

# Christmas traditions in the Wixams



When I asked Rihanna (daughter number one of four) what should we say about what we do as a family at Christmas, she said "we remember that Christmas isn't about presents it's about Jesus being born". I thought to myself you are only saying that because it's the right thing to say and if you had a Christmas without presents you would be devastated!!!!

As a family we love spending Christmas watching Christmas movies (this starts in November!), going out to London and seeing the lights in Regent Street, giving each other funny stocking presents (items we find lying around the house) and as a big family it's great visiting our families who cook us up a treat on Christmas day.

But above all these things, as a family, we truly remember that Christmas is about Jesus being born and the hope and the Joy he brings to the world. So throughout Christmas (and throughout the whole year) we do things, we say things, we give things that bring hope and Joy to the people around us.

Have a great Christmas! Love Steve, Mel, Rihanna, Grace, Sophie and now baby Pepper!

Our traditional Christmas - on Christmas Eve my sister and nephew stay over and we exchange Christmas Eve boxes usually containing pyjamas, a DVD, hot chocolate and marshmallows!

On Christmas morning we await the excited voices of our 3 children urging us to get up and come downstairs to see if Father Christmas has paid us a visit! We call Grandparents via FaceTime so we can enjoy seeing everyone open their presents together. Later in the day we phone other family members to give thanks for their gifts and end the day with laughter and games!

Lisa & Stewart



In the week before Christmas, we like to invite all our neighbours around for mulled wine and mince pies. It has become the traditional start to our Christmas celebrations.

Joe & Anwyn

My family spends Christmas traditionally with loved ones and friends. The special day is Christmas Eve where we sit together at the table and have a traditional dinner with feast day dishes: dumplings with cabbage and mushroom, borsch and carp. We pray, divide the wafer and share each other's wishes. After dinner Santa comes to us with gifts and we open them the same evening. Everybody sings carols. We go to church for midnight mass and celebrate the birth of Jesus. Christmas is a time for talking, sharing our memories, singing, eating, laughing and its time for Family. Marcin & Izabela

On Christmas Eve we attend a church service, and see our cousins and family and give them gifts. We cook some meat specially (Duck curry) with appam which is a traditional Kerala dish, made with rice and coconut milk. We watch a Christian movie and play with our cousins. We remember the birth of Jesus Christ. In the morning of Christmas we take food to Church where it is sent to poor families.

Jobby, Shiji, Ben and Georgia



## For unto US a CHILD is BORN

Isaiah 9:6

**Messy Church Christmas Celebration**  
15<sup>th</sup> December  
3:30-5:30pm  
Lakeview Hall  
Crafts & food included  
All welcome

**Carol Service**  
23<sup>rd</sup> December  
6-7pm  
Lakeview Hall  
Everyone welcome  
Featuring live band The AJs & Refreshments

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Love Family that He only  
Bible world gave Son so  
Heaven Father but everyone  
Welcome who Inspire  
Wixams Church: Expresson  
Prayer Worship Life  
Village Gospel have story  
Trinity but external life Holy Spirit  
Forgiveness Mission Serve John 3:16



### Councillor GRAEME COOMBES

Reporting to Wixams - December 2016

#### 1. Speeding traffic – A6

At a recent meeting with Borough Highways officers, I raised the issue of speeding traffic along the A6. Officers showed me a record of reported accidents along the stretch outside Wixams and agreed that action is needed. A feasibility study is currently taking place to decide what action can be taken to reduce speeding and improve traffic safety.

#### 2. Parking and drop off outside Wixams Academy

After discussions with both the Borough and Gallagher to try and avoid parking problems when the new Academy opens next September, no site has yet been identified where a drop of zone could be located. One option under discussion is putting in place the road link to the B530, so that traffic can also approach from the other side of Wixams, rather than all traffic arriving via Green Lane. I will keep pushing for a solution to the parking / drop-off issue.

#### 3. Construction starts on new care homes

Residents will have noticed that work has started on the new care home planned for the area above The Causeway, near the lakes. I know some residents have questioned this and whilst I share the disappointment at the loss of green space, development on this site was always in the Wixams Masterplan from the start. This part of Wixams currently lies in Elstow Parish and I have requested that it is transferred to Wixams Parish as part of the Community Governance Review.

Can I take the opportunity to send all Wixams residents my very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

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