



SADBERGE FIREWORK DISPLAY
 (Supported by Sadberge Parish Council,
 Friends of Sadberge
 and Sadberge Village Hall Association)



SUNDAY 5th NOVEMBER

Fireworks will be launched from the Reservoir opposite the Village Hall and will start @ approximately 6.00pm

PLEASE NOTE THE SPECTATOR AREA IS ONLY WITHIN THE CAR PARK OF THE VILLAGE HALL

**CASH BUCKET COLLECTION ON THE NIGHT
 (PLEASE GIVE WHAT YOU CAN)**

GLOW NECKLACES & BRACELETS TO BUY

Email friendsofsadberge@gmail.com
 to register your interest to attend

*We look forward to seeing you on the night
 and hope you and your families enjoy yourselves*



Sadberge Village Hall Coffee Shop offers you a warm welcome come rain, come shine. Open on weekdays from 9am to 2pm (Thursdays 9-1pm). There's much more than just coffee to sample - bacon butties, cheese scones, delicious cakes, etc.
 Card payments and well behaved dogs are welcome (not necessarily together!)
 Farm fresh eggs and Sadberge Honey are for sale
 For more information check out the Sadberge Village Hall Coffee Shop Facebook page



The Roundabout has been asked to draw the attention of villagers and visitors to the problem caused by cars parked with one set of wheels on the pavement, thereby blocking access for pedestrians who have to use the road rather than the footpath. We know this can be a particular problem

on Sunday mornings outside church, and we'll ask our congregation to be more considerate in future, but the issue is a wider one than that day and time. The area near the crossroads in the centre of the village is often busy with parked cars, and the hazards are increased in wet and wintry weather. As ever, it's difficult to strike a balance between the needs of walkers and motorists, but we can try.



The Village Hall and the Round Table are planning a Children's Christmas Party at the beginning of December - the date and more details will appear in the Christmas edition of *The Roundabout*.

The next issue of *Roundabout* will be published on November 30th
 Please send items to rblood@ntlworld.com before 20th November

St Andrew's, Sadberge



**Roundabout
 Newsletter**

November 2023

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Getting ready, looking forward

American artist and film maker Andy Warhol said, *the idea of waiting makes it all the more exciting*, and we often say, *I'm looking forward to it.....*

We will all have experienced waiting for exciting events to happen in our lives - a family celebration, waiting to be reunited with loved ones, catching up with friends, being present at an important event, going on holiday - the list could go on and on. And the closer it gets to the day, the more the excitement mounts!

Shops are already preparing for the festive season with tempting Christmas items on the shelves raising excitement levels in children, and even the odd adult. Advent calendars of all kinds are also very much in evidence.

The new church year begins on the first Sunday of Advent - December 3rd this year - when we will not only look back with thanks over the past year, but look forward to what the year ahead may hold in the life of our church. Advent is a time of getting ready and looking forward to Christmas and Christ's birth, and this is reflected in the themes and music of our services during this time.



**LAS POSADAS
 LA NAVIDAD**

Many countries have different traditions as they prepare for and look forward to the Christmas season.

One Spanish custom, originally from Mexico, and known as *La Posada* - Spanish for inn - takes the form of a nine-day festival beginning on December 16th.

Small figures of Mary and Joseph travel around different households, usually staying for one night. These travels are symbolic of their journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, just before the first Christmas. Families sign up in advance to act as hosts and then pass the figures on to the next participating household.

Many Anglican churches have successfully adapted this custom, often referred to as the *travelling crib*, to suit their parishes, and before the Covid pandemic we observed *Posada* in Sadberge from December 1st with the figures returning to church at the Christingle service on Christmas Eve.

We plan to do the same this year and would like to open this up to the wider village community - anyone can be involved - families, grandchildren, couples or individuals. On the right is a photo of the Sadberge Posada figures of Mary and Joseph (and their donkey taking a well earned rest). They are beautifully carved in olive wood from the Holy Land.

If you would like to know more about *Las Posada* or would like to host the crib figures for a night, please contact me - rev.sue.chew@gmail.com **before November 26th**.

However you are preparing, and whatever you are eagerly looking forward to this Christmas, may it be a joyous occasion with lasting special memories.

Rev Sue Chew (Associate Minister)



There's a list of important thanks to record this month:

- Sadberge Climate Change and Biodiversity Group would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the October litter pick. (The next chance to join in will be in April)
- Emma says "a heartfelt thank-you to the forty homes and businesses in Sadberge that offered to put out sweets for the Halloween Pumpkin Trail; the children of the village much appreciated the generosity."
- From the choir and organist - grateful thanks to villagers and members of the congregation who came to the recent Choral Evensong. Richard says, "We thought we might be singing to ourselves, and that would have been fine of course, but the support of the locals was very welcome - not least in the hymn singing! We'll do it again in Spring. Meanwhile, please join us for Advent Carols on 3rd December at 6.00pm."
- To the inventive team who created the decorative and thought-provoking additions to the post box near the church. This photo only shows a fraction of their work - it's well worth a visit and a read as we approach the time of national Remembrance.



The Food Bank coordinators at St Andrew's Haughton would be very grateful to receive any Christmas Treats to help brighten up the lives of their clients over the festive season. Any of the following would be especially welcome - small slab Christmas cakes, mince pies, Christmas puddings, tins of custard, boxes of chocolate or biscuits. Donations can be brought to church any Friday evening from 6-7pm, or given to any member of the congregation - thank you so much.

Church Services up to Christmas 2023

(unusual services, events and times appear in red)

Service	Date	Other Details
Sung Holy Communion	November 5 th , 19 th , 26 th , December 10 th	St Andrew's Sadberge - 9.15am
Remembrance Sunday	November 12 th	St Andrew's Sadberge - 10.15am, and then at the Memorial Garden for 11am
St Andrew's Day	November 30 th	St Andrew's Haughton - 6pm, followed by supper
Advent Carol Service	December 3 rd	St Andrew's Sadberge - 6pm
Christmas Carol Service	December 17 th	St Andrew's Sadberge - 6pm
Christingle Service	December 24 th	St Andrew's Sadberge - 4pm
First Communion of Christmas	December 24 th	St Andrew's Sadberge - 9pm

The church clock

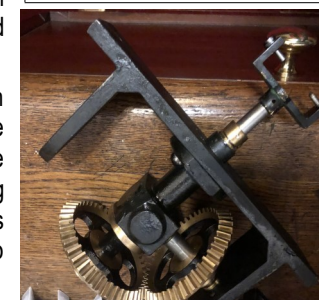
Residents at the west end of the village will already be only too aware that the church clock has finally come back to life following a major refurbishment of the drive mechanism and cables, helpfully striking the hours and the quarters at all hours of the day and night. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is very grateful to the County Durham Community Foundation (CDCF) for the financial support that has made this possible. The PCC is also very grateful to Sadberge Parish Council for providing a financial guarantee to cover the cost of installing Night Silencing equipment to control the striking of the clock. Once that is installed in the next few weeks the clock will be silent from 10pm until 7am the following morning. At the same time the repainted and regilded clock face will be installed.

The clock is over 100 years old, and the extensive work that has been done in recent weeks has revealed other problems that need to be addressed. The beautiful but ancient mechanism (visible inside the church - see the photo on the right) is in need of stripping and cleaning if it is to last another 100 years, and the wooden beam that supports the mechanism that strikes the bells is beginning to rot, and it too needs replacement.

It is unlikely that the PCC will receive further grants for this work, so we hope that an appeal to members of the congregation and villagers for financial support will enable us to complete the work on the clock in the near future and make it fit for purpose for the next half century. If you feel able to contribute to a fund to complete the repair of the clock, please email Richard Bloodworth (Treasurer to the PCC) at rblood@ntlworld.com, and he will be very happy to help you make a donation (tax-deductible for tax payers, of course).



If you have a Children's Society collecting box, please return it to church when convenient, or ask Cath Swan to collect it.



St Andrew's Day - 30th November

We celebrate our patronal festival jointly with St Andrew's Haughton with a combined service in Haughton at 6.00pm. This will be followed by a fish and chip supper - very appropriate because Andrew is the patron saint of fishermen. There's a sign-up sheet in church if you plan to join the supper (cost £6.75 per head), or just tell any member of the church congregation of your intentions.

