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# THE TRUMPET

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by St Mary & St Michael Parish Church



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*Cover: Trumpington Federation's Stickman tree at last year's Christmas Tree Festival.  
Come along to this year's event! Details on the back cover.*

## From the Vicar . . .

Christmas is coming round once more and the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary and St Michael's will be an occasion when all are welcome to pop into church to see the trees and enjoy some refreshments. I can't promise peace and quiet though as we will be hosting some craft activities for children and have other events lined up over the weekend. Do visit the programme on the back cover of this magazine for details.



I always think there is something special about bringing nature inside the home; it's a bit like welcoming a stranger. I like a tree with roots that I can plant outside once the festivities are over. Sadly, the survival rate has room for improvement!

Trees with roots remind us of the need for connection, not only with each other but also to the world in which we exist. For me, the Christian season would be incomplete without that familiar smell of pine. I don't even mind the pine needles that tend to stick around here and there for months rather than weeks. There is something reassuring about hanging the tree with decorations made by family members past and present (many of us have a dodgy angel made by a primary-school-age child). But, most of all, the living tree is an evergreen reminder of the continuous cycle of life and the eternal love of God, a love for the world that is not subject to seasonal change, a love that sustains and redeems, and a love that sent the gift of the incarnate Son to show us what God is really like.

*Mandy*

## Our Mothers' Union

We are again taking part in decorating a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival in Church on the 14 and 15 December. The title for our tree is 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' and our decoration will take inspiration from the words of the hymn. I hope you all will be able to visit the festival and vote for our tree.

Our 28 November meeting at 2pm will have a Christmas theme. We will each bring a Christmas story, joke or poem to share. Plus mince pies and no doubt lots of laughter.

On Thursday 12 December at 11am we celebrate our 'Wave of Prayer'. We will pray for each of our linked dioceses and light a candle for them. Our links are Lusaka in Zambia, Shyogwe in Rwanda, Sokoto and Ikka in Nigeria, Ely in England and Karimnagar in India. We will follow this with fellowship and lunch together.

Our next get-together will be 23 January 2025, when we will meet for a Fish and Chip lunch, at 12 for 12.30pm.

Can't believe we are talking about 2025 already, where has 2024 gone?

Our meetings take place at 75 Bishops Road.

*If you would like to find out about joining the Mothers' Union please contact me on 01223 510256 or email [mothersunion@trumpington.church](mailto:mothersunion@trumpington.church)  
Stella Chandler*

## St Mary & St Michael's Christmas Tree Festival: 14 & 15 December

See the poster on the back cover with booking details for workshops and the concert. If you would like to enter a tree, be involved, or sponsor the festival in any way please contact Emma on [admin@trumpington.church](mailto:admin@trumpington.church)



## The MumCo (formerly MOPS)

Are you a mum – have you joined us at MumCo recently? You might identify with the mums who tell us 'it's the best part of my week' – a chance to take a breath outside of the rush (and mess?!) of mum-hood and have some mum time, with your people, your community, who get you, who encourage you, while our team look after your little people, and you can have an (uninterrupted) hot drink, join in our activity, or be encouraged, stirred or provoked by our talk or video?

Our theme this year is 'Wild Hope'.

We've still sessions left before Christmas – Stay & Play on 3 December, and our MumCo Christmas party on the 10th. After the break, we're back with main MumCo (and of course creche) sessions from 7 January.

Oh, and if you can't make the Tuesday session any more, did you know about our (monthly) evening sessions? Email or contact us on Facebook to find out more

MumCo main session: 10 December, 7 & 21 January, 4 February

Stay & Play: 3 December, 14 January, 28 January, 11 February

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## Services at St Mary & St Michael in December & January

Our 10am Sunday services are in-person and Zoomed; other services are in-person only. You can find the Zoom link here: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/2697/>

### Sunday 1 December

8.30am BCP Holy Communion  
10am All Age Holy Communion

### Sunday 8 December

8.30am BCP Holy Communion  
10am Holy Communion  
with Junior Church

### Sunday 15 December

8.30am BCP Holy Communion  
10am Experience and Explore  
6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols  
(also on Zoom)

### Sunday 22 December

8.30am BCP Holy Communion  
10am Holy Communion  
with Junior Church

### Christmas Eve

3pm Christingle  
11pm Midnight Communion

### Christmas Day

8.30am BCP Holy Communion  
10am All Age Communion

### Sunday 29 December

10am Shorter service of said  
Holy Communion (also on Zoom)

## From the Parish Registers

### Funerals in church followed by burial in the churchyard

15/10/2024 Muriel Parrott Francis

04/11/2024 Patricia Mary Mott

### Funeral at the City of Cambridge Crematorium

25/10/2024 Alexander (Alec) Tasker

### Confirmation

30/11/2024 Stephen Reynolds,  
at Ely Cathedral

### Sunday 5 January

8.30am BCP Holy Communion  
10am All Age Holy Communion

### Sunday 12 January

8.30am BCP Holy Communion  
10am Holy Communion  
with Junior Church

### Sunday 19 January

8.30am BCP Holy Communion  
10am Experience and Explore  
6.30pm Evening Prayer

### Sunday 26 January

8.30am BCP Holy Communion  
10am Holy Communion  
with Junior Church

## A guide to our services

**8.30am BCP Holy Communion** is from the Book of Common Prayer – a quiet, traditional communion service.

**10am Holy Communion** is a service using liturgy from Common Worship with hymns and music, and with Junior Church on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

**10am All Age Communion** is a more contemporary communion service specifically for 'all ages'. There is no Junior Church on this Sunday as the children stay for the service.

**10am Third Sunday Experience and Explore** is an informal service without communion; it includes a talk, a time for personal reflection, activities for all ages and refreshments.

**6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer** takes place on third Sundays.

# Trumpington Memory Café

Every third Wednesday of the month, 10.30-12.30

*A place where people with varying forms of memory loss can visit with their carers and support each other and have fun*

**The Pavilion** Paget Road, (opposite Anstey Way) Trumpington, Cambridge CB2 9JF

Call 01223 840268 to book a place and please give your name(s)

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Rotary Club of Cambridge



## Memory Cafe

In September Memory Café celebrated its third birthday. *Jez the Magician* provided the entertainment, followed by birthday buns and fruit punch. In October we set about decorating ornaments to put on the Memory Café Christmas Tree, which will be named 'Forget Me Not'. Desert Island Discs was presented by Antony Warren. In November we heard from Lucy Lewis who spoke on her time in the Military Police. Do join us if you would like to bring a friend or a relative who is living with memory loss but please get in touch beforehand - see the flyer above. It is a time to make connections with others, and enjoy refreshments in a safe, supportive space.



## Community News and Events

### Clay Farm Community Garden

**The festive season approaches:**

As the year draws to a close the Garden is entering a period of quiet while nature continues to thrive, and the gardeners take stock and work to prepare for next year. Everyone is still welcome to stop by, sit on one of the benches or at the table to enjoy a moment of calm.

By the time this edition of the Trumpet drops on your doormat we will have held our autumn pumpkin carving event and a Thanksgiving special celebrated with Rotisseroll.

But the year is not yet over! We will again be present at the Eco-Market. Then, a few days later on Thursday 12 December we will light up the Garden to celebrate the start of the Christmas season with Steak and Honour, mulled wine and mulled apple juice, mince pies accompanied by Carols with singers from St Mary and St Michael's Church.

To start the New Year, on January 12, Trumpington Orchard will again bring their traditional Wassail to the Garden.

### Our Trumpington Representatives

#### Local Councillors

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#### Members of Parliament

City:	Daniel Zeichner	daniel.zeichner.mp@parliament.uk
South Cambs:	Pippa Heylings	pippa.heylings.mp@parliament.uk

## New contact details for *The Trumpet*

Emma, our parish administrator, is now collating copy and photos and also dealing with advertising requests.

Copy date for the February & March issue is **Friday 3 January**.

Please be in touch by email to: [admin@trumpington.church](mailto:admin@trumpington.church)

## Royal British Legion

Writing this particular article every November presents a dichotomy. When written, our band of stalwart helpers are running our stall inside Waitrose and we have little idea of the total being collected, but reports are that donors again seem to be very generous. By the time you read this article we will know fairly accurately the total raised both in Trumpington and at a variety of static points, including collections on the Biomedical Campus and in Harston. Wreaths will have been laid and many people young and old will have stood silently, whatever the weather, to remember those who made the supreme sacrifice that we might enjoy the freedom we do.

The money raised by the Poppy Appeal helps those who suffer and their families, and your generosity is never found wanting. This year the Appeal included quite an emphasis on mental health. Back in the late 1970s I worked with a man who suffered from what we use to call 'shell shock', but is now known as PTSD and better understood. He had suffered for over 30 years and sadly did not live long into retirement. What I remember about Fred was his stoical attitude, so typical of ex-servicemen who still deserve our support through the Poppy Appeal. Thank you for your generosity and the total raised will be included in my February article.

*Edmund Brookes, RBL, 01223 840374*



## Patient Participation Group Clay Farm & Trumpington Street Medical Practice

The Trumpington Street Medical Practice Patient Participation Group (TSMP-PPG) is aiming to improve the primary care for all patients.

If you would like to participate in our quarterly meetings, give us feedback or get occasional email updates on important changes at the practice, please let us know.

We are also starting PPG Open Hours at the Clay Farm Library on every third Saturday of the month from 10am to 12 noon starting on the 18 January 2025. There you can ask a member of the PPG questions about the progress and changes at Trumpington Street Medical Practice and learn more about the PPG. We are happy to answer if we can, or help you find the answer together with the practice staff.

If you would like to join us to work on plot 38 of Clay Farm Allotments, please let us know so we can update you once the new season starts in early spring of 2025.

Contact us on [ppg.tsmp@gmail.com](mailto:ppg.tsmp@gmail.com) or visit the website:

[www.trumpingtonstreetmedicalpractice.co.uk/patient-participation-group](http://www.trumpingtonstreetmedicalpractice.co.uk/patient-participation-group)



# TRUMPINGTON STITCHERS

## Christmas seems to be in full swing with us already!

• The Crochet Christmas tree now has a fairy for the top, all ready for the Parish Church Festival of Trees on 14 & 15 December.

• On 7 December we will have a stall at the Clay Farm Centre's Christmas Fair, crocheting some tree decorations and showing you how.

• On 14 December we are running a workshop to make Scandi-style felt tree decorations. You can sign up for a place here: <https://stitch-trumpington2024.eventbrite.co.uk>



We have taken the difficult decision to put up our workshop prices to £7.50. We are running our meetings at a loss and need to pay the rent. Of course, as always, we can reduce or waive fees for those on low incomes. Just let Jackie know when you book.

## Do you have a stitching skill you could share?

We would love to have any of you with a skill to teach come and run a workshop. We are happy to help and advise on how to do it.

As ever, we look forward to seeing you at our general Monday evening meetings at the Pavilion 7-9 or Tuesday mornings at Clay Farm library, 10.30-12.

*Lots more information, photos and contact details are on our website:*

*[trumpingtonstitchers.net](http://trumpingtonstitchers.net) or email us at [trumpingtonstitchers@gmail.com](mailto:trumpingtonstitchers@gmail.com)*



January to February 2025

## Monday evening workshops

7-9pm at the Trumpington Pavilion CB2 9JT • Cost £7.50 each

### ● 6 January

#### Pocket tissues holder

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### ● 20 January

#### Tote bag

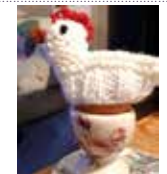
Unlined, large pocket. Suitable for sewing-machine beginners.



### ● 10 February

#### Knitting for beginners and improvers

Try a cute hen egg-cosy or just a square if you prefer.



### ● 24 February

#### Machine applique – birds

A wall-hanging or pocket on a bag or apron. Some machine experience preferable.



### ● Booking essential for all workshops

Contact Jackie Covill: [jackiec.stitchers@gmail.com](mailto:jackiec.stitchers@gmail.com)

*£7.50 charge can be reduced or waived for those on low income – please speak to Jackie*

[www.trumpingtonstitchers.net](http://www.trumpingtonstitchers.net)

## Connected Lives

Join us at our new Wellbeing Café at the Pavilion every Tuesday, starting 26 November, 10am to 12 noon - a warm, welcoming space open to all ages!

Community-centred café supporting social connection and mental well-being. With help from local partners, the café will offer a variety of activities and services, including:

- Refreshments for friendly chats and connections
- Arts, crafts, and board games
- Toy Corner for pre-schoolers
- Storytelling sessions to spark conversation and community cohesion
- Music to boost well-being
- Clothing hub for pre-loved baby clothing (ages 0-2)
- Specialist support sessions on women's health, digital skills, new parents, older fitness, adult well-being and more . . .

Meet your neighbours, share a cup of coffee, and find support in a caring community.

### Toddler Stay and Plays

HonC! continues every Wednesday, from 10am to 11.30am at Clay Farm Centre (term-time only).

### New time for Trumpington Meadows Community Hub:

Now from 10am to 12 noon every Friday (term time only) at TM Primary School.

### Circle of Security – Parenting

Courses will be starting again in the new year.



Join our supportive parenting course to build a stronger, more connected relationship with your child by understanding and responding to their emotions. Check the website for dates via the QR code.

## Trumpington Brownies

Trumpington Brownies have been having lots of fun this term with a wide variety of activities including learning about foot care, map grid references, the countryside code, comets, different countries' customs, and making woodland animal puppets. Since half term, they have had a campfire with singing and s'mores – and then there's the build up to Christmas!

Contact us on [browniestrumpington@gmail.com](mailto:browniestrumpington@gmail.com)



## Trumpington Local History Group

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 20 February 2025 on the subject of 'Trumpington's Manors'. Jo Sear will tell us how important the manorial system was for the whole of society in the late medieval and early modern periods. She will look in particular at the history of the various manors in Trumpington and their influence on the lives of ordinary people. 7pm at the Clay Farm Centre, admission £2.50.

Our website has lots of information about all kinds of aspects of the history of the parish. Just search from the home page:

[trumpingtonlocalhistorygroup.org](http://trumpingtonlocalhistorygroup.org)

*If you would like to be on our email mailing list, or get involved in researching our local history, then please get in touch.*

*Howard Slatter, Chairman,  
[tlhglst@gmail.com](mailto:tlhglst@gmail.com)*

## Trumpington Residents Association (TRA)

The Association's programme of guest speakers continued through the Autumn. In September, we were pleased to welcome Councillor Katie Thornburrow, Executive Councillor for Planning, Building Control and Infrastructure at Cambridge City Council, who gave us an update on the development of the next Local Plan, which will govern house building and commercial development in the City and in South Cambridgeshire. Katie discussed the external factors which have delayed its approval. It is now hoped the new Local Plan will be approved by December 2026. Our scheduled speaker for November was James Littlechild, the Chief Executive of Cambridge Past, Present & Future (CPPF), a charity which exists to protect and improve the best of our landscapes, nature, and heritage for future generations.

Our January meeting will be held on 29 January, in the Clay Farm Community Centre, when we will be planning our programme for 2025. New members are always welcome.

*If you are interested in joining, please complete the TRA membership form online: [trumpingtonresidentsassociation.org/tra](http://trumpingtonresidentsassociation.org/tra) or email the Membership Secretary: [members@trumpingtonresidentsassociation.org](mailto:members@trumpingtonresidentsassociation.org)*

## Community Car Scheme for Trumpington and Grantchester

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## Fairbite Food Club Trumpington

Cambridge City Foodbank is now running Fairbite Food Club Trumpington every Friday. It is a social supermarket funded by the foodbank for people who are struggling to cover their essential costs. In exchange for a small fee of £3 or £5 members can choose from a selection of food and household items. It is run by coordinator Patrick Brown and a great volunteer team.

Fairbite Trumpington is at Trumpington Pavilion every Friday from 12 noon to 1.30 pm. A free café is open for members from 11.30am to 1.30pm, with financial and other advice available.

*If you would like to support Fairbite Food Club or are aware of anyone who is in need of help please get in touch via [info@ccfb.org](mailto:info@ccfb.org), uk or call 07772 538628 for more details.*



## Piano lessons

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## CLAY FARM Christmas Event

7th December  
10:30am-2:30pm  
FREE ENTRY

- ★ CAROL SINGERS
- ★ KID'S TOMBOLA
- ★ CAKE STALL
- ★ DANCE DISPLAYS
- ★ YOUTH CHOIRS
- ★ UNDER £5 GIFT STALL
- ★ FESTIVE CRAFTS

EVERYONE WELCOME!  
HO HO HO!



## LIBRARY CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

THE CLAY FARM CENTRE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN

**1PM TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER**

**THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY (TWO DAYS)**

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## Wildlife Trust BCN December update

Supporting people to connect with wildlife is one of the main aims of the Wildlife Trust movement. In December and January, we joins other Trusts across the UK to encourage people to take part in the **12 Days Wild** challenge: do something wild every day from 25 December to 5 January, to help keep nature in mind through midwinter. You can sign up on our website and tag us in social media @wildlifebcn, #12DaysWild. Here are a few ideas:

- Visit the Wildlife Trust BCN website and find a new nature reserve to explore nearby (Trumpington Meadows and Cambourne Nature Reserves have miles of paths, including some that are surfaced)
- Go stargazing
- Spot tracks and signs of wildlife like feathers, burrows, and footprints
- Submit a wildlife record (visit the website of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Environmental Records Centre to find out how)
- Refresh yourself about what you can put in the recycling bin
- Take a longer walk to visit the latest Trumpington Meadows Nature Reserve residents (a small herd of belted Galloway cattle from The Wandering Herd are undertaking important conservation grazing in the meadows to the south of the M11) You can also join our monthly meander on Monday 9 December 9.30-12. Booking is essential, so please head to our website for more details.

Local enquiries:

- Communities & Education Officer: [Rebecca.Neal@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:Rebecca.Neal@wildlifebcn.org)
- [TrumpingtonMeadows@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:TrumpingtonMeadows@wildlifebcn.org)
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## Breath of Renewal

Flute Inspirations in Historic Walls

Join us for a Christmas concert by

Stapleford Flutes

Conductor: Janna Hüneke

Saturday 14 December, 5-6pm  
at St Mary and St Michael's Church

Grantchester Road, Trumpington CB2 9LH

Music old and new, including  
*Fantasia on Greensleeves* by Ralph Vaughan Williams,  
a Tango arrangement and carols to sing along to

Concert in aid of the church's reimagining project – referenced in the concert title  
Donation tickets are bought singly but there is no upper limit to how many you can buy:  
<https://stapleford-flutes-trumpington2024.eventbrite.co.uk>

We are most grateful to Stapleford Flutes for generously donating their time and expertise  
This concert is organised by PCC Trumpington, registered charity no. 1139132





# Plan of Trumpington Parish

This map has been created especially for *The Trumpet* and is updated regularly, but please contact the Editor if you can help improve it as new roads become occupied.

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As the map becomes more complicated you may like to consult the regularly updated [www.openstreetmap.org](http://www.openstreetmap.org)

- 1 Sole & Duck Restaurant
- 2 The Green Man
- 3 The Duchess of Cambridge
- 4 The Lord Byron
- 5 Farthings Trumpington Dry Cleaners, Rumbles Fish Bar, Rulo's Barber, Radhika Florist, The Bun Shop (post office/Londis convenience store)
- 6 Shell Petrol Station, Bidwells Estate Agent, Autograph Dental
- 7 Waitrose
- 8 Trumpington Food & Wine
- 9 Trumpington Village Hall
- 10 Wildlife Trust Office
- 11 Trumpington Pavilion
- 12 St Mary & St Michael Parish Church & Bakehouse (church office)
- 13 Anstey Hall
- 14 Rainbow Nursery
- 15 Trumpington Meadows Primary School
- 16 Fawcett Primary School
- 17 Trumpington Community College
- 18 Fawcett House (Cambridgeshire County Council)
- 19 Hobson Square area including Clay Farm Centre with RVS cafe, GP Surgery & Library, Weifare Pharmacy, NISA Local, Sainsbury's Local, Dentistry & More, Dao Cafe
- 20 Clay Farm Allotments
- 21 Clay Farm Community Garden
- 22 Foster Road Allotments
- 23 Trumpington Community Orchard
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- 25 Perse Prep School
- 26 St Faith's School
- 27 Cambridge Football Stadium & Kingsway Cambridge (formerly Cambridge Lakes) Golf course
- 28 Trumpington Park & Ride
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- 30 Nuffield Hospital
- 31 Trumpington Meadows Allotments
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**Trumpington Community Orchard**

We have had a relatively quiet autumn with the wildflower meadow now fully scythed in preparation for the autumn and both the heritage apples and the crab apples from the hedgerow all harvested. With the help of teams of volunteers from Insmed and AZ the hedgerows have been well trimmed and the picnic benches treated against the weather and the Orchard looks neat and tidy, ready for the winter.

The Orchard continues to be a valuable educational resource for local schools and we are looking forward to hosting the local primary school classes to follow the seasonal changes after their summer visits. In addition, we continue to have weekly visits from the Leys students who readily help with a variety of maintenance tasks that enable us to keep on top things.

We are still looking for possible volunteers to run bat walks and a moth night, so do contact us if you can help. We will be having the annual Wassail in January and the date has been set for Sunday 12 January 2025, starting at 2.30pm. As usual the Wassail will be held jointly with the Clay Farm Community Garden with the initial ceremony in the Orchard with music and dancing, followed by a procession to the Community Garden to wassail their trees and partake of hot, mulled apple juice. This year will again have the folk musicians and see the return of the Lord-of-Misrule. Please come with your noisy instruments and festive clothing to join in the revelry!

The next Orchard maintenance session will be at 11am on the 8 December. Don't forget to come dressed in weatherproof clothing and footwear and we will provide gloves and necessary tools. We are always looking for volunteers to take a more active role in the running and upkeep of the Orchard so please contact us if you are interested. Hope to see you soon!

Contact us by email – [trumpingtonorchard@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:trumpingtonorchard@yahoo.co.uk) or call Susanna on 07722 568020 or visit [www.trumpingtonorchard.org](http://www.trumpingtonorchard.org)



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## Trumpington Kids Clothes Hub

Have you seen our newly set up Hub Corner, at Trumpington Meadows School? It looks like a mini self-service boutique, but all the clothes are free of charge to families that can make use of them. It's open from 3.10pm to 6pm on school days, during term time. We think it looks amazing! Thanks again to the staff at the school, who continue to support us.

We are so grateful for the huge amount of donations that keep rolling in to our donation boxes at Clay Farm Library and the Bakehouse. Our small number of volunteers are kept very busy, sorting through the bags of clothes; washing and ironing where necessary and generally getting them ready to pass on to new families. Could I just gently remind people that we can only use clothing suitable for children aged 2 to 12 years? We can't make use of baby clothes, or adult clothes, or sundry household items!

The clothes rails at Fawcett, Trumpington Meadows and Trumpington Park primary schools are still being topped up regularly and the year six students at Fawcett have pitched in to help, by putting the rails out every day when the weather allows. They're doing a fine job! Don't forget to have a look on the rails to see if there is anything that you can use and then just help yourself!

Some dates for your diary: We are planning to join in with the Clay Farm Christmas event again this year, on 7 December (we really enjoyed last year's event) and we will be holding a pop-up stall at Trumpington Meadows School on 25 January 2025. Please come along, if you can, we will have lots of lovely clothes to re-home.

Last, but by no means least, we would like to say a massive thank you to the Trumpington Stitches. They have supported us from the beginning, cheerfully undertaking general repairs to ensure that the clothes we pass on look as good as new. They are all so helpful and friendly and we would be lost without them.

If you would like to volunteer with us, or offer to sponsor one of our events, please do get in touch; we would be delighted to hear from you.

Remember, if you can't make it to a pop-up, we will gladly pack a box of clothes for you to collect. Just fill in a form online at [www.trumpingtonkidsclotheshub.co.uk](http://www.trumpingtonkidsclotheshub.co.uk)



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The RVS café is open 10am-3pm weekdays and Saturday mornings 10am-12 noon and our Saturday Special sessions (board games, Lego and crafts) are now a firm favourite running 10am-12 noon in the café area.

We had a fantastic half term Halloween week in October where children were able to join in our free Halloween disco and holiday lunch. Our winter festivities are in full swing with our annual Christmas event Saturday 7 December (see page 13) and the Christmas Eco Market on Sunday 8 December (see page 19).

Although we will be closed between Christmas and New Year, we will be open on Monday 30 December 10.30am-1.30pm. Why not join us in the café area for a mince pie and a cuppa and there will be activities in the Eva Hartree Hall for children to blow off some steam! Library self-service will also be available.

Keep an eye on our noticeboards and socials for our Christmas opening hours. We hope you are having a cosy winter, please stop by for a book and a cuppa to warm you up!

**Trumpington Federation**

Since September, a lot has happened at Fawcett and Trumpington Meadows schools. We were excited to welcome a Winter Paralympian, Sean Rose, to Trumpington Meadows with lots of our children taking part in a fun fitness circuit with him before hearing about his journey and how resilience has been so important in helping him to be successful. We have also had multiple author visits to our schools, a range of trips, including to IWM Duxford and the Harry Potter Studios, whilst different year groups are also enjoying their on-site swimming lessons and our forest school provision.

As we now begin to think about Christmas, we hope to see many people from the local community at the Federation Winter Fair which is due to take place on Friday 13 December at Trumpington Meadows. We would be delighted to show any members of our community round, especially (but not just!) any parents considering one of our schools for their Reception child in September 2025 so please do get in touch if you would like a tour. The office on 01223 840299 will be happy to help!

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### Trumpington Repair Café

We had a most enjoyable Repair Café on 13 October, with 22 items repaired and 39kg saved from going to landfill. We also enjoyed a lot of homemade cake, of course.

As usual, electrical and electronic items were in the majority, and we are fortunate to have several local repairers with the right skills. There was a toaster which needed crumbs brushing out of its circuits, a table lamp given a new switch, and fairy lights with a broken wire, mended with a soldering iron in a record 3 minutes. It was good to get a bike dynamo back in working order, so that a cyclist will now have lights to keep her safe on dark winter evenings, and to mend some hair straighteners that would have been expensive to replace.

We couldn't mend everything of course, and we would like to be able to help residents to recycle broken or unwanted electrical and electronic items better by linking up with local charities and councils at the next Repair Café. Watch out for details nearer the time.

If you would like to help us with that special event, or in any other way, please email us at [trumpingtonrepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:trumpingtonrepaircafe@gmail.com)

#### Next Repair Café:

Sunday 23 February 2025, 2 to 5pm at Trumpington Meadows Primary School

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### Trumpington Allotment Society

Come and join us for Seedy Sunday, our seed swap event, on Sunday 26 January 2025, from 1.30-4pm at Trumpington Village Hall, see the flyer on page 29 for more details.

Please bring your clearly labelled, unused seed, to swap. Come along even if you don't have seeds to swap. You can make a small donation in exchange for the seed you take. We welcome all gardeners. Come and pick up some of your favourite seeds or find something new to try this year. If you have growing space in your allotment or home garden or just a terrace with a few pots, there will be something for you. There will also be stalls from seed suppliers, community groups and local artisans. Our delicious homemade cakes, teas and coffees will be raising funds for Trumpington Memory Cafe.

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11pm Midnight Communion

## Christmas Day 25 December

8.30am BCP Communion  
10am All Age Communion

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