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Introduction: The Christmas period may be over for another year, but we trust that you all had a wonderful time over the festive season, spending time with family and friends. As we welcome the New Year in the village, we'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a prosperous and fruitful 2024.

Recent events:

Knightsford Parish Council (KPC): There was no report for KPC for December, so any key points from December's meeting will be mentioned in next month's newsletter.

There are now 3 vacancies for Councillors for West Stafford, so if you are interested in representing your village on the KPC then please contact Gordon Shaw (Tel: 01305 261771).

Village Christmas Market: "Thank you" to all who came to this event, provided support and donated goods. There was an excellent turn-out, despite it being a blustery day and the quality of the stalls was once again outstanding. The Village Hall raised just under £1,000 from the event so thank you as always for your attendance. Following the donations made in lieu of village Christmas cards, Jane Pryce was able to donate £60 to the Bus Shelter charity in Weymouth.

Village Christmas Celebration: We hope all who attended had a wonderful evening, the hall looked lovely and very festive. "Thank you" to the team who made this so successful - without you these events would not be possible – you know who you are!

Future Events:

Friday, 26th January 2024 – Artsreach: Paul Kerensa with "An Evening of (very) Old Radio: First Broadcasts". Journey back to the 1920's in this one-man 'stand up history' show on how the BBC began. Researched and written by this British comedy award-winning writer (Miranda, Not Going Out), Paul is a regular on BBC Radio 2's 'Pause for thought' and has performed over 3,000 stand-up gigs including The Royal Albert Hall, The Comedy Store and Montreal Comedy Festivals. Doors will open at 7:00pm at Village Hall, with a licenced bar. Tickets are £12 per adult, £5 for U18' or £30 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 U18's £30), available from Jacquie Walton at Jacquie.walton@outlook.com (tel: 07968 633834) or at www.artsreach.co.uk.

Other news:

Dog Poo bin and Defibrillator rotas: We are in need of some more volunteers to be added to the rotas for checking the village defibrillator and for emptying the dog poo bin at the top of Glebeland Close. If you are interested, then please contact Sandy Tubby at sandytubby@hotmail.com.

St Andrew's Church news:

January's Services:

Coffee will be from 10:45, with services starting 11:15.

- **Sunday, 7th January** – Matins
- **Sunday, 14th January** – Holy Communion
- **Sunday, 21st January** – Matins
- **Sunday 28th January** – Holy Communion
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The next **Coffee & Chat** will be on **Saturday, 20th January** from 10:00am to noon. All are welcome.

Home Communion: If you are unable to go to church and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Rev. Cora Yarrien on 262421 or email revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com.

Morning Prayer: is every Tuesday at 9:30am. All are welcome.

Private Prayer & Reflection: the church is open every day from 10:00am – 4:00pm.

St Andrew's Church wishes everyone "A Happy New Year & Good Health in 2024".

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