

St Peter and St. Paul Church

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February

2nd	Candlemas Family Communion	9.45am
9th	Holy Communion	8.30am
16th	Family Service	11.00am
23rd	Holy Communion -Hannington	8.30am
	Family Service -Walgrave	9.45am
	Family Service - Old	11.00am

March

2nd	Holy Communion	8.30am
9th	Family Communion - Walgrave	9.45am
	Family Communion - Old	11.00am
16th	Family Service	11.00am
23rd	Holy Communion	8.30am
30th	Mothering Sunday	
	Songs of Praise	11.00am

You will see from above that on the 2nd February we celebrate Candlemas, but why and what exactly are we celebrating? Candlemas primarily focuses on Jesus' early life and it is the day that Jesus' mother, Mary, presented him to God at the Temple in Jerusalem after observing the traditional 40 day period of purification of mothers following the birth of a child. According to a New Testament gospel, a Jewish man named Simeon held the baby in his arms and said that **He would be a light to lighten the Gentiles** (Luke 2.32) It is for this reason that this event is called Candlemas.

We also celebrated Mothering Sunday on the 30th March so, again, what is the history of this tradition?

Most Sundays in the year churchgoers in England worship at their nearest parish church. Many years ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or "mother church" once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their "mother Church".

Inevitably the return to the "mother" church became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home (It was quite common in those days for children to leave home for work once they were ten years old)

Most historians think that it was the return to the "Mother Church which led to the tradition of the

children, particularly those working as domestic servants, or as apprentices, being given the day off to visit their mothers and family.

As they walked home along the country lanes, children would pick wild flowers or violets to take to church or to give to their mother as a small gift

This year we are having a Songs of Praise service at 11.00am so do come and join us with your children and make this a special Mothering Sunday

Mums and Tots Group

We meet in the Church on a Thursday morning at 11.00am. All are welcome (even if you don't have children - come along for a coffee or tea and chat)

The Church was full again for the Carol Service on Christmas Eve and everyone was in good voice.

We all enjoyed the "Little Angels" as they sang Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and equally, the older children singing The Twelve Days of Christmas". Thanks to Michelle Wharton for organising the children and to Michael Monk for playing the organ. It was a great start to Christmas

The Retiring Collection totalled £253.42 and was divided between the Hope Centre in Northampton and Embrace the Middle East.

HISTORY OF ST. PETER AND ST PAUL'S CHURCH

Christopher Angeloglou has produced a very interesting small book for the P.C.C. on the history of the Church here in Scaldwell. It is professionally produced and contains lots of information on the history of the church - and how it is used today - illustrated with many photographs. A copy is available to examine in the Church.

The book is priced at £20 and if you would like to see a copy, and place orders, please contact Christopher on 880202.

It really is an interesting memento of part of our village history.

Men's Breakfast Club

The Church is organising a Men's Breakfast Club and the first meeting will be held in Scaldwell Village Hall on Saturday, 15th March at 9.00am. There will be a full English breakfast and there will be a speaker (to be confirmed). Breakfast at the first meeting will be free although donations will be welcome. It is a chance for men to meet and enjoy the company of fellow villagers. Anyone wishing to attend please contact Paul on 880572

LOST AND FOUND

Gold bracelet found in Church. Please contact 881950 if it belongs to you.

Parish Council News

Chairman: Mrs Pam Long, Orchard House, West End. Tel: 881940.

Vice Chairman: Mr Eugene O'Leary, 5, Back Lane. Tel: 881084

Councillors:-

Michael Alcock, The Poplars Farm, High Street. Tel: 881948 . Mrs Annie Curtis, Chytill Cottage, High Street. Tel: 882954

Mrs Jenny Lewis, Peters Green, Back Lane. Tel: 882718. Mrs Joan Randall, Newstone House, High Street. Tel: 881595

Mrs Margaret Vinton, The Old House, East End. Tel: 880359

Clerk: Miss Alicia Schofield, 2 Paddocks Close, Walgrave Tel: 780192

Website: www.parish-council.com/scaldwell

The Parish Council have been asked to organise some form of commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the start of WW1 which falls this August. We are hoping to hold an event in the village that all parishioners can become involved in, and would welcome any input. Please contact one of the Parish Councillors if you have some ideas.

We are now in possession of the hedging trees provided by the Woodland Trust, and are intending to plant them on the playing field within the next couple of weeks. Our tree warden Dylan Lewis is co-ordinating the planting and would really appreciate any help from volunteers – apparently it is not too strenuous and with many hands, will not be such an arduous task! Our grateful thanks to Dylan for his work on this – his telephone number is 882718 if you could spare an hour or two to help out . The planting will be held on a weekend, but will depend on the right conditions so please call him to find out the date.

The village greens are being damaged continuously by careless driving, and whilst we appreciate that in most cases it is caused by delivery vans , could we please ask all parishioners to take extra care when parking or driving around the greens and keep off of the grass . Many thanks.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the village hall at 7.30pm on March 19th. We warmly welcome all parishioners to attend and invite any questions or comments at the start of each meeting. If you have something that you would like to discuss please do come along next time, or feel free to talk to any of your Parish Councillors who can raise issues for you.

News from Scaldwell Club

The Committee would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy 2014.

Over the Christmas and New Year period, the Club was very busy, hosting the Senior Citizens Dinner, Christmas Starters and the New Year's Eve disco. It was great to see so many Villagers, particularly at Starters, which was good fun, and a huge thank you to everyone who donated so generously to the Auction and Tombola.

So far in 2014 we have a Quiz Night planned for 15th February, and everyone should have received flyers. We also have planned a Mexican Evening on 29th March, with a three course meal at £10 per ticket. Flyers will be issued, and again to avoid disappointment please book early.

We look forward to seeing you not only at the Events but also for a drink and a chat during opening hours, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday lunch time.

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS CARD

NSPCC

This year the proceeds from the Charity Village Christmas Card went to the NSPCC. Your generous contributions totalled £300 which has been gratefully received, but there are many parishioners who did not take part in the scheme. If anyone would like to make a donation to this very worth cause, I would be delighted to drop a collection envelope through your door. The NSPCC have two excellent centres in Northamptonshire, as well as the national Childline and they depend very heavily upon donations in order continue funding them - your support is much appreciated.

Pam Long 881940



Playing Field News

FRIENDS OF SCALDWELL PLAYING FIELD HELP KEEP YOUR PLAYGROUND LOOKING

We have a team of village volunteers who try to keep up with the weeding and litter control in the playground. We work on a rota system so we only have to spend half an hour every five weeks on the jobs. **Could you spare a little time to maintain this lovely space for your children or grandchildren?**

If you would like to join our rota please contact Georgina on 881851 or 07811 140472

There will be a Spring Tidy Up of the Playing Field on Sunday, 23rd March from 10.00 am until 12 noon.

Please come and help - Many hands make light work.



PLAYING FIELD EASTER EGG HUNT

We will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt again this year on the Playing Field on Saturday, 19th April
Keep an eye out in the March Newsletter for further details.

100 Club Winners

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank everyone who has entered the 100 Club this year and we wish you all luck. Here are the first five week's winners.

	1st	2nd	3rd
Week 1	Katy Long	Eugene O'Leary	Sue Dodds-Smith
Week 2	Angie Haynes	Jackie Anstice	Sam Long
Week 3	Beatrix Lohn	Emily Long	Jane Slinn
Week 4	Jane Slinn	Olive Wootton	Rob Thorne
Week 5	Michelle Wharton	Sally Thorne	Phil Morris
Week 6	Olive Wootton	Ben Long	Bary Sheldon

Scaldwell Parish Trust and Relief in Need Charity

There will be a meeting of the Trustees of these Charities in 18th March and applications for grants will be considered then.

The Trustees of the Parish Trust may apply the income of the Trust as they think fit for any charitable purpose for the general benefit of the inhabitants of Scaldwell and the income of the Relief in Need Charity is to be applied to the relief in need of persons resident in the parish by making grants of money or by paying for items or services.

Applications should be submitted to the Clerk before the 10th March.

Sue Dodds-Smith, Clerk to the Charities,
The Old Barn, High Street, Scaldwell. (881950)

