

PARISH OF DEVERILLS AND HORNINGSHAM

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Please remember the deadline is the 15th of the month - Thank you

Benefice of Cley Hill Villages website: www.cleyhillchurches.org

Website contents: Parish News, Church services, Parish Register, Events



PARISH NEWS

THE DEVERILLS & CROCKERTON



THREE DEVERILL CHURCHES BY DENNIS SMITH

DECEMBER 2015

LOOK INSIDE FOR LOCAL NEWS & INFORMATION

FUTURE EVENTS

BULL MILL BAZAAR & OPEN STUDIOS



SATURDAY 5TH - SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER
10.00 AM - 4.30 PM DAILY

RESIDENT AND GUEST ARTISTS
A TREASURE TROVE OF FINE ARTS
AND ECLECTIC CRAFTS

AT BULL MILL ARTS, CROCKERTON, BA12 8AY
WWW.BULLMILLARTS.CO.UK

CROCKERTON VILLAGE COMMITTEE



Bath Arms, Crockerton
6.30 pm Sunday 6th December

Teams of 4 @ £8 per person
(includes Bangers & Mash supper)

Bring some money for the raffle!

To book contact Tracey 216939 or Helen 215451



Community Coffee Morning
Everyone welcome 10.30 am - 12.00
Wednesday 9th December in Wylve Suite
George Inn, Longbridge



Please note: change of venue this month and
no Monday coffee morning due to Christmas Holidays
For more information please call Emma Curtis
your Good Neighbour Coordinator 07557 922033
or if you require transport call Bridget Beattie 844884



SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER AT 8.30 PM
VICTORIAN ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
AT HORNINGSHAM CHURCH
ENJOY THE TRADITIONAL ATMOSPHERE
SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS
COME IN VICTORIAN COSTUME - IF YOU LIKE!

- Pre-school children & parents group Thursdays Longbridge Hall 10.00 - 11.30 a
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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
Nikki Spreadbury-Clews 216660 (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
Colin Hirons 845255	Bridget Beattie 844884

Wiltshire Councillor Fleur de Rhé Philipe 213193

Member of Parliament Dr Andrew Murrison 01225 358584

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

Wylde Valley Tennis Club Colin Singer 213696

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

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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,

Everyone loves a good story and it is in the telling of stories that we try to make sense of the world and our place in it. As we approach Christmas I expect all of us have stories to tell of what this means to us, tales of family traditions and gatherings imbued with nostalgia and love. As I write my thoughts are full of Crib and Carol services, feeding the Christmas cake, making truck loads of mince pies and wondering what gifts to give our two grandchildren. Superimposed on that story are the horrific events in Paris that happened a few days ago; images of desperate refugees who continue to try to find a better life for their families by risking everything on perilous journeys taking them to places where they are wholly dependent on the goodwill of others. What, you might well ask, has that most famous story of angels, shepherds and a teenage mother got to say to all that?



Firstly, let me say I love Christmas as much as the next person but it worries me when we skew the reality of the story to suit our own sentimentality. Jesus was born in a mucky stable to a child mother who, with her husband, was a refugee. The shepherds probably stank and were regarded as the lowest of the low; after presenting their gifts to Jesus the three wise men had to go home another way for fear of being murdered by a despotic ruler, a king whose crazed mind determined that every boy child under two years in the vicinity would be slaughtered, just in case the barmy idea that a new king was to be born was actually true. It is not exactly Jingle Bells is it?

No it is not because it is infinitely more powerful than that. At Christmas God is born in the dark and mess that is the reality of human life to show us that love is more powerful than evil and that Emmanuel, God with us, is at the heart of what it means to be human.

What stories will we tell of our times? We must acknowledge the darkness that stalks our world. It is important that we face the reality of human sin but we must not let this be the *only* story we tell, we must tell those stories of courage and love and goodness that are also at the heart of what it means to human, we must refuse to allow the darker tales to blot out the beauty and dignity of human life.

'The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it'

May I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas, love and prayers

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

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER 10.30 AM

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

AT LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL CHURCH

JOIN THIS BEAUTIFUL TRADITIONAL SERVICE

CELEBRATING JESUS CHRIST

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD





CHRISTMAS FAIR

Memorial Hall Stourton



Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th December

10.00 am until 4.00 pm - free entry!

Wonderful mix of handcrafted gifts for special presents!

UPPER DEVERILLS HALL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 13th December 4.00 - 5.30 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



Longbridge Deverill Village Hall

Invite you to a

BURNS NIGHT

Saturday 23rd January 7.00 for 7.30 pm

Traditional Dinner - Bring your own wine - Scottish dancing

Book early, tickets £11 from Sylvia Titt 214825

Please Note: Pancake evening will be on Tuesday 9th February



The Deverills, Crockerton & Horningsham 50/50 Club

October's winners: Mike Tulloch £35 and Angela Hodgkinson £20

It's not too late to join our 50/50 Club which is open to everyone.

We are always keen to recruit new members.

For more information please contact Diana Abbott
by telephone: 840763 or Email: decabbott@gmail.com



Nature Notes



Most of the leaves have now been stripped from the trees thanks to the strong winds of the last few days and it is looking a lot more like winter. But it doesn't feel at all cold yet. I am sure soon the temperature will drop and make us realise exactly what time of year it really is. Sadly we have lost those rich autumnal colours that we enjoyed for a lot longer than usual, but the grass is still lovely and green as it has been well watered lately. Many plants are in flower when they would not normally be by now; dianthus, roses and viburnum in our garden. I doubt if any plant or animal is sure of the time of year as it is so unseasonal. This morning I heard a mistle thrush singing away several months earlier than I would expect.



The fieldfares and redwings have returned to our shores from Scandinavia. I always hear more redwings than I see. I heard my first redwing on the 18th October and the cha-cha-chack call of a fieldfare on the 1st November. Since then we have had good flocks of fieldfares congregating in the cherry trees at the back of the house with just the odd redwing amongst them and at one time, a starling. The fieldfare is a big bird with grey head and rump, black tail and creamy spotted breast. The redwing is smaller and looks similar to a song thrush but has red flanks and a prominent eye stripe; a pretty bird.



The pond has still been attracting the kingfisher and grey wagtails and on occasions pied wagtails. The last time I noted a dragonfly was on the 31st October which seems quite late in the year. There appear to be more little egrets on the river and one day I saw a flock of seven casually flying over the village.



It is easier to see the birds now that the leaves have fallen. The last few days I have noticed wrens. They seem to be particularly noisy with their loud scolding tit-tit-tit call. I am always amazed how such a small bird can be so vociferous.

Recently we have been along the A36 several days in a row; I am sure lots of you drive that way on a regular basis. On each trip we saw a red kite at about the same position, near Steeple Langford. One time it was very close to the ground and trying to swoop down to some carrion on the road which was on the central reservation at the start of the dual carriageway at Deptford (coming from Salisbury). With traffic zooming by so fast and such a big bird it was a rather precarious situation. Red kites are carrion feeders and in days gone by would frequent our towns and cities clearing up the streets. I hope this individual was either successful in picking up the carrion or gave up and went somewhere safer for a meal.



Jane Trollope (written 15th November)

Kingston Deverill School Logbook - part 20



1961 - Twenty nine on roll. Jan 19 Lady Helen Asquith's report:
 She begins her report by stating that the last inspection had taken place in 1943, and that the establishment which was now subject to her adjudication had since changed to a voluntarily controlled C of E school attended by 28 girls and boys aged between 4 and 11, taught in two classes. She goes on to describe the schoolroom as a recently partitioned area of 700 sq ft but then immediately highlights the problems which arise, as follows:

'The two teachers greatly appreciate the convenience of the two classrooms, but the arrangement also has certain drawbacks. Although the Infants room is light and sunny, the Junior room, cut off from a south window by the partition is rather gloomy and cold... it is also an inconvenience that the Infants' only access to the sanitary offices and playground is by passing through the Junior room.'
 She then describes the three other rooms in the property – a 170 sq ft lobby where coats are hung, a former classroom now used as a dining area and a small scullery *'in which a sink, washbasin, hot cupboard and water heater have been installed. This fixed handbasin and portable basin in the scullery sink are the children's only means of washing. Most of them stay to the midday meal and their ablutions, which are faithfully, if somewhat unhygienically performed, are a hindrance to the caretaker's preparation for serving.'*

Even in the 1960s she must have been concerned about some aspects of 'Health and Safety' as illustrated by the scullery – but worse was to come:

'bucket-type sanitary offices of the most primitive kind are reached from the playground. The closets are extremely dark and wholly lacking in privacy, but they are kept in good order by the caretaker [Mrs Jackson] who at the age of 78 continues to give devoted service to the school.'

This description is typical of the balanced nature of the report, in that a damning indictment of the facilities is immediately followed by a positive commendation. Nonetheless, Lady Helen holds nothing back when she describes the antiquated furniture and poor storage arrangements, and is particularly concerned for the infants who lack

'display space, picture books and story books of good quality, and material for the handwork and creative and dramatic play which ought to be essential elements in the teaching of young children.'

Again, however, she moves on to commend the Headmistress, Mrs Newbury, *'a graduate of Sheffield University who was appointed in 1946 and, having given long service in the County, intends to retire next summer. She is a lively teacher and very capable organiser. Her happy combination of serenity and vigour, coupled with great kindness are particularly effective in securing the confidence and co-operation of all pupils.'*

Julian Wiltshire

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Longbridge Deverill Ladies Social Group

Our next group meeting will be the Christmas dinner at The George, Longbridge, on **Tuesday 1st December**. Our table has been booked for 7.30 pm and there are still places available for anyone who has not yet confirmed. Please let me know ASAP if you would like to join us by contacting me on 841183 or by email at asapearce@btinternet.com. The first group will meet in the new year on **Tuesday 5th January** - come along for the usual mix of friendly chatter and of course a drink or two, and shake off those January blues. Looking forward to seeing as many as possible at the dinner in December.



Cast on & Craft Group

If you like knitting, embroidery, tapestry, bead making or other crafts, this group is for you! We meet at someone's home once a month to share ideas and enjoy each other's company. This month's meeting will be on **Monday 7th December** 2.00 - 4.00 pm at Judy Munro's home, Whitepits Lodge, Kingston Deverill, call 844385 for directions. Everyone welcome.



Deverill Valley & Crockerton WI

This month we will not be meeting at the village hall because we are having our Christmas Dinner at the The George, Longbridge Deverill on **Monday 14th December** when we will be joined by our husbands and partners. There will be a raffle and we will enjoy a relaxing evening. Our annual evening at Lakeside Garden Centre on 27th November was a huge success when several members from other WIs joined us. Our next meeting will be on **Monday 11th January 2016** when Andrew Frostick will speak on the **'History of the Athenaeum'**. To find out more about the WI in the Deverill Valley please contact Julie Walder on 213142. You are very welcome to join us.



Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - Warminster Supporters' Group

Those of you who have received copies of 'What's On' will note a change to our meeting on **Monday 14th December**, Dr Mark Everard has recently had to undergo knee surgery and thus cannot be with us. How fortunate we are then, to have David Kjaer living in Warminster: he has kindly agreed to step into the gap and will give us a talk entitled 'English Wildlife - Autumn & Winter'. Regular attendees will know that this will be in particular an evening of wonderful photographic treats. As usual, everyone is welcome - 7.30 pm at the Civic Centre: cost £3 (under 18s £1), includes refreshments. For further information on this and any future activities, please contact Ann Jones on 218928.



Saturday Afternoon Strollers

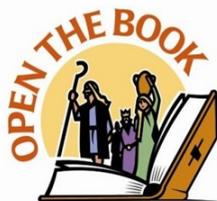
We will be having a break for the winter period and walks will start again in the Spring. If you would like to go on the mailing list for future walks then please e-mail rjucas56@hotmail.com or phone 841163



Who will tell the next generation.... ?

In the parish of Corsley and Chapmanslade we have a small team who takes the Old and New Testament stories into the school. OPEN THE BOOK offers a programme of themed and dramatised Bible stories at no charge to the schools. Each session is around 10 minutes long and fits comfortably into assembly times. Our teams of volunteer storytellers, most of whom are retired with an hour or two to spare each term, use drama, mime, props, costume - even the children and staff themselves - to present Bible stories in ways that are lively, engaging, informative and great fun for everyone involved.

We are now looking for more people to come and join our group so that we can continue to OPEN THE BOOK in our schools and pre-schools across our Benefice in Corsley, Chapmanslade, Crockerton and Horningsham. Could you spare the time to come and join our team and help to spread the word to the next generation? Further information is available from Pat Ryan on 01373 832650 or Di Britten on 01373 832515 cleyhillchurches@gmail.com



Christmas & New Year waste and recycling collection changes



There will be no collections on 25th, 26th December, 1st January.

Garden waste collections will be suspended from Friday 25th December and restart on Saturday 9th January. You can check your revised waste and recycling collection dates and print off your waste calendar at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/waste. If you have paid to have your garden waste collected at home you can leave your real Christmas tree alongside your garden waste bin for collection between 9th and 31st January only or they can be recycled at any of Wiltshire's 11 household recycling centres.

All household recycling centres will be closed from 1.00 pm 24th December, all day on 25th, 26th December and 1st January. At all other times the centres are open during their revised normal opening hours, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm, five days per week. Please check when your local household recycling centre is open before travelling at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/waste or on 0300 456 0102. All household recycling centres will be very busy over the Christmas and New Year period. You can put out extra black box recycling by your box in separate plastic bags. Second black boxes and blue lidded bins are available to any resident free of charge.

You can recycle the following items in your blue lidded recycling bin: Christmas cards, cardboard tubes, wrapping paper (not foil or plastic). In your black box: Chocolate and biscuit tins, clean foil, including cake cases and washed foil turkey trays, Christmas card envelopes.

Need a Wheelchair?

We have a large modern wheelchair that may be useful to borrow for short periods. It belonged to Richard Yates and Jane, who has now moved, has left it with us for use by the local community. If you would like to borrow it please ring Nigel and Mari Poole on 840902.



Recipe of the month - Stuffing for the Turkey

Sponsored by Maiden Bradley Community Shop

Ingredients

- 100g dried cranberries
- 2 rashers unsmoked back bacon, cut into strips
- 50g butter
- 140g fresh white or brown breadcrumbs
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
- ½ tsp chopped fresh thyme leaves
- 140g peeled cooked chestnuts, roughly chopped



- 50ml ruby port
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 450g sausage meat
- 1 medium beaten egg

Method

Soak the cranberries in the port for an hour. Fry the onion and bacon gently in the butter, until the onion is tender and the bacon is cooked. Add the garlic and fry for another minute or so. Cool slightly, then mix with all the remaining ingredients, including the cranberries and port, adding enough egg to bind. Fry a knob of stuffing in a little butter, taste and adjust the seasoning if necessary. This stuffing can be also baked in a dish, or rolled into balls that will be crisp on the outside and moist inside. To bake, press the stuffing into a greased ovenproof dish in a layer that is around 4cm thick. Bake at 190C/gas 5/fan 170C for about 40 minutes, until browned and, in the case of sausagemeat stuffing, cooked right through. Alternatively, roll into balls that are about 4cm in diameter. Roast the stuffing balls in hot fat (they can be tucked around the turkey or done in a roasting tin of their own) for 30-40 minutes, until crisp and nicely browned on the outside. Or you can stuff the turkey in the traditional way.

Contact: Website: maidenbradleyvillageshop.co.uk; Tel: 844206

Open: Monday - Friday 7.30 am - 6.00 pm, Saturday 8.00 am - 1.00 pm
Sunday 9.00 am - 12.00 noon

PO: Mon 9.00-1.30 Tues 1.30-4.00 Wed 9.00-12.00 Thurs 8.00-5.30 Fri 9.00-1.00

Local Lamb

I will have some locally reared lamb available soon. Born, reared and killed all within 10 miles of the Deverill valley and all looked after by myself. If anybody would like either a whole or half lamb then please get on touch with me by sending an email to alhiggins@hotmail.co.uk to let me know what you require. Thank you.



Al Higgins

Lost Cat

Rue, one of a pair of Tabby cats has gone astray from Clay Street/ Broadmead Lane, Crockerton, since the 21st October. If anyone has seen him please could you let me know by calling 215610.



Penny Lee

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

The Full Parish Council Meeting took place on 2nd November, the Council reported that the draft Parish plan was almost complete. Preparation for winter was discussed and ensuring grit bins were full and flood plan reviewed. The litter pick was a success, 25 residents and children, came together to keep our Parish tidy. For full minutes please see village notice boards or web site www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk

The next Full Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 7th December** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.



Upper Deverills Parish Council - New Councillor

The Upper Deverills Parish Council approved the co-option of Mrs Bridget Beattie onto the Parish Council, she will be co-opted at the next meeting which is on **Wednesday 20th January** at 6.30 pm in the Upper Deverills village hall. At the start of the meeting there is an opportunity for parishioners to address the Council, all parishioners are welcome.



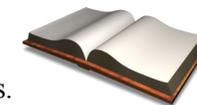
Update on Broadband for the Upper Deverills



The work in relation to Sutton Veny Exchange is still on track with the new cabinet at Longbridge Deverill that will serve Brixton Deverill now powered up and ready to be connected. The work to install the fibre connection from Maiden Bradley to Kingston Deverill, scheduled for the end of October, had to be postponed due to the contractors dealing with an emergency elsewhere in the county. A new road closure notice for week commencing **30th November** has been issued. There has also been a delay in installing the new cabinet at Maiden Bradley Exchange that will serve properties on the road towards Kingston Deverill; this is scheduled for the end of November. I have received enquiries about the final connections. The solution is fibre to the cabinet (fttc); so the three new cabinets referred to above will have fibre from the exchange which will then be connected to the existing copper lines to individual premises. Notwithstanding the delays Wiltshire Council (WC) and BT are still expecting upgrading work for the Upper Deverills to be completed by the end of December as planned. This should bring much improved speed and greater reliability and will be especially welcomed by residents on the 'end of the line' in Monkton Deverill where the existing service has deteriorated further in recent months! Residents may be interested by a recent Government statement promising a minimum broadband download speed for all premises of 10 mbps (megabits per second) by 2020. The present minimum target is for 2 mbps by the end of 2015 (originally 2012, put back 3 years by the new government in 2010). At the moment speeds in the Upper Deverills are around 0.5-1.5 mbps. Based on previous advice from W C and BT the upgrading underway should ensure the Upper Deverills meets the new proposed minimum. I continue to keep in touch with the project team at W C and will provide further updates as soon as I have any more information.

Richard Kitson - richard.kitson@virgin.net 844803

Journey of a Lifetime



This is the title of Richard Askew's new book of memoirs. Richard was Rector in the Deverills at the time of the millenium. It costs £10.00 + p & p £1.80 = total £11.80. After costs, £2 from each book will go to Bath Abbey and Juba School in Sudan. To order please ring 01225 863350, e-mail rgaskew@gmail.com or write to 46, The Pastures, Westwood, Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts, BA15 2BH. This autobiography goes from London's blitz to 1950s boarding school austerities; National Service in Egypt to an unexpected career, the defining experience of the author's life - coming to faith - leading to 50 years Anglican ministry; student chaplaincy in the '60s; Surrey's Volvo and vodka belt; travels to Sudan and Ethiopia; the sublime seclusion of Salisbury Close, followed by city-centre Bath, and finally a rural Wiltshire parish. This is a layer-cake which will appeal to many palates. "Reading this book was for me a real delight and I commend it whole-heartedly" former Archbishop George Carey in the Foreword.

Save the Children

Cream Teas & Garden Open events held at Mill Farm House, Hill Deverill on the last Sunday of May to September raised a total of **£1,517.10** for Save the Children. Thank you to Val Dale and her family for their generous hospitality and to all who came along and support us.



2015 Paper Collection gathered 11.72 tonnes of newspaper and magazines which raised **£408.92**. The paper skip is at the entrance to the old Fish Farm shop in Longbridge Deverill. If you don't already contribute to the collection, and thank you if you do, please consider doing so and help us increase the total raised. Newspapers, magazines and soft backed books are acceptable but no cardboard, string, plastic or yellow pages please.

Marie Curie

A 'Retro' Lunch held by Bridget Beattie at Monkton House on 20th November raised a magnificent £200 for the Marie Curie cancer charity, which offers specialist nursing to people with terminal illness at home or in hospices. A huge 'Thank you' to those who came to the lunch and to those unable to be there but who gave their support so generously.



2015 Poppy Appeal

The Deverills and Crockerton have contributed £2,014.75 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for 2015. This is the second best sum for our community, reflecting the great generosity of our inhabitants and those who use our two pubs, petrol station and garden centre. The breakdown was Kingston £248.10, Monkton £88.87, Brixton £171.82, Hill £87.06, Longbridge £281.70, Crockerton £238.93. The church collection on Remembrance Sunday £536, four tins in static points £299.64 and the UDPC £75. The Royal British Legion is hugely grateful to all who contributed and I thank the 14 house to house callers who collected a large part of the total. My thanks to Nigel Hawkins, Sarah Caldicott and Jean Staniland for helping me count the money.



Robin Greenwood - Hon Organiser

SERVICES PARISH OF DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM



Sunday 6th December	Advent 2 Brixton 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am Horningsham 3.30 pm	Holy Communion BCP Christingle Service Victorian Carol Service
Sunday 13th December	Advent 3 Kingston 10.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20th December	Advent 4 Brixton 10.30 am Kingston 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Village Carol Service*
Thursday 24th December	Christmas Eve Longbridge 4.00 pm	Crib Service
Friday 25th December	Christmas Day Kingston 9.30 am Longbridge 10.30 am Horningsham 10.30 am	Holy Communion Family Service Holy Communion
Sunday 27th December	1st after Christmas Brixton 10.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday 3rd January	Epiphany Kingston 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion BCP Morning Worship

NB Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays at Longbridge 8.00 am Morning Prayers

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

Baptisms - We welcome into our church family

Hon John Alexander Ladi Thynn Longbridge on Thursday 19th November
Millie Robyn Hitchcock Longbridge Sunday 22nd November

Church Cleaners for December

Kingston - Alice Stratton & Clare Mounde

Brixton - Pat Armstrong & Pony Burrige

Longbridge - Monday 7th December 9.30 - 10.30 am - All helpers please

Church Flower Arrangers for December

	Kingston	Brixton	Longbridge
6th Dec	Advent	no	flowers
13th Dec	"	"	"
20th Dec	"	"	"
Christmas	All	Helpers	Please
27th Dec	Alice Stratton	Dr McBride	Pat Wood & Sylvia Titt



SERVICES PARISH OF CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE



Sunday 6th December	Advent 2 Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 13th December	Advent 3 Chapmanslade 9.30 am Temple 11.00 am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
Sunday 20th December	Advent 4 Corsley 6.00 pm	Carol Service
Thursday 24th December	Christmas Eve Chapmanslade 3.00 pm Corsley 11.30 pm	Crib Service Midnight Mass
Friday 25th December	Christmas Day Temple 9.00 am Chapmanslade 10.30 am	Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 27th December	1st after Christmas Brixton 10.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday 3rd January	Epiphany Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL ADVENT & CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES



Christmas Oratorio Saturday 12th December tickets £15.00 doors open 7.00 pm
Twilight Tower Tours until - 23rd December daily 3.15 pm except Sunday cost £16.00 (adults), £11.50 (concessions) or £45 (family ticket, 2+3)

BBC Wiltshire's Carols at the Cathedral Sunday 13th December

Christmas Trail Search for lost shepherd, running from 19th December - 3rd January

Christmas Creativity Monday 21st & Wednesday 23rd December 10.00 am - 12.00 or 13.30 pm - 15.30 pm

Christmas Story Time 12.00 - 15.30 on 21st and 23rd December

Christmas Services

Sunday 20th December at 5.00 pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Monday 21st December at 7.00 pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Thursday 24th December at 7.30 am Morning Worship and Holy Communion,

4.00 pm Family Service, 6.00 pm Choral Evensong, 11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Friday 25th December Holy Communion 8.00 am, Sung Eucharist 10.30 am,

Festal Evensong 3.00 pm

Sunday 17th January 5.00 pm Epiphany Procession celebrating journey of the Magi

To book and for more details see the website www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/events

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