

Welcome to our Autumn & Winter Newport Parish Council News. Letting our residents and businesses in Newport be aware of what is happening in our village. This is where you can have your say, tell us about any concerns you may have, or tell us about a local charity that needs support. If you have a business you need to shout about or have any offers not to be missed, you can let your neighbours know about it here.

To contact us please email newportparishnews@yahoo.com

Newport Parish Council News

Newport Parish Council meet Bimonthly on the second Tuesday of the month to discuss issues that affect village life across the Parish of Newport. Meetings are held at Newport Village Hall at 7pm. There are eleven local Councillors who volunteer to serve the local community helping to improve the villages and support community projects. The next meeting is on Tuesday 10th November 2026.

If you have any comments, concerns, or ideas of how we can improve your village please let us know. You can contact the Parish Clerk by sending a message via the website (Email clerk@newportpc.org.uk) or attend one of the meetings. There is a 15-minute public forum at the start of each meeting where you are welcome to speak in respect of the business on the agenda. The Parish Council are keen to receive feedback with regards to projects that residents would like to be completed in Newport Parish.

Newport War Memorial Clock – Community Update

Following a cease to meet notification being served on Wallingfen Methodist Chapel in 2025, Newport Parish Council was told by the Hull (Centre and West) Methodist Circuit Trustees that they intended to switch off the building's electricity, including the supply to the War Memorial Clock.

The clock had been upgraded using Parish Council and grant funding so it could operate automatically. We explained that switching off the power could damage the mechanism and offered to pay for the small amount of electricity needed to keep it running.

Despite this, the electricity was switched off in November 2025. The clock has now been without power for a considerable time, and we remain concerned about possible damage to its workings.

The Trustees have since asked for the clock and bell to be removed. Their solicitors have confirmed that the clock is not the property of the Methodist Circuit. The Parish Council's position is clear: the clock and bell are community assets belonging to the people of Newport.

More than just a clock

The clock and bell form part of Newport's War Memorial, created by the people of Newport following the First World War to remember those who lost their lives. They were funded through public and business subscriptions, local fundraising, including a concert, and a donation from Wallingfen Parish Council. Archived records from 1920 also show that Rev E Byers confirmed the Trustees had no objection to the clock and bell being fixed to the Wesleyan School Room.



Colonel Lord Saltmarsh (in uniform) dedicating the clock and bell

For more than 100 years, the clock and bell have stood at the heart of Newport. They are part of the village's history and identity, and, for many families, a lasting reminder of relatives lost through war and conflict. Generations of Newport residents have grown up seeing and hearing this War Memorial in the same place.

The Parish Council believes every reasonable effort should be made to keep it there for future generations.

Why can't it simply be removed?

The clock, bell and memorial features form part of the **Grade II listed building** and contribute to its historic and architectural importance. The Parish Council asked to provide and pay for an alternative electricity supply so the clock could remain in place. This request was declined. We have sought advice, including from the Methodist Connexional Conservation Officer, on the options available.

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list->



Crowd of people coming together



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Feedback from residents so far has been clear: the clock and bell should remain where they are. The Parish Council fully supports this view. If removal is pursued, the necessary permissions, including Listed Building Consent where required, must be secured before any work takes place.

We want to hear from you

Our preferred outcome remains clear: the War Memorial Clock and Bell should stay where they have stood for more than a century. However, because removal has been requested, we also need to consider alternatives if relocation becomes unavoidable.

Please share your views and, if necessary, suggest possible alternative locations through the Parish Council contact form:

<https://newportpc.org.uk/contact-us/>

Newport Parish Council Community Awards. Cllrs resolved to introduce the awards at the September meeting for individuals in recognition of long-standing service to the community. Four recipients have been nominated for the September 2026 awards – Steve Clarke, Rhonda Clarke, Keith Stephenson and Janet Glen. Each recipient will receive a framed certificate and gift voucher to the value of £50. Cllrs and residents can nominate future recipients via the contact form for consideration at the January 2027 meeting.

<https://newportpc.org.uk/contact-us/>

Gilberdyke and Newport Men In sheds have been awarded a grant in principle subject to evidence being provided of engagement with / benefit for Newport residents and quotations being provided for the proposed expenditure. The grant must be drawn down in the 2026/27 financial year in line with the Newport Parish Council grant policy.

<https://newportpc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Newport-Parish-Council-Grant-terms-and-conditions-May-2026.pdf>

Newport Christmas Lights 2026 will be lit on Friday 27th November 2026. All are welcome to attend. Two additional motifs are to be added along with 4 Lamppost Swirls.

The Annual Rospa Playsafety **Play Area Inspection** was completed in September at both Newport Play Areas. The recommended maintenance tasks will be completed shortly.

Brickyard Amenity Area Development. Newport Parish Council are preparing a proposal for the redesign of the Brickyard Amenity Area, potentially to include a skate park.

The Rospa Play Safety Inspection has confirmed the limited lifespan of the current play equipment. Cllrs are keen to receive feedback from residents to ensure any plans meet resident's requirements and address any resident concerns. Please provide feedback via the contact form.

<https://newportpc.org.uk/contact-us/>

Newport Parish Council continue to seek further land for a new or extended Cemetery. An application has been made to the York Diocese in respect of a recent Local Plan Land Submission. The 18 Lime trees at St Stephens Churchyard adjacent to the B1230 require pollarding work. As the churchyard is closed this work must be funded by Newport Parish Council.

The Newport Parish Council **External Audit** review completed by PKF Littlejohn was finalised on the 11th September 2026. The audit report has been published on the Newport noticeboard and website.

<https://newportpc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/HU0169-S3.pdf>

Gilberdyke and Newport Parish Councils are continuing dialogue to discuss how the councils can work collaboratively for the benefit of the community.

Residents are requested to report any instances of Anti-social behaviour to ERYC and / or Humberside Police. Both have teams who work to reduce anti-social behaviour.

<https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/living/crime-and-community-safety/anti-social-behaviour/>

<https://www.humberside.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/asb/asb/antisocial-behaviour/nuisance-noise/>

The Community Payback team have been working at St Stephens Church, Newport Cemetery, the Brickyard and the wider village during September. If residents have any further suggestions for work to be completed, please contact the council using the following link.

<https://newportpc.org.uk/contact-us/>

Newport Cemetery and St Stephens Churchyard Memorial Inspections have been completed. Memorials found to be unsafe have been temporarily secured using a wooden stake and band to help prevent harm or damage. Where possible memorial owners will be contacted and requested to arrange for the required repairs to be completed. Several deaths and serious accidents have occurred in cemeteries throughout the country caused by unsafe memorials.



Visitors are requested not to remove the supporting stake and band as the memorial will then pose a risk to visitors and may necessitate the laying down of the memorial pending repair by the memorial owner. Should further information be required about the inspection and making safe a memorial you have an interest in please contact Alan Barker via Email at clerk@newportpc.org.uk

Community information including flood warnings is published on the Newport Parish website.
<https://newportpc.org.uk/>

Your Parish Council acts as a community liaison with other local service providers (such as East Riding of Yorkshire Council, The Environment Agency, and Humberside Police) and is always on hand to assist with queries and concerns raised by residents. We hope you will agree that Newport Parish Council provides residents with good value for money.

The Newport Parish Council website provides information with regards to planning applications submitted to ERYC. Newport Parish Council is consulted by the relevant Planning Authority (which is usually East Riding of Yorkshire Council) on all planning applications. Any views expressed by the Parish Council will be considered by the Planning Authority before a decision is made, providing the points made are relevant to the determination of a planning application.

Planning & Applications – Newport Parish Council
(newportpc.org.uk)

Newport: Caring for Our Community

Newport is a place we all share, and everyone has a part to play in keeping it welcoming, safe and pleasant. Anti-social behaviour can take many forms, including persistent noise, rowdy or intimidating conduct, littering, vandalism and the misuse of vehicles. What may seem harmless to one person can cause distress, disruption or loss of sleep for someone else. Respect Starts with Each of Us

Being considerate means thinking about how our actions affect neighbours of all ages and circumstances. Please keep noise at a reasonable level, dispose of rubbish responsibly, respect homes and shared spaces, drive and park considerately, and encourage children and young people to enjoy the village without disturbing or intimidating others. Small acts of courtesy—especially during the evening and early morning—make a real difference.

Where it feels safe and appropriate, a calm and respectful conversation may resolve a problem: the person responsible may not realise the effect they are having. However, residents should not place themselves at risk or take matters into their own hands.

Repeated, serious or threatening behaviour should be reported through the appropriate official channel. Report Concerns Residents are encouraged to report incidents to East Riding of Yorkshire Council and/or Humberside Police, depending on the circumstances. Both have teams and reporting routes to help address anti-social behaviour. For nuisance noise, the council is usually the first point of contact; behaviour in a public place that is threatening, aggressive or causing immediate concern may require police attention. In an emergency, or where there is an immediate danger to life or property, call 999.

Let us look out for one another. By showing care, speaking respectfully and reporting genuine concerns, we can help ensure Newport remains a community where everyone feels respected and able to enjoy their home and surroundings.



Wallingfen Heritage Group Formed to Protect Local Clock, Clock Tower and Chapel

A new community group, Wallingfen Heritage, has been formed to help save the area's clock, clock tower and chapel for future generations. The group brings together local people who care about protecting these valued landmarks and the history they represent. Its members hope to raise awareness, build Community support and find people with the knowledge, experience or contacts needed to help safeguard the clock, clock tower and chapel.

Wallingfen Heritage is inviting residents, former residents, local organisations and anyone with an interest in heritage to get involved. Help could take many forms, including sharing memories or photographs, offering practical or professional expertise, raising awareness, supporting fundraising, or introducing the group to someone who may be able to assist. If you would like to help—or know someone who can—please contact Naomi at naomi.office@gmail.com.

Gilberdyke
Men in Sheds
Social

Thursday 15 October 2026 at 10 am
Gilberdyke Scout building,
GDLA, Ings View, HU15 2SP

Every Thursday after that

TOOLS FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY

BUILDING MORE THAN PROJECTS

Come along and meet the group

A Welcome from Revd Andy Broom

Tina and I are delighted to be joining the Howdenshire Benefice and the community at St Stephen's Church. We have heard much about your warmth, faith and resilience, and look forward to this new chapter. As we settle in, please say hello if you see us out and about—possibly with me wearing a dog collar!

My hope is simple: to help St Stephen's remain a place where everyone feels truly welcome.

Whether you worship here regularly, occasionally or not yet at all, this is your church—a place of belonging, peace and community. We especially look forward to meeting:

Those who serve faithfully each week, those who support church life behind the scenes, families and children exploring faith, and anyone who is curious or seeking a quiet moment.

My prayer is that together we will grow a church that shares Christ's love through worship, service and care for one another and our villages.

I look forward to hearing your stories and sharing life and faith with you. Please say hello at a Sunday service, community event or around the benefice—it will be a privilege to get to know you.

With every blessing,

Revd Andy Broom -Incoming Vicar, Howdenshire Benefice



Do you know about the David Scott Charity could it help you or could you help them??

The David Scott Charity is here to support the local community and is currently seeking new trustees. If you would be interested in becoming a trustee or would like further information, please contact me. Thank you Councillor Richard Bate rbate@googlemail.com

DAVID SCOTT CHARITY

Clerk to the Trustees

27 Main Road, Newport HU15 2PR

Dear

I believe you may be eligible for a grant from the David Scott Charity.

To qualify for a grant you should be aged 80 years or over at 1st December, 2025 and live independently in Newport parish.

If you are eligible and would like to receive a grant in December, please complete the reply slip below and return to me by 30th November, 2025. The amount of grant depends on the number of applicants but could be approx. £30.

Yours sincerely

Rosy Retallick

Clerk to the Trustees of David Scott Charity

Reply slip

FULL NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

I am a resident of Newport, I am 80 years of age (or over) and live independently or with a spouse or partner.

Please include me in the David Scott Charity grant for 2025

Signed _____



Celebrating Newport's Quiet Heroes – Community Awards 2026

Every village has them — the quiet heroes who give their time freely, who step in when help is needed, and who quietly keep the wheels of community life turning. They don't look for recognition, and they rarely stand in the spotlight, yet their steady dedication shapes the character of the place we call home.

This September, Newport Parish Council proudly launched its new Community Awards, created to honour exactly these people. The awards were introduced as a way of saying something simple but important: we see you, and we are grateful.

A Village's Gratitude, Framed . At the September 2026 meeting, councillors gathered to celebrate four remarkable individuals whose long-standing service has touched countless lives. Their contributions span years — sometimes decades - of commitment, kindness, and quiet leadership.

This year's recipients are:

Steve Clarke

Rhonda Clarke

Keith Stephenson

Janet Glen

Each of them has played a part in making Newport a stronger, kinder, more connected village. Whether through volunteering, supporting local groups, helping neighbours, or simply being a steady presence in community life, their efforts have left a lasting mark.

To honour their service, each recipient will receive a framed certificate and a £50 gift voucher — small tokens of appreciation for contributions that are anything but small.

Why These Awards Matter—The Community Awards are more than a moment of celebration; they are a commitment to recognising the people who quietly enrich our shared life. They remind us that community isn't built by grand gestures alone, but by everyday acts of generosity, the kind that often go unnoticed.

By celebrating these individuals, Newport Parish Council hopes to inspire others, strengthen community spirit, and ensure that those who give so much are never taken for granted.

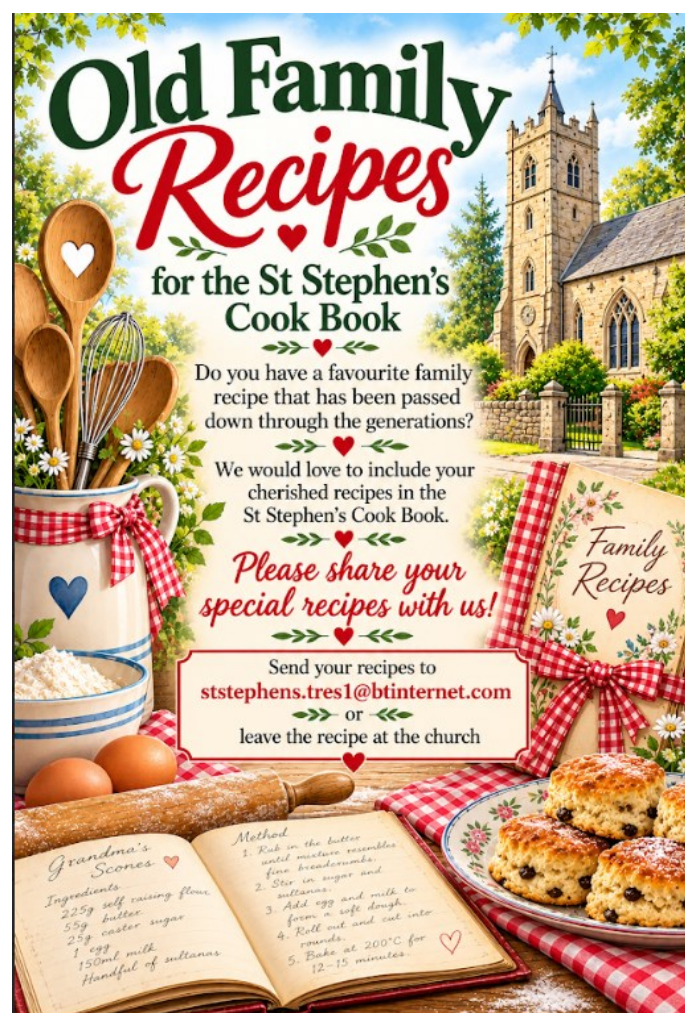
Nominate a Quiet Hero—Do you know someone whose dedication deserves recognition?

Someone who quietly makes Newport a better place to live?

Nominations for the next round of awards will be considered at the January 2027 meeting, and both councillors and residents are warmly invited to put names forward.

You can submit a nomination through the Parish Council's contact form: <https://newportpc.org.uk/contact-us/>

A few words about the person and their contribution is all it takes to shine a light on another of Newport's quiet heroes.





Newport Primary School Updates

Newport Primary Open Evening Monday 5th October
4—6pm 2027 New Starters - come and visit us at Newport Primary.

Explore Our Classrooms: Take a tour of our vibrant early years environment and see where your child's learning journey will begin.

Meet the Team: Chat with our dedicated headteacher, early years teachers, and support staff. **Discover Our Curriculum:** Learn more about our engaging curriculum, extracurricular clubs, and supportive school community.

Q&A Session: Get answers to all your questions regarding admissions, school routines, and transition support.

No booking required—simply drop in anytime between 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM. Children are very welcome to attend! Can't make it on the night? Please contact the school office to arrange an alternative visit.

Learn with the Lords in year 6

This morning, Year 6 had an amazing opportunity to interview Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay as part of our work on British Values and Parliament Week!

Our young reporters put their best journalism skills to the test, asking fantastic, thoughtful questions to discover what life is really like for a Lord, the variety of jobs they carry out, and what it's like to work in Parliament.

We are so proud of Year 6 for representing the school brilliantly and bringing our British Values to life!

Exciting News: Transforming Our School Grounds!

We are absolutely thrilled to share some wonderful updates about our school environment. Over the coming weeks, you might notice a bit of hustle and bustle around the grounds as we begin some exciting transformation projects designed to bring learning to life outdoors.

Here is a sneak peek at what we are building for our pupils:



Our New School Pond—We are officially digging a brand-new school pond! This will become a vibrant, living ecosystem right on our doorstep. From watching tadpoles grow to studying water quality, the pond will serve as a fantastic hands-on resource for science and nature studies across all year groups.

The Outdoor classroom & support Hub -Thanks to a lot of hard work behind the scenes, we are welcoming a fantastic new addition: a 25 x 13ft wooden lodge is being completely converted into a state-of-the-art outdoor classroom!

This space will serve two wonderful purposes:

Alternative Provision: It will provide a calm, nurturing, and specialised environment for tailored student support.

Outdoor Learning: It will act as a basecamp for all classes to engage in practical, hands-on outdoor learning, away from the traditional desk setup.

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Alice in Wonderland

The whole school was immersed in a magical live theatre performance of 'Alice and Wonderland', the children loved every second, joined in beautifully and enjoyed the adventure! Well done everyone. Only week 2 and already so many super experiences for our children! Their manager had been doing the role for 5 years and said she had never been in such a wonderful, welcoming and unique school, and visits schools all around Britain!

Friends of Newport School (FONS)
A Season of Success: Celebrating Our FONS
Heroes



The FONS group is off to a flying start this year! We want to extend a huge thank you to this enthusiastic and dedicated team for their incredible commitment. Thanks to their hard work and your generous support, the group has already raised a fabulous amount of money last year—funds that are already being put to work to benefit every pupil in our school.

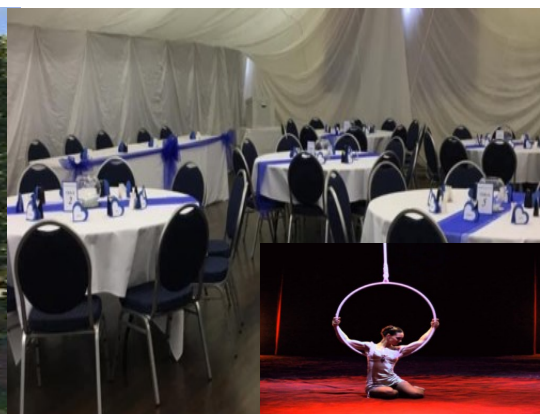
Get Involved: Your School Needs You!

We invite all parents and carers to consider joining the brilliant FONS team. Whether you can attend planning meetings, help set up an event, or simply volunteer for an hour at a stall, your time and ideas are highly valued. It is a fantastic way to meet other parents, have fun, and actively contribute to the vibrant life of our school. Your support—whether through time or attendance—makes a real and lasting difference to our children's environment.

A Call for Reading Volunteers!

Can you spare an hour or two a week to help a child on their reading journey?

We are looking for parent and community volunteers to listen to our pupils read. This small investment of time makes a huge impact on a child's confidence and literacy skills. If you are interested, please contact the school office.



NEWPORT VILLAGE HALL — THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

A Growing Hub of Local Life

From **aerial lessons** to the **Caravanners Club**, **cycling groups** to **dog training**, Newport Village Hall is steadily becoming a lively centre for activities of every kind. The hall's mission is clear:

To be the heart of the community — providing a welcoming and versatile space for local gatherings, events and activities that foster inclusivity and community spirit within Newport. This vision is already taking shape, with more residents discovering the hall as a place to learn, meet, celebrate and connect.

Major Improvements Underway—The newly appointed Village Hall Trustees have been working tirelessly to improve the hall's facilities and secure its long-term future. A series of grant applications are currently in progress to support **major renovation works**, and visitors will already notice positive changes taking place. Fresh energy, careful planning and a commitment to community involvement are driving this transformation — and the results are beginning to shine through.

Booking the Hall -Planning a class, event, meeting or celebration? The Village Hall is available to hire. Visit the **Village Hall webpage** or find them on **Facebook** for booking details, availability and updates

The hall is versatile, affordable and ideal for both regular groups and one off events.

For details about the improvements currently being carried out, contact: **Gordon Shields** [councillor.g.shields@newportpc.org.uk](mailto:g.shields@newportpc.org.uk)

If you can offer help, skills or volunteer time to support the hall's development, please reach out to: **Councillor J. Preston** councillor.j.preston@newportpc.org.uk Your involvement — big or small — helps keep the hall thriving.

A Hall for Everyone Let's see Newport Village Hall being used by the whole community. Whether you join a class, attend an event, or simply pop in to see what's happening, your presence strengthens the community spirit the trustees are working so hard to build.

A Defibrillator (DeFib) is installed on the exterior wall of the Village Hall. In an emergency, it is available for public use and could save a life. Please take a moment to note its location.

Raise the Roof: St Stephen's Is Dry at Last!

Good news from St Stephen's Church. After weeks of careful work, the repairs to the church roof are complete—and we are delighted to report that St Stephen's is now dry inside. At last, The finished roof has already passed its most important test: British weather. Rain may continue to arrive with its usual enthusiasm, but it is now staying firmly outdoors, where it belongs. Buckets can return to their traditional church duties—holding flowers, not catching drips.

Our sincere thanks go to everyone who planned, supported and carried out the work. The completed roof protects the building and helps keep St Stephen's warm, welcoming and ready for worship and community life for years to come. So, if you hear water splashing at St Stephen's now, please check the font before checking the ceiling.

A Busy Year at St Stephen's

This year, St Stephen's has been wonderfully busy—but there is always room to be busier! We have welcomed 8 christenings, celebrated 3 weddings and held numerous other services, each bringing people together at important moments in their lives. We would love to welcome even more families, friends and neighbours through our doors in the year ahead. After all, now that the roof is watertight, the only thing we want overflowing is the congregation! We have steam engines, string quartets, flowers, lamps, Prosecco served while photographs are being taken, if you're getting married soon please don't forget the Church is a beautiful venue.

We thank all our brides and grooms and the families of those newly christened and wish them every happiness in the future.

We also remember with care those who have come to St Stephen's to say farewell to loved ones at funeral services, and we are honoured to support families at such difficult times. Harvest Festival Come and celebrate the harvest with us on Sunday 11 October at 11.00 am. Join us as we give thanks for the season's gifts—and admire the produce before someone quietly starts planning a crumble.

Here is the list of the full Newport Parish Council Members and a contact email;

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Alan Barker the Clerks email is clerk@newportpc.org.uk



Our Christmas Fayre will take place on 28 November. We will have some wonderful craftspeople with their creations for you to browse. The church has looked beautiful for our events but do come and see it for yourself—and perhaps find a special present that you will manage not to keep!



Watch out for the date of our Christmas carol service. If you would like to perform for everyone, please get in touch with Naomi. naomi.office@gmail.com. Singers, musicians and festive performers are warmly invited—enthusiasm is every bit as welcome as perfect pitch!

This is a joint production by St Stephens and the Wallingfen Heritage Group who are fighting to save our old Chapel and the Clock. We believe some warm drinks and refreshments will be available and maybe even a hunt for the Church Mouse for the Children.

Our Christingle Service this year will be held on 24 December at 6.00 pm. Do come along and bring the young ones, collect your Christingle candle and begin Christmas in the light. It is a lovely way for all ages to share the wonder of Christmas Eve—just remember that the sweets on the Christingle are part of the symbolism, however tempting they may look!

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