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Services for December

Due to the new Lockdown measures for November, it is with regret that St John's will once again have to put-on hold services. Instead, we will be live streaming from St John's. Please make sure you are signed up to our mailing list to get up to date information regarding the services.

<http://eepurl.com/gNz4Tf> or scan the QR Code



Primary School Applications

The deadline for MPS Primary School forms for us to process will be December 31st – (the Church form, photo, plus the school form from MPS). You can 'post' your forms in the church post box which is near the coffee lounge door. The completed school form will be returned to you on 10th January so that you can submit it before the deadline of 15th January.

December 2020 OMN Letter

As soon as we returned to school as children, my brother, cousins, and I began planning for Halloween and Christmas. The last three months of the year we the most exciting and we couldn't wait. The air was electric with expectation! Thanksgiving was a bit of a damp squid, no presents or treats, just food. But Thanksgiving marked the halfway point between Halloween and Christmas, and presented a welcome opportunity to tell everyone at the family get-together what we all wanted for Christmas. It's always good to have a plan! We all approach Christmas with expectations, of Christmases past, memories of happy times, and all the trappings and activities that make for a "proper" Christmas celebration. Christmas usually comes heavily laden, so much so it can sometimes disappoint even under normal circumstances. This year could be the same, but it doesn't have to be.

This year even the best laid plans have been derailed by 2020's most unwelcome visitor. As families and individuals wait apprehensively to see what the Government's plan is and how it will actually work out, we all are still finding our way. The Church, thankfully, is a bit ahead of the game. St. John's has a Plan A and a Plan B to help us manage even through a lockdown scenario. The good news is that churches are likely to reopen by the 6th December, the Second Sunday of Advent. This and the following Sundays will see the two services a Sunday return, both by booking a space ahead of time. Once we get the official "green light" from the Diocese we will reactivate the booking facility.

Marilyn, Harvey, and Alastair have been planning and the choir has rehearsed for this year's virtual Carol Service. This will be filmed and edited beforehand and released to Youtube on the 20th December. Sally has also lined up children from Malden Parochial and we will be doing our own virtual Crib Service, given that it isn't possible to do justice to the crib with only 18 bubbles in Church. The wider community also attend this service so we want to make it accessible to everyone. We are hoping to hold a bookable Midnight Mass and Christmas morning service, and continue our celebrations of Christmas on Sunday the 27th with two services as well. I would ask people to book for one or the other to allow more people the opportunity to attend. Between the four Christmas services everyone who wants to attend in person should be able to. As always these will be live-streamed for those tucked up at home in their pyjamas with a nice hot cup of hot chocolate!

On Christmas Day our big Christmas day event will continue in the noble tradition of St. John's, the main difference being that it will be delivered to people at home. Pat Lovegrove and the team may need help delivering on Christmas Day so please check the Parish Mailing for details closer to the time. We are also hoping to provide an Argos Gift Card for just over 80 children across the community who may not have the brightest of Christmases otherwise. Donations can be made via the appeal on our website <https://stjohnsoldmalDEN.org.uk/> or through the link on the Parish Mailing from Amy. St. John's Shop is also open on our website with homemade gifts and treats, so please check us out. At the time of writing, we still have a few yew trees at Church available to decorate if anyone would like to take part. So many people are visiting the lane and the churchyard, this may just help lift all our spirits! And for Advent this year a new star will arise in the east, so lookout for the illumination on the Church tower.

This won't be the Christmas we are used to nor will it be the way it should be. That in itself is a sadness and cause for regret, but we have learnt to be a bit more agile and realistic as we have coped with all that the pandemic has thrown at us. Some of us have lost a loved one, others have chafed under the restrictions to our freedoms and everyday way of living. All of us have experienced a sense of loss and a longing for a return to normality. We hang on to every encouraging sign, any news of new treatments and the blessed news of multiple vaccines that appear to work. Through it all we have gained a wisdom we might otherwise have missed. This gift coupled with the determination to build a brighter future for all, holds immense promise for tomorrow. We must continue to wait patiently for that tomorrow and keep praying for everyone working hard to bring us through this crisis. In the meantime we have an opportunity to reach out to family, friends, and neighbours this Christmas who need a bit of care and support. No one need be left behind. Because of the restrictions we may not always be able to do this in person, but we can continue to share our love and concern, especially for all those who will find this Christmas the hardest of all. Do get in touch with anyone on the Ministry Team if you need to talk to someone. That's what we're here for!

This year, when we may not be able to physically visit family and friends, we do well to remember that the first Christmas was not unlike the one we will celebrate later this month. The stories of Jesus' birth both underline what a quiet, almost private, affair it was. In the midst of a very busy Bethlehem only Mary, Joseph, and a few shepherds were aware of what God had done, of how the longed for Messiah was born among the livestock in a stable changing human history forever. The expectation of centuries was fulfilled that night as God kept the promise he had made to his chosen people. Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds alone celebrated the birth of Jesus, while the rest of the world did not notice. Scripture reminds us that this was an introspective time as Joseph listened to the shepherds' story of angels praising God, while Mary "pondered these things in her heart".

This Christmas we will have plenty of time to ponder, to explore the great mystery of God's love given to us in Jesus. What we do this year will look and feel different, but that which lies at the heart of it all never changes. This love can still change our lives and it will carry us through all that lies ahead. We can embrace the newborn king with confidence knowing that he came for us, to touch our hearts and lift our eyes from the cares and concerns that weigh us down, in order that we might be free and become who we are truly called to be. It all started in an obscure barn and flowed out into all creation. We are part of that and he is part of us. So however we celebrate, we do so full of joy at what he has given us as we share his love with all. Happy Christmas when it comes and stay safe!



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Love, Michael

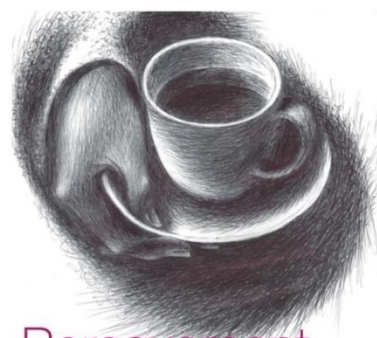


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St John the Baptist,
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'streaming'
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Sunday 20th December
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**(links to our YouTube
site
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Parish Mailing)**

Our Bereavement Cafe project has been accepted as one of the Co-op's local charities for the next 12 months. Co-op members are able to nominate the Bereavement Cafe as their charity and we will receive 2% of every purchase. I would like to encourage you to nominate us and to become a member if you aren't already one. It costs £1 to become a member and anyone can join in-store or online at <https://www.coop.co.uk/membership>



Bereavement
Café

We are still in the planning stage looking for volunteers to help with refreshments and anyone who would also like to take part in the training provided by our sponsor the Princess Alice Hospice. Until we are up and running, support is available from me or any member of the Ministry Team for anyone who has lost a loved one. If you might be interested in taking part, please speak to Michael. Thank you!



The Angel Project

This year Father Christmas needs a little helping hand as we have over 80 children on our list for Angel Project presents across our parish. With lockdown and the uncertainty around being able to shop etc., we have decided the best course of action is to raise money to buy an Argos gift card for each child, so that their parents/ carers can buy them exactly what they want or need this year. Admittedly it is a tall order, but I have faith that St. John's working with our community can ensure that these children have a decent Christmas in spite of the problems facing all of us this year.

Alastair and Deborah Harris are setting up a Sumup appeal that will be available on our website and through social media. If you are on Facebook and other outlets, please do share it as I am sure it will capture the imagination of anyone who would like to help make Christmas special for a child in need. This will go out on our weekly Parish Mailing soon.

What's That All About?

When you return to Church this Advent you will notice how the mood has shifted. Things look different. There's a plainness with a touch of Christmas to come. The Advent Wreath counts us down to Christmas Day, with evergreens and holly reminding us to put our Christmas trees up at home. Out go the silver cross and the fancy, twiddly candlesticks and in come the plain wooden ones. It looks almost as if we'd been robbed. Why?

The Christian Church has a long history of preparing for important celebrations with a solemn period of penitence and fasting. Taking out flowers and removing bright colours helps focus the mind, removes distractions. An exuberant celebrations stands out the more after a time of deprivation. Think Lent. Advent too was known for fasting and repentance, something drowned out as celebrating Christmas refused to wait until the 25th. Can anyone tell me when the Christmas chocs appeared in the shops? Exhibit A. for the prosecution. Advent now is merely pre-Christmas, though I know one or two diehard clergy colleagues who refuse to have Christmas carols before Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve! But for most of us we party and celebrate all through December. It was not always so.

Advent is much more about preparing for Jesus' return in his Second Coming than it is for celebrating his birth. In the early Church, that was believed to be just around the corner, so everyone was in a state of readiness. Confession was big too during the season to get ready for Judgment Day and fasting taught people self-control. So to mark the season, the Church put away anything shiny and bright, opting for barren wood and somber purple. Lutheran churches in Scandinavian tend to use deep blue, as did England before the Reformation, as a reminder of the "new dawn" coming when Jesus would usher in the fulfillment of the Kingdom and return to take up his everlasting rule. The deep, dark night fits our long nights and how we long for a return of longer days. Advent speaks of hope.

The Second Coming is scary stuff so it is little wonder that the emphasis shifted towards the celebration of Christmas. The baby is so much more user-friendly than a king coming in judgment! It doesn't have to be. We can make the most of Advent taking time to reappraise what it is that God offers us in his Son, and what it means to follow him. Among the pressures of shopping and feasting, we can peel these back to discover why we celebrate in the first place Jesus' birth. We can also think about his life and teaching, remembering that we can stand tall and welcome him without fear or trepidation when he does return. Until then we keep on keeping on, working alongside him wherever we find him bringing light and peace in the world around us.





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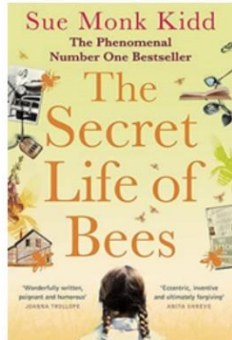
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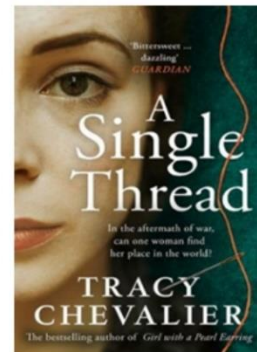
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St John's Reading Group December 2020

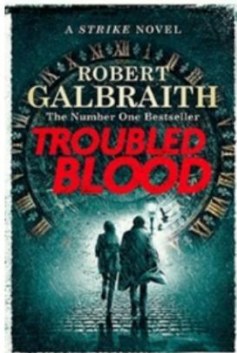


Last month's choice was **The Secret Life of Bees** by Sue Monk Kidd. Set in South Carolina, this is a heart-warming and moving novel embracing some of the social issues of racial prejudice. It was a popular read with several lovely characters and relationships. Lily grows up believing that she has shot her mother when she was a little girl. Her father, T-Ray, a brutal and aggressive man does not explain what happened so consequently Lily is riven by guilt. When Rosaleen, the black servant is arrested for being involved in a fracas outside the voting station where she tries to register, Lily frees her from custody and they both escape. They head for the town where Lily believes her mother grew up. The only clue Lily has is a picture of a Black Madonna – which proves to be the label from a honey jar made by the Boatwright sisters. Lily finds love and acceptance from the sisters and eventually learns the truth about her mother. It is one of those novels that you don't really wish to come to an end. An average score of 8/10.

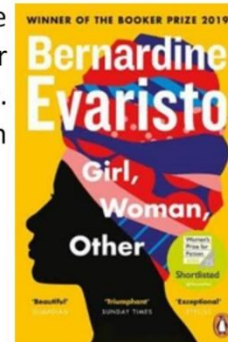
Our choice for December is **Tracey Chevalier's A Single Thread**. Set in England just after WWI, Violet Speedwell is coming to terms with having lost her fiancé and her brother. Resigned to making a new life for herself, she leaves home and a very overbearing mother to go and live in a boarding house in Winchester. She is learning how to become independent at a difficult time when society has not really worked out the role of so many young unmarried



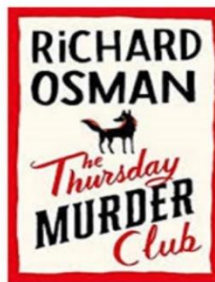
women just after a War which decimated the male population. One lunchtime, Violet goes into the cathedral and is enchanted by the work of the broderers and their fine needlepoint. Thrilled to be accepted, she joins the group and learns how to embroider the cushions and kneelers in the cathedral. Beautifully written and researched, as always, this novel explores the friendships and relationships of a very likeable young woman. A gentle read which I am sure you will enjoy.



For January we have a choice: the fans of **Robert Galbraith** who are not daunted by a large tome, will be able to read '**Troubled Blood**' – the alternative choice is '**Girl, Woman, Other**', the joint Booker 2019 prize-winner by **Bernadine Evaristo**. So we shall have an interesting discussion in January!



For February, we selected the **Richard Osman** bestseller: **The Thursday Murder Club**. Four retired professionals meet to solve a murder. More crime!



The 2020 Booker prize was won by the Scottish-American author Douglas Stuart for his first novel, Shuggie Bain. It is a story based on his own life that follows a boy growing up in poverty in 1980s Glasgow with a mother who is battling addiction. Perhaps not for the faint-hearted.

We continue to 'meet' together on Skype on the first Thursday of every month to discuss the book of the month and any others we may have read. We miss our coffee and cake and our coming together and our Christmas celebration in particular - but there is always the prospect of new books for Christmas! Have your lists prepared.

Take care and keep safe – and make some extra time for your reading.

Marilyn

Quite a lot of mince pies

Most years I embark on the mammoth task of making mince pies, around the end of November, in readiness for the festive season and no less making sure there are plenty for the now legendary and traditional Storytelling evening in the Church Hall, now going ahead online instead.

This year it's going to be rather different, I am being given a reprieve for the 500 plus that I normally make, even this household couldn't manage that number. Preparation actually started about 6 months ago, I started making the candied peel in March, it's always better well matured and it's an excellent way to use up extra orange and lemon skins. I save them up for weeks, popping them in the freezer to soften skins, it's a useful place to store them until needed. I confess that I do cheat a little by using a commercial mincemeat base but then I add lots of grated apple, and freshly ground spices, lots of extra raisins and cherries and the candied peel, some home made quince marmalade and perhaps even a jar or two of something found at the back of the jam cupboard, after all it's "fruit" of one sort or another. A second batch of special mincemeat is made from scratch which I'm very careful to make sure there is no gluten anywhere nearby, it normally has cranberries and pineapple included as well, it's a lot lighter and fruitier and dare I say very moreish and doesn't always find its way to

the oven - I do have to do some quality tasting. After the fillings are prepared the actual making begins, it always

seems daunting to count the numbers, but the time goes quickly and over a few days there is a veritable mountain of little tarts some with stars and some with lids, all then packed up and ready to find their way to willing audiences.

There is a carefully orchestrated time and motion study to roll and cut and line and fill and lid in sequence, and working out the exact batch times to get another tray ready so that it's almost non-stop. In this house a check is made to make sure that there is a discrete supply of "special" ones which have a full glace cherry included in each tart with the mincemeat, they are rather conspicuous with the added bump under the lid, try them for a rather special treat.

I've been making mince pies since early childhood, as soon as I was able to hold a wooden spoon I was set to work. Christmas was always a very busy time growing up, my Mother was a home economist and cookery demonstrator and did such a lot of outside catering, there really wasn't any excuse allowed for not being coursed into helping. There were always tins of buns and biscuits, cakes on racks





LIVING Introducing Living in Love and Faith IN LOVE by Harvey Howlett & FAITH

Living in Love and Faith (LLF) is a major Church of England project about human identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. A three-year process involving a core team of more than forty people has resulted in a large range of resources – a book of over 468 pages, videos, a course and background academic papers, all of which are available online. These resources are intended to help parishes, deaneries, and ultimately, the General Synod, consider questions that continue to divide the Church of England about matters of human gender and sexuality and perhaps also whether the Church of England should embrace marriage equality.

St. John's is an inclusive church community where we try to be open and welcoming. We certainly try to avoid rehearsing views that may cause hurt and discouragement, especially to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex church members, who have so often been problematised in these 'conversations' and discussions within the church.

It is always good for us to reflect on what it means for us to be an inclusive church. Every time we have done this in the past we have enriched our community life as a congregation and discovered more deeply the God of love, who welcomes us all. Reflecting on the LLF materials might also help us to frame a parish response to our Archbishops, as envisaged by the LLF project. Although it will be for the PCC to consider exactly how the parish might want to engage in the consultation over the coming year.

You can check out the LLF resources yourself via the LLF Learning Hub. You'll need to register there as the video section contains people's personal stories. And the videos are probably the best place to start. They are not yet available with captions for the hard of hearing, but those versions will be available soon. <https://llf.churchofengland.org/>

You can also download the Pastoral Principles for living well together, prepared by LLF's Pastoral Advisory Group, which set out the qualities of care and respect needed when we discuss the subjects of human intimacy and identity. These are a good framework for any church discussion where we value each other as members together of the body of Christ more than any disagreement we may have.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/general-synod/bishops/pastoral-advisory-group/pastoral-principles>

As these discussions go forward there may well be stories in the church and national press. I'm very happy to speak with anyone about any concerns or questions that the LLF materials may raise and Fr Michael would, of course, be happy to discuss any pastoral concerns you may have.

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some coins, a few damp
leaves and a candle (flame
or LED) to join-in with the
stories.

Christmas Day Event 2020

It is with great regret that this event will not be taking place this year due to the government's Covid-19 restrictions regarding large social gatherings. It is very sad as this event has been taking place every year without a break since 1972 for people who would otherwise have spent Christmas Day on their own. I gather from Barbara Webb, who assisted at the very first event, that the Hall was packed with the maximum number of 75 people with helpers from St. Johns and the local community providing all the food and drink and entertainment.

However, there is good news. The family who cooked last year have volunteered to cook again this time and meals will be delivered to any of our regular guests who will be on their own on Christmas Day. This is a very generous gesture from Jemma Stedman, Gill Holdich, Kate Willoughby and their families who will be able to cook the meal together as a safe 'bubble' at the Hall.

Please get in touch with Pat Lovegrove if you would like to volunteer to deliver a meal or two and it would be nice for each recipient to receive a gift and Christmas card from St. John's too. Due to current restrictions there may be others on their own this year so if you know anyone in this situation, and lives locally, please give details to Pat as soon as possible.

Christmas Day from Christmas Past

As we sadly cannot meet this year,
lets remember the times when we could.



Prayer for the Sidelined, Lost, and Overlooked People

Holy One, may your Realm of Love come for
the insignificant, unremarkable, overlooked people of the
world;
for the unnoticed and simply ordinary people;
back-water sort of people who will never make much
impact.
For them
MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME.



Holy One, may your Realm of Love come for
those who are lost; who have disappeared or are missing;
for the uprooted, exiled and enslaved;
lost-rights sort of people who will seldom be seen or heard.
For them
MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME.

Holy One, may your Realm of Love come for
the fearful, the terrorised and the abused people of the world;
those who are unjustly imprisoned or entrapped;
voiceless people who will hardly dare to seek help.
For them
MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME.

Holy One, may your Realm of Love come for
the subjugated, silenced and subdued people of the world;
for the lonely, the lacking, the faded, the frightened;
shadowy people unable to bring attention to their suffering.
For them
MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME.

Holy One, may your Realm of Love come for
all persons with disabilities;
for the redundant and poorly educated; the timid and un-appreciated;
struggling people who have to strive for support and respect.
For them,
MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME.

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In the dynamic of your Love, may your Realm become a reality for them all. Amen.



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Through this strange year we have tried to share with the St John's community something of the wide-ranging activities of the Mothers' Union, which works through Anglican churches across the world to support mothers, to promote good family life, and to draw attention to those things that damage women, children, or good family relationships.

For many members, however, the MU is most familiar in the meetings of the local branch and sadly these have had to be suspended for much of the year. Normally St John's MU meets one afternoon a month, with a varied programme of talks, devotional, and social activities. Our members are usually active on our own and various other stalls at the Summer and Christmas Fairs. Our December meeting has included a visit from the Parochial School's Year 2 children, performing their seasonal songs. Then, over tea and mince pies, we share a variety of Christmassy readings chosen by members. This year the readings are one thing we can still hope to share with one another and, indeed, with others in the parish.

There is no shame in providing a social activity enjoyed by older women, but that is by no means all the MU is about, nor is the pastoral care that members provide for one another. We have tried to show something, at least, of the wider work through these columns. Membership is not limited to those who are free for afternoon meetings, nor is it restricted to mothers and grandmothers, nor yet to women alone. Anyone who cares about the MU's key concerns is welcome to join in support. If you are interested, speak to our branch leader, Pauline Armour, or indeed to any of our members.

Meanwhile, we pray that, with doubts about families being able to gather this year and the sad loss of many of the religious delights of the season, it will nevertheless prove a time of blessing. For many there should, at least, be more time for quiet reflection on what we are really celebrating: Emmanuel, God with us. The members of St John's Mothers' Union wish you all a truly blessed Christmas.





Avian Lockdown

Back in the lockdown in the middle of November an early morning arrival for organ practice started with the investigation of a noise coming from the kitchen. Eventually it was traced to the vent leading outside from the cooker hood. It was obvious that a bird had found its way in and was trapped. How to get it out? The

various sections of the piping were bound with strong tape.

I decided that the best course of action was to contact our ever-ready handyman - Graham. He arrived shortly afterwards. He proceeded to investigate the possibilities of removing the tape. However, leaning on the cooker hood it gave way and opened up the vent. Inside was a delightful little Great Tit. No doubt it had been prospecting for a nest site for next spring as they often do during the autumn. Standing clear it emerged a minute later and flew around. Luckily it landed on the worktop in a corner and I was able to catch it and return it to the churchyard.

It sat at the base of the pine tree for a few minutes collecting itself and then decided it was time to find something to eat. How long it had been in there we don't know, hopefully only earlier that morning. Thankfully a happy ending to this episode. It could have been a tragedy!

Barry Eaton

Waiting for Redwings

Nearing the shortest day,
early morning sun
seeps through drifting cloud,
burnishing for ever green
the spiky leaves,
and firing up torches of scarlet fruit.

Morning by morning wakes;
the wait not yet over
how still the holly stands,
fruitful with a berried feast
flaring under a bright sky –
until the dark of night slips in.

November passes; blown in
by the wind, redwings arrive.
In the blink of an eye,
flickering wings glimpsed;
the soft, flaxen breast; quirky
creamy brows and gentle song.

Foraging in the brief light hours,
with flashing underwings of warm
russet,
they lift in flocks and settle to feed.

Now the redwings have moved on.
It is Advent,
and set in the sky,
a dazzling star.

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MALDEN PAROCHIAL SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS

THE CHRISTMAS TRAIL



Its time to pop on your scarf and woolly hat for the MPS Christmas Trail!

Cheeky Pip the naughty Elf has hidden parts of the nativity scene around Old Malden. We need your help to find them. Use the map to find the clues and on your way enjoy the festive lights.

Trail kits will be sold at Hooky Street Coffee Co for **£3.00 (cash only)** and includes a map, pencil, candy cane, glow stick and a festive activity sheet. The trail runs from **Saturday 12th December – Sunday 20th December**.

Open to everyone. All proceeds go towards the Malden Parochial School PTA.

Please ensure you do the trail with your household group or your 'support bubble' and that you socially distance, respect noise levels and please do not enter anyone's driveway. All signs will be visible from the pavement.

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BOOK Quiz questions:



- 1 In which of Shakespeare's plays did 'Desdemona' feature?
- 2 Who wrote 'The Nine Billion Names of God'?
- 3 What is the theme of 'Lockdown' and 'La Peste'?
- 4 Which of Hilary Mantel's novels is set at the time of the French Revolution?
- 5 Give the title of Robert Harris' latest novel.
- 6 The 'Portrait of a Lady' was set in ...?
- 7 The musical 'Kiss me Kate' was based on which play?
- 8 Where does 'at a snail's pace' come from?
- 9 Jeeves was the perfect butler. Who was his employer?
- 10 Which novel features the anti-heroine 'Becky Sharp'?
- 11 Name the March sisters.
- 12 Name the pig in Charlotte's Web.
- 13 Who wrote 'Hamnet'?
- 14 Give the title of Barack Obamas' recent book.
- 15 'Christmas is Murder' is a new novel by ??
- 16 'The World's Worst Parents' is a child psychology book. True or false?|
- 17 Commissario Brunetti features in novels by which author?
- 18 Who wrote 'The Foundling'?
- 19 What is the sequel to 'The Fire Court'?
- 20 Give the title of Ann Patchett's latest novel.

A few anagrams: BOOK TITLES

TYOHBED

LTSMEISIL

TEDAROAMOROYGGWOLLBID

TITLES OF BOOKS WITH Vowels omitted:

THSTMTNS

THBYTHMLTHFXNDTHHRS .

THBKPRFLPP .

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Answers next month.

Marilyn 'Happy Reading'.....

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