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This month's cover photo of a rainbow over St. Mark's church was taken by Jason.

Letter from Vanessa

Dear Friends

I know. It's January. It's dark and cold and you feel like Christmas is over. You may be about to take the decorations and the twinkly lights down, and you are walking the dog through the mud in the dark mornings, wondering what there is to look forward to.

But, do not fear! Because there is more feasting to be done! We stay in the Christmas season until the Feast of the Epiphany, and then Epiphany lasts until February. I think that's definitely an excuse for topping up the tub of chocolates and leaving the twinkly lights up for quite some while yet.

Epiphany means, of course, a sudden revelation of something important, and this feast celebrates the time when the Magi arrived from the East to visit the infant Jesus (having had a close call with Herod on the way). The Magi are likely to have been Zoroastrian priests from what was then Persia and is now Iran, astrologers who followed the star until they found the King they had been searching for. But he wasn't the king they were expecting, and they themselves were equally as surprising for the child's parents. What Epiphany might be waiting for you this year? And what will be the star you follow to help you seek it out?

Following a star is not for the faint hearted. The story of these astrologists from the east reminds us that even something as simple as a star in the sky might lead us into places of risk, spaces of courage, and directions that demand trusting hearts. But the treasure we find is transformational and worth more than the gifts of any King.

With love and prayers, *Vanessa*



Weekly service pattern

Sunday Services

	All Saints	St Mark	St Denys	St John
1st Sunday	11:00 Messy Church	09:30 Tidy Church	09:30 BCP Matins or Communion	11:00 Communion or Morning Prayer
2nd Sunday	11:00 Communion	09:30 Communion		
3rd Sunday	11:00 Communion	09:30 Communion or Morning prayer	09:30 BCP Matins or Communion	
4th Sunday	11:00 Communion	09:30 Communion		
5th Sunday	11:00 Communion	09:30 Communion		

Midweek Services

When	Where	What
Tuesday, 10:30	St Mark, Ampfield	Small group Communion in St Mark's room, followed by coffee
Wednesday, 19:00	All Saints, North Baddesley	Communion in a peaceful candle lit space in the midst of your busy week

Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who has made this Christmas so meaningful and special, to those who have helped at Christingle Services, Carol Services and other events over the last few weeks, those who have played music and made the churches look so beautiful, festive and welcoming. Also included in this thank you are those who have served refreshments and washed up afterwards! Last but not least are the many behind the scenes people especially those who have moved chairs and tables! All your hard work is much appreciated.

Sally



Benefice News

Ampfield Village Hall Christmas Market, St. Mark's Stall

The market was a great success and we made £130 for the church. Thank you for your generous donations. Our clothes are proving very popular and if you have any to donate please contact Chris on 01794 367104 or cl.kerr@hotmail.com to arrange delivery or collection. We would also love to receive any 're-gifted' Christmas presents! The next market will be on Saturday 4th February, from 10am—noon.

Pause for Paws - Tuesday mornings 08.30 - 10.30

Join us in St. Mark's room for coffee and a warm-up with your pooch. P 4 P welcomes all - even if you don't have a dog, why not get some new year exercise and come for coffee and a chat?



Community Carols at St. Mark's Church

Southern Water deciding to cut Ampfield's water supply failed to foil our Carol service at St. Marks. Some, foolishly, took what they thought to be a short cut from Knapp Lane through Chapel Wood in the dark, only to end up tripping through the fire pit - the new head torch proving inadequate for its purpose. Whether the shadows of the church encouraged us to sing more heartily than when in the full glare of day, or we were just trying to keep warm is moot but everyone was jolly and joined in with gusto. Those who graciously agreed to read the lessons read with authority and fine voice. As the vapours of good things to come wafted around us from the vestry, Jo led us all in what has become a traditional hearty and energetic round of "The 12 Days of Christmas". After flailing arms and legs akimbo any woodworm in the pews used to the usual quiet life would have been left that evening thinking again. Mark and Phil's "own brew" mulled wine and mince tarts fortified us for the trudge home to the joys of waterless pipes and taps but which, in turn, focused sharply in our minds the greater hardships experienced by the people in war torn Ukraine. We realised how fortunate we had been to be able to gather together in friendship, joy and peace.

Benefice News

Crib Service at St. Mark's on Christmas Eve



The Crib Service was very well attended by more than 80, at least half of whom were children and so we had no problem getting them to dress up for the Nativity. Vanessa and Sally guided us through the story with a kind of 'pass the parcel' of Nativity figures and then each figure unveiled signalled time for the characters to take their places below the altar. It was great fun and the children were very engaged, particularly with the singing. It was a wonderful afternoon with a full church and a great deal of joy. **Kate**

Friends for Lunch



Yet again we were welcomed on December 15th at Ampfield Golf Course for the Friends for Lunch Christmas Lunch. There were 31 diners, including the FFL team, seated on three large round tables. Vanessa gave the blessing and we settled down to eat some delicious food and enjoy the warm and friendly service. No wonder we continue to visit this venue year after year. We still had some money from the legacy Jean had left us in her will and so we had a glass of Prosecco each and toasted her memory and generosity. It was a really fun afternoon with a great atmosphere. We were able to give the staff a good tip for all their hard work. The next lunch will be on Wednesday 18th January, 12.15 for 12.30, please contact Chris on 01794 367104 or cl.kerr@hotmail.com to book a place. **Kate**

Sunshine Saints

Sunshine Saints is a toddler and baby group which meets every Friday in term time from 10:00am to 11:30am in All Saints Church. It is an opportunity for the children to have fun playing together. There are snacks for the children and tea and coffee for those who accompany them. Thank you to Beth and all the other helpers who come along and make this such a joyous morning as we welcome young children into the church.
Suggested donation: £2



Get fit in 2023 - Local Fitness Classes

Fitness Classes at Ampfield Village Hall

Thursdays: YOGA with Diana Craven 9.30 to 11.30am

E-mail: diana_craven@hotmail.com for details

Thursdays: DANCE YOURSELF FIT! A NEW CLASS

Two classes. At 6.30pm Disco Dance Aerobics and at 7.30pm Clubbercise. Contact: www.madeleinewardfitness.co.uk

Fridays: YOGA with YogaByGaynor 9.30 to 10.30am

All levels, Gentle, Vinyasa Flow Yoga. All welcome

Facebook: @yogaByGaynor OR Email: yogabygaynor@yahoo.com

Romsey Ramblers

Email: [Contact this group](#)

We walk around Romsey, in the New Forest, Hampshire and neighbouring counties. Short Saturday walks are intended for the new walker and are of 4 or 5 miles. Midweek walks may be 6-12 miles and are often at a moderate pace. Sunday walks are usually between 6-9 miles and may include a pub lunch. Often a pub will figure in the walk description though if picnics are preferred the leader will suggest a suitable spot for eating them. All leaders aim to match the pace of the slowest walker. We meet to car share at Romsey Rapids Car Park on the far right, adjacent to Romsey Town Football Club.

Romsey Fitness Trail

The new Romsey 10k Fitness Trail will be formally opened at Whitenap Open Space (Botley Road) on Sunday 14 March. Beginning at 10am, the event will include a 5k and 10k run. Information will also be available from Romsey Health Walks, Romsey Refill, SO51 Fitness, Mountbatten School Parkrun, Places Leisure and other local groups. Cake, fruit and water will be provided for runners who complete the 5k and 10k! For more information contact Marianne Piggan, Community Engagement Officer, on 07899 664209 or email mpiggin@testvalley.gov.uk.

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Abbotswood Community Association

Abbotswood Community Association hold many fitness classes throughout the week. Some are run by independent people and some are free and run by the community association.

Contact: bookings@abbotswoodromsey.co.uk

Their new website is under construction. Tel. 01794 515950 for more information.

Mondays: Tappy Toes; ACA Tots and Tinies (free); U3A Table Tennis; Suzie Fenn Pilates; Living Yoga ; ACA Table Tennis (free).

Tuesdays: Baby Sensory; Living Yoga (gentle); Coyote Fitness.

Wednesdays: Baby Sensory; Living Yoga (Hatha); Table Tennis; Fit 4 Life (Clinical); Claire's Zumba.

Thursdays: Touch Football; Tappy Toes Dance; Pilates; Table Tennis; Test Valley School of Dance; Sarah's Yoga Alchemy.

Fridays: Living Yoga; Yoga Bears; Table Tennis

Saturday: Dance Catz

Sundays: Rising Sun Martial Arts

Pause for Paws

See 'Benefice News' for details.

Romsey Rapids

Sports Complex

Open Monday - Friday 6am - 10pm; Fri/Sat 8am - 6pm.

Gym; Leisure Pool; Flume and water features; Studios; Indoor Cycling Studio; Squash Courts; Soft Play; Café.

01794 835550

Badminton Club Mountbatten School

Whitenap Lane, Romsey, SO51 5SY

Monday evening Badminton Club - Term Time only

7pm - 8:30pm; Open to all abilities; Ages 17+

Rackets can be provided if required.

Please contact - enquiries@personalbesteducation.com.

Village News

The Ampfield Market



The Christmas Market took place on December 3rd and it was a truly memorable event. Early on the morning of the 3rd I heard that some members of the team were poorly and my spirits took a dive. Thankfully, the rest of the team quickly rallied round and the morning went really smoothly. Father Christmas got held up for a while in the traffic but appeared in time to bring a smile to everyone's faces. Jo, a resident from Morley's Green had spent many hours creating the most beautiful evergreen table decorations which she sold to raise an amazing £150 for the Crisis charity.

The annual Market raffle took place in memory of Martin Trotter, (the co -founder of the Market) and Liz Easterbrook. This year we raised a staggering £207 for the Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund. With the addition of other funds I will be sending off a cheque for £300 in total. Thank you to everyone who generously supported this very worthy cause.



The refreshment table was laden with goodies including many seasonal favourites and we didn't stop serving our customers for one minute - such was the demand! We have a wonderful and loyal team of traders who never let me down and always provide a varied selection of lovely things for our customers. Matt's Bakery continues to supply excellent bread and cakes. Hansards provide us with very fresh fruit and vegetables, their service is second to none!

Thank you to everyone who came along to support us it was certainly the most successful Market we have ever had. The Market will be closed in January, but we will all look forward to welcoming you back again on Saturday 4th February 2023.

With very best wishes for a happy and healthy 2023 !

Julie Trotter

Village News

This Year's Pantomime at the Village Hall

The Snow Queen



The village hall once again brought the annual Pantomime, The Snow Queen, to a capacity audience of adults but more especially a super turnout of children, including the local Brownie group. There was a lot of laughter and some very bad jokes but all warmly received and everyone took part.

There was a 15 minute interval with warm drinks, juice and cookies all served by the loyal band of panto helpers. It was a really fun filled evening and joyfully continued the village's Christmas countdown.

Kate



**The
Ampfield Market**
(Established in 2000, now in its 23rd year !)

**will take place
on**

**Saturday 4th February
From 10am to 12noon
in Ampfield Village Hall
(SO51 9BJ)**

Our Market has a great reputation, we regularly sell:-

Fresh fruit and veg, bread, jams, chutneys and pickles, cakes, biscuits and scones, plants and fresh flowers, cards and wrapping paper, books, antiques, unusual crafts, jewellery, clothes, toys, honey, puzzles, seasonal surprises, bric a brac and much much more !

**Fresh coffee and a wonderful selection of cakes will be
served all morning
in the Garden Room**

Parking and admission are always FREE.

All proceeds support the Village Hall. Registered charity no.
1057353

Contact Julie on 023 80254587 for table bookings and
information.

Next date. Saturday March 4th 2023

Ron and Stella's Quiz Night

1. What is Cynophobia?
2. Which monarch officially made Valentine's Day a holiday, in 1537?
3. Demolition of the Berlin wall began in what year?
4. What was the first soft drink in space?
5. Which is the only edible food that never goes bad?
6. What was the first feature-length, animated movie, ever released?
7. What are the names of Cinderella's step sisters?
8. How many prime ministers were there in 2022?
9. What dog breed is famously known as the Dulux Dog?
10. How do the royal family spend New Year's Eve?



Answers on p. 15

Dear friends,

After four and a half months of intensive meetings, hundreds of people consulted, and lots of prayer, our Vacancy in See Committee met for the last time on 5 December.

Supported by the Archbishops'

Appointment Secretary, the Committee

unanimously approved the final version of our Diocesan Statement of Needs and elected the six Diocesan Representatives who will join the Crown Nominations Committee (CNC) in the next stage of the discernment process for the Bishop of Winchester.



[Details of our six reps and the Statement of Needs here.](#)

Please do keep the reps firmly in your prayers over the coming months as they carry this significant responsibility forwards on our behalf.

The [Statement of Needs](#) is an important document within the discernment process. It helps candidates and the wider CNC understand our diocesan community and the qualities we seek in our next Bishop. The Committee have been deeply grateful to all of you who have supported their work through prayer and engagement with the consultation process. Trying to capture the hopes, prayers, priorities and needs of our diverse diocese in a single document is a significant challenge! I am sure you will all join with me in offering our heartfelt thanks to each of the 21 members of the Vacancy in See Committee for the manner in which they have approached this task. Finally, I would like to add my personal thanks to Charles Stewart for the huge care and dedication he has shown in chairing the committee.

The process of course does not end here. The first meeting of the CNC will be on 5 January, with shortlisting in March and interviews late in April. In the meantime, the life and ministry of our diocese continues so our usual updates, resources, and support for our parishes, ministers and worshipping communities is offered below.


Yours in Christ

Colin Harbidge




Answers to Ron and Stella's Quiz Night

1. **Fear of dogs.**
2. **Henry V111.**
3. **1989.**
4. **Coca Cola.**
5. **Honey.**
6. **Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.**
7. **Anastasia and Drizella.**
8. **Three.**
9. **Old English Sheepdog.**
10. **Residing at Sandringham.**



From the St. Mark's
Register.



The funeral service for Michael Dawkins took place in St. Marks church on 8th December and for Edward Kellett-Bowman on 14th December in St. Marks Church.

We were all saddened to hear that Bruce Dawes died just before Christmas and send our condolences to his family.

Please remember them in your prayers

Castaway of The Month



Music enters our lives in many ways. In my case, as perhaps for others, music came to me via the church.

As a choirboy I had the honour to sing solos from Handel, Mozart, Watts and others.



It was not however, my early experiences of church music which set my musical heart pounding. That came later when introduced to the power and beauty of classical orchestral music. Faced with a plethora of choice and little inspiration, I have opted for pieces of music which made a significant impact upon my life. I hope my choices resonate with you.

1 Ludwig Von Beethoven – Symphony No 9

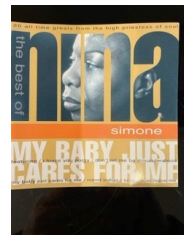
This powerful choral symphony, backed by a full choir and orchestra came to me at the age of a twelve. Listened to on a proper gramophone at school where we all had to sit still, keep quiet and listen, this was no problem for me. I was enthralled by its power and beauty, and still am.

2 The Beatles – Please, Please Me

I heard this song on a small transistor radio on a school trip to Germany. Instantly transfixed, I became a fan of all Beatles music, turning to pop music as a teenager and still feeling like one whenever I hear their music, even now almost 70 years on.

3 Nina Simone – My Baby Just Cares for Me

While living in as a volunteer at my local Boys Club and Adventure Centre, a course leader played me several jazz numbers, one of which was Nina Simone's soulful voice. Her phrasing and vulnerability transcended other jazz I had heard, and she remains a firm favourite.



4 The Beach Boys – Good Vibrations

As a would-be surf bum back in the late 60s I fell into the Beach Boys and Pet Sounds. It was however Good Vibrations, written by Brian Wilson, with its harmonies & symphonic approach which grabbed my attention & respect. I shall always remember it.

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5 Simon & Garfunkel – Bridge Over Troubled Water

I met my wife in 1969 and promptly fell hopelessly in love. Simon & Garfunkel provided our soundtrack, and the title song will forever be in my heart. I can almost feel the love sickness as I write this, proving I am both an incurable romantic and incredibly blessed.



6 Pink Floyd – Dark Side of the Moon

On an extended holiday to Canada in 1974, my friend from childhood and our days trying to surf in Cornwall, introduced me to this album. A year later at Knebworth Park, Marilyn & I experienced a live performance of Dark Side of The Moon, preceded by a debut performance of Wish You Were Here. How I wish I could go back.

7 Rimsky Korsakov – Scheherazade



Classical music was never far away. I knew some classical music and composers, although could rarely name pieces of music or who had composed them. That all changed with the emergence of Classic FM who produced a monthly magazine with a free CD. One of which was Scheherazade, recorded by the Radio Symphony Orchestra Ljubljana and conducted by Anton Nanut. Why is this important? Because the orchestra & conductor captured perfectly the gypsy soul and rhythms of the music, making this my go to recording.

8 Gregory Porter – Liquid Spirit

I knew Gregory Porter's rich, silky voice from the radio, but it was not until I listened to this album, enroute to Singapore, that I appreciated his amazing talent. That led to a re-engagement with the world of Jazz and a quest to seek out live musical performances of all types.

Favourite Recording – Scheherazade

Favourite Book – Endurance, Shackleton's Incredible Voyage by Alfred Lansing

Luxury – a warm duvet.

Friends of Chapel Wood by Graham Roads

Well, if nothing else, our current weather patterns have provided a series of interesting challenges as we have enjoyed 2022 drawing to a close and we look forward to 2023. Early December found us shivering as air flows from the arctic decided to pop south for an early Christmas holiday; whilst now, walking the dog provides an experience something akin to a water-skiing, as we get pulled through one puddle after another.



Whilst interesting in concept, these challenges bring with them a degree of uncertainty and can require a flexible approach. For instance, on the day of the December working party, it was so cold that holly did not need icing sugar to look seasonal, it was impossible to break the surface of the ground with a fork and even the rhododendron leaves began to shrivel! Sensibly, the Friends decided to abandon the planned working party, agreeing to meet up one week later. Cont. ...



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For some months, we have been opening up the area to the west of St. Mark's church, and a dry December morning gave us a good opportunity to take this a stage further. We want to create direct views from St. Mark's across to our woodland pond. To achieve this, a line of site must be cleared through the very overgrown foliage that taken over much of the lower woodland.



Over the course of the morning, with a little help from a feathered friend, we managed to clear out a lot of unwanted top growth. It was very satisfying, and even a little exciting from time to time, to hear the crash as another large branch came down, happily exactly where we intended it should. By the time, the morning was drawing to a close we had collected a large pile of arisings by the edge of the path, which could be transported up to the bonfire area next time we met.

As a part of this opening up exercise, Ampfield Parish Council is working closely with Test Valley Borough Council. Many of you will have kindly completed a questionnaire for us which has been designed set out our plans and to record the opinions of both residents and visitors to the area. We are very grateful for all of your supportive comments. More questionnaires will be available at the Village Market, so if you have not told us your views, please do.

The FoCW would like to thank everyone for their continued support and help over the past year. We meet on the second Saturday of the month, at 09:45 in the church car park. All are welcome. We hope you have all enjoyed a good Christmas and we send you all our best wishes for the New Year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Graham Roads



Mermaids and Mermen in Church

By Liz Hallett

Another of the unexpected images which are very common in old churches are mermaids and mermen. They can be found both near the sea and also inland. I had not realised how many there are until I started looking for them.

I had always heard about the famous mermaid at Zennor, near Land's End. She is on a very old, old bench end and the local legend tells how a young man from the village was lured away by a beautiful woman who was really a mermaid, and he was never seen again.



Zennor mermaid

This tale is typical of the thinking behind the image used in so many churches. Mermaids are famous for their beautiful voices, enticing everyone, especially sailors, with their songs. They were closely linked with sirens who were a deadly danger. Sirens were sometimes shown as birds with human faces, and it was later that they were shown with fish tails. They represented the Devil and the dangers of being attracted to evil. The fish, the symbol of Christianity, has been perverted by the Evil One.



Sherbourne mermaid roof boss

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Mermaids therefore appear often in church carvings. In the examples here they are on misericords, a pulpit, a bench end and a roof boss. But they are everywhere. A delicate wall painting at Bramley in Hampshire has two mermaids in an amazing sea scene with ships and fish, and the font at Anstey, Cambs., had a splendid merman (would they have been to lure women?) in high relief on each of the four corners. The Anstey mermen have two tails, as can be seen sometimes with mermaids too (think of Starbucks). Mermaids are usually carrying a mirror and a comb, seducing by their beauty as well as by their singing.



Bramley wall painting St
Chris mermaid



Anstey Cambs. font

So what is to us today just an amusing and interesting image, was to our medieval ancestors a dire warning against the Devil and all his works.



Liz Hallett

27 January HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

A day for remembrance of people who suffered, chiefly at the hands of the Nazis during the second World War but also in other persecutions. It aims to keep memory fresh and ensure that no such atrocity happens again. To mark HMD 2020, Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and Senior Imam Qari Asim have come together and written a special prayer which is intended to be used by people of any faith at their HMD activity.

Loving God, we come to you with heavy hearts, remembering the six million Jewish souls murdered during the Holocaust.

In the horrors of that history, when so many groups were targeted because of their identity, and in genocides which followed, we recognise destructive prejudices that drive people apart.

Forgive us when we give space to fear, negativity and hatred of others, simply because they are different from us.

In the light of God, we see everyone as equally precious manifestations of the Divine, and can know the courage to face the darkness.

Through our prayers and actions, help us to stand together with those who are suffering, so that light may banish all darkness, love will prevail over hate and good will triumph over evil.

Amen



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Tue.	2nd	Sunday School Outing to Salisbury Playhouse. 1 p.m. from the village.
Sat.	6th	The Epiphany. Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.
Sun.	7th	Epiphany 1. Holy Communion 8 a.m.
Wed.	10th	M.U. Meeting in the W.I. Hall at 2.30.
Sun.	14th	Epiphany 2. Holy Communion 8 a.m.
Sun.	21st	Epiphany 3. Holy Communion 8 a.m.
Thu.	25th	S.Paul. Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.
Sun.	28th	Epiphany 4. Holy Communion 8 a.m.
		Family Service 9.30 a.m.

ALTAR FLOWERS

January 7th & 14th - Mrs. Growther
January 21st & 28th - Mrs. Neil.

Mrs. Evans and Sarah join me in wishing all of you every happiness in the New Year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VISIT TO SALISBURY - We are taking the children to see 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at Salisbury Playhouse on Tuesday, January 2nd. The coaches will leave the village at 1 p.m. and parents and children will be told where we are picking them up.

THE CAROL SERVICES - We had some excellent singing at Ampfield Church on Sunday December 10th. At Mattins the boys of Stroud School sang to us and in the evening we had the Festival of 9 Lessons with Carols. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and we are most grateful to Miss Fray and the Stroud Choir for their part in the morning and to Mr. Peter Morgan and our choristers for their sweet singing. There was a churchfull to hear Ampfield School sing their carols on Tuesday Dec. 12th and I have never heard the children sing better.

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From the Archives

The Messenger January 1967

Mr & Mrs J. White

In March 1934 Mr and Mrs White opened their Village Stores and nine years later they took over the Post Office. Now they have retired and we wish them every happiness in the years to come. I have enjoyed talking to them about the Ampfield of many years ago - back to the time when Mr White baked his own bread and delivered it by horse and cart. Mrs White was brought to the village by her parents when she was two years old and she has a fund of interesting stories about the Church and the school from the time just before World War I. Her father was a very keen Church worker and was a Churchwarden for many years. We are glad Mr and Mrs White are not severing their connection with the village, they have served so well, and that the business is being carried on by their son and daughter-in-law Michael and Jane White to whom we send our best wishes.

Holy Baptism

On Nov. 27th. Peter Eric, son of Brian & Juliet Humphrey, Flat 2, Jermyns House

On Dec. 4th. Karen, daughter of Michael & Susan Sherin, 8 Wheelhouse Park, Chandlers Ford.

W.I. Report

Miss Cornwell very warmly welcomed Miss Hull back to the Institute after a year's absence. Regret was expressed at the resignation of our secretary Mrs Boulton and very grateful thanks were expressed for her enthusiastic and hard work during the last three years. Mrs. Bignell kindly offered to

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act as Hon.Sec. until the end of the W.I.year. Mrs.Basham reported that there were 250 Institutes in Hampshire and 30,700 members. Mrs.Loader thanked Ampfield for their gift of Cinderella's Coach to the school and said it had given great delight to the children. Mr.R.Hartley of "Bird's Eye" Frozen Foods gave a talk and answered many questions. Mrs.Potter won the competition for a supper dish made from Frozen Foods. Mrs.Machell thanked Mr Hartley for his talk and for a gift of a selection of "Bird's Eye" products which were raffled. At Dec. 7th meeting, Miss Cornwell heartily congratulated Mrs Bignell for winning the Area Produce Cup for the second time running. Good wishes were given to Mrs J.White and Mr White on their retirement and Miss Cornwell said how much they had both done for the institute and village and it was good to know that they would still be in the village. Mrs Kelly was warmly thanked for her very enjoyable Coffee Morning which had raised £11.10.0d. Mrs Basham in her financial report said she had received a cheque from Mrs Bardell for which she was very grateful.

Mr L.Duffner and Mr Anscombe gave most interesting talks about County Libraries and were warmly thanked by Mrs Potter. The Drama Group entertained members and led the Carol singing with Mrs Caunter at the piano. Mrs Percy won the Oldest Book Competition and Mrs Caunter the Mystery Prize. Miss Cornwell thanked the Drama Group for their humorous and pleasant entertainment and wished all a very Happy Christmas.

Mr Morton, Probation Officer, came to collect gifts for needy children and thanked Ampfield for helping yet another year.

(A.St.George)

Rotas for St. Mark's in January

Date	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Intercessions	Sides	Coffee	Music
01 Jan	NO SERVICE					
8 Jan 9.30am	Isaiah 60: 1-6 Jennie E	Ephesians 3: 2-12 Robyn	Ron	Diane Sally C	Heather C	Organist
15 Jan 9.30am	Isaiah 49: 1-7 Chris	1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 Heather S	Sally	Mark B Jennie E	Stella	Jean
22 Jan 9.30 am	Isaiah 9 1-4 Doreen	1 Corinthians 1 10-18 Heather C	Jean	Phil Heather C	Jean	Organist
29 Jan 9.30am	Malachi 3: 1-5 Jean	Hebrews 2: 14-18	Sally	Ron Mark B	Jennie E	Organist

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