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BOXTED

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve:

Informal Crib Service – ideal for younger children: 2.30 pm at St Peter's, Boxted,

Christingle family service with the lighting of candles: 4.30 pm at St Mary's, Langham.

Midnight Mass: 11pm at St Mary's, Langham.

Christmas Day:

10am Family Eucharist at St Peter's, Boxted.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday December 27 : 10 am Eucharist at St Peter's Boxted, 10 .30 am service at the Methodist Church locally arranged.

FOOTBALL

Part of Straight Road will be closed by the police for 20 minutes at the end of Col Utd home game on Mon Dec 28 – 9.30 – 9.50 pm

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Thurs Dec 24 – green recycling

Thurs Dec 31- blue recycling

No collection Friday Dec 25 this will be on Saturday Jan 2 instead.

And finally...

(I don't usually bother with these round robin email jokes but couldn't resist passing on this one taken from the NFU newsletter)

Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow

In a one horse open sleigh

O'er the fields we go

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Laughing all the way

A risk assessment must be submitted before an open sleigh is considered safe for members of the public to travel on. The risk assessment must also consider whether it is appropriate to use only one horse for such a venture, particularly if passengers are of larger proportions. Please note, permission must be gained from landowners before entering their fields. To avoid offending those not participating in celebrations, we would request that laughter is moderate only and not loud enough to be considered a noise nuisance.

While Shepherds Watched

While shepherds watched their flocks by night

All seated on the ground

The angel of the Lord came down

And glory shone around

The union of Shepherd's has complained that it breaches health and safety regulations to insist that shepherds watch their flocks without appropriate seating arrangements being provided, therefore benches, stools and orthopaedic chairs are now available. Shepherds have also requested that due to the inclement weather conditions at this time of year that they should watch their flocks via CCTV cameras from centrally heated shepherd observation huts. Please note, the angel of the lord is reminded that before shining his/her glory all around she/he must ascertain that all shepherds have been issued with glasses capable of filtering out the harmful effects of UVA, UVB and Glory.

Little Donkey

Little donkey, little donkey on the dusty road

Got to keep on plodding onwards with your precious load

The RSPCA have issued strict guidelines with regard to how heavy a load that a donkey of small stature is permitted to carry, also included in the guidelines is guidance regarding how often to feed the donkey and how many rest breaks are required over a four hour plodding period. Please note that due to the increased risk of pollution from the dusty road, Mary and Joseph are required to wear face masks to prevent inhalation of any airborne particles. The donkey has expressed his discomfort at being labelled 'little' and would prefer just to be simply referred to as Mr Donkey. To comment upon his height or lack thereof may be considered an infringement of his equine rights.

Merry Christmas

Angela

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