

On Saturday there was a lovely morning of Christmas music and craft activities for families, when the story of the nativity was explored through drama, singing and creating the characters of the Nativity, which were then displayed in church. In the afternoon the annual Carols and Mince Pies event took place, including performances from Trinity Singers and the Singing Futures Choir, who enacted the Russian folk tale of Papa Panov. There were also lots of opportunities for the audience to join in well known Carols and eat mince pies afterwards! Over £100 was donated in the charities' stockings for Parkinson's Uk, Methodist Homes for the Aged, East Anglia Children's Hospices and East Anglian Air Ambulance at this event alone. Last Sunday, the third Sunday in Advent, the service was led by Rev. C. Kennell, who focused on the story of the angel's visit to Mary. After hearing the story, the children busied themselves with creating a wide variety of Angels made from clothes pegs, paper plates, play dough and made as finger puppet. On Saturday, 23rd December a group of volunteers will meet to create 150 Christingles, which will be used the following day. On Christmas Eve, the morning service at 10.45am will be led by a group of worship leaders and stewards. The ever popular Christingle Service will take place at 4pm; a lovely short service, suitable for all ages, culminating in the lighting of the Christingles. Later, beginning at 11.15pm, there will be the traditional candlelight service, to welcome in Christmas Day. Both these services will be led by Rev. C. Kennell. There is no service at Trinity on Christmas Day but there is one at Corton Methodist Church at 10.30am, led by Rev. R. Soanes. Most of the groups are taking a break until the new year and the community cafe will not be open on either Christmas Day or New Year's Day but details of the regular activities can be found on Trinity's website: www.trinitymethodistlowestoft.uk