

PARISH OF DEVERILLS AND HORNINGSHAM

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PARISH NEWS

The Deverills & Crockerton



The Old House Longbridge Deverill
by Pat Armstrong

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Look inside for local news & information

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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

Deverills website: www.deverills.org.uk

Websites contents:

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



PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Date: Saturday 10th January Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Upper Deverills Village Hall

A planning application for 8 new houses to include affordable and social housing to satisfy the Upper Deverills Parish Plan



Community Coffee Morning

Wednesday 14th January

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



Nest boxing for Birds of Prey

Upper Deverills Hall Thursday 22nd January

at 7.30 for 8.00 pm

Major Nigel Lewis MBE

(awarded for conservation services to birds of prey in Wiltshire)

Barn Owl Conservation Network Advisor for Wiltshire

Nigel will talk about the conservation of Kestrels, Tawny, Little and Barn Owls
for about 1¼ hours, questions welcome

Nigel also advises our local Deverill Raptor and Owl group

A glass of wine will be served - a donation of £2 is requested



Longbridge Deverill Village Hall

Invite you to a

BURNS NIGHT

Saturday 24th January 7.00 for 7.30 pm

Traditional Dinner - Bring your own wine - Scottish dancing

Book early, tickets £11 from Sylvia Titt 214825



FUTURE EVENTS

- **Pre-school children & parents group** Thursdays Longbridge hall 10.00 - 11.30 am
- **Book & Dining Club** Thursday 8th January See p7
- **Public Presentation - Upper Deverills Hall** Saturday 10th January See p2
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- **Longbridge Deverill Flower Show Get-Together** Monday 19th January See p6
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- **Candlemas service** Sunday 1st February See p8
- **Longbridge Deverill Parish Council** meeting Monday 2nd February See p6/14
- **Upper Deverills Parish Council** Wednesday 11th March See p14
- **Upper Deverill Litter Pick** Saturday 28th March See p6
- **Deverills mini-fest** Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd May See p6
- **Upper Deverills Annual Parish Council Meeting** Wednesday 13th May See p14
- **Longbridge Annual Parish Council Meeting** Monday 18th May See p14
- **Upper Deverills Parish Council** Wednesday 8th July See p14
- **Longbridge Deverill Flower Show** Saturday 8th August See p6
- **Upper Deverills Parish Council** Wednesday 9th September See p14
- **Upper Deverills Parish Council** Wednesday 11th November See p14

LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS etc.

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk

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| 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

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| Louise Stratton 844105 (Chair) | Richard Cousens 844970 |
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Longbridge Deverill Village Hall Committee

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

Upper Deverills Village Hall

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

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Wylve Valley Tennis Club Colin Singer 213696

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

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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,

Circumstances dictate that I am writing this letter before I have even put up the Christmas decorations, which is a bit weird to say the least. But anyway, here we are again, looking over the precipice of one year into the next.

I will never forget one particular new-year, the millennium actually. I remember I had a special candle that I was going to take into the darkness of the garden and ceremoniously light, and stand alone quietly looking up at the night sky and reflect on the meaning of life and all that.

It did not quite work out that way. Our then 19 year old eldest son announced that he was going on the train to London to meet his friends. Of course it was impossible to actually get on the train because everyone else had the same idea. So, at 9.00 pm, much to my consternation, my husband decided that we would drive down to London ourselves. It was a somewhat surreal experience travelling on the M1 because there was no one else on it, which kind of confirmed my fears that this was a very silly thing to do on News Year's Eve of a new century.

So to cut a long story short, there I was in the midst of a heaving mass of humanity as the chimes of Big Ben echoed over the Thames and fireworks exploded into the sky; I remember looking around me and thinking 'How did I get here?' And when I told my sister what had happened her incredulous response was: 'But you don't do that kind of thing!!' And she was right.

I wonder where this year has taken you? Has it worked out how you expected it would? Or has it been a bumpy unexpected journey fraught with difficulty? Has it taken you to places you would never willingly visit? To be honest, our experiences are usually a mixture of all these things aren't they, anyway, can we ever completely predict or control the unfolding of our lives? For my family, there have obviously been big changes this last year, exciting and challenging changes, the flip side of which is a need to embrace the vulnerabilities that any transition brings in its wake.

Human life is unpredictable and messy, there is no getting away from that, but I believe in the 'slow unfurling of grace' as Ann Voscamp so exquisitely puts it, where if we take the time to stop and reflect, the world becomes a 'thin' place and we are enabled to see moments of great beauty in the story of our lives and that of those we love. I would name that beauty 'God', maybe some would not, but the naming does not really matter, the important thing is to recognise and acknowledge that grace when we encounter it. So maybe it might not be a bad thing to stand in the garden this New Year's Eve and quietly reflect on the joys and sorrows of the past year, to think about the moments of grace that you have encountered in your life; and to give thanks.

I cannot end without leaving you with a poem for New Year, and whatever life brings, I hope there will be an unfurling of grace in there somewhere over the coming months.

Love and prayers, Pauline

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

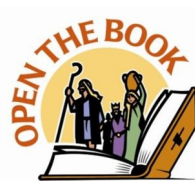
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Winter Paradise

Now I am old and free from time
 How spacious life,
 Unbeginning unending sky where the wind blows
 The ever moving clouds and clouds of starlings on the wing,
 Chaffinch and apple-leaf across my garden lawn,
 Winter paradise
 With its own birds and daisies
 And all the near and far that eye can see,
 Each blade of grass signed with the mystery
 Across whose face unchanging ever changing pass
 Summer and Winter, day and night.
 Great countenance of the unknown known
 You have looked upon me all my days,
 More loved than lovers face,
 More merciful than the heart, more wise
 Than spoken word, unspoken theme
 Simple as earth in whom we live and move.

Kathleen Raine



Open the Book

‘We will tell the next generation....and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God.....’ Psalm 78:4,6

OPEN THE BOOK offers a programme of themed and dramatised Bible stories at no charge to schools. Each session is about 10 minutes long and fits comfortably into assembly times. Our teams of volunteer storytellers use drama, mime, props, costume - even the children and staff - to present Bible stories in ways that are lively, engaging, informative and great fun for everyone involved!

Here in the Benefice we already have a team that takes the Old and New Testament stories into school. Why not volunteer to come and join our team and help to spread the word?

To learn more you may wish to attend a course being run on **Tuesday 13th January** at the Diocesan Education Centre in Wilton, for more information about the course and the team please contact Rev Pauline Reid on 841290 or Rev Di Britten on 01373 832515.

The Deverills, Crockerton & Horningsham 50/50 Club

The November draw took place on Sunday 23rd when Richard Munro won **£30** and Vivienne Weaver **£15**. If you are interested in joining the club please contact Diana Abbott for details: 01985 840763 or email: decabbott@gmail.com.

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



Nature Notes

At this time of the year a lot of bird species will flock together and they are not always of one kind. Quite often you will see mixed flocks working their way along the hedgerows and through the trees; a mixture of blue, great and long-tailed tits for example. Coming together in a flock has several advantages. Many pairs of eyes can spot predators more quickly, in some species amongst the flock there will be birds acting just as a look-out and not feeding such as Canada geese. Staying in a flock means there are many individuals looking for food, finding it becomes more successful when they share information. Flocking together is also beneficial when going to roost as many birds together will keep warmer than one on its own. Some species take the flocking to extremes; starlings congregate in vast numbers and perform their wonderful acrobatic murmurations. We have relatively small numbers of starlings doing just this in the village, a lot of them go to roost in the bamboo stands in the wildlife area just behind the service station. There is one particular big clump of bamboo just on the edge of this area in Sand Street which becomes alive in the evening with roosting starlings, you can hear them chattering and moving about in the stems. I have seen pied wagtails flocking on the wires near the cress beds, then flying again to this wildlife area behind the garage. Pied wagtails will flock into shopping malls where it is often warmer with artificial lights on all night.

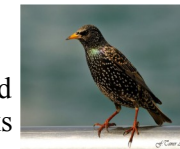
For small bird species, such as wrens and long-tailed tits, the act of roosting together to keep warm is a life saver. In severe cold weather, such as that we experienced in the winter of 62/63, populations of small birds can be decimated. I have seen wrens going into house martin nest boxes to roost at night. There can be lots of individuals in one box, I read somewhere of something like 50 being recorded in a single box. With a house martin box being up under the eaves it will be slightly warmer and certainly more sheltered than a box on a tree for instance.

At this time of the year there are good flocks of fieldfares and redwings. We have had them feeding on the fallen apples in the garden; we left them on purpose for winter migrants. There are more fieldfares than redwings. The fieldfare is a bigger bird than the redwing and bolder. It has a brash call of “cha-cha-chack”, its grey head, grey rump and dark tail define it. The redwing is a much shyer bird, the eye stripe and the red flanks are the best way to identify it. The redwing call is a penetrating steep and it is often the way you know they are about.

I started feeding the birds again at the beginning of December; sunflower hearts, peanuts and a fat block. They found the food despite it being in a different position and we now have goldfinches, greenfinches, great tits, blue tits, robins, blackbirds, dunnocks, chaffinches, long-tailed tits, and great spotted woodpeckers visiting regularly; two other birds in the garden are a green woodpecker and a jay.

I hope you had a good Christmas and I wish you a Happy New Year. Spring is around the corner, I saw a narcissus blooming in Sand Street the other day!

Jane Trollope (written 15th December)



Kingston Deverill School part 9 - School Logbook



1927 – Nov 11: *The children attended divine service to observe the two-minute silence, being Armistice Day.* This is the first mention of the children having attended this particular service which was instituted in 1919. Matters concerning Remembrance were, however, severely delayed in remote villages, and the War Memorial in Kingston Deverill churchyard was not erected until 1931.

1928 – Report: *'Since April 1925 the school has been a Junior School for children under 10 years of age. Headteacher absent in November and assistant also absent. But these interruptions are not only accountable for the weaknesses that exist. Classes are conveniently small with 17 children in 1st class (Standards 1 to 111) and 15 in 2nd class (infants). Need for higher standard of attainment in written English and Arithmetic and for the teaching of History and Geography to be more realistic.'*

1929 – Sep 9: *11 children transferred to Maiden Bradley School. Sep 19: the 11 children who were transferred return to the school today, the age of transference being raised by one year.* What the children and their parents made of this 10-day wonder is unrecorded, although many of the families would have exchanged a 300 yard walk for a journey of 4 miles. It is also a strange situation anyway, since the 1926 report definitely states that the transfer age is for the over 11s. Nov 28: *admitted Amey, Harry and Robert Watts being boarded out children for the waifs.* These so-called 'waifs' were in fact young children who were being boarded out in a rural area under a scheme instituted by Dr. Barnardo (1845-1905). Later, unless the children found adoptive parents, they would be transferred to one of the Barnardo 'homes'.

1930 – Nov 17: *'waifs' left the village.* Who looked after the two brothers and their sister during their year's stay in the village, and did they succeed in being adopted?

1931 – Mar 17: *'I, Emma May Higgins arrived at the school to take charge during the time Miss Garland is away through illness.*

1932 – Apr 4: *Arthur Garrett is very ill with meningitis. Apr 20: Arthur Garrett has passed away.* This entry is yet another example of the way in which the school logbook encapsulates so much of the day-to-day history of the village, including its most tragic events.

1933 – May 24: *Empire Day - the children spent the last hour in the school field when they sang patriotic songs and saluted the flag. The Rector [Robert Cooper Fugard (1927-1939)] gave a short speech in explanation of the Empire.* This scene would be unimaginable in a school now, or indeed at any time after the Second World War. The children would have to attend the Last Night of the Proms in order to participate in a similar experience.

Julian Wiltshire

Update: 5 yearly inspection of Deverills churches

The quinquennial fabric inspections of the of three Deverills churches were completed earlier this year by Benjamin & Beauchamp Architects. A number of recommendations were made. The good news is that the three listed medieval buildings, given their great age, are generally in good shape but typically require maintenance and repair. The first priority identified was to bring the electrical systems up to modern and safe standard for insurance purposes and this work was satisfactorily completed in October. Work is currently in hand to start on the second priority which is to repair crumbling fabric and carry out essential maintenance to keep the buildings dry. With the help of the architect, a repair and maintenance tender has been prepared and the work is currently being bid by five local contractors. Offers will be returned in early January and it is your wardens' earnest hope that bid prices will remain within budget and construction work will commence in early spring. Further updates will be posted as the work progresses.



The Church Wardens

Old Photographs Brixton Deverill Village

If any readers have old photographs of Brixton Deverill village could they please contact Richard Lucas, the Church Warden, by telephone 841 164 so they or copies can be added to the historical archives. Thank you.

Crockerton Church of England Primary School

Our village school is amongst the top in Wiltshire. Alistair Lockhart, Chair of Governors, issued a press release after the latest SATs results were released: "We are proud and delighted to be one of the top-performing primary schools in Wiltshire for KS2 SATs, and this is a reminder to parents that rural primary schools have a lot to offer and should not be taken for granted. We are fortunate at Crockerton to have a dedicated and passionate staff, along with enthusiastic and hard-working children – which has produced some amazing results. As a village school, however, we also place a huge emphasis on imagination, creativity, life skills and ensuring we create a happy and enjoyable environment for the children to learn in."

The KS2 children preformed their Nativity carol service at Longbridge church on the evening 19th December which was a delight to all who attended.



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 Deverills Village Hall

When: Friday 30th January 6.00 - 11.00 pm

Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/upperdeverills

Longbridge Deverill Flower Show 2015

Plans are underway to reinstate the Show, the date is set for **Saturday 8th August**. 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 remember the original Flower Shows and would be able to provide us with some memories of them? Come along to the **Open Get-together at The George Inn, Longbridge Monday 19th January 7.00 pm** or contact **Claire Gray 841363**.



Deverills mini-fest
of performing arts

2 - 3 May 2015

Deverills mini-fest

Enjoyed the 2014 Deverills festival? Can't wait until the next one in 2016? Don't worry – this year we will be staging a mini-fest, again on the first May bank holiday weekend. Comedy theatre, classical concert and more treats in store. Keep an eye out for details next month!

Richard Munro

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

At the December Parish Council meeting, it was reported that a traffic count and speed check had taken place over a 7 day period in Sand Street. The results showed that a total of 8,947 vehicles were checked. The 85th percentile was 34.4mph (the 85th percentile is the speed at which 85% of the traffic is travelling at or below). This result shows that there is no reason for any traffic calming measures. The next meeting: **Monday 2nd February 7.30 pm** Longbridge Hall all welcome.

Upper Deverills Parish Council

Please remember the date for the Community Litter Pick on **Saturday 28th March** starting at 10.00 am, if you would like to come along please contact the Clerk so that she can arrange for gloves and litter picking equipment to be available. The next meeting: **Wednesday 14th January 6.30 pm** Upper Deverills Hall all welcome.

Warning issued as telephone scams grow



Banks and police have issued a joint warning to be alert for scam phone calls, after new figures showed a steep rise in the number people being targeted by fraudsters. Almost six in ten people surveyed said they have received a suspect call, a sharp increase from four in ten in a similar study carried out last summer. The upsurge in scam calls has resulted in a threefold rise in the amount of money lost to fraudsters – up to £23.9m over the last year, according to industry group Financial Fraud Action UK. These 'cold call' scams often involve fraudsters deceiving victims into believing they are speaking to a police officer, a member of bank staff, or a representative of another trusted organisation. Typically the criminal will then try to convince the individual that they have been a victim of fraud, and will ask for personal and financial information in order to gain access to their account. This can include card details, four digit PINs and password. Fraudsters sometimes try to persuade their victim to transfer money to another account, hand over bank cards directly to a courier or withdraw money from a branch. To arm consumers with the information they need to spot these scam calls, the UK banks, building societies and card companies have launched a 'Joint Declaration', backed by Chief Police Officers from across the country. The declaration clearly sets out all the requests that the bank or police will never make, but a fraudster might. The bank or the police will never:

- Phone you to ask for your 4 digit card PIN or your online banking password, even by tapping them into the telephone keypad.
- Ask you to withdraw money to hand over to them for safe-keeping.
- Ask you to transfer money to a new account for fraud reasons, even if they say it is in your name.
- Send someone to your home to collect your cash, PIN, payment card or cheque book if you are a victim of fraud.
- Ask you to purchase goods using your card and then hand them over for safe-keeping.

Any caller making these requests is a fraudster

Criminals may encourage their victims to call the bank to verify their identity. However it is possible for them to keep the line open for up to two minutes, so when the victim attempts to make a new call they are in fact still speaking to the fraudster. To beat this, if a call is suspicious, the advice is to hang up, wait five minutes to clear the line, or where possible use a different phone line, and then call the bank or card issuer on their advertised number to report the fraud. To get the word out on this growing threat, it is important for everyone to spread the warning message to friends, family members or neighbours who may not yet know about it.

For more information on telephone scams and how to stay safe visit: www.financialfraudaction.org.uk

Your Parish News - Donations

As usual in January we are asking for an annual donation towards the production cost of the magazine. You will have noticed the magazine is now produced with colour, this is due to a change of printer, previously the printing was undertaken at the Minster church, for which we were very grateful, but this is no longer an option. After much research we have secured the services of a printing company who specialise in parish magazines, club newsletters etc. but inevitably the cost has increased, therefore, we ask you to be generous in your donation this year and would like to suggest £8-10 per household. **Your contributions are vital** to ensure the continued production of the Parish News, which keeps our community informed of news, events and useful information in and around our area. Enclosed is pale blue envelope for your donation, if you are a UK tax payer please complete the relevant section for reclamation of tax. Some financial support is received from the PCC and 2 Parish councils. Thank you for your support. **Please take envelopes to: Longbridge Deverill Garage**, or put them into the collection at Church, give to a Church Warden (see pack page), or Robert Steptoe, PCC Treasurer or give to Judy Munro (Editor) Whitepits Lodge, Kingston Deverill, BA12 7HD **THANK YOU**



I would like to say a very special thank you to everyone who helps to produce, deliver and contribute to the Parish News throughout the year.

Judy Munro - Editor

Cranborne Chase AONB free website listing for businesses in area

The Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is a deeply rural area surrounded by a necklace of market towns: Wilton, the city of Salisbury, Downton, Shaftesbury, Mere and Fordingbridge to the east, Wimborne to the south, Blandford to the west and Warminster to the north. If your business falls within the AONB, you can benefit from a free listing on the new AONB Website. See the 'Discover' section of our website for a location map. Your free listing will give a description of your business, the address, logo or photo and link to your website. Last year the site had over 9,000 visitors! The interactive map features walking, cycling and riding routes, pubs, eateries, places to stay and visit. Your business can sit alongside these features on an Ordnance Survey map base, with aerial photography. To take advantage of this offer go to the contact page of our website www.ccwwdaonb.org.uk

Manor Farm, Corsley - offices to let

The historic Manor Farm in Corsely was built in 1563, and was home to Sir John Thynne of Longleat and regularly visited by Sir Walter Raleigh. In the last 20 years it has been a family home and small farming concern after being sympathetically restored from dereliction by the present owners. The old diary and outbuildings were converted into high standard contemporary office accommodation housing a diverse selection of businesses in tranquil surroundings. From Marsh 2015 a range of office space will become available, there is full heating, modern IT, telecom infrastructure and ample on-site parking. Located close to the A36 and A361, access to Bath, Bristol M4 and A303 (M3) is nearby, the train station in Westbury for London is a 10 minute drive. For more information and details about the offices please phone 01373 832120.

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 rjlucas56@hotmail.com or phone Richard Lucas 07732 740364 / 841164.



Deverill Valley & Crockerton WI

Our Christmas Dinner at The George Inn held on Monday 8th December was a huge success and enjoyed by all Members. 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 and a raffle. If you would like to know more about the Women's Institute in the Deverill Valley then please contact Julie Wallder on 213142. You are very welcome to join our meeting.



Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - Warminster

A slightly different format for our **Monday 12th January** meeting, when Gary Mantle - the Trust's Chief Executive - will be updating us on future plans for Langford Lakes Reserve and the way forward for the Trust as a whole. As usual, we meet at the Civic Centre at 7.30 pm. Cost £3 (under-18s £1) includes refreshments. For further information about this and future activities - please contact Ann Jones 218928.



Book & Dining Club

The next book that has been chosen is 'The Woodcutter' by Reginald Hill. The date for the next meeting is **Thursday 8th January** at The George Inn, Longbridge Deverill, starting at 7.30 pm. Please contact Christine Lucas on 841164 if you would like to book a place for dinner.



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 14th January** 2.00 - 4.00 pm at Diana Abbott's home, Uppingham House, The Marsh, Longbridge Deverill, please call her on 840763 for directions. You are very welcome to join the group, just bring your craft work along with you.



Website

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

SERVICES PARISH OF DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM

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| Sunday 4th January | 2nd after Christmas Kingston 8.00 am Longbridge 11.15 am | Holy Communion 1662 Morning Worship |
| Sunday 11th January | Epiphany Horningsham 11.15 am | Plough Sunday |
| Sunday 18th January | Epiphany 1 Brixton 10.30 am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 25th January | Epiphany 2 Longbridge 8.00 am Kingston 10.30 am | Holy Communion 1662 Holy Communion |
| Sunday 1st February | Epiphany 3 Brixton 8.00 am Longbridge 11.15 am | Holy Communion 1662 Candlemas |

SERVICES PARISH OF CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE

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| Sunday 4th January | 2nd after Christmas Corsley 9.30 am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 11th January | Epiphany Chapmanslade 9.30 am Temple 11.00 am | Family Holy Communion Morning Prayer |
| Sunday 18th January | Epiphany 1 Temple 9.00 am Corsley 10.30 am | Holy Communion 1662 Family Worship |
| Sunday 25th January | Epiphany 2 Chapmanslade 9.30 am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 1st February | Epiphany 3 Corsley 9.30 am | Holy Communion |



You are invited to a special service for
Candlemas
Sunday 1st February at 11.15 am
St Peter and St Paul Longbridge Deverill
Families are particularly welcome
We will bless church candles for the coming year
Bring a candle from home you would like blessed



Church Cleaners for January

Kingston - Sarah Fagan & Judy Munro

Brixton - Maggie Blue & Marilyn Garrett

Longbridge - Monday 5th January 9.30 - 10.30 am - All helpers please

Church Flower Arrangers for January

| | Kingston | Brixton | Longbridge |
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Recipe of the month - Chocolate Brownies

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Ingredients

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| 2oz plain chocolate 75% cocoa solids | 4oz butter |
| 2 eggs | 8oz granulated sugar |
| 2oz plain flour | 1 level tsp baking powder |
| Pinch salt | 4oz mixed nuts (unsalted) |

Method

Roughly chop nuts and place on baking tray to toast on all sides for a few minutes. Melt chocolate and butter in a bowl over a pan of simmering water, mix lightly until combined, remove from the heat and add all other ingredients. Mix well. Pour the mixture into a shallow baking tray lined with parchment paper. Bake for 30 minutes at 180° C or gas mark 4. When cooked, allow to cool before cutting it into squares.

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