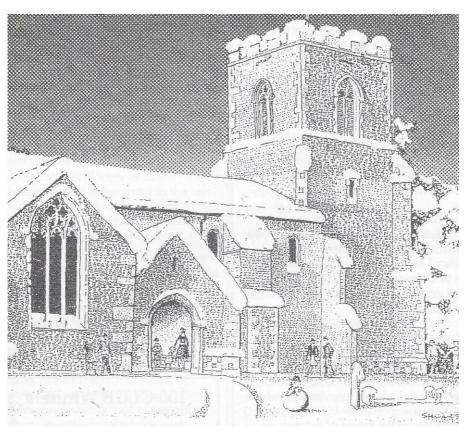
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## MERRY CHRISTMAS



## DECEMBER 2024/JANUARY 2025

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## **Beginnings – Editors Page**

Dear Readers.

Phew !Sorry Readers that this issue will be a little late but I hope you will find it both interesting and useful

One thing to say. is that the front cover of the Mag is a drawing made by Donald Stewart an artist who lived with his wife at 'Beam Ends' the cottage you pass on the way up to church. You can just see his name on the bottom right of the picture. He also designed the cross in St Botolph's which hangs over the Nave. Well I hope you are enjoying December and all the prep you might be doing for Christmas. I hope it snows but only when everyone has done their Christmas journeys, to family or holidays. So I hope you have a Happy Christmas and look forward to 2025!

Best Wishes Sue

PS The Robin picture above is to remind us all to feed the birds!

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## Parish Church of St Botolph's DECEMBER 2024/JANUARY 2025



Jeremy writes: - One of the important themes in the Christmas story is that of silence. The Gospel tells of Mary's silence being broken by the angel who appeared to her with world-shattering news, and then the long silence as the Baby grows in her womb. There is the night-time silence of the fields above Bethlehem which was shattered as angels appeared to tell the shepherds of the Child born

in the stable, and, above all, the silence of God's action in bringing Jesus into the world, a silence which was broken by the cry of a newborn Baby

Silence is characteristic of the way God works in our world. People who think they are important and mighty never do anything without making sure there will be a blaze of publicity, but God doesn't work like that in our world. When He came among us, it was not in a royal palace, as the Wise Men discovered, but in a stable; not among courtiers and glittering furniture but in a manger surrounded only by the beasts that were sheltered there. Jesus' coming was announced to a group of shepherds out in the fields, not in the corridors of power. God acts quietly, behind the scenes, and we need to be alert and watchful to recognize the truth of what is happening. I believe that we can detect the activity of God behind all sorts of events in our everyday lives - if we are prepared to stop and look and listen. God acts in our lives through the love of those close to us, and He speaks to us through the events which go on around us, through the words of friends and colleagues, even in the silence of our own minds. The Christmas story reveals to us a God who is passionately concerned about what goes on in our world and in our own lives, a God who is constantly seeking to take the mess we make of things and to make something good out of it all. Today's world is full of the tragic consequences of evil, ignorance and stupidity, and God is looking for us to work with Him to sort it out. I believe that is one of the things we are talking about when we pray "Thy kingdom come" and if that prayer is to be real it needs to be accompanied by a willingness to get involved in the problems of our community, our nation and our world (as well as the difficulties and problems in our own lives) and try to identify God's solution and work together to attain it. There won't be flashing lights and trumpet blasts to rally us to the cause. (continued on next page)

#### Rectors letter continued

God works silently behind the scenes, and challenges us to work with Him to make the world a better place. And Jesus shows us that love is the transforming power through which God seeks to achieve His purpose, love which can make all things new. This is where the familiar Christmas story holds out hope for the world. If we want 2025 to be better than 2024, it is no use just waiting for a miracle to happen. The miracle has happened already - at Bethlehem, two thousand years ago. What is needed now is for us to take its message seriously, listen again to the promise of "peace to people of goodwill", and make up our minds to do all we can in the spirit of goodwill to help build that peace of which the angels sang. It may seem a tall order, but we have to start somewhere, and for us that somewhere is here. May God grant you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas, and many blessings in the coming New Year.

**Best wishes Jeremy** 

Jeremy Trew is Team Rector for Saffron Walden and Villages Team Area Dean for Saffron Walden, part of the Diocese of Chelmsford His address is:-

The Rectory, 17 Borough Lane, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB11 4AG 01799 500947

You can read more of Jeremy's Trew's letters on the St Mary's website www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org where there are other interesting items too.

## **Hadstock Parish Council - Early 2025**

Meeting Dates Thursday 23 January at 7.45pm

Thursday 27 February at 7.45pm

Thursday 27 March at 7.45 All Parish Council Meetings in the Village Hall.



## SERVICES AT ST BOTOLPH'S DECEMBER 2024



Sunday 1st December Advent Service at 6.00pm

Led by Andy Colebrooke

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December No service in St Botolph's

Sunday 15th December No Service at St Botolph's

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December No Service at St Botolph's

Tuesday 24th December Light of the World Service at 6.00pm

Led by Chris Bishop

Sunday 31st December No Service at St Botolph's

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Morning Prayer takes place in the church each Tuesday at 8.30 am.

The church is open every day between 9am and 4pm for private prayer.

**The Friends of St Botolph's Church** is a registered charity so any donations are eligible for Gift Aid. **Charity number 1096540.** 

Lou Symes Thompson, Chair

The Hadstock Society AGM will take place in the village hall on Wednesday 4th December.



The meeting will start at 7.15 pm. At 8pm, there will be a talk on *Our Local Woodlands* given by Tony

Morton, from the Essex Wildlife Trust. This is in partnership with the Sustainable Hadstock project.

Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there! Refreshments will be served on arrival.

Maggie Hartley

Secretary Hadstock Society

## Characters from A Midsummer Night's Dream - Festive Night



of Theatre in Hadstock Village Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.



Thank you to the Whole Pack Theatre Company for this truly entertaining evening of Shakespeare. Beautiful singing at the start led us into the forest. The only 6 actors enabled us to meet many more characters during the course of the Midsummer 's Night. How did they do it? Well fabulously! It was great fun, particularly when they ran rings round the audience! They had a lot of trust in each other to remember which character they were and be in the right clothes and right place!

## Hadstock - News, - Events, - Happenings, Reports



Hadstock Village Hall 100 Club NOVEMBER Winners 2024 -

No.15 Karen Beaumont £25 No.86 Jude Hannam £25

Congratulations! to you both.

CANASTA action now!

There is a Canasta Group in Hadstock and they are back in If you are interested in joining then please call Irene on 01223

891 385. Players and Beginners welcome.

**ASHDON PRIMARY SCHOOL** - Ashdon, Essex CB10 2HB - School Office - 01799 584219 - Website <a href="www.ashdon.essex.sch.uk">www.ashdon.essex.sch.uk</a>. Ashdon Primary School is the catchment school for Hadstock Village with Essex County Council, currently, providing free transport for those children living in Hadstock to attend the school.

The school also has a before and after school childcare provision from 8am in the morning and until 5:30pm in the evening.

Visits to the school from Parents and prospective pupils are welcomed Ashdon School has a new Head Ms Reynecke-Reybould

## Hadstock Village Gets Together on Pub Nights on the last Friday each month

6.00-11.00pm at the Village Hall with a bar, crisps, nibbles and sometimes a food truck (watch Hadstock info for details) Card machine available for payments (or cash) It's a chance to meet up with your neighbours and friends!

Next one is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER. Nethergate 'Good Elf 'ale!

Lol's pizza will be available. Christmas Bingo is planned free of charge!! With

Super prizes! Might see you there....

BIN COLLECTIONS – Weds 11<sup>th</sup> December for Black & Brown bins

Weds 4<sup>th</sup>and 18<sup>th</sup> December for Green & Brown bins

Green Skip:-11.45 to 12.45 First 15mins at Bilberry End then Village Green 45 mins 'The Green Skip' collection will be on the Saturday after the Black

Brown bin collection The next Green Skip will be on SUNDAY 12 JANUARY at 12.45 – 13.45 at the Village Green for CHRISTMAS TREES Recycling.

#### **Hadstock Parish Council**

Next meeting in the village hall on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7.45pm

Contact the Parish Clerk Sara Beckett hadstockparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk
for agenda details which are also sent out on Hadstock Info and put on the
Village notice board by the old shop. Details of the agenda are also published
on the Parish Council section of the village website which is:www.hadstock.org.uk Note No December Parish Council Meeting

**Hadstock Society – Community History and Heritage.** 

Secretary: Maggie Hartley at <a href="hadstocksociety21@gmail.co.uk">hadstocksociety21@gmail.co.uk</a>

**Hadstock Village Hall** see ad in this magazine for how to hire it. And the video on the Hadstock Village website – **www.hadstock.org.uk -Village Hall** 

**Hadstock Silver Band** meets on Tuesdays at the Village Hall for practice Contact:

**Bell Ringing practice** night at St Botolph's on Thursdays. Contact: Gilbert Rowlandson 01223 892882 or Janice Snell 01223 892338 –**Listen out** 

**Linton Area Learning Alliance (LALA)** meets on Tuesday mornings in the Village Hall in Linton. Autumn and Spring terms. Contact Sue Mudge 01223 892737

Linton and District Historical Soc. Meets Tuesday evenings Linton Village Hall. Monthly. Contact Margaret Creek 01223 893915 or email:ldhscambs@gmail.co

## **Uttlesford Foodbank**

https://uttlesford.foodbank.org.uk/
Uttlesford Foodbank provides emergency food
and care parcels to individuals and families
during times of crisis. It operates out of a
warehouse in Shire Hill Saffron Walden. They are



always looking for donations of food or money and volunteers. Most of the Supermarkets in S.Walden and Haverhill have a food donations box If you need help look at <a href="https://uttlesford.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/how-to-get-help/">https://uttlesford.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/how-to-get-help/</a> or

**phone 07531 436335.Local contact Lynne Smith -** 4 Moules Lane, <u>Tel:07707</u> 766197

Haverhill food bank at Reach Community Projects
Wisdom Facilities Centre,42 Hollands Road, Haverhill CB9 8SA

Opening times: Monday to Friday 9am - 4.30pm

Tel:01440 712950 or Email: info@reachhaverhill.org.uk

Website: reachhaverhill.org.uk – for more information

**Art Classes in Hadstock** for adults on Tuesday mornings and Friday mornings and afternoons in termtime; Sundays once a month, and children's' afterschool art during termtime on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Sonia 07890 50916



## Kemi Badenoch MP and Leader of the Opposition

holds regular advice surgeries offering help and support for local residents. If you would like to contact Kemi, you can email <a href="mailto:kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk">kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk</a> or call 0207 219 1943

## **Hadstock's Local District Councillor - Ashdon Ward:**

Councillor John Moran of the Conservative Party

Contact :-cllrmoran@uttlesford.gov.uk or tel. 07496006467 or you can write to him c/o Uttlesford District Council London Road, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 4ER

## A BAROQUE CELEBRATION with the AZUR ENSEMBLE in Hildersham

## On Monday 9th December at 7.30pm

This is the second concert in the series of events in support of the Friends of Holy Trinity Church, Hildersham.

The performers are graduates from the Royal College of Music, Historic Performance Faculty under the guidance of Professor Ashley Solomon.

Their program will include music by JS Bach, Telemann, Vivaldi, Scarlatti and Handel and will have harpsichord accompaniment.



Tickets at £15 are available from

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-baroque-celebration-tickets-1045008517607?aff=oddtdtcreator

or at the door.

For more details contact Athene Hunt huntcam2015@gmail.com

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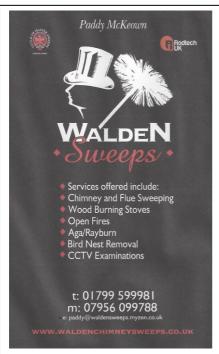
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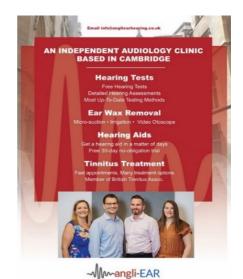
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www.hadstock.org.uk

and follow link to Village Hall

Church Path, Bartlow Road, Hadstock CB21 4BH

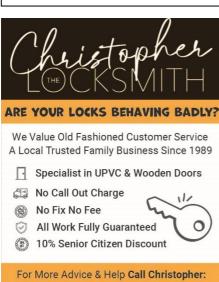




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with Traditional Haggis Supper and Ceilidh dancing to the Lairds.

7.00 for 7.30pm

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Saffron Walden Rotary

'Celebration of Christmas' Event, in Hadstock Church, with Wimbish Military Wives Choir

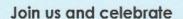
Wednesday 11th December

We at Saffron Walden Rotary will again be organising an evening of Christmas themed songs and carols led by The Wimbish Military Wives Choir. The evening's entertainment commences 7:30 pm and will last around 1- 1 ½ hours. Afterwards, there will be sausage rolls, mince pies and mulled wine in the Village Hall.

Tickets are £10 each. This covers the cost of church heating, Village Hall hire, cost of the Choir and the refreshments. Any surplus at the end will go to our Rotary funds to help local worthy causes.

We are limited to numbers, so if you would like to join us, please let me know via email: <a href="mailto:t.k.boyden@btinternet.com">t.k.boyden@btinternet.com</a> and I will give you payment details. Obviously, we would love you to join us and join in the singing.

Tim Boyden 07776 230161



## **Christmas Carols**

With the

## Military Wives Choir, Wimbish



St Botolph Church, Hadstock

## 7.30pm Wednesday December 11th

Retiring collection in aid of St Botolph Church Building Fund

Car parking at the village hall CB21 4PH

On leaving mulled wine, mince pies, sausage rolls in the village hall

Wishing you a Happy Christmas
Organised by:











Thank you to everyone who donated to Lynne's Foodbank collection over the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup>Nov and 1<sup>st</sup> Dec If you missed it donations can be left in the bin on her drive at any time.

A usual food parcel would include:

**Tinned goods**: soup, baked beans, pasta meals, tomatoes, vegetables, potatoes, pulses, meat, fish, fruit, custard, rice pudding.

Jars: pasta & cooking sauce.

**Dried goods**: rice, pasta, noodles, instant meals.

Long life milk, breakfast cereals, oats, tea, coffee, squash, fruit juice,

biscuits.

Toiletries: toilet rolls, soap, body wash, shampoo, sanitary products,

toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving foam, deodorant, wipes.

**Cleaning**: antibacterial spray, washing up liquid.

Children: nappies, baby food

Cat and dog food.

'bags for life' are needed too.

Please give generously (but only what you can afford). You can get much more for your money if you don't buy named brands.

Many thanks in advance, Lynne Smith 4 Moules Lane 07707766197

Thank you Lynne for making the collection around Hadstock

## Hadstock Silver Band - Christmas Concert



Once again, our own Village Silver Band will be holding a Christmas themed concert in the Church on the evening of  $\underline{\text{Tuesday } 17^{\text{th}} \text{ December}}$ . The concert will last  $1-1\frac{1}{2}$ 

hours, commencing 7:30 pm, after which refreshments will be available in the Village Hall all provided by members of the Band. This will include a free raffle for prizes also provided by the Band members.

Last year the concert was very well supported by villagers and it will be wonderful to repeat this again. The Band is an accomplished group of players and very well worth supporting. Remember, the whole evening is free, so make sure the date is in your diaries.

## Tim Boyden



They also make an amazing sound - enhanced by the acoustics of St. Botolph's church. Last year one or two solo players were able to demonstrate their talents with individual pieces. In between they play carols for us all to join in. The Band obviously enjoy this opportunity to play for the Village. Last year it was a very joyous start to the Christmas Season.

Look forward to seeing you there. Sue-Ed

### Elf Mail returns to Hadstock

Elf Mail is back for Christmas 2024.

Drop your Hadstock Christmas cards off to us in Hillingdon House, Linton Road and we will deliver them around the village for you, saving you time and energy.



If you wish to make a donation for this service, all donations will go to the NICU at the Rosie Hospital to help sick and premature babies and their families.

Please drop your cards off any time in December – last drop off date 21<sup>st</sup> December (but the earlier the better please).

Thank you, as always, for your amazing support

Matt, Isabel, Daniel and Harry – the Hadstock Elves

890924/thefishes94@gmail.com

## Are you wanting help to get fitter in the New Year?

## Then,

There is a <u>strength and balance</u> class in Linton at the Village hall there, as part of the 'Healthy You' programme.

If you are interested call 0330050083 or <a href="mailto:email

If you have ever been to Saffron Walden Museum, you may have seen exhibits relating to crime and punishment, and more specifically an old wooden door belonging to Hadstock's village 'lock up'. There is also a truncheon on display, which may have belonged to our village constable.

A 'lock up' was a small room used as a prison, and many small towns and villages had them in the late  $18^{th}$  and  $19^{th}$  centuries. They were a

response to the rise in disorder and vagrancy in rural areas following the Industrial Revolution, and the return of men who had fought in the Napoleonic Wars, many of whom had been injured and were unable to find regular employment.

The pillory or stocks were for minor punishment. Lock ups were found in most rural areas as a secure place to detain someone for



minor offences such as drunkenness, until they sobered up, or until they could appear before a magistrate. Theft was often punished by public whipping up to about 1800, after which time transportation to Australia became more common, even for the theft of low value items.

In most communities, the law would have been upheld by the village constable on behalf of the Lord of the Manor or church authorities.

This unpaid role was usually given to an upstanding member of the community for a year, sometimes assisted by a paid night watchman.

Hadstock's lock up was located on the village green. It was built of brick and looked something like the picture on the previous page.

The story goes that the last person to be detained in the lock up was a drunken bricklayer in the mid-1800s, who escaped by partly pulling the structure down. After then, the lock up fell into disrepair and was demolished.

Imagine the scene. How did the bricklayer come to be incarcerated? Did he live in Hadstock, or had he been working here? Which pub was he drinking at? Who hauled him off to the lock up? How did he dismantle it and did anyone see him do it or help him? What happened to him afterwards?



The actual wooden door, with a metal grill for ventilation and communication, is pictured.

The next time you are in Saffron Walden, pop into the Museum and have a look at a tangible record of Hadstock's social history.

Gill Butterworth
Hadstock Society

For more information about the history of Hadstock, see <u>hadstock.org.uk/hadstockarchive</u>

As a postscript to this item:-

Crocky said that the Constable who lived in 'Waylands' liked the Lock Up being on the Village Green as he could 'Keep a look out for Miscreants'.

## **Acknowledgment:**

Saffron Walden Museum collection

## VILLAGE HALL UPDATE DECEMBER 2024.

As part of the Sustainable Hadstock Initiative, we have recently had a building energy survey on the village Hall which resulted in recommendations and potential solutions for our very poor rating!

As a result, we have decided to confront the problem of poor energy efficiency on two fronts:

- 1. We will be tackling the problem of draught proofing the hall more efficiently, funding this work from our current reserves as part of our regular maintenance and upgrading programme.
- 2. With support and assistance from John Lockton, we have submitted a grant application to meet the cost of installing Solar panels and a storage battery at the Village Hall. Fingers crossed for a favourable response as we will be unable to achieve this option without a major financial input.

Many of you will already be aware that we have been awarded a grant from the Lottery Fund to repair our old Victorian windows in the hall. The lead around the small glass panes is very dirty and heavily corroded. These windows will be cleaned, repaired and repainted, then they, and the other windows in the hall will be fitted with secondary double glazed panels. This work is scheduled to start inside in January 2025. Outside repairs will begin when the weather improves.

**Our aim**, as always is to ensure that our Village Hall continues to be a resource for the use of all the inhabitants of Hadstock for many more years.

Lynn, Kirsty and the Village Hall committee

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# Sustainable Hadstock News December 2024

Surveys now complete – our thermal imaging camera now out on loan

## **Autumn/Winter Events**

At the end of November – we had a lively presentation with a Home Energy quiz from Kirsty Shanahan of CommunitiEnergySouth. The theme was 'Home Energy Solutions – how to improve your home and save money!'

The audience of over 30 people thoroughly enjoyed the session with many saying that they were taking away new ideas for their own homes. Why not join us at future sessions?

**December event** our event in December is supporting the AGM/Talk at the Hadstock Society. **Tony Morton** from the Essex Wildlife Trust is discussing our localancient Woodlands- their history, makeup and current state. Tony guided us through the habitat mapping for Hadstock.

**Events in 2025** – aprogramme based on your requests is being arranged for January onwards. Watch this space and Hadstockinfo for more details. **February Sustainable workshop** – we are planning a Saturday event . Come and talk to local suppliers of Energy solutions and see what the Nature & Biodiversity team have been doing.

## **Home Energy Surveys/EPC (Energy Performance Certificate)**

**Adrian**, our Home Energy Champion, has completed over 12 Home Energy EPC= surveys with very positive feedback. We are arranging more based on those who have requested one. If you would like one please contact THE Home & Energy Team (see website) **Jonathan Ashe** has also carried out 2 'traditional house' retrofit surveys. We will organise a session in the New Year focused on what can be done to old/listed buildings

Our thermal Imaging camera — The Thermal Imaging camera is now making its way around the village. If you would like to borrow it please contact us through our website or email (sustainablehadstock@gmail.com)

The Sustainable Hadstock Team

www.hadstock.org.uk/sustainablehadstock/



## December Event

## Plans for 2025

## **Our Local Woodlands**

## Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December in the Village Hall (8pm)

**Tony Morton, Essex Wildlife Trust,** will be discussing our local Woodlands – their history, makeup and futures.

We are pleased to be supporting this talk as part of the Hadstock Society AGM (from 7pm).

There will not be a session in December associated with the Community Pub.

**Events in 2025** – a programme of events will be published soon for 2025 based on your requests.

**Sustainable Hadstock Workshop, Saturday in February 2025** – come and talk to local suppliers of Home Energy Solutions, 'Ask the Experts', review your thermal images and chat to our Nature & Biodiversity group on what is planned for 2025.

Look out for future events – in the Hadstock Magazine, on HadstockInfo and on our website.

https://www.hadstock.org.uk/sustainablehadstock/

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# Small IS definitely beautiful





November 13<sup>th</sup> - December 21<sup>st</sup> 2024 Opening hours 10:00am - 5:00pm Wednesdays to Saturdays

#### PARTICIPANTS:

Susan Anderson, Animals in miniature Juliet Barrows, Sculptor

Cläre Basel, Paintings

Mike Crofts, A Microscopic World

Diana Catchpole, Artist

Jennifer Copley-May, Artist

Julie Eagle, Miniature Worlds

Denise Hoyle, Flower portraits

Nadia Koo, Artist

Darryl Nantais, Paintings

Jenny Roland, Artworks

Gaia Shaw, Dolls and Dolls house art

Sonia Villiers, Artist

Dawn, Artist

Tracey Wilson, Artist

Ian Wright, Artist





RUSSIAN DOLLS reimagined by Mariam Abdaoui, Jim Anderson, Cläre Basel, Clea Godsill, Merna Meguire, Dougie Mead, Charlotte Walter and Phillipa Warden

CHRISTMAS LATE NIGHT OPENING TILL 8.00PM ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 12<sup>Th</sup> 2024 WITH CASE SOLVED WINES, JIGSAW BAKERY AND LINTON ART GALLERY & STUDIO WHICH WILL BE HOSTING THE PRIVATE VIEW OF PRINTS BY ANNA ALCOCK. Join us for festive frangipani mince pies, wine tasting and seasonal gifts. The choir of 5t Marys church will join us at 6.30 pm to entertain with Christmas Carols and remind us of the sacred.

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