

### Just a Thought.....



I am thinking that I am glad I am not a shop assistant during this festive season! Crowds of shoppers, demanding, dithering and discriminating. Take mince pies: they seem to be available all year. Now there they are, in the shops, boxed and stacked up high everywhere. Years ago, we never bought ready-made mince pies. We made them ourselves. The basic ingredients were all in the store cupboard; flour and fat for the pastry. We toiled stickily over the fruity mincemeat filling, chopping the candied peel, picking the stalks from currants and big seeded raisins, squeezing the juice from oranges and lemons, and adding spices. Then we would rub the fat into the flour, adding just enough water to bind together; roll out the pastry, cut out the shapes for the base and the lid, place the base in the pie tin and carefully add the sticky filling and finally place the lid on top and cook. So, with memories of the spicy festive smell of your kitchen in past years, enjoy your Christmas!

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### From the Activities Co-ordinator

We have several 6<sup>th</sup> formers who are volunteering from the Norwich and Notre Dame Schools. The residents love them coming in and they chat, play scrabble and do activities such as flower arranging. They are all 16 or 17 years old and it is lovely to be surrounded by some new young faces.

We had lots of music in November stirring up our memories. Two of our favourites, Peter Piper and The SqueeGees, always make us happy. Josie, who organises our Poetry Group, did an afternoon on Pam Ayres, a modern day poet and very funny

We all remember her poem "I wish I had looked after my teeth"!! We also had several new entertainers doing 50s/60s music, encouraging us to tap our toes and sing along!

### Christmas Message from the Chaplain

As we approach Advent, thoughts for many turn to frantic card writing, present buying, decorating the home to celebrate God's gift - Jesus - not to mention planning all the Christmas menus.

For those who enjoy the familiar Bible readings and carols, this time holds many memories of past years when families made every effort to be together. But what is the meaning of all this?

The first is to look forward to the celebration of the birth of Jesus. The second is to look forward to the return of Christ at the end of God's Kingdom so we are always looking to Christ's coming. Let us reflect on the coming of Jesus in our lives day by day - not only Christmas.

'Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing which has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' St Luke 2:15.



God bless you all this Christmas.....



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## NEIGHBOURS

### MONTHLY NEWS-SHEET FOR

### CORTON HOUSE AND BRAKENDON CLOSE



**FROM THE CARE MANAGER**

Firstly I would like to say a huge thank you for the warm welcome I have received from all at Corton House and Brakendon Close. I have met lots of friends and families and still have lots to meet. It has been a real pleasure being welcomed to the team here. The next focus for us is Christmas - I am excited that the decorations will be going up soon and preparations for Christmas Day are under way.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a successful end to 2019 and here's to an exciting 2020!

Lisa Brown



**FROM THE SCHEME MANAGER**



We have many talented tenants among us, one being Doreen Simons who creates the most beautiful cards and crafts. She then held a sale and raised an incredible £88.00 for our tenants' amenities fund! Thank you Doreen from all of us!

As Christmas draws nearer, our Entertainments Committee has been busy planning events for our enjoyment during the festive season - a shopping trip including lunch to Highways, a television screening of 'A White Christmas' with mince pies and mulled wine to add that festive feeling, a Christmas party lunch at The Banningham Crown and a posh afternoon tea with corks popping on New Year's Eve. Wishing each and every one a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

**December/January Events at Brakendon Close**

*(Open to all tenants and residents)*

Monday Dec 9th, 30th & Jan 13th      Bingo      2.00pm  
*Please see notice board for other regular activities/changes over Christmas  
 ( All are welcome to join us )*



**All are welcome to attend Worship Service and Prayer**

**Wednesday Services  
 10.00 am Leisure Room**

Dec 4th Revd Matthew Olanrewaju  
 Dec 11th Kate Daynes  
 Dec 18th Revd Daphne Lloyd  
 (Carol Service)  
 Dec 25th Revd Daphne Lloyd  
**9.45-10.15am**

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 Jan 1st Local Arrangement  
 Jan 8th Jenny Poltock  
 Jan 15th Revd Daphne Lloyd  
 Jan 22nd Kate Daynes  
 Jan 29th Terry Baxter

**Holy Communion**

Thursday Dec 5th **11.00am**  
 Brakendon Close Fr Erik  
 Thursday Dec 19th **11.00am**  
 Corton House Fr Erik  
 Leisure Room  
 Friday Dec 27th **10.00am**  
 Corton House Revd Daphne Lloyd

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 Thursday Jan 2nd **11.00am**  
 Brakendon Close Fr Erik  
 Thursday Jan 16th 11.00am  
 Corton House Fr Erik Leisure Room  
 Friday Jan 31st **10.00am**  
 Corton House Revd Rosemary  
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**Sunday Services  
 10.00am Leisure Room**

Dec 8th Alan Barnes  
 Dec 22nd Revd Daphne Lloyd  
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 Jan 5th Alan Gidney  
 Jan 19th Ian Charles

**Extra Christmas Services**

Tuesday Dec 24th  
 Christmas Eve  
 Roman Catholic Mass **4.30pm**  
 BC Blake Lounge



**Songs of Praise  
 3.15pm The Atrium**

Dec 1st Patricia Lithgow  
 Dec 15th Jenny Poltock  
 Dec 29th Richard Sadler  
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 Jan 12th Ted and Penny Doe  
 Jan 26th David Ingham

**Prayer Group  
 10.30 Leisure Room**

Monday Dec 2nd Revd Daphne Lloyd  
 Monday Jan 6th Revd Daphne Lloyd

**Quiet Room at Brakendon Close**

There will be a time for prayer every Tuesday at 7.00pm..  
 Evening prayer (Compline) will be held on the 4th Saturday of every month at 7pm.