

Dalston Lockdown News - January 2021 (Free Issue)

From St. Michael's and St. John's Churches

Welcome to 2021 - May it be a great improvement on the last one! One thing I think we have all learnt a great deal about in the past year is stress. Some of us have been dealing with the hardest situations, some overworked and some underworked but I would like to meet the person who has managed the whole time without any stress. I found myself frequently stressed by things I could not control; worrying about things that I was not in charge of. There have been a few days where I had to stop turning on the news or picking up a paper if only to clear my mind. I kept thinking, if only I didn't know what was going on I could be quite calm and content now, but because I do know I can't settle.

I don't have the answer: we all know Jesus told us not to be anxious, we know that God is in charge and I do find prayer helpful but fixing stress is beyond me. May I suggest a resolution for everyone? If I can encourage you to be gentle with yourself and find some space for rest. Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Mt 11.28-30 I pray that you will be able to find your rest in him. God bless and best wishes for a prosperous New Year.

Ben Phillips, Vicar 07936 099123

Dalston Methodist Church

Happy New Year and God bless you. 2021 has a lot to deliver - a vaccinated, covid free world and for us a trade agreement with our European and world partners - no pressure! That aside, we have an opportunity after such a long separation to herald in a Year of Community, where we rebuild, reconnect and restore our relationships. We at the Chapel commit to our part in this and to support events as much as we can. There is a lot to look forward to with singing in worship (and coffee), clubs and societies returning, Victory Hall events, the best Festival Week and Show ever and so much more. Let us commit ourselves to a Year of Community, to the restoration of all the good things we missed and the creation of some things new. Are you with us?

Rev David Newlove, Minister 01228 585295

Recycle your Christmas Tree with Hospice at Home

Have you had a real Christmas Tree within your home or business? Hospice at Home is once again organising this festive fundraising initiative that not only helpfully recycles trees but also raises vital funds to provide local hospice care in the community. Last year, the charity collected over 1,100 trees, raising almost £12,000. The areas in which the charity is collecting trees covers Penrith, Carlisle, Wigton, Longtown, Brampton and Dalston - a significant proportion of the area in which Hospice at Home Carlisle and North Lakeland's clinical services operate. You can book your tree for collection at www.charityxmastreecollection.com and make a donation of your choice to Hospice at Home. On Friday 8th January 2021 volunteers and local businesses, who have pledged vans and staff teams to help, will collect the trees and take them to be recycled locally. No trips to the tip or needles in your car - just leave the trees in your front garden or outside your property and Hospice at Home will do the rest!

Cath Coates, Fundraiser, said "We are delighted to be offering the Christmas Tree Collection again this year, particularly with many events cancelled during 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic. We were keen to continue organising this collection, and we will be following strict guidance to ensure our collectors stay safe. Year on year this event has increased in popularity and in turn, so has the fundraising total, which ultimately means we can provide more care for more people. We would like to thank all of the supporters of this event, from our leaflet distribution volunteers, to our van drivers and tree collectors, as well as our lead sponsor this year, Lloyd Motor Group".

Please visit www.hospiceathome.co.uk for more information about the charity or the Christmas Tree Collection or call 01768 210719.

Cath Coates

St. Michael's and St. John's Churches 100 Club

The 100 Club has continued with monthly draws held throughout lockdown and four bonus prizes drawn in December. It is now time to join or renew your 100 club membership for 2021 at £12 per number. If you would like a renewal form please contact 711956 or 712846 or collect one from the church entrance. Your cheque for £12 per number (made payable to Dalston PCC) can be posted through the letterbox of Church House or we can collect your subscription if that is easier for you. Thank you for your support.

Census 2021

The census is a survey that gives us information about all the households in England and Wales, it will take place on **20th March 2021**. It's important you take part in the census. The information it gives has the power to make a real impact on our everyday lives. It helps to understand what our society needs now and what it's likely to need in the future. The information it collects helps plan and fund services in your area. This could include transport, education and healthcare. Charities also use census information to help get the funding they need. Businesses use it to decide where to set up, which creates job opportunities.

New Mums and Babies Group

Wednesday 13th & 27th January, 10 - 11.30am, at the Methodist Church on The Green

A group to support new Mums. Meeting in a covid secure environment. A chance to meet other new mums and have a chat. This group is for parents of NON-MOBILE babies, up to approximately 6 months old. It will continue on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month. You will be required to wear a mask whilst in the building. Please book in advance by phoning Margery 01228 711548.

Reays Bus Service 74/75

The temporary suspension of the services 74/75 will resume on 4th January 2021.

Roots of Remembrance

Sadly, Dalston Parish may have lost some of its residents to Covid in 2020 or in 2021. Dalston Parish Council would like to join an initiative set-up by the Royal Horticultural Society whereby a tree can be planted in memory of the loved one at suitable sites across the Parish. The name of the person will be recorded, by the RHS, on a national map. Suitable plaques can also be provided. Potential planting sites could be The Green, the Cemetery, the Millennium Garden as well as in the hamlet where the person lived.

The Parish Council does not have information about deaths to Covid. If you would like to ensure that a tree can be planted somewhere in the Parish in memory of your loved one, please email clerk@dalston.org.uk or write, confidentially to Sue Milburn, Forge Green, Riverside, Dalston, CA5 7QG, giving the name, date and place of death of your loved one.

Refuse and Recycling Calendar

NB The City Council are not sending out recycling calendars this year. They are available to download from the website. Please go to the www.carlisle.gov.uk/recycling website, enter your post code, select your address then click on Download 2021 Calendar.

Carlisle City Council

The Children's Society

Thank you to all the people who have boxes and donated to support the Children's Society. The collection raised **£551.80p** this year. The collection time was longer than usual but in such a difficult year when cash has been much more limited it is a substantial amount.

This is a charity that works to make life changing support for vulnerable children and young people in England and Wales. New members are always welcome to help to collect money for this worthy cause. If you would like a box for The Children's Society please telephone 01228 710171.

Pat Dickinson

Random Acts of Kindness Leading up to Christmas

So I decided as since it's been such a horrible year that I would leave 12 nice random gifts dotted all over the place every day for 12 days leading up to Christmas. We have had:-

1. Hyacinths in a lovely pot left in the Co-op.
2. Lunches paid for in the chip shop in Dalston.
3. Galaxy hamper left on a bench in Carlisle cemetery.
4. Gingerbread house to build at the lytchgate.
5. Six mince pies and £20 voucher for Carrock Meats.
6. Tropic So Sleep gift drum & a huge bar of galaxy was left up High Pike!
7. Peace lily in a beautiful pot and sweets left at Tullie House.
8. Dairy Milk hamper left in the Cathedral.
9. Lunch paid for and a crate of lager at Pie Demand.
10. Afternoon tea hamper purchased from Dobbies.
11. A homemade Christmas Cake! Made by Jenny at The Gatehouse Cafe.
12. A cracker!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Most gifts have been £25 each which I have paid for myself. I just wanted to give something back!

Jill Glencross Independent Funeral Director

Dalston Parish Council

Vacancy

There is a councillor vacancy at present on the Dalston Parish Council. This is an important body in the parish which meet, by zoom at present, on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.15pm. We would appreciate interest from anyone who has this area at heart and wants to maintain and improve it. If you would like to join or require further information please contact: The Clerk, The Parish Council Office, Forge Green, Riverside, Dalston CA5 7QG, phone 01228 712766 or email clerk@dalston.org.uk

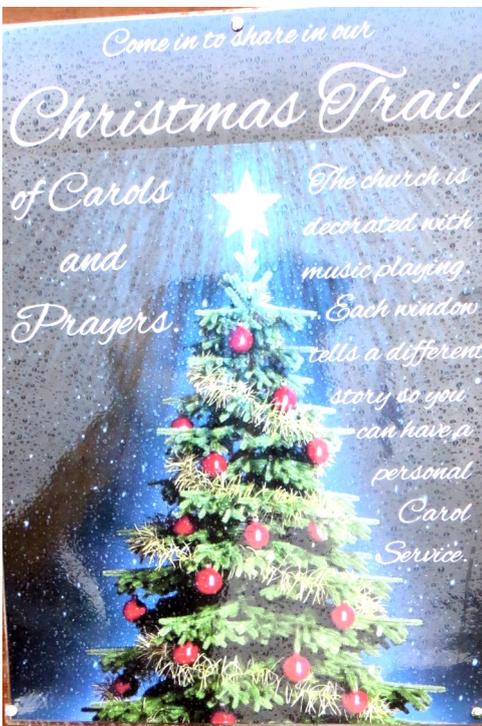
Thank you to all those who have had Christmas decorations to cheer everyone and also to the decorators of St. Michael's Church windows carol trail.

The Parish Council, as the body responsible for the cemetery/cremated remains area, would ask respectfully that you remove any Christmas tributes from the graves in January. Any tributes remaining after **31st January 2021** will be disposed of by either the contractor or the Churchyard Working Group. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

The office will reopen on 4th January after the holidays. In case of emergency please phone **01228 712846**.

Chair, Dalston Parish Council







CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

In aid of

Hospice at Home

Carlisle and North Lakeland

LEAVE THE EFFORT OF GETTING RID OF YOUR TREE TO US!

We would welcome a donation for the collection of your Christmas tree.

We are collecting trees from:

- the following postcodes -
- CA1, CA2, CA6, CA6 8, CA6 4, CA6 7,
- CA6 4, CA6 5, CA7 4, CA7 9, CA8 9,
- CA8 1, CA10 2, CA11 7, CA11 8,
- CA11 9, CA11 0, CA12

On Monday 7th January 2019.

Register your tree for collection by Thursday 3rd January 2019.

Thank you to F&B Road's Partners for their support

