

PARISH OF DEVERILLS AND HORNINGSHAM

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Please remember the deadline is the 15th of the month

Thank you

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Contents: Parish News, Church services, Parish Register, Events, Local News

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PARISH NEWS

THE DEVERILLS & CROCKERTON



THREE DEVERILL CHURCHES BY DENNIS SMITH

DECEMBER 2014

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BULL MILL BAZAAR
6TH - 14TH DECEMBER 10AM - 4.30PM
A TREASURE TROVE OF EXQUISITE HAND CRAFTED GOODS BY ARTISTS, DESIGNERS, MAKERS & BAKERS AT BULL MILL CROCKERTON
TEL 212716 WILTSHIRE BA12 8AY



Community Coffee Morning
Wednesday 10th December
Between 10.00 am - 12.00 noon
in the Orangery, George Inn Longbridge Deverill
Everyone is welcome



For further information please call Emma Curtis
 your Good Neighbour Coordinator 07557 922033

CROCKERTON VILLAGE COMMITTEE & CROCKERTON SCHOOL

Thursday 11th December

Children's Carol Procession

Broadmead Lane 6.30 pm

progressing to Bath Arms, Crockerton

Carols, mulled wine and mince pies

Please bring decoration or bird food

to put on the Christmas tree



Upper Deverills Hall Children's Christmas Party

Saturday 13th December 4.30 - 6.00 pm

For all children & grandchildren of Upper Deverills
18th months to 10 years old

Games, party, tea and VERY special visitor
- providing you have all been good!



Please contact Santa's helpers by the 6th of December as spaces are limited
(only 2 carers/parents per family)

Santa's helpers: Caroline Huntley: 840737 or Lou Hillier: 845151

FUTURE EVENTS

- **Pre-school children & parents group** Thursdays Longbridge hall 10.00-11.30 am
- **Longbridge Deverill Parish Council** meeting Monday 1st December See p10/14
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LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS etc.

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk

Richard Baxter 212918 (Chair)	Kevin Gray 841363
Graham Read 840296 (Vice Chair)	Brian Marshall 214789
Graham Connellan 218622 (Clerk)	Caroline Sawyer 840585
Ian Bell 840514	Nigel Spreadbury-Clews 216660

Upper Deverills Parish Council

www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Upper-Deverills-Parish-Council

Louise Stratton 844105 (Chair)	Richard Cousens 844970
Sarah Jeffries 213436 (Clerk)	Robin Greenwood 840743
Ranald Blue 841374	Colin Hirons 845255

Wiltshire Councillor Fleur de Rhé Philipe 213193

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Wiltshire Council 0300 456 0100

Sir James Thynne Almshouse Karen Seymour 840196 (Steward)

Longbridge Deverill Village Hall Committee

Julie Read 840655 (Chair) Anna Mead 212759 (Secretary) Sylvia Titt 214825 (Bookings)

Upper Deverills Village Hall

Caroline Davies 845335 (Chair) John Lea 844325 (Hall bookings)

Crockerton Millennium Committee Marion Thomas 213739 (Chair)

Pre-School Children & Parents Group Sylvia Titt 214825 Pat Wood 840535

Deverill & Crockerton W I Pat Wood 840535 (Pres) Julie Wallder 213142 (Sec)

Deverills Cricket Club Ed Read 840655 (Captain) Jamie Fagan 844123 (Secretary)

Horningsham Youth Club (inc Deverills) Ken Windess 845002 Caroline Dykes 844022

Wylve Valley Tennis Club Colin Singer 213696

Wylve Valley Flower Club Mrs P Martin 212476 (Pres) Mrs S Scott 216584 (Prog)

Good Neighbour Co-ordinator Emma Curtis 07557 922033

Rural Community Beat Manager PC Vicky Howick 101

Clarence (pot holes) 0800232323

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Upper Deverills Bridget Beattie 844884

Hospital Transport Link Scheme 211655

Mere Link Scheme (covers Upper Deverills) 01747 860096

Dear Friends,

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December again! Doesn't it come around quickly! We have lots of birthdays in our family in December; my father, who amazingly will be 88 this year, myself, and my grandson who will reach the grand old age of 5 on 16th December. When he was born I thought I would knit him lots of jumpers. I did manage one I think, and I have optimistically bought wool for several others lured by beautiful pictures of perfectly knitted jumpers on the front of the patterns. Unfortunately, it always goes the same way. I start with high hopes completing back and sleeves, then somehow I lose track of things and the bits don't match up. So I stuff everything back in a bag in a fit of frustration and never get it out again. Poor little boy; he did get a lovely hand-knitted jumper from his great grandmother, shame I have not inherited her talents.

It is a bit like that at Christmas isn't it? Every year I look forward to getting the Christmas decorations out and decorating the tree, putting out the crib, writing the cards, and making the cake. I love the carol services, the specialness of Midnight Mass, the excitement of Christmas morning, the smell of turkey cooking and, best of all, having all the family home, a rare treat these days. But do you know, by the time we get to New Year and beyond I am longing to put all the decorations in the attic again and chuck the blessed tree on the compost heap so there are no more needles to vacuum up. I am dying to get the fridge back in some semblance of order and I am sick to death of turkey. Like my knitting, I just want to stuff the whole lot back in a bag and forget about it for another year.

We have such high expectations of Christmas don't we? We can get very upset and cross when our expectations don't match up to reality. We are human beings and human beings are not perfect; they get cross with one another, eat too much, argue, refuse to change TV channels and say horrible things about your family.

It is so easy to be seduced by all the media hype we are fed at Christmas isn't it? Glossy magazines depict the perfect family, elegant and relaxed as they toast one another in their immaculately decorated drawing room. The abiding preoccupation in these magazines seems to be 'How to cook the PERFECT Christmas dinner.' As if any thing less than perfect really will not do. Why is it so difficult to cook a turkey? You just shove the thing in the oven and hope for the best.

Here is the thing: Christmas is not about perfection, it is about Jesus, Emmanuel, coming to share our humanity, being born again in the middle of your wonderful, exhausting, turkey and mince pie Christmas. Being with you as you stir the gravy and panic about the roast potatoes. Being with you in your aloneness and grief if you are spending Christmas without someone you love, sharing your pain if your memories of Christmas past are less than happy, holding you if you are watching and waiting in the darkness of ill health and despair.

Hope springs eternal and perhaps with rather more hope than expectation I have started to knit another jumper. Each year as we find the decorations and decorate the tree we are expressing our hope in the joy and magic of Christmas, our hope in Emmanuel, God with us, in all the messy pain and joy of what it means to be human. May his love and peace be yours this Christmas. With love and prayers.



Rev Pauline Reid Tel:841290 / revpauline@btinternet.com

Bull Mill Creative Music Workshop

Dean Brodrick and John Law, two internationally known musicians, are offering creative music workshops for any age and any musical experience. Learn some well known songs and jazz improvisation. Come with friends and develop your own music. Two sessions remain in December on **Monday 22nd December** 11.00 am - 2.00 pm or 2.30 pm - 5.30 pm. Price **£20** per person per session (includes lunch and refreshments). There will a special Christmas performance at the end of these sessions. Location: **Bull Mill, Bull Lane, Crockerton, Warminster BA12 8AY**. If you would like to book a place please email deanbrodrick22@gmail.com / john.m.law@blueyonder.co.uk or call 07960 130935 / 07875 848989.







Longbridge Deverill Village Hall
Quiz night
Saturday 13th December 7.00 pm
Teams of 6
Fish & chip supper, bring your own drinks
Tickets £8 from Sylvia call 214825
Come along and test your brain!

MONTHLY PUB NIGHT - 'The Cricketers' Legs'

Join us for a relaxed pub night with other villagers
 Firkin (local beer), wine, spirits, mixers, soft drinks, crisps, pork
 scratchings, pub games and all cheaper than a proper pub!

Children/dogs welcome

Where: Upper Deverill, Village Hall

When: Friday 30th January 6.00 - 11.00 pm

NB: There will be NO pub Night in December

Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/upperdeverills



Nature Notes

The birds are now easier to see as the trees shed their leaves. I have been hearing goldcrests and long-tailed tits for several months but usually failing to see them, but now they are more exposed and it is lovely to be able to watch them.

The winter migrants from Scandanavia have arrived; at first just in small numbers but last Monday morning I noticed loads of fieldfares, with some redwing, moving along the fields at the back of the house here. They were all very vocal, and I could hear the numerous 'cha-cha-chack' calls of the fieldfares interspersed with the occasional 'steeping' calls of the redwings. Some of them were being attracted to our pond to drink and bathe, and I had a good view through the binoculars of a group of fieldfares with one redwing. Others were pitching in the hedgerows to feast on the hawthorn berries.

The pond is a great attraction to wildlife. The kingfisher is still coming most days and I have to be careful not to feed the fish when I think he may be around. I usually feed them at dusk and they come to the surface in shoals waiting to be fed; there must be well over a hundred of them. We have had a new visitor to the pond, a moorhen, I don't know whether it's male or female. As far as I can make out from the books there are no differences in plumage between the sexes. It is very well camouflaged and quite often the only thing that gives it away is the white marking under the tail which is continually flicked as it moves and so stands out. Up until the end of October we were still seeing dragonflies around the pond. I have still been seeing the odd butterfly, a brimstone at the end of October and just yesterday, a beautiful red admiral feeding on the mahonia flowers by the pond along with an assortment of bumblebees.



Most birds only sing during the mating season to secure a territory and attract a mate. Robins hold their territories all year round and consequently continually sing throughout the seasons though their song does change in character. Recently I have been hearing the mistle thrush singing, also the wren and I am sure this morning the blackbird.



About a year ago we had a kestrel box put up in an ash tree along the field margin behind the house. I can see it from my window upstairs and at the end of October one morning I could see some activity in the box. Sadly it was not a kestrel but a squirrel. I have not seen it since but I would imagine a kestrel box would make a nice framework for a drey.

Last weekend walking round to the shop in the late afternoon, I was crossing the wooden bridge by the main road and something made me taken a second look up the river to my right. There bobbing up and down on a branch just above the water surface was a dipper. I normally associate them with fast running shallow upland streams. I expect it was just passing through but I will be keeping a look out for it. Usually from that bridge I see heron, little egret, swan or kingfisher.

Jane Trollope (written 15th November)

Website

At present the Deverills website is under review, so if you wish to view the Parish News electronically please visit the Benefice of the Cley Hill Villages website www.cleyhillchurches.org.uk and also find other useful information.

Kingston Deverill School part 8 - School Logbook

1923 – Apr 26: *A holiday given at the King's wish in honour of his son the Duke of York.* Jun 17: *4 children late after walking two and a half miles from Keysley.* Keysley Farm is right on the outer edge of the Kingston/Monkton parish and it must have been the case that the children were usually transported in some way to and from the school. Jun 24: *The children assemble at the top of the village to see the Prince of Wales pass on his way to Mere.*



1924 – Jan 25: *attendance poor – heavy snow.* May 20: *Diocesan inspection – 'hymns sung well and reverently, but the enunciation lacks clearness. The infants have bible stories read to them, but the lack of pictures prevents them from having a clear idea of the meaning'.* We now take for granted colourful displays of pictures in both primary and secondary schools, but coloured prints were virtually unobtainable in the 1920s.

1925 – *School room still undivided.* This statement is extraordinary, given that the Inspector's report of 1915 stated that there were obvious disadvantages for both teachers and children in a situation where there was just one room to accommodate all – and yet nothing had been done 10 years later. Mar 5: *holiday for point-to-point races.* Jun 21: *holiday to Weymouth.* Jul 23: *outing to Bournemouth.* Welcome escapes from the crowded confines of the school.

1926 – *All children who are 10 or who reach that age by 31 July to be transferred to Maiden Bradley School after the Easter holidays.* This major change in the history of the school was brought about by the report of the Hadow Committee on the subject of 'The Education of the Adolescent', which decided that there should be a break between the primary and secondary phases of education at the age of 11. For reasons unknown, the local authorities took it into their heads to transfer all the children aged 10 or over from Kingston Deverill School, although perhaps the new Act was unclear on this point. At least the transfer of the children eased the chaotic conditions of the undivided classroom. Jun 28-report: *'The school has suffered recently from devastating changes ... the singing was homely but hearty. The children were very happy in their work. The infants as last year were charming. They answered capitally in OT (David) and NT (the Parable of the Talents – not easy), and they recited without fault Ps 100. Altogether they made an excellent impression.*

Julian Wiltshire

Saturday Afternoon Strollers

We will be having a break for the winter. Walk No 6 will take place in April and will be announced in the March edition of the Parish News. If you would like to go on the mailing list for future walks please e-mail rjucas56@hotmail.com or phone Richard Lucas 07732 740364/ 841164.



Deverill Valley & Crockerton WI

We will not have our usual meeting at Longbridge Village Hall this month but will be celebrating Christmas with our Dinner at 'The George Inn' on **Monday 8th December**. Our next meeting will be on **Monday 12th January** at 7.30 pm at Longbridge Village Hall when Amanda Walsh will speak on 'A career for the later years'. This will be followed by tea, biscuits (or Christmas Cake!) and a raffle. If you would like to know more about the Women's Institute in the Deverill Valley please contact Julie Walder on 213142. You are very welcome to come and join our meetings.



Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - Warminster

On **Monday 8th December** there will be a talk by the eminent speaker, David Kjaer, entitled 'Dragons and Fairies' about the lives of damsel flies and dragon flies, which will make for an interesting evening. As always, we meet in the Civic Centre's Cley room for 7.30 pm, cost £3 (under 18s £1) includes light refreshments, non-members are most welcome. For further information, about this or any other activities, please contact Ann Jones - 218928.



Book & Dining Club

The next book that has been chosen to read is 'The Woodcutter' by Reginald Hill. The date for the next meeting is **Thursday 8th January**, venue is to be confirmed in next month's Parish News. Christine Lucas will organise the event so if you would like to come please contact her on 841164.



Cast on & Craft Group

If you like knitting, embroidery, tapestry, bead making or other crafts, this group is for you! We meet in someone's house once a month to share ideas and enjoy each other's company. This month's meeting will be on **Wednesday 3rd December** 2.00 - 4.00 pm at Judy Munro's home, Whitepits Lodge, Kingston Deverill, please call 844385 for directions. You are very welcome to join the group, just bring your craft work along with you.



THE DEVERILLS, CROCKERTON & HORNINGSHAM 50/50 CLUB



The October draw took place on Sunday 26th when Guy Ratcliffe won £30 and Les Wood £15. In December there will be there will be additional prizes of **£100; £75; £50 and £25**. If you would like to be in with a chance to win please contact Diana Abbott for details: 840763 or email: decabbott@gmail.com.

The Proceeds are divided 50% supporting our 4 churches 50% prizes

Results of 2014 Poppy Appeal

The Deverills and Crockerton have contributed **£2,079.90** to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for 2014. This is a record breaking sum for our community and reflects the great generosity of our inhabitants and those who call in on our two pubs, petrol station and garden centre. The breakdown was as follows - Kingston £278.25, Monkton £98.43, Brixton £172.50, Hill £115.97, Longbridge £271.12 and Crockerton £341.24. The church collection on Remembrance Sunday £330 and the four tins in static points totalled £402.39. The UDPC this year gave £70. The Royal British Legion is hugely grateful to all who contributed and may I thank the thirteen house to house callers who were responsible for collecting £1,277.21 of the overall sum. My thanks also to Nigel Hawkins, Judy Munro and Jean Staniland for joining me to empty the tins and count the cash; every penny has to be counted, recorded and bagged, prior to delivery to the bank. Again very many thanks to all involved as givers or helpers.



Robin Greenwood - Hon Organiser

Save the Children

Cream Teas and Open Garden events held at Mill Farm House, Hill Deverill on the last Sunday of the months May to September raised a total of **£1,711.15** for Save the Children charity. Thank you to Val Dale and her family for their generous hospitality and to all who came along and supported us.



Anne Hurd

2015 Wylve Valley Calendar

The 2015 Wylve Valley Calendar is available in Warminster from Coates & Parker or Information Centre, online www.wishfordarts.co.uk or phone 01722 790111. Sales of the calendar last year raised a total of £3,343 for **Hope & Homes for Children**, an international charity ensuring children have the chance to grow up in the love of a family; all proceeds go to the charity. There are 12 full-colour photographs with additional images, the calendar depicts the valley in all its glory, the March image is of frosty fields west of Kingston Deverill and the June photograph is a summer view of barley fields at Brixton Deverill. Measuring 34 x 23cm (13 x 9 inches) and opening to double that size, the calendar comes with a sturdy mailing envelope included in the price of £9.95.



Chris Lock



Surviving Winter Grants

Firstly, following on from how to keep warm in winter last month, the ‘Surviving Winter Grants’ will soon be available to support older residents who are in fuel poverty. So what is Fuel poverty? If you spend on average 10% or more of your income on fuel and keeping your home warm then you are in Fuel poverty. The surviving winter grants are made from a fund of donated winter fuel payments from the government which are not needed by the original recipients. This allows the funds to be redistributed to those who need it most. For more information on these grants please contact me.

Priority Service registers

Did you know that many of the electricity, gas and water suppliers offer a ‘priority service’ for customers who are elderly, disabled or have special medical needs? The support available differs for each utility and each company, but it might include tips on preparing for the worst, a special priority phone number, regular updates on when normal service will resume.

In addition, many suppliers also provide support for customers who are struggling to pay bills, so do ask about this if you feel you need to.

Junk Mail and Telephone Calls

Remember that you can register with the telephone preference service on 0845 070 0707 to stop unsolicited calls and the mail preference service on 0845 703 4599.

Electoral register

When registering to vote on the electoral register, select the option of being listed on the electoral register only, NOT the open register. The open register can be bought by any person, company or organisation and they can then use this information however they wish to. To opt out of the open register, you will need to contact the Electoral Registration Office at Wiltshire Council on 0300 456 0112 or email elections@wiltshire.gov.uk

For further information on any of the above please contact me on 07557 922033 and I will help point you in the right direction.

Emma Curtis Good Neighbour Coordinator, Warminster Community Area,
Tel 07557 922033 Email warminstergnc@communityfirst.org.uk

Wiltshire & Swindon Community Messaging - Warminster area



People in the Warminster area can now sign up for free messages – by email, text and voicemail – about policing and crime matters in their neighbourhood by joining Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging at www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk. They can receive messages about community policing news and events, appeals for information and crime prevention advice. They will also be able to reply to messages, feeding back information to their local neighbourhood officers to help them in policing their local area. PCC Angus Macpherson, who is commissioning this new initiative, said: “My office and Wiltshire Police are committed to involving communities in the prevention and reduction of crime and anti-social behaviour, in line with priorities in my Police and Crime Plan and the Force Delivery Plan.”

Longbridge Deverill Flower Show 2015

A group of residents in Longbridge Deverill have decided it is time our Flower Show was reinstated. So plans are underway and the date is set for **Saturday 8th August 2015**. As you can imagine it is a fairly large task beforehand and on the day, so we are having an open get-together for anyone who would like to come along and offer their help on the day running stalls, setting up, etc. or maybe you have a local business that would be willing to be a sponsor. Perhaps you can remember the original Flower Shows and would be able to provide us with some memories of them? Everyone is welcome at the **OPEN GET-TOGETHER at The George Inn, Longbridge Deverill, Monday 19th January 7.00 pm**. Come along and for coffee and a chat or please contact **Claire Gray** 841363.



Upper Deverills Parish Council

The Parish Council wish to alert Parishioners to the date of the Community Litter Pick for next year whilst they are purchasing their new diaries for 2015. The date will be **Saturday 28th March** starting at 10.00 am. Parishioner are asked to contact the Clerk to let her know if you are able to come along, so that she can arrange for gloves and litter picking equipment to be available.

The next Full Parish Council meeting will be the **14th January** at 6.30 pm in the Upper Deverills Hall. All are welcome to attend.



Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

We are sorry but there has been a problem with the editing of the Parish Council website, and we hope this has not caused any difficulty in accessing the information. It has now been rectified.

Please note that between January and April 2015 a section of the A36 will be closed for repair works. The A350 between the A36 and A303 will form part of a diversion route whilst the A36 is closed. In addition there will be an increased amount of traffic on the A350, because repair work to this section is being carried out to ensure the road holds up during the A36 diversion phase. Wiltshire Council have assured us that for the section of the A350 through Longbridge Deverill, a more significant repair scheme is planned for the next financial year 2015/16, and that the road alongside Shearwater would also be resurfaced in the next financial year.

The Litter Picking day was very successful and the Council wishes to thank all those who took part.

The council still has a vacancy for a councillor, if you are interested in applying, please contact the Parish Clerk (see p14) or access the link on the website.

The next Parish Council meeting is on **Monday 1st December** at 7.30 pm in Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Monday 18th May** at 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall. This meeting is for Parish residents and Parish organisations to meet together to celebrate the achievements of the past year and to coordinate their plans for the following year. More details will follow.

Wessex Cancer Trust @ Checkemlads Harvest Supper

This annual event held in the Upper Deverills hall for Wessex Cancer Trust, under the umbrella of the Hall Committee, meant no fee for the hall was charged.

Wessex Cancer Trust is a charity committed to raising funds to complement and initiate improvement of cancer care services by supporting patients, families and carers; providing education and information for patients, families and professionals; promoting cancer prevention; funding early detection and research mainly throughout Hampshire, Dorset, Wiltshire, Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands.

Checkemlads.com is run by male cancer survivors and soldiers who help men and their loved ones going through testicular cancer, with support, friendship and advice. We also raise awareness in schools and work places and British Army bases contactus@checkemlads.com established in 2003.

Once again Louise Hillier's team of family and friends worked hard to support Chris and Louise Hillier (nee Dix) to give a something back for all the help they received during and after Chris' cancer scare. The supper went very well, appetites in the farming world are hearty. The supper table offered gammon, quiche, sausage plat, pickled eggs, cheesy potatoes and nibbles, plus Eves puddings, sticky toffee pudding and apple pies. Local business were very supportive, including the Brush factory in Mere and Morrison's. Cilla Stansfield again offered a quarter pig and a superb iced harvest cake. Local villagers and friends gave all sorts of prizes to auction, supervised by Terry, the raffle and quiz was organised by his wife Sue. Thank you to Al, Helen and Simon who washed up the mountain of dishes and a big thank you to all the cooks and everyone who made the evening such a success. People dug deep into their pockets and the total raised (after expenses) was approximately **£965.00**, which will be shared between the two charities. Raising money for the past three years by the hard working team has only been possible by the support of our community and wonderful friends and family. It is great to witness 'our villages' working together raise money for these two worthy causes.



Dizzy Bridge

Learn to Play the Organ

Are there any budding pianists out there who would just love to play the Organ? Do you have hidden talent that is simply bursting to break out, given the opportunity? We have a compact new pipe organ in Brixton Deverill Church which is perfect for beginners and free lessons can be arranged. The old, small electronic organ is also available, free to any of our readers. Its the perfect instrument for anyone keen to provide backing to One Direction. We need the space so it has to go. Delivery can be arranged. If you are interested then please contact the Church Warden, Richard Lucas, on 841164.



Howard Murray | Galind Pipe Organ

SERVICES PARISH OF DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM

Sunday 7th December	Advent 2 Brixton 8.00 am Longbridge 11.15 am	Holy Communion 1662 Morning Worship
Sunday 14th December	Advent 3 Kingston 10.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 21st December	Advent 4 Brixton 10.30 am Kingston 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Village Carol Service*
Wednesday 24th December	Christmas Eve Longbridge 4.00 pm Longbridge 11.30 pm	Crib Service Benefice Holy Communion
Thursday 25th December	Christmas Day Kingston 9.30 am Horningsham 10.30 am Longbridge 11.15 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Christmas Service
Sunday 28th December	1st after Christmas Brixton 10.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday 4th January	2nd after Christmas Kingston 8.00 am Longbridge 11.15 am	Holy Communion 1662 Morning Worship

*Village Carol Service at Kingston followed by mince pies & mulled wine.

The Register

Baptism at Longbridge of Freya Isabelle Jessie Hunter on Sunday 16th November



Church Cleaners for December

Kingston - Alice Stratton & Clare Mounde
Brixton - Penny Marsh

Longbridge - Monday 1st December 9.30 - 10.30 am - All helpers please

Church Flower Arrangers for December

	Kingston	Brixton	Longbridge
7th Dec	No Flowers	No Flowers	No Flowers
14th Dec	“	“	“
21st Dec	“	“	“
25th Dec	All Helpers	All Helpers	All Helpers
28th Dec	Mrs Stratton	Mrs Allard	Mrs Robins



SERVICES PARISH OF CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE

Sunday 7th December	Advent 2 Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 14th December	Advent 3 Chapmanslade 9.30 am Temple 11.00 am	Family Holy Communion Morning Prayer
Sunday 21st December	Advent 4 Temple 9.00 am Corsley 6.00 am	Holy Communion 1662 Carol Service
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Thursday 25th December	Christmas Day Temple 9.00 am Chapmanslade 10.30 am	Holy Communion 1662 Holy Communion
Sunday 28th December	1st after Christmas Brixton 10.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday 4th January	2nd after Christmas Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion



Christmas cards for the Sudan

Jane Yates has been making Christmas cards in aid of Sudan. Please consider buying these beautiful recycled cards, only 30p each, they will be on sale after Sunday services. When displaying cards please avoid damaging the main picture, Jane relies on your donated cards to produce next year's supply! Thank you.

Recipe of the month - Brussels sprouts & chestnuts

Ingredients

450g Brussels sprouts	180g shallots
200g cooked chestnuts	50g best butter
30ml olive oil	to taste salt and pepper

Method

Remove the outer leaves of each sprout. Skin the shallots and slice into chunks, a bit smaller than the smallest sprout. Chop the chestnuts into pieces roughly half the size of the smallest sprout. Add sprouts to a pan of boiling water, return to the boil and simmer for 4 minutes. Drain and toss sprouts with butter, season with salt and pepper, keep warm. Meanwhile, fry the shallot chunks in the olive oil for 3-5 minutes until starting to brown. Add the chestnut pieces and fry until heated through (1-2 minutes). Add the buttery sprouts and reheat until the butter starts to foam. Turn out into a warmed serving dish and serve immediately.

Variation: cook 4 sliced up rashers of dry cured salty bacon and add to shallots.

