

**St John's  
Pevensey Road  
Pews News and  
Service Sheet for  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January  
2024**

During the week:  
**10am Midweek Mass -  
in St Peter's Chapel  
Online Zoom service\*:  
Wednesdays at 10am  
Morning Coffee/Warm  
Space: Fridays  
10 – 12 noon in Church**



**Drop in for  
Morning  
Coffee**



**... and to spend some time in this  
beautiful church**



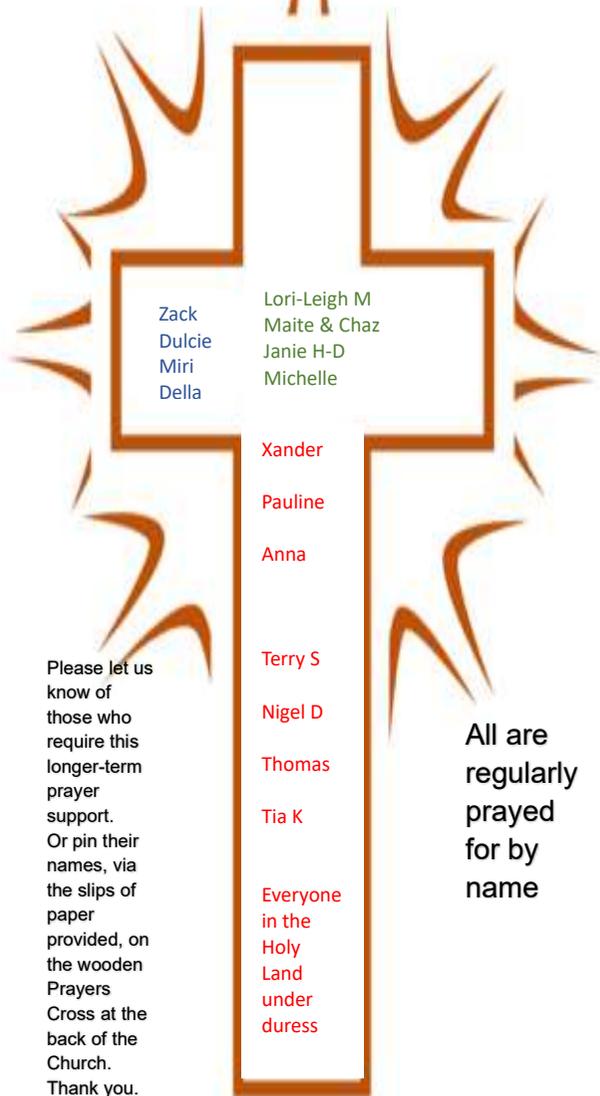
**Welcome to Mass  
this morning  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
of Epiphany**



\*Please request a link to the Wednesday Zoom service by emailing [pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com)  
Also to this email address please send any updates for prayer lists or pews news sheet asap. (Print date is dependent on Tina's working days) Thank you.

**Our prayers are asked for:** David S, Tony G; Oliver; Rachel T.  
**Please pray also for** the repose of the souls of the recently departed, ...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time, and all who mourn.

**St John's  
Prayer  
Cross**



Please let us know of those who require this longer-term prayer support. Or pin their names, via the slips of paper provided, on the wooden Prayers Cross at the back of the Church. Thank you.

**All are regularly prayed for by name**

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**Introit:** *Lead me, Lord – S S Wesley*

## Opening Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed!  
Great David's greater Son;  
hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls,  
condemned and dying,  
were precious in his sight.

He shall come down  
like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth:  
before him on the mountains  
shall peace the herald go;  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down  
before him,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him,  
his praise all people sing;  
to him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,      he  
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest,  
from age to age more glorious,

all-blessing and all-blest:  
the tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand for ever;  
that name to us is Love.

*J Montgomery 1771-1854) based on Ps 72*

## The Welcoming of the People

*Priest* In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy  
Spirit. **All Amen.**

*Priest.* The Lord be with you.  
**All and also with you.**

## Prayers of Penitence

*Deacon* The grace of God has  
dawned upon the world  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who sacrificed himself for us to  
purify a people as his own.  
Let us confess our sins..

## *Silence is kept*

**Dcn** God be gracious to us and  
bless us, and make your face  
shine upon us:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**Dcn** May your ways be known on  
the earth, your saving power  
among the nations:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

**Dcn** You, Lord, have made known  
your salvation, and reveal your  
justice in the sight of the nations:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*Priest* May the God of all healing  
and forgiveness draw you to  
himself and cleanse you from all  
your sins, that you may behold the  
glory of his Son, the Word made

flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord..

**All Amen.**

### **The Gloria in Excelsis is sung**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on  
earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you  
thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of  
the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the  
world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand  
of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

### **The Collect**

**Priest** Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who  
is alive and reigns with you, in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever. **All. Amen**

### **The Liturgy of the Word *all sit***

#### **A reading from the first book of**

### **Samuel**

*1 Samuel 3. 1-10 [11-20]*

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."

Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy.

Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

[11. Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of

it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli.

<sup>16</sup> But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **A Reading from Revelation**

*Revelation 5.1-10*

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" And no one in heaven or

on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth."

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.*

**The race that long  
in darkness pined  
have seen a glorious light;  
the people dwell in day,  
who dwelt  
in death's surrounding night.**

**To hail thy rise, thou better Sun,  
the gathering nations come,  
joyous as when the reapers bear  
the harvest-treasures home.**

**To us a Child of hope is born,  
to us a Son is given;  
him shall the tribes of earth  
obey,  
him all the hosts of heaven.**

**His name shall be  
the Prince of Peace  
for evermore adored,  
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,  
the great and mighty Lord.**

**His power increasing  
still shall spread,  
his reign no end shall know;  
justice shall guard  
his throne above  
and peace abound below.**

*John Morison (1750-98) based on Isa.9.2-7*

**Gospel Reading** *When the Gospel is  
announced the Deacon says*

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ was  
revealed in flesh, proclaimed  
among the nations and believed in  
throughout the world.

**All Alleluia.**

**Deacon** The Lord be with you

**All And also with you.**

**Dcn** Hear the Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to John

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 1.43 – end*

The next day Jesus decided to go  
to Galilee. He found Philip and  
said to him, "Follow me." Now  
Philip was from Bethsaida, the city  
of Andrew and Peter.

Philip found Nathanael and said to  
him, "We have found him about

whom Moses in the law and also  
the prophets wrote, Jesus son of  
Joseph from Nazareth."

Nathanael said to him, "Can  
anything good come out of  
Nazareth?" Philip said to him,  
"Come and see." When Jesus  
saw Nathanael coming toward him,  
he said of him, "Here is truly an  
Israelite in whom there is no  
deceit!" Nathanael asked him,  
"Where did you get to know me?"  
Jesus answered, "I saw you under  
the fig tree before Philip called  
you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi,  
you are the Son of God! You are  
the King of Israel!" Jesus  
answered, "Do you believe  
because I told you that I saw you  
under the fig tree? You will see  
greater things than these." And he  
said to him, "Very truly, I tell you,  
you will see heaven opened and  
the angels of God ascending and  
descending upon the Son of Man."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Creed**

**Deacon** Let us affirm our faith in  
Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**All Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with  
God, but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him  
on high, and given him the name  
above every name: that at the**

**name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession** - *led by the intercessor in their own words or...*

Let us worship the Saviour with joy and make our prayer to our heavenly Father

The magi came from the east to worship your Son: Father, grant to Christians everywhere the spirit of adoration.

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The infant Christ received gifts of gold, incense and myrrh: Father, accept the offering of our hearts and minds.

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ: Father, grant an abundance of peace to your world..

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The Holy Family lived in exile and in the shadow of death: Father, look in mercy on all who are poor and powerless and all who suffer...

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son shared the life of his home and family at Nazareth: Father, protect in your love our neighbours, our families and this community of which we are a part..

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we rejoice in our fellowship with the shepherds, the angels, the magi, the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and all the faithful departed. In your unfailing love for us and for all people hear and answer our prayers through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Priest* Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you are called to peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you **All and also with you.**

*Deacon* Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace  
**All may exchange a sign of peace.**

**Offertory hymn** *during which the altar is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

**From the eastern mountains,  
pressing on, they come,  
wise men in their wisdom, to his  
humble home;  
stirred by deep devotion,  
hasting from afar,  
ever journeying onward, guided  
by a star.**

**There their Lord and Saviour  
as an infant lay,  
wondrous Light that led them  
onward on their way,  
ever now to lighten nations  
from afar,  
as they journey homeward  
by that guiding star.**

**Thou who in a manger  
once hast lowly lain,  
who dost now in glory**

**o'er all kingdoms reign,  
gather in the peoples who  
in lands afar  
ne'er have seen the brightness  
of thy guiding star.**

**Gather in the outcasts,  
all who've gone astray,  
throw thy radiance o'er them,  
guide them on their way;  
those who never knew thee,  
those who've wandered far,  
guide them by the brightness  
of thy guiding star.**

**Onward through the darkness  
of the lonely night,  
shining still before them with  
thy kindly light.  
Guide them, Jew and Gentile,  
homeward from afar,  
young and old together,  
by thy guiding Star.**

**Until every nation,  
whether bond or free,  
'neath thy star-lit banner,  
Jesu, follows thee.  
O'er the distant mountains  
to that heavenly home,  
where nor sin nor sorrow  
evermore shall come.**

*Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)*

**Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar**  
Faithful God, receive all we offer  
you this day. May we so live the  
life of Christ that your Church may  
be a sign of salvation to all the  
nations of the world. We ask this  
in the name of Jesus Christ the  
Lord. **All Amen.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer (E)**

*Priest* The Lord is here.  
**All His Spirit is with us.**

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.  
**All We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord  
our God. **All It is right to give  
thanks and praise**

*Priest* All honour and praise be  
yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,  
through Jesus Christ your only Son  
our Lord: for at this time we  
celebrate your glory made present in  
our midst. In the coming of the  
Magi, the King of all the world was  
revealed to the nations. In the  
waters of baptism Jesus was  
revealed as the Christ, the Saviour  
sent to redeem us. In the water  
made wine the new creation was  
revealed at the wedding feast.  
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow  
into joy. Therefore with all the angels  
of heaven we lift our voices to  
proclaim the glory of your name and  
sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth  
are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving  
Father, through Jesus Christ, our  
Lord; and as we obey his  
command, send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine  
outpoured may be for us the body  
and blood of your dear Son.  
On the night before he died he had  
supper with his friends and, taking  
bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them  
and said: Take, eat; this is my body  
which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.  
When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

*Dcn* Great is the mystery of faith  
**All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

*Priest* Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St John the Evangelist and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **All Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Deacon* Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass  
against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**All God here among us  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

*We sit as Agnus Dei is sung by all.*

**Jesus, Lamb of God:  
have mercy upon us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins:  
have mercy upon us.  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world:  
give us your peace.**

### **Giving of Communion**

*The priest says the invitation.*

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*Communion is received. Please bow your head if you prefer to receive a blessing.*

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

**Anthem: O Saviour of the world –  
Goss**

### **Hymn**

**Sweet Sacrament divine,  
hid in thine earthly home;  
lo! round thy lowly shrine,  
with suppliant hearts we come;  
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise**

in songs of love and heartfelt  
praise:  
sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament of peace,  
dear home for every heart,  
where restless yearnings cease,  
and sorrows all depart.  
there in thine ear, all trustfully,  
we tell our tale of misery:  
sweet Sacrament of peace.

Sweet Sacrament of rest,  
ark from the ocean's roar,  
within thy shelter blest  
soon may we reach the shore;  
save us, for still the tempest  
raves,  
save, lest we sink beneath the  
waves:  
sweet Sacrament of rest.

Sweet Sacrament divine,  
earth's light and jubilee,  
in thy far depths doth shine  
the Godhead's majesty;  
sweet light, so shine on us, we  
pray  
that earthly joys may fade away:  
sweet Sacrament divine.

*Francis Stanfield (1835-1914)*

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Priest* God of glory, you nourish  
us with your Word who is the  
bread of life: fill us with your Holy  
Spirit that through us the light of  
your glory may shine in all the  
world. We ask this in the name of  
Jesus Christ our Lord. *All Amen.*

*All* Father of all, we give you  
thanks and praise, that when we  
were still far off you met us in  
your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared

your love, gave us grace, and  
opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body  
live his risen life; we who drink  
his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights  
give light to the world. Keep us  
firm in the hope you have set  
before us, so we and all your  
children shall be free, and the  
whole earth live to praise your  
name; through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### **Notices**

#### **The Blessing**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*All* And also with you

*Priest* The Father, whose glory fills  
the heavens, cleanse you by his  
holiness and send you to proclaim  
his word. *All Amen.*

The Son, who has ascended to the  
heights, pour upon you the riches  
of his grace. *All Amen.*

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,  
equip you and strengthen you in  
your ministry. *All Amen.*

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit, be among you and remain  
with you always. *All Amen.*

#### **Final hymn**

**Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous  
sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us,  
feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.**

Saviour, breathe forgiveness  
o'er us:  
all our weakness thou dost  
know;  
thou didst tread this earth  
before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
self-denying, death defying,  
thou to Calvary didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion  
blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned,  
guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

*James Edmeston (1791-1867)*

### **The Dismissal**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*All* And also with you

*All* May the grace of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, and love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy  
Spirit, be with us all, evermore.  
Amen.

*Priest* May the souls of the  
departed, through the mercy of  
God, rest in peace...

*All* and rise in glory. Amen.

*Deacon* We have seen his glory,  
the glory revealed to all the  
nations. Go in the peace of Christ.

*All* Thanks be to God. Amen

*Organ voluntary: Grand Choeur in B  
flat - Dubois*

*Do stay for coffee!*



### URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

- UHT MILK FULL FAT(BLUE) AND SEMI (GREEN)
  - TINNED MEAT (BUT NOT CORNED BEEF OR PORK)
  - TINNED VEGETABLES (ESPECIALLY PEAS AND CARROTS)
  - TINNED FRUIT
- 
- COFFEE

### OTHER ITEMS WE NEED ARE;

- TOILETRIES (SHOWER GEL, SHAMPOO, DEODORANT, TOOTHPASTE)
  - TOILET ROLLS
  - TINNED FISH
  - TINNED POTATOES
  - TINNED RICE PUDDING
  - JAM
- 
- FRUIT JUICE

## THE FLOOD

We need volunteers to help out on the two performance evenings please.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back for those able to help out - please be sure to indicate which aspect interests you and your contact details. Thank you

The dates are Friday Feb 23rd and Sat Feb 24th.

Both performances start at **7.00 pm** and are likely to be over by about 9pm.

Categories:

### 1. **CHAPERONES**

There are 27 ( approx) little ones and bigger ones taking part - roughly 6-16 yrs. We need **THREE** chaperones for each evening who hold DBS clearance.

### 2. **BAR & DRINKS**

Two people for each evening. NB Father David is God ( as we all appreciate..) and will not be available as usual to serve at the bar.

### 3. **CATERING**

Kate Hill is in charge of catering . Please indicate whether you would like to bake/buy sweet or savoury or serve. Kate will organise accordingly. The theme is Middle Eastern and animals ( no wombat steaks thank you) although we have it on good authority that Noah was very partial to chocolate brownies and quiche..

### 4. **SET-UP**

The team will be setting up on **MONDAY 19TH** Feb from 10 a.m. please indicate whether you can help at any point and Alan Privett will liaise with you on timings and tasks.

Your support is much appreciated in this great community event ! Thank you.

Lesley Ann , Alistair and Alan

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