



## Richards Ramble:

'Christmas Time; Mistletoe and wine; Children Singing Christian rhyme; With logs on the fire and gifts on the tree, It's time to rejoice in the good that we see'. So says the popular song that reverberates in the shops as we run around trying to get things ready for Christmas. At the risk of sounding like the Grinch, none of this has anything to do with Christmas. The last two hundred years has seen a build up of traditions and customs that are a substitute for anything to do with the birth of the saviour. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy many of these things, but let us not pretend that they have anything to do with celebrating the coming into the world of the only one who can give the world hope.

Behind the façade lies the truth that God became man in order to 'raise the sons of earth' and to give us 'second birth' (to quote *Hark the Herald*). That is a truth much more profound than seeing the good in things.

The vacuous pretensions of celebration in the world are as nothing compared to the real celebration that accompanies the truth that God came and walked amongst us in the person of Jesus Christ.

So, enjoy the celebrations; enjoy time with family; but don't forget the reason for the season.

God bless, **Richard**



All these events are being held at **Beverley Memorial Hall** (unless otherwise stated).

## Special Events completing 2022 at

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| Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> November<br>10:30am             | First Sunday of Advent                          |   |
| Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December<br>10:30am              | Second Sunday of Advent                         |   |
| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> December<br>10:30am and * 12pm  | Third Sunday of Advent<br>* Food Hamper Packing |   |
| Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> December<br>Doors open 6:30pm | BCC Cabaret                                     |  |
| Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December<br>10:30am             | BCC Carol Service                               |  |
| 6:30pm  | CTB United Service<br>@ Beverley Minster        |  |
| Christmas Day<br>11am                                   | Reflection<br>(Online)                          |  |
| Sunday 01 January (2023!)<br>10:30am                    | Celebration<br>Service                          |  |

For more information speak to a member of the Welcome Team.

Or visit: [www.beverleycommunitychurch.org](http://www.beverleycommunitychurch.org)

## BCC Cabaret including.....

*Oliver: The rehearsals*

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December



Please see Carolyn for tickets for yourself and your guests.

Advance Notice: **"When the Walls come down"**  
27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 7pm for 7:30pm start  
St Marys Church Hall

To mark the Holocaust Memorial Day 2023 we are holding a very special evening to which you and your friends are invited. Peter Spencer will give an engaging and uplifting personal presentation of how an individual escaped the Holocaust.

The story embodies privilege and persecution, architectural novelty [hence the title..] and consideration of eternal destiny. The ending may surprise you...

Please put the date in your diary and think about who you may invite.

**Peter**

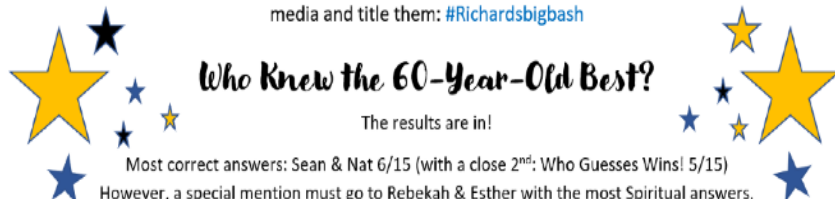


| December at a glance |         |  |
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| Sat                  | 3rd     | 11.00 Up Hill Down Ale - see details   |
| Sun                  | 4th     | 10.30 BCC Service<br>18.00 Prayer Meeting Online - see Peter S for link (30 mins)<br>19.15 CREW Youth Group                              |
| Mon                  | 5th     | 10.30 Oranges & Lemons   |
| Tue                  | 6th     | 19.00 Homegroups   |
| Thu                  | 8th     | 10.30 Freedom in Christ Course @ Armstrongs  |
| Fri                  | 9th     | 9.30 Men and Coffee<br>10.30 Ladies Bible Study Group @ Armstrong Centre<br>19.30 PDP @ Atom Bar   |
| Sun                  | 11th    | 10.30 BCC Service<br>12.15 Food Hamper Packing<br>18.00 Prayer Meeting Online - see Peter S for link (30 mins)<br>19.15 CREW Youth Group |
| Mon                  | 12th    | 10.30 Oranges & Lemons<br>19.30 Wider Leaders' Christmas Meal  |
| Tue                  | 13th    | 19.00 Homegroups   |
| Thu                  | 15th    | 10.30 Freedom in Christ Course @ Armstrongs  |
| Fri                  | 16th    | 9.30 Men and Coffee @ Cafe V - the Ladies from the Bible Study Group are warmly invited to join  |
| Sat                  | 17th    | 18.30 BCC Cabaret  |
| Sun                  | 18th    | 10.30 BCC Carol Service<br>18.30 CTB United Carol Service @ Beverley Minster<br>19.15 CREW Youth Group                                   |
| Tue                  | 20th    | 19.00 Homegroups   |
| Wed                  | 21st    | 19.30 What The Dickens Book Club   |
| Thu                  | 22nd    | 10.30 Freedom in Christ Course @ Armstrongs  |
| Fri                  | 23rd    | 19.30 PDP @ Atom Bar   |
| Sun                  | 25th    | 11.00 Christmas Day Reflection (online)  |
| Sun                  | 1st Jan | 10.30 BCC Celebration Service<br>18.00 Prayer Meeting Online - see Peter S for link (30 mins)  |



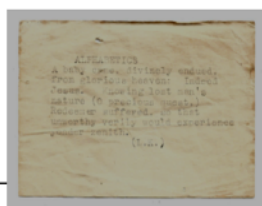
### Richard would like to thank those making his party such fun.

Thanks to all who posted their photos, if you haven't got round to it yet, just select your choice of social media and title them: #Richardsbigbash



(And just to set the record straight for sooooo many of you, the thing Richard is most afraid of is **not** Carolyn! 😊)

### Christmas Alphabetics



When my father moved to Beverley to live with us, I was clearing his house in Sudbury and came across this piece of paper. Later I asked him about it, to which he laughed and told me about a challenge a church member had set him many moons ago. This was to tell the Nativity story using words in order A-Z, and only using the words once.

He loved a challenge and produced the following from his typewriter:

#### ALPHABETICS

A baby came, divinely endued, from glorious heaven; Indeed Jesus. Knowing lost man's nature (O precious quest,) Redeemer suffered, so that unworthy verily would experience yonder zenith. (L.K.)

As we know, challenges happen (both easy and hard). When we lean into God, we walk it together. Carolyn

### Save the Dates - Saturday 4th February 2023, 1-3pm

"Love Speaks" is our theme and we will be enjoying an afternoon tea!

### Chosen Women Wydale Weekend 14-16th April 2023

(new price £164.00)

(Men don't feel left out! You have a Men's Breakfast on 4th February - details coming next month!!!)



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### Giving at BCC

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor 9:7).

Ways to give: Sunday offering baskets, regular giving through standing order or one off donations.

### FIC Spiritual MOT!



Whether you've gone through The Steps to Freedom last year, or a long time ago, or going through the course now, please join us for an AWAY DAY on Saturday 21st January, 2023 at the Armstrong Centre from 10.30 - 1.30pm. Lunch will be provided. Please let Maxine know by Tuesday 17th January at the latest. Thank you. **Maxine**

### Up Hill Down Ale Walking Group

Join us on **Saturday 3rd December at 11am** for a 4.5 mile walk. Starting at the corner on Old Road, Leconfield - Google Maps: 53.885062,-0.470528. Molescroft for late lunch afterwards. Might be wet underfoot.

### What The Dickens book club

3rd Wed in month, 7.30-8.30pm. We meet to discuss the book we have been reading the previous month. Always a classic book. (Sometimes some of us cheat and just watch the film)

**Angie & Vicki**

