



### **Scripture Study In Wickhambrook & District.**

Concludes at the Benefice hall, (next to Wickhambrook Church). with No. 10 'Letters to the Clergy' (Timothy & Titus) on Monday 10th Dec. at 7.30 pm.

**Community Christmas Lunch** Don't spend Christmas alone—Churches Together In Newmarket & District invite you to a Community Christmas Lunch in the Hall on Christmas Day at 1.00pm. Please book early— **before Dec. 17th.**

Contact Mrs. J. Ogle 01638 669407 or Janet Ramsey Helie 01638 603489.

Your offer of help would be very much appreciated once again this year, we need extra hands to help with the preparations on Mon. 24th Dec. and help with serving and clearing away on the day. If anyone can help with driving i.e. bringing people to the lunch/taking them home afterwards, we would also like to hear from you.

### **Open Meeting - Feedback**

The meeting took place with some lively and serious discussions. Thank you to all who attended.

The minutes from the meeting will be on the notice boards, on our web site ([www.olise.co.uk/](http://www.olise.co.uk/)) and personal copies available from the church office.

There will also be a progress report, with updates on the actions that were agreed to be taken; this will be done by the end of January.

I would ask those people who raised items on the agenda, to comment on the proposed actions for their items.

*John Conti on behalf of the Parish Council*

**Lectio Davina** will next meet on Thursday 13th December in the bar area at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**Tuesday Club.** on 11th December after 12.00 Mass hope to have another interesting speaker, there will be a bring & share lunch, please join us if you can.

### ***Fr Michael writes:***

Last week we began the short season of Advent, which is as you know about feeling all the frustrations and the excitement of waiting. This year the waiting season will be marked for me in a very special way. A month ago I was diagnosed with bowel cancer, and very shortly will be undergoing a course of radiotherapy, followed by surgery and then some chemotherapy. I expect that this will begin immediately after Christmas.

The good news is that the disease has not spread to any other organ or to my lymph system, and so the proposed treatment stands a good chance of being successful. I expect to be out of action for about six months.

There will of course be some disruption to normal parish life, but we are very lucky in having welcomed Fr Martin Hardy to stay with us, following his return from South America. Together with Deacon John and Fr Anthony you can be sure that the parish will be very well cared for.

I hope that you will keep me in your prayers, along with all those in the parish who are sick. Spare a prayer also for those whose skill and dedication so many of us rely on when sickness comes.

*All will be well and all manner of things will be well.*

**Patricia Avieson** would like to thank Fr. Michael, Fr. Anthony and Deacon John for their prayers and support through Max's last days; Fr. Anthony for his sensitive and compassionate celebration of the Requiem Mass and the Parish centre staff for their practical help and advice.

My thanks also the ladies who assisted the Requiem mass: Loretta Blade, Rita Munns, Mary Austin, Joan Dunlop, Linda Pector, Vera Giblin and Bernie McCormick -and to those who helped with the refreshments: Rita Harben, Sr. Mary, Julienne Whipp and Rita Munns.