant talk in Ickleton Village Hall about 'The Melting Planet'. We can look forward to Jackie Scott in March.

We hope you have a brilliant Christmas and we can only hope that 2024 brings happiness and good fortune to each and all of you

*Mike and the Team*

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# Remembrance Sunday in Hinxton

Residents and friends of the village gathered to pay their respects at the war memorial on Sunday November the 12th at 11 am followed by a service of remembrance at the village church.



*Options to address the condition of the war memorial and its immediate surroundings are being considered by the Parish Council*

# CHURCH NEWS

a message from Lydia

## Follow the Star, Join the Song

At the heart of the very first Christmas, there's that astounding moment when shepherds find the night sky filled with angels singing. Through this other-worldly music, shepherds and angels, humans and heaven, draw closer together.

It feels an age since we were frantically working out how to hold carol services when singing was barely acceptable. COVID 19 cast a shadow over at least two Christmases. While I loved the creativity that generated drive-in carols and churchyard crib services, there was still something sad about sitting at home on one's own, joining in (muted, of course) on Zoom.

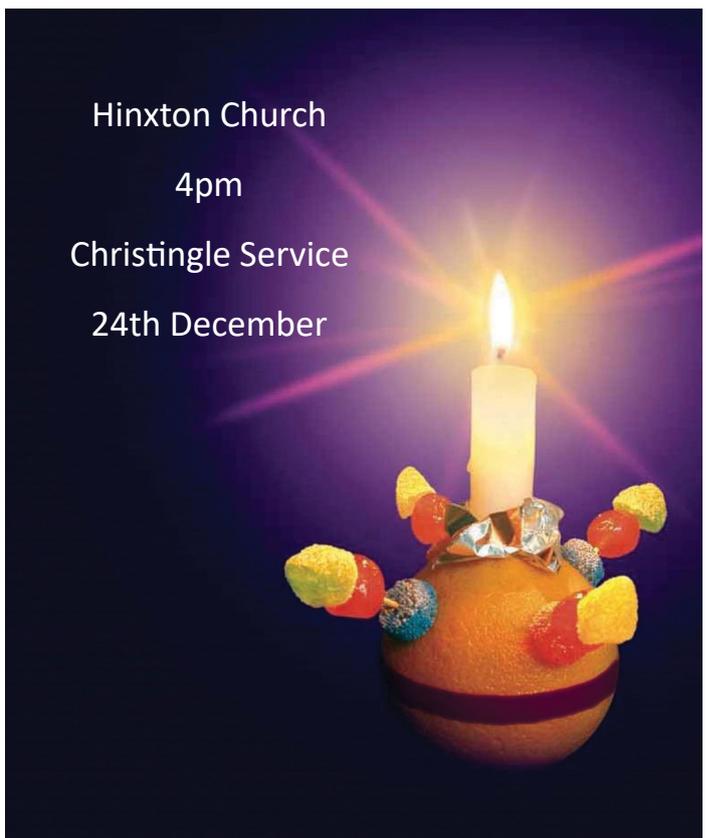
But this year we *can* sing together and perhaps we'll find that singing can help draw us closer to God and each other in the journey towards Christmas. That we will find in favourite carols and songs a new and deeper meaning.

There are plenty of opportunities to join in the singing in the Hinkledux churches this year, with carol services at Hinxton and Ickleton. Then there's our first ever



Christmas Tree Festival in Duxford, incorporating a host of beautifully decorated trees, along with a festive singalong and a carol concert from Duxford Community Choir.

Details of services and events in each of the churches are in our Christmas card and on our website and Facebook page. And if you're interested in exploring what the Christmas story could mean for you, a great place to start is with a series of 12 seasonal reflections from the Church of England: *Follow the Star: Join the Song*.





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## SILENT AUCTION

This email arrived from Ros Smith on Sunday afternoon,

Andy Brown has just sent me the auction results sheet – phew!

Here are my few words for Hinxton News.....

*"Thank you so much to everyone who donated items for the Silent Auction and to all those who came along and bid so generously. We had a wonderful selection of Lots on offer, from a holiday cottage in Wales to a jar of jam, and lots of lovely meals to look forward to during 2024 (Hinxton is blessed with brilliant cooks).*

*It was really good meet some of our new neighbours; the wine flowed, the atmosphere was great and, I hope, a good time was had by all.*

*We made an incredible £2,600."*

Thank you Ros





"Thanks to everyone who bought from my stall on the 14th October. I'm sure you will be delighted to know that I was able to send a magnificent **£250** to The Brain Tumour Support charity.

Thanks also, to Lesley for the twenty four Chocolate Oranges with their knitted Christmas outfits. I couldn't have done it without you. It was a good afternoon."  
Mary Ellis



## Boxing Day Walk

Meet at the Bus shelter at 1030 for the traditional photo.

Coffee in the Red Lion on return

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# Linda's Amazing Coo Book

## Ingredients

- A stalk of Brussels sprouts
- Pack or tin of chestnuts. Don't ever attempt to boil fresh chestnuts and then skin them. You will be there all day and your nails will be ruined!
- A whole chorizo sausage, skin removed, cut into smallish cubes. You can use spicy or mild chorizo according to preference.

First select your sprouts. The ones on the stalks are nicest. Pick off about six or seven per person. Throw into boiling salted water for about five to eight minutes depending on size of sprouts.

While they are boiling fry chorizo in a hot dry frying pan to release the fat. Add a knob of butter. Drain sprouts and add to frying pan with the chestnuts.

Cook for a few minutes- taste sprouts to make sure they are as you like them People vary. My parents liked them soggy. Others like them lightly cooked.

Pile into a serving dish, and enjoy along with your turkey and roast potatoes.

This is your chance to taste Linda's famous Brussel sprouts without having to wait for a dinner invitation.

Absolutely lovely !! - Ed





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December Greetings to Hinxtton Villagers  
from all at The Red Lion Inn

### Special Nights

Thank you to all those who have supported our Tapas nights these past months. They certainly seem to have struck a chord and will be continuing early next year. There has been talk of Kerala next on our world tour – but do put in any requests/suggestions if you have a favoured cuisine you would like to see championed.

### Christmas Bookings

We still have a number of dates and times free over December so please do book in as soon as you know.

Please be aware that walking-in on the off chance over this next month might be a bit hit or miss. We will always do our best but often over this month it just won't be possible to squeeze in any extras. We will be hosting our usual **Boxing Day Walk drinks** for those who can last the pace.

**Boxing Day lunch** will be Sunday roast style menu. Booking is strongly advised.

**Christmas Day Lunch** is all but full – please ask to see if we can fit you in – there are a few unconfirmed.

**New Year's Eve** – we will be releasing our menu shortly – standby.

### Festive Period Opening Hours

We close for certain times over the festive period to allow staff some time with their friends and family too: So this year we are open 24/7 as usual except we are closed: Christmas Day evening Monday 25th December, Boxing Day evening Tuesday 26th December, New Year's Day evening Monday 1st January

Please do sign up to our **Newsletter** to keep up to date.

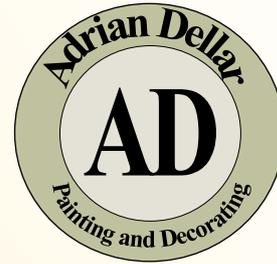
Best wishes to all

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# DESERT ISLAND JUKEBOX

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## **Just A Girl** by No Doubt

No Doubt at the Brixton Academy is probably the best gig I've ever been to, and this is one of my favourite albums.

## **Pata Pata** by Miriam Makeba

However I'm feeling, this song never fails to cheer me up.

## **Afirika** by Angelique Kidjo

I love all of Angelique Kidjo's music, but after inviting the audience on stage at a gig ended up having a brief dance with her to this song. Magic.

## **Flaming Red Hair** composed by Howard Shore

A not at all secret Tolkein nerd, this is the music from Bilbo's birthday party in the Fellowship of the Rings.

## **Want It Back** by Amanda Palmer

Great song, but the main reason it's on the list is it's my favourite music video.

## **Eet** by Regina Spektor

I could have picked any of her songs - an exceptionally talented musician and song-writer.

## **French Navy** by Camera Obscura

Beautiful song about falling in love.

## **Long Live The Chief** by Jidenna

I listen to all kinds of music, but I probably listen to Hip-Hop more than anything else. This is really stripped back but super powerful.



1st	Friday	Hinxton Walkers- 930 Village Hall- Dick Jones
2nd	Saturday	<b>Light Up Hinxton 6pm</b>
3rd	Sunday	
4th	Monday	
5th	Tuesday	<b>Tea Shop - Village Hall- 10—1pm</b> Green & Blue Bin collection
6th	Wednesday	<b>Tea Shop - Village Hall- 10—1pm</b>
7th	Thursday	Hinxton Church-6pm- Compline
8th	Friday	
9th	Saturday	
10th	Sunday	Hinxton Church-8am-Communion
11th	Monday	
12th	Tuesday	Black Bin collection <b>Pub Lunch Club</b> at the Red Lion- 1230
13th	Wednesday	<b>Coffee morning—1030-1200—Village Hall</b> <b>Wetlands Mid-Winter walk- 12-1pm wooden bridge</b>
14th	Thursday	Hinxton Church-6pm- Compline
15th	Friday	
16th	Saturday	
17th	Sunday	<b>Hinxton Church— 630pm- Carol Service</b>
18th	Monday	
19th	Tuesday	<b>Tea Shop - Village Hall- 10—1pm</b> Green & Blue Bin collection
20th	Wednesday	<b>Tea Shop - Village Hall- 10—1pm</b>
21st	Thursday	<b>Carol Singing around the village</b>
22nd	Friday	
23rd	Saturday	
24th	Sunday	Hinxton Church— 4pm- Christingle Service
25th	Monday	<b>Hinxton Church -9am-Christmas Day Service</b>
26th	Tuesday	<b>Boxing Day Walk</b>
27th	Wednesday	Black Bin collection (might change)
28th	Thursday	Hinxton Church—6pm- -Compline
29th	Friday	
30th	Saturday	
1st	Sunday	HAPPY NEW YEAR

## FUTURE EVENTS

### DECEMBER

2nd	<b>Light Up Hinxton</b>
17th	<b>Carol Service</b>
21st	<b>Carol Singing around the village</b>
23rd	<b>HINXTON WEDDING</b>
25th	<b>Christmas Day Service</b>
26th	<b>Boxing Day Walk</b>

*Fergie loves Christmas time.*

Santa-mulled wine-cakes-turkey-lights-tree-presents-cards-cakes-family-mistletoe-snow-sausages in blankets-cakes-crackers-funny hats-cakes-nuts-old films-wood burner-.sprouts-red berries-robins-cakes-sweets-candles-pub lunch-walks-woolly gloves-cakes-cranberry sauce-church services-carol singers-snoozing on the sofa-cakes-visiting neighbours-cakes-DHL deliveries-nice surprises and cakes.



This December, because of holidays, all Diary entries must be submitted by the **15th** to Jeremy Coleman

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