

Within Euxton Borders a news sheet for residents by









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Wednesday 20th December 7pm at the Christmas Tree

Euxton Parish Council invites
everyone to
carol singing around the
Christmas Tree

followed inside with warm mulled wine and mince pies or hot drink @Euxton PC Community Centre

Musical accompaniment by

Coppull & Standish Brass Band

Chairman's Column

Welcome this issue of the 'Euxton Web' which details both news and events in and around Euxton.

Yesterday (12th November) due to the bad weather



the Remembrance Service was held in St Mary's Church, again a good number of residents, Parish, Borough and County Councillors attended. The wreaths were placed near the Altar during the service then moved to Euxton's War Memorial. Earlier in the morning I laid a wreath at Buckshaw Village together with Cllr Aidy Riggott. The day before I attended the Careline afternoon tea. Thank you to Christine and Michael for their delicious cakes and sandwiches also their cups of tea and coffee after the service on Sunday.

Congratulations to Euxton allotment plot holders and Andy the site manager on their win at the North West in Bloom awards - story page 3.

Euxton Primrose Hill School won the SCART 2023 Award, well done to all the readers. Both Kath (Euxton Library) and I visited the school where the trophy was handed out at assembly. Well done to all the Euxton schools that entered.

On page 6 is the full report of the ECO School Challenge with photos of the winners and information about their projects.

Euxton WI have presented to Euxton residents a picnic table for the Millennium Green see page 5.

Euxton Community Bowling Club held their AGM and awards night in October, both Eric and I attended and handed out the awards.

Cllr Neill Hall has now resigned his position as a Parish Councillor, he will be missed as a valuable member of the Council. Thank you Neil. That of course means there is a vacancy on the Parish Council see details on page 2.

Looking forward to seeing lots of residents young and not so young at the annual 'Singing around the Christmas Tree'. Let's hope weather is kind to us.

With that in mind I, together with all the Parish Councillors wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2024.

Cllr Katrina Reed Chairman

Euxton 'Seasons' Calendar

All year we have been asking for seasonal photos from around the village to make up Euxton's first calendar - and here are the winners.

Councillors took their time judging all the entered photos of which we had nearly 60, there could have been several for each month.

From all the photos chosen to be the months of the year, Councillors chose their first, second and third favourites and here they are.

1st was chosen for October, a tree in its Autumn colours on Wigan Road by Paul Williamson who won a £50 voucher.

2nd was chosen for January, a snowy Runshaw Lane scene by Patricia Iddon who won a £25 voucher.

3rd was chosen for September and was a very sunny Sun Flower scene from Highways Avenue by Muriel Sage won a £10 youcher.

Thank you to all the entrants. The entered photos can be seen on the Galleries page on the website '2024 Calendar'.

The calendars are being sold by groups in the village to raise funds for their activities.

All Purposes Committee

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Vacancy - Euxton Buckshaw Ward

Presently there is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor on the Council.

Applications are invited and any person wishing to serve as a Councillor should write to the Clerk giving details of interests, experience and reasons for wishing to serve. If an election is not called this will be filled via co-option.

To qualify, a person must be a British subject or citizen of the Irish Republic, over 18 years of age and an elector, must reside within the parish of Euxton, or within 3 miles of it, or occupy as owner or tenant any land or premises therein, or have their principal or only place of work there, and must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor (details from the Clerk).

Further details of eligibility, procedures of a vacancy, guidance of being a Parish Councillor for Euxton are all available on request from the Clerk or linked on the Council's website to the vacancy notice.

clerk@euxtoncouncil.org.uk www.euxtoncouncil.org.uk Council Chair Cllr Katrina Reed said, "Well done to the residents who sent in their photos of Euxton for the 2024 calendar, the standard was very high with lots of different views of Euxton and the surrounding countryside, Councillors had a difficult task whittling them down."









Euxton Allotment Gardens

This summer the Council entered Euxton's allotment site into the Neighbourhood Category of the North West In Bloom competition.

Chorley In Bloom held an event in November to present entrants with awards and certificates. Presentations were made by Bernard Pendleton (left), Chair of RHS Northwest in Bloom with the Mayor and Mayoress of Chorley, Cllr Tommy Gray (centre). Receiving the award was Cllr Eric Jones, Chair of the Councils Allotment Committee (second left) along with the Chair and Secretary of the Euxton Allotment Society, Mr & Mrs McMaster (right).

The Allotment site achieved a score of 5, which is the highest awarded in their category, and the entry is classed as 'Outstanding'.

This is a great achievement for such a 'young' site, well done Euxton plotholders.

Allotment Committee

Primrose Play area re-vamp

Council asked in the last newsletter for ideas of what people would like to see in the Primrose Hill Play area.



This is one artists impression of what we could fit in the area, leaving in three pieces of equipments which are relatively new, nearest the entrance the double swing unit, net cone and roundabout.

This view shows 8 new pieces of equipment from a large coco wave swing, a track rider attached to a multi climb unit, blazer in the centre, carousel, springy, climbing unit and a smaller childs multi climb unit.

Council will be calling out for tender quotations for similar schemes then we will post these on display boards, on site, as we did for other play areas, so users can vote on options.

It is hoped a scheme can be delivered in Spring 2024.

Leisure Committee

Defibrillators now up and running

The two new defibrillator sites mentioned in the last newsletter are all fitted, working and registered on the 'Circuit'.

All the Defibrillator sites fitted and controlled by the Parish Council are registered with the Circuit. They are weekly checked and logged on the Circut database.

This is SO, when someone has to call 999 the service knows of all the working Defib sites local to the caller.

All Purposes Committee



Path resurrections

Euxton Council has been campaigning for a number of years for the 'once' loved and popular Euxton section of the Yarrow Valley walk route to be improved and brought back to life.

Well, it is finally happening...

Many years ago (over 25) Chorley Council marked out and built the path routes in partnership with the local land owner, but since then it had rotted and fallen away leaving parts of the route quite treacherous.

Euxton Council had included the route in many requests of Chorley Council to improve and rebuild some path sections and this important, once very popular route, is now getting the 'tlc' it deserves.

Members of Euxton Council and Chorley officers walked the route in late 2022 to plan and scope for the work and agreement reached between Chorley and Euxton Councils for the paths renovations and then its ongoing future.

Work began in 2023 doing the path in sections depending on the weather and being able to get materials across the farmed land. A further site walk was done in October 2023 to finalise the last parts of the project which need completing.

The photos from the October walk are here to show some of the major works, but there are many other parts done either by Chorley rangers or the land owner to improve sections. By Spring it is hoped all the elements will be completed along the route and we can update in the next newsletter.

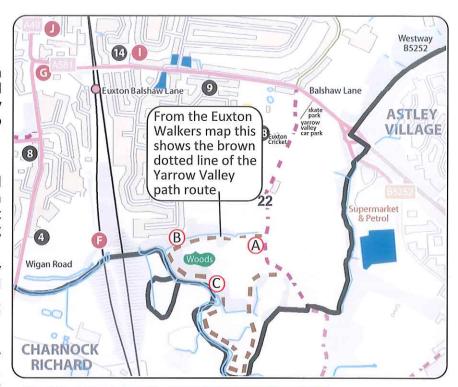
Leisure Committee





Left looking downhill, Cllr Thornhill looking at the increased number of steps, new surface and new sturdy hand rail work in progress.

Right looking uphill, a Chorley Ranger clearing the leaves ready for top dressing of the lower half of the stair case.









P.N.F.S are who?

I live in Leyland on the boundary of Euxton where I do most of my local walking, often with my neighbours dog Murphy. I am retired and also walk locally with my wife Janette who was born and bred in Euxton.

I am a keen walker and get frustrated at the condition of public rights of way (PROW), so I joined the PNFS to help make a difference.

PNFS stands for Peak & Northern Footpath Society and is a voluntary organisation that promotes the use of public footpaths in a wide area in the north of England.

I volunteered for the role of Footpath Inspector and was appointed to represent the PNFS in the Euxton parish.

This role includes looking at the rights of way in Euxton, reporting faults and obstructions to the accountable local authority and working with them to reach a satisfactory result. To this end, I am looking forward to helping Euxton Parish Council to enhancing the walking experience in our local area.

Steven Greenbank

Euxton WI

As part of the Centenary celebrations of Euxton WI, members collected 20p coins in Smartie tubes and raised over £1000 for local causes. The money was shared between Derian House, NW Air Ambulance with the largest share funding a Community picnic table sited on the Millennium Green. On a sunny, albeit blustery, morning in October members met with President Ann Francis to 'christen' the table. We hope local people will make use of it for many years to come.

At the recent AGM, Ann was re-elected as President and Valerie Hough was presented with a gift voucher as she stepped down from the Committee after eighteen years of service, five of them as President.

As well as the monthly speaker meetings, Euxton WI members enjoy a range of activities and are looking forward to a tour of Shakespeare North in Prescot and the Christmas lunch at Leyland Golf Club.

All enquiries should be made to Ann Francis on 01257 412013. We meet at the start of each month on Wednesday at 2pm.

Donated to commemorate Euxton Wi Centenary 1922 - 2022 WI members gathered on the Millennium Green to christen their picnic table

Slow Ways

Help create a national walking network

Get your community properly connected to the Slow Ways national walking network.

Slow Ways - an ambitious crowd-sourced, community-verified national walking network that connects all of Britain's towns, cities and national parks.

Boosting walking and wheeling remains a top priority and Slow Ways is a great resource to help achieve that goal.

Supported by the National Lottery Community Fund, our mission is to make it easier for people to walk and wheel between places. Having a network of recommended and trusted routes is key to unlocking this - and you have the power to help.

Contributing to the Slow Ways walking network could help your community across multiple agendas including; health and wellbeing; connecting people and communities and more

9,000 routes that stretch for over 130,000km (80,000 miles) have been drafted - now these routes need checking on the ground to make sure they are good enough for people to follow.

So far 1 in 5 Slow Ways have been checked and verified by people across the country. This is an incredible collective achievement. We now need your help to scale-up the national effort and verify the rest of the network. Each route requires at least 3 positive reviews to become part of the Slow Ways trusted network.

Learn more - Download Slow Ways toolkit to discover how and why to help https://beta.slowways.org/

Choose a Walk - Walk the walk - leave a review of it

Balshaw Lane Primary School

Our school is beginning an exciting new chapter in its future development. We are forming a multi-academy trust (MAT) with Parklands High School and Highfield Community Primary School. This will mean increased opportunities for collaboration and sharing resources.

A great bonus for current and prospective parents is that Balshaw Lane Primary children will now have higher priority admission to Parklands (if parents wish for it). Our pupils will have priority above the 'distance from school' criteria which is usually the cut-off point for admissions to Parklands.

Parents would still be able to choose other high schools but, for many families, this admissions change is really welcomed.

To the local community and families, there will not be any noticeable changes about our school, when we form the MAT. We will still have the same school name, uniform and our usual fantastic staff. It will be a very positive move to improve transition to high school.

We've had a very busy and engaging autumn term so far with our second Science Space Week; author visits and faith visits. We always like to make our curriculum vibrant and engaging with opportunities for enrichment.

We were thrilled when we were awarded the Green Flag Award for all our eco work. Part of our work includes our eco challenge garden which is currently in development. We won a competition run by Euxton Parish Council to gain £5000 funding for the project. This was an amazing and very generous donation by the parish council - we are extremely grateful for this.

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to Christmas events. A highlight is always our Senior Citizens' Christmas Party when guests can enjoy the children's performance, some festive refreshments and, of course, good company. If you think you know someone who may like to come along, please contact us on 01257 278722 - they would be very welcome.

Our choir will be singing again at Euxton library on Wednesday 6th December at 10am. Please come along and see us! We will be singing some festive songs to get you in the mood for Christmas.

In February, we will be going to Sir Lindsay Hoyle's Speaker's Day at parliament in London. This promises to be a fantastic day for the children and we are delighted to be invited.

If you are interested in our school for your child, please feel welcome to contact us on 01257 278722. We take up to 60 children each year in two classes. We will be holding a final Open Days for Reception 2024 on Wednesday 10th January 2024. If you would like to book on the visit, please ring our office. In the meantime, you may like to have a look at our video to find out more about our lovely school: please see the Virtual School Tour page on our website. https://ewdp.wistia.com/medias/bjw7lbmgsi

Ms Helen Gregson, Headteacher

The Girls football team right and below the Year 1 Autumn walk



Council's ECO Challenge for our Schools

Balshaw Lane and Primrose Hill Primary Schools both entered and were winners of the parish council's ECO Challenge developed by Cllr Hall. Both entries were ECO friendly, original and worthy of winning.

Balshaw Lane's project - "The children of Balshaw Lane wish to create a teaching and learning garden, which will provide them with a challenging, exciting and creative way to learn. Since amending our school motto to 'Be the Change' the children have fostered the feeling of individual passion and responsibility for our world and wish to display this through an amazing and inspiring garden."



Euxton Primrose Hill Primary School Awarded Prestigious Apple Distinguished School Status

Euxton Primrose Hill Primary School are committed to ensuring that its pupils receive the very best possible education and believe that access to the very latest technology is an essential component in securing this. As a school, it has been on a ten-year journey with Apple technology and have now been awarded Apple Distinguished School status. A prestigious award held only by 728 schools worldwide.

When headteacher Gareth Caunce first joined Primrose Hill, the school had 18 PCs in shared areas around the school. He knew the school needed a digital transformation to ensure that the education remained the very best possible and to build on the teaching and learning already happening. Gareth and the governors put a 5-year plan into place to invest and implement technology, and specifically iPads into classes, ensuring all teachers had a device and pupils the access to a shared ipad.

Teachers and pupils quickly adapted to using iPad technology and the benefits for teaching and learning in the classroom environment became clear. They were able to use new technology and apps to bring learning to life and really engage and enthuse the pupils. Six years ago, the decision was made to invest in 1:1 iPads in their Upper key Stage Two classes, enabling teachers to innovate and redefine learning for these pupils.

In 2018, the school entered the BT Tech Factor Competition, with Upper Key Stage 2 pupils creating a video application, stating how they would like school to use the prize money to invest in VR and AR technology if they won. The school was successful and used the competition money to invest in VR headsets, Augmented reality workbooks and t-shirts. The pupils now have opportunities to visit anywhere in the world, go back into the past and see inside the human body all without leaving the classroom!

To get the most out of all this new technology, all staff and even the pupil digital leaders took part in training in the use of specific apps and earned their Apple Teacher Badges. The school has also invested significantly into training for staff, with support from an Apple Professional Learning Specialist, to maximise the iPad's potential and keep up to date with ever evolving technology.

Due to this success of the 1:1 device approach in Upper Key Stage 2, three years later the school made the decision to run the 1:1 scheme across all Key Stage 2 classes and continue with 1:2 devices in all other classes. All iPads are leased by the school so staff and pupils always has the most up-to-date devices.

Technology allows pupils to explore new ideas, work collaboratively, break down barriers and share their work globally. By equipping pupils with the skills needed to use technology effectively, the school is giving them the best chance of success. Euxton Primrose Hill are proud to offer an ambitious curriculum that incorporates the very best available technology, challenges and inspires our pupils. The school motto states, 'Together we will make a difference', and the school is doing exactly that as a beacon school of technological and educational excellence, supporting many schools on their computing journey.



Primrose Hill's entry - is to create a living wall on the front of school, the wall the children and Chair, Cllr Katrina Reed and Cllr Neil Hall are stood by presenting the grant cheque of £1,200 for the eco group to create their project which is:

"To attract more wildlife (like insects) to our school by creating habitats for bees and butterflies, the more plants you have the cleaner the air, to improve people's wellbeing and to improve the appearance of the school."

Katrina said, "Well done to both projects I'm looking forward to seeing them completed next year."

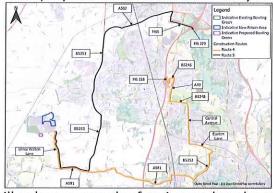




3rd Prison Site - what it means to Euxton!

Just appraising you of recent communications with the Secretary of State (DLuHC), the Planning Inspectorate about the Re-opened Inquiry.

The Secretary of State and the Planning Inspectorate had stated the Inquiry will be extended from 4 days to 8 days.



It will still only cover road safety issues, but the extension is supposedly to allow for consideration of "Any material" change in circumstances, fact or policy that may have arisen since the previous inquiry".

We have liaised directly with Chorley Council and the Appellant (MoJ); neither of which, have any further evidence to add to that they have already submitted.

So this seemed an odd intervention, if no additional material changes have arisen!

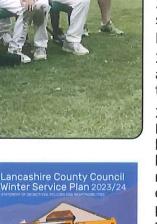
The Inquiry is now officially due to reopen on the 25th March 2024. We are awaiting a rebuttal of our evidence, the deadline for which is the 16th November 2023.

We remain confident in our evidential stance, as do our legal team and transport consultant.

We will keep you posted of any responses and what this means for our continued opposition.

Once again we thank you for your continued support, and as always any questions please contact us at the email Wymottactiongroup@outlook.com

> Emma, Lynette and Paul for and on behalf of UWAG





Euxton Cricket Club

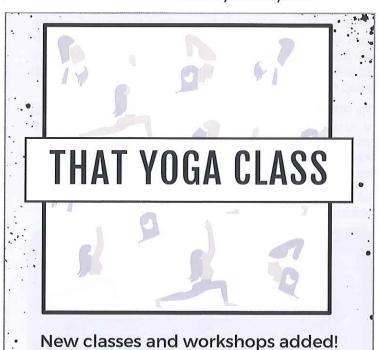
Euxton CC joined the Palace Shield in 2020 but because of Covid there was no league vear. iust a cup tournament in which Euxton did about average.

and Euxton came second in Division 1 and were promoted to the Premiership.

2022 was a consolidation year and Euxton finished mid table.

2023 Euxton Premiership, in fact they knew they could not be beaten with three matches remaining to be played and eventually ended up with 47 points more than the team in second place (12 points maximum per match).

This great result not only meant the presentation of the fantastic shield in the photo but promotion into The Northern Premier League, an ECB Premier League, where they will join the likes of Chorley and Leyland.



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Euxton Community Bowls Club updates

The Club held there AGM and Presentation Night on Oct 24th at the "Insti" on Wigan Road.

Election of the Chair and Officers resulted in Mr David Fincham continuing in his position as Chair together with the same officers. There remains a vacancy for the Membership Secretary and this will be discussed at the early February meeting.

Thanks were expressed to John and Anne Caughey and their green keeping team for the work done over the past year. Thanks were also given to Euxton Parish Council for its continued support of both the Club and the Green.

With nearly 50 members, playing and social, the Club hopes to keep on increasing its membership, anyone interested in joining please come along to the February meeting date and time tba or contact the secretary details below.

With 4 teams playing Mondays and Thursdays there is also a possibility of a Tuesday night team so again if anyone interested in joining the Club please get in touch. Beginners and experienced are all welcome.

During the season small social and training events are held, usually twice a year and the majority of the playing members had never played the game until the formation of the Club just 5 years ago.

Thanks go to Stephen Parker who organised both the presentation and the Club Championships competitions, which included Singles and Doubles, held over the bowling season.

The trophies were presented by the Chair and Deputy Chair of Euxton Council. Well done to all.

Double Winners John Caughey & Gerard Martin : Runners up Ian Grimshaw & Joe Howarth

Club Championship Ian Grimshaw

Runner up Kath Sutton

Merit Winners Men's Vets Ian Grimshaw

Monday evening (A) John Bamber (B) Bryan Sutton

Thursday Mixed Vets (A) Tony Reed (B) David Fincham

Most improved player Andy Hardisty.

K Reed, Club Secretary Chair of Euxton Parish Council



Above: Ian Grimshaw receiving his Club Champion shield from Cllrs Eric Jones and Katrina Reed Below: John Bamber receiving his Merit Vets A trophy from Cllr Eric Jones



Below: John Caughey one of the Doubles partnership winners receiving the plaque from Cllr Katrina Reed



Below: Tony Reed

receiving his Merit Mixed

Vets A trophy from Cllr

Katrina Reed



Euxton Library

Future Events:

Saturday 2nd December

Hindley Ukulele Group, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Thursday 28th December

*Winter Crafts, 10:30 - 12:00

Thursday 15th February 2024

*Half Term Crafts, 10:30 - 12:00

*suitable for children aged 4 and upwards, children must been accompanied by an adult

Regular Events: Monday

Lancashire Dialect Group 10:30am - 11:30am

Card Games Group 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Storytime 2:00pm - 2:30pm*

Wednesday

Coffee & Chat 3rd Wednesday each month 10:00 - 11:00am (see poster below)

Family History Group 10.30am - 12.00 #

Craft Group 1:30 - 3:00pm \$

Thursday

Baby, Bounce and Rhyme 9:30am - 10:00am* Get Online at Your Library 10.30am - 12.00 #

Friday

Toddler Time 10:00am -10:30am* Knit and Natter 2:00pm -4:00pm

Saturday

Quiet Hour 9:00am - 10:00am first Saturday of each month

*Term Time only; # Booking essential; \$ Fortnightly

Library Opening Hours

Monday 9 am to 7 pm Tuesday closed all day Wednesday* 9 am to 5 pm Thursday 9 am to 1 pm Friday 9 am to 5 pm Saturday 9 am to 1 pm

2nd Wednesday of the month, closed 9-10am for staff training



9.30am to 11.30am

TOMBOLA STALL, REFRESHMENTS, RAFFLE CAKE STALL, GOOD AS NEW etc.

Admission £1 includes coffee and biscuits

All money raised goes to community funds



Euxton Walks

Euxton has 45 public rights of way all described and mapped in the 'Walkers Guide to Euxton'. Pick one up at Euxton Library. Map display boards are at the Library, Union Place BV, Brookwood Way BV, and at the Skate Park Southport Road.







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Dancing

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me for details

Euxton Parish Council

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Council meetings are normally the third Thursday of the month at 7.15 pm and held in the Annexe at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road. Euxton. Please check the website or noticeboards for the dates and venues. Members of the public are very welcome to attend all meetings.

2024 meetings Thursdays: 18 January, 15 February, 21 March, 18 June.

Noticeboard Locations

- Wigan Road, St Mary's car park
- Wigan Road opposite Euxton Mills
- Euxton Lane junction with Wentworth Drive
- Euxton Buckshaw Village behind the Hub adjacent to play area
- Euxton Buckshaw Village Barnes Wallis Way behind Tesco
- Euxton Buckshaw Village at the Lancaster Way Community Centre
- © Euxton Buckshaw on Brookwood Way
- © Chancery Road opposite Chancery Fields



Highways Avenue shops

Runshaw Lane shops

Allotment site

Southport Road Skate Park

Councillors...

Euxton Ward

Patricia Fellows 277213 lan Hamer 267280 Eric Jones 265013 Paul Morton 07771 848604 Andy Oddy 07717 895242 Rebecca Peers 277821 Dez Rigg 273986 Helen Tune 411711 Steve Walker 07766 695316 Barry Williamson 460168 Joan Williamson 460168

Euxton Buckshaw Ward

Barrie Duckworth 07580 247222

Vacancy

Cheryl Parker 07894 966145 Katrina Reed 271199 Aidy Riggott 07585 633025

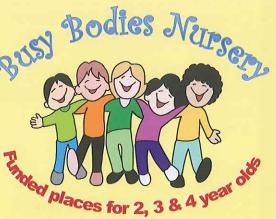
Euxton South Ward

Sam Hovle 07740 945139 Vyn Thornhill 274550





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Churches Together in Suxton Church Services

2023

Euxton Methodist Church

Sunday, 17th December 10.30 am - Nativity Children's Service Everyone welcome, especially young families, to share in the greatest story ever told.

Sunday, 24th December 10.30 am - Church Service & Christingle Everyone welcome to this service. The Children will parade into Church the Christingles they had made.

6.15 pm - Family Carol Service Familiar carols and readings together with time for reflection. A must for everyone.

Monday, 25th December
Christmas Day
9.30 am - Christmas Celebration
A family friendly, Christmas
Celebration.
Giving thanks for Gods greatest Gift

Euxton CofE Parish Church

Sunday 17th December 5pm All Age Carol Service 7pm Traditional Carol Service

Wednesday 21st December 11am Traditional Carol Service

Sunday 24th December 10am Nativity Service 4pm Crib Service 11.15pm Midnight Communion

Sunday 25th December 10am Family Communion

St Mary's RC Church

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve Sunday Mass 9am first Mass of Christmas 6pm

Monday 25th December Christmas Day Christmas Morning Mass 9.30am

