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# Letter from your church

Richard Langridge

With the days drawing in, it seems the world is simply taking a pause, before the headlong rush to Christmas. All our churches already have their services planned and the carols drawn up, and it will be only a matter of time before the trees are up and the churches decorated. They may look a little different from

the way they were first decorated – if they existed at all - in the Middle Ages before Prince Albert and the fir tree and tinsel came in, when literally local churches were covered with the holly and the ivy stripped from local hedgerows and hundreds of bees-wax candles lit a space unburdened with pews or chairs. It must have felt very different with the service in Latin and no bible on display. Then we even had a time when Christmas itself officially did not exist, when Parliament banned the practice of celebrating Christmas for sixteen years from 1644 under the English Republic.

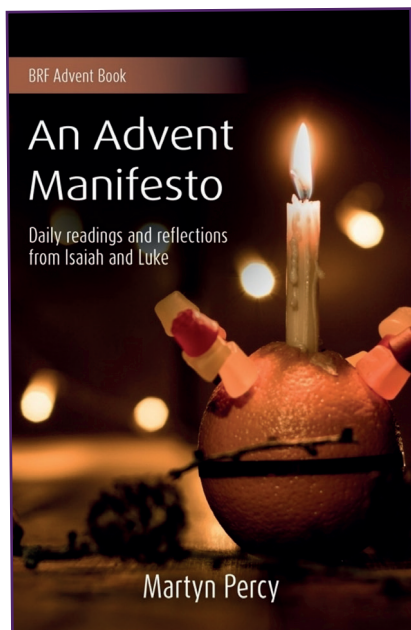
Yet I have experienced a number of Christmases that did indeed feel very different. I'm sure many of us have on occasion been away from home for work or for personal reasons in places where Christmas felt, well, odd. The oddest I ever experienced was in Libya where I was working teaching English and I celebrated it with a small group of other expats sitting in a tent in the Sahara desert. Somehow someone had even managed to find a small, rather dilapidated artificial Christmas tree and we ate turkey with cranberry jelly, cross-legged on mats, too hot to go outside.

That Christmas, in Ghaddafi's Libya, was a Christmas without God, at least in an official Christian form. Yet while Libyans didn't recognize Christmas as a holy day, Jesus was celebrated, not as the Son of God or the Messiah, but as a wise prophet. When I subsequently worked in Malaysia, the multi-faith, coalition government decreed that all the major religious days should be secular public holidays for everyone. Simply sharing the celebratory aspects of each other's festivals was a great way of bringing people together and a policy the British Government might wish to follow!

The irony is that for the vast majority of British people in 2023 it will be a Christmas without God. I can't be the only person who notices how so few of the advent calendars now have a religious theme or how few of us feel comfortable sending overtly religious Christmas cards to people we know don't go to church.

But does it matter? I happen to think a Christmas day with no mention of the man who made it is a tad peculiar, but maybe not. Because the message of Christmas is of Christ himself; of love, of tolerance, and of inclusion. We can all think of areas in the world where more of that would go a long way. And to many of us who aren't religious, by helping others, thinking of those less fortunate than ourselves and demonstrating kindness and love, we will be acting out the Christian message, whether we realise it or not.

**So whatever your faith, or none – have a very Happy Christmas!**



## *Come and Join us in an Advent Bible Study.*

**Advent like Lent is a time to read and reflect in the build-up to Christ's birth.**

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Review Martyn Percy has spent a lot of his ministry in academic circles, but in this book he wears his learning lightly.

The principle of “less is more” applies here. In this series of daily reflections which carry us from Advent through to Candlemas, Percy concentrates on drilling down into passages from the prophet Isaiah, and the beginning of St Luke's Gospel.

An Advent Manifesto is an invitation to pray and practise that most ancient Advent prayer, ‘Come, Lord Jesus, come.’

The Ministry Team are promoting this book for the whole Benefice. It can be purchased for £7.99 at Church House Publishing. Rev. Anne has a few books already so please get in touch.

# From the Registers



## In Loving Memory

Earl Dean Campbell,  
4 October 1943 - 20 June 2023



## Funerals

**William (Bill) John Hester**  
St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge

If you are looking to get in contact for a Baptism or Wedding within the Benefice churches please contact our Benefice administrator by emailing [admin@westwycombebenefice.org.uk](mailto:admin@westwycombebenefice.org.uk)

In the case of funerals, if the funeral director is unsure of who to contact please pass on the details above.

## We are currently seeking our next **Benefice Treasurer**

The role of the Benefice Treasurer is to manage and reconcile the Benefice bank account and to provide monthly reporting to the Benefice Council. In detail to receive income from the four parishes and the fees from life events (weddings and funerals), and then to calculate and make the relevant quarterly payments to the parishes and to the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance (ODBF), to reimburse the clergy expenses and to pay the Benefice administrator. An accounting system has been created using Microsoft Excel and full training and support will be given.

If you feel you could help or would like any further information, please do get in touch.



# Bledlow Ridge

## News from St Paul's Church

November was about Remembering, looking back in order to understand and learn, now in December, we have the season of Advent when we look forward.

First, we look forward to Christmas and prepare for our celebrations, with our families and friends – the cards, the food and the gifts. And also, we prepare in our hearts and minds as we think again about God's gift of His Son to live on earth with us. Secondly, the church encourages us to look even more forward to the end of time when Christ will come again in glory.

To help our preparations, Revd Anne is inviting people to her home to join a group on Thursday evenings. She will be basing her discussions on the book *An Advent Manifesto* by Martyn Percy. If you are not able to join her but would like to focus more closely on preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus, please consider following the book on your own. It is easily available from St Andrew's Bookshop, Great Missenden and Church House Bookshop [www.chbookshop.hymnsam.co.uk](http://www.chbookshop.hymnsam.co.uk) Further details in the early part of this magazine and on our website.

Christmas celebrations will begin quite early at St Paul's when Christmas Cottage Nursery come to us to hear the Christmas story and to sing some simple carols, on Thursday 7th December. Then the following week, on Friday 15th, Bledlow Ridge School come for their Carol Concert.

On Sunday 17th we will have our own *Carol Service at 6.00pm* with readings, poems and carols.

On Christmas Eve ( Sunday 24th ) we will have our traditional Crib Service at 5.00pm especially for the excited younger members of our village but loved by everyone .The Christmas story is simply retold and we sing the children's favourite Christmas songs.



Our Christmas Eucharist will be 10.00am on Christmas Day morning.

**Veronica and the churchwardens wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas and every blessing in the coming year.**



## Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council News

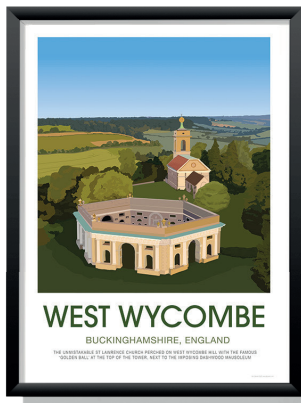
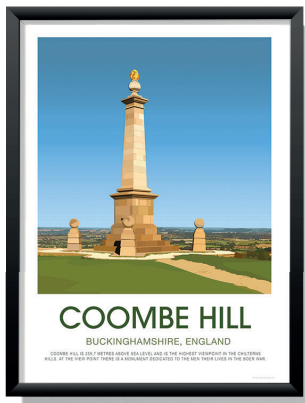
[www.bledlow-cum-saundertonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.bledlow-cum-saundertonparishcouncil.org.uk)

Please do visit our website where you can read the minutes of previous meetings and the agenda, which is published the week before each meeting. There is information on footpaths, parish maps, how the Parish Council works and a list of local clubs and organisations.

If you have any comments, queries or questions then please contact our clerk, Tracey Martin, on [clerk@bcspc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@bcspc.org.uk) or on 07843 975097. Please note that the clerk works part-time hours.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday 11th December 2023** starting at **7.30pm** at **Bledlow Ridge Village Hall**.

The Parish Council met on **Monday 13th November 2023** at **Bledlow Village Hall** - draft minutes of the meeting can be found on our website: [www.bledlow-cum-saundertonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.bledlow-cum-saundertonparishcouncil.org.uk)



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### 23/07420/CLE Druels Cottage Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge

Certificate of lawfulness for existing use to regularise building works to existing residential outbuilding

*PC Comment: Still to be decided and submitted under delegated authority*

### APP/K0425/D/23/3 Virginia Gardens Bledlow Ridge

Appeal against refusal of permission - Householder application for construction of rear extension and loft conversion to bungalow

*PC Comment: Stand by original objection*

## Planning Applications with Buckinghamshire Council Decision

### 23/06882/ADRC Bledlow Ridge Lawn Tennis Club Meadow Styles Playing Fields Chinnor Road

Application for approval of details subject to condition 6 (protection of trees) of planning ref: 23/05626/FUL

*Permit - detail Reserved by Condition*

### 22/07765/FUL 9 The Crest Bledlow Ridge

Demolition of existing single storey garage and erection of detached two storey 4-bed dwelling and associated car parking and new front steps

*Finally Disposed Of*

### 23/07518/ADRC OS Parcel 3343 Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge

Application for approval of details subject to Condition 7 (Revised P EA and Bio Net gains condition) of planning ref: 22/05741/FUL.

*Refuse detail Reserved by Condition*

### 23/07192/FUL Windrush Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge

Construction of replacement 4-bed detached dwelling)

*Application Permitted*



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## Bledlow Ridge Village Hall

The trustees are looking forward to seeing new and old members of Bledlow Ridge Village at our annual Carol concert on Wednesday 13th December at 7.30. West Wycombe Brass band and the school choir cannot fail to get you in that Christmas spirit (and of course there's mulled wine)

Our chairman Nick is also planning a revival of the Village New Year's Eve Party, which many villagers have happy memories of in the past. Tickets on sale £25 per head.

The AGM was held on 8th November, we all agreed that the hall is looking splendid with the upgrades in the last year. We were also delighted that the hall made a small profit of £127.

It was decided that there will not be any increase in our hire rates and look forward to welcoming all our community to various events, classes, clubs & parties in the Hall in the coming year. The resurfacing of the car park is our next large project in our improvement schedule.

## Friendship Club

### October Meeting:

Shelagh welcomed everyone then introduced Colin Oakes who was returning to give us another of his interesting talks. This time he told us about James Miranda Barry, a surgeon born at the end of the eighteenth century. He went to Edinburgh University then went on to work in Africa and other parts of the world. James was in fact the first woman doctor but at that time women were not allowed to practise medicine, so she changed her name and lived the rest of her life as a man to enable her to become a doctor.

### December Meeting:

Wednesday 20th December which will be our Christmas party.

### January Meeting:

Wednesday 24th at 2pm in the Village Hall when Dave and Deborah Rixon will show us the film they have made of the City of York.

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Several members enjoyed the Bucks Federation visit to Crocodiles of the World near Burford.

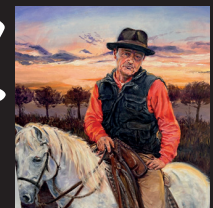
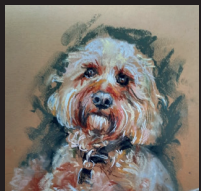
We had an excellent guide who described the life of two large alligators we were able to view, overlooking a very large, hot and watery enclosure. The Zoo has over 100 crocodiles, snakes, lizards, large tortoises and a Komodo dragon. The zoo is dedicated to crocodiles and their conservation as well as other endangered animals they keep there. It was the meerkats that kept us entertained though! We then went onto the extensive Burford Garden Centre for some retail therapy and lunch.

We held our Annual Meeting on 1st November where we were pleased to welcome two new Committee members for the coming year. The President thanked one retiring Committee member, as well as all those who had supported the running of the

WI and helped at various local events in the community over the past twelve months. The financial position was confirmed as sound by our Treasurer and overall, we had enjoyed a good year. The evening was rounded off with a tabletop sale and refreshments including a welcome glass!

Our 53rd Birthday Party is on the 6th December, 7pm for 7.30pm at the Village Hall. A Buffet Supper and in-house entertainment is on the menu, and we look forward to what is always a great social evening. As in past years we will be choosing a local need to support and details will be sent out before we meet.

We do not meet in January, so our next meeting is on February 7th 2024. In the meantime, we wish everyone an enjoyable Christmas and a Happy & Peaceful New Year!



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## Bledlow Ridge Horticultural Society

By the time you read this, we will have had our AGM and reviewed what has been a really successful year for the Hort Soc, with attendances up at meetings and the Supper, Plant Sale and Show all very well supported.

The Committee are all standing again ( if anyone is interested in joining us, you would be very welcome ), and have agreed that the Annual membership for 2024 will remain at just £10, which covers free entry to all 5 meetings, plus discounts on the Supper, Outings and Seed/plant orders from Dobies.

**Our website:** [www.bledlowridgehortsoc.org.uk](http://www.bledlowridgehortsoc.org.uk) shows what we've got planned for 2024 as well as reports on the last year's events and contact details for the Society. Apart from the free visit to Wisley in July, non-members are very welcome to all of these next year.....

So our first meeting in 2024, ( when tickets for the Supper will be available ), is the very welcome return of Timothy Walker, who is one of our most popular and knowledgeable speakers. Given his past visits to us, "Plants for Shade and Woodland" will no doubt be very informative and delivered in his own unique and entertaining way.

8pm Thursday 18 Jan -  
Timothy Walker  
"Plants for Shade & Woodland"

8pm Thursday 15 Feb -  
Katherine Wood  
"Winter's white gold"

7.30pm Sat 23 Mar -  
Annual Supper

8pm Thursday 18 April -  
Paul Green  
"Plants of the Season"

10am 19 May -  
Bring and Buy Plant Sale

Sat 11 Jun -  
Full day outing to gardens at  
Broughton Grange & Coton Manor

Tuesday 16 July -  
Free full day to RHS Wisley

2.30pm Sat 7 Sep -  
Annual Show

8pm Thursday 17 Oct -  
Gill Ferguson  
"Photographing Flowers & Gardens"

7.30pm Thursday 21 Nov -  
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**Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club**

It being winter, there's not much cricket going on at the club just now (!). Our outfield has been reseeded and thanks to everyone for staying off the area. It's tempting to play informal games like football on the outfield but doing so in a wet winter could undo the good work so we would appreciate your continued support.

As ever the club is on the lookout for new players for next season (indoor nets will start in February) and for anyone who would like to umpire or score a few games for us. We can be contacted via [www.bledlowridgecricketclub.co.uk](http://www.bledlowridgecricketclub.co.uk) or just email me on [j.rolfe444@btinternet.com](mailto:j.rolfe444@btinternet.com).

Meantime, a few notes on the history of the club, the ground and the "Ridge Bears", some of which has only become known in recent weeks.

Firstly, why "Ridge Bears"? Back in the mid 1990's, Ian Bailey (Bails), a player and

son of the Village Postmaster, was growing into a slightly chubby teenager. Because of this, he was christened the Ridge Bear by Simon Bird and the name stuck. A few years later, Russ Moran, a player and committee member, decided to produce a newsletter for the club. He chose to call it The Ridge Bear.

Around the year 2000 the club needed to recruit players and as part of this it was felt the club should re-brand. Another player, Henry Hale (Henners), chose the Ridge Bear. He borrowed a logo from the

Chicago Bears and added it to the club's first branded shirts and caps. Since then, it has become core to the club's identity and profile, culminating in the carving of the RidgeBear in 2021.

What about the ground itself? In August a good Friday evening crowd attended an event when Peter Malaure unveiled a new blue plaque on the pavilion, following research by former Chairman Mike Beattie. Peter is one of only a few people (or perhaps the only person) who remembers Reginald Johnston who gifted the ground in trust in 1954. The conveyance names the field as Meadow Stiles, which with the passage of time has become Meadow Styles. The large oak tree near the entrance to the field is thought to have been planted back in 1841. The previous ground was where Tudor Stud Farm now stands. Mr Johnston died in 1961 and is buried in Bledlow Ridge churchyard.

In addition to the blue plaque there is also a plaque inside the clubhouse which incorporates the Johnston coat of arms. This is probably that of Clan Johnston, thought to emanate from the southwest of Scotland from where a catholic branch fled to Ireland to escape the reformation.

Finally, when was cricket first played at Bledlow Ridge? Well, the original letterhead states "est 1919", however research a few years ago revealed some cricket was played in 1892 and this date has been adopted as our founding year. There is evidence however that a cricket team represented the Ridge in a match in 1831. Further research is needed and there may be more to report in future editions of Contact.

As a footnote should be said that "Bails" grew up to be extremely handsome and athletic. At least that is what he would have us believe!

## **Bledlow Ridge Tennis Club**

By the time you read this, the installation of floodlights should have completed on two of our courts. This is a huge step forward for the club as it means that we can offer much more court time, particularly for those who are at school or work during the week, and it means we can host league matches at home. The lights are LED and highly directional meaning there will be low energy consumption and minimal light spill. The lights will automatically turn off at 9.30pm to comply with our planning permission.

This is the culmination of eighteen months work including seeking planning permission, visiting other clubs' facilities, interviewing suppliers, and running a procurement exercise. The funding has been made possible by one of our members doing a sponsored run to raise money for us, and grants from Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council, The North-west Chilterns Community Board, Heart of Bucks, Bucks Tennis, and the Aylesbury and District League; not to mention the highly successful Auction of Promises.

We're also delighted to have launched club-branded kit – we now have shirts, shorts, caps, hoodies and skirts for sale marked with the tennis club logo, and the tennis club gets a cut of every sale. If you fancy one of these, just head to our website.

We've arranged two doubles coaching sessions with Sam Frost from JWT Coaching which are proving very popular. Rather than being focussed on technique, these will help our players with their positioning and tactics during matches. One of these is on a Monday evening – we're delighted to be able to immediately start using our floodlights.

# CHRISTMAS TREES

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We're always on the lookout for new members and would love to hear from anybody who would like to join, whether you just want to play tennis with your family, or join in with social tennis on a Sunday morning, or play in league matches, or have a workout with the ball machine.

There's something for everyone at the club – please visit our website at [www.bledlowridgetennis.co.uk](http://www.bledlowridgetennis.co.uk) to find out more.

Finally, we'd like to wish all the Contact magazine readers a lovely festive season.



### **Bledlow Ridge Primary School**

It is an exciting time at school with the build up to Christmas, the children have been practicing hard on their Christmas productions and all the children are looking forward to going to visit the local church in December to sing festive Christmas carols.

Year 6 are looking forward to a trip to Bletchley Park and there are lots of exciting trips planned for next year.

and is always a lovely event full of fun activities. The term will finish with children having Christmas parties in classrooms.

The Christmas Fayre is fast approaching – it will be on Friday 1st December 2-4pm -

### **Nature Notes**

**Spider gossamer tickled faces and clung to eyelashes, invisible until sunshine spun it into fine silver silk threads.**

Footpaths were crunchy with beech nut husks then washed clear by rain. Fungi thrived in the damp, tricky to identify but their names are fun - golden spindles, fairies' bonnets, amethyst deceiver. Sweet chestnut trees bristled with seed cases but after negotiating the prickles the nuts were disappointingly shrivelled. There

was an abundance of red berries: rowan, whitebeam, holly, hips and haws - a delight for our eyes and food for birds. Fieldfare flew in for winter, their 'chet-chet-chet' calls inviting you to look up. Redwing arrived overnight, their thin whistling calls floating down from dark skies.

Nature stars of 2023 - red admiral butterflies



# Bradenham

## Notes from St. Botolph's

Over the last month, the villagers of Bradenham have engaged in a lively photographic competition, taking photos of the village and surroundings with the theme of "THE SPIRIT OF BRADENHAM".

Able organized by Susan Nimms and Olivia Wooster, the result was 25 photos of stunning variety and beauty with the winner RAINBOW OVER ST. BOTOLPH'S taken by Andrew Kerlake. (This is the photo used on the Letter from Our Churches page). The organisers plan a calendar using all the photos, which will be available from various outlets including the churchwardens and West Wycombe Post Office. A proportion of the profits will go to help pay for repairs in the church.

The plastering should be finished by the time you read this. The church will need a thorough clean before we decorate it for Christmas. We are planning to clean and decorate on Saturday December 2nd. Help would be very welcome. We'll start at 10am and we would be very pleased to see anyone who is free to join us. Mince pies and mulled wine will be provided. Do come !

The National Trust has kindly given us a tree again; it arrives on December 1st. We are very grateful and will keep it up well in to January. It will be a cheery sight during dark days.

Our traditional Carol Service will be at 5pm on Christmas Eve, and we have a midnight service at 11.30pm to help us welcome in Christmas morning.

## Notes from Bradenham Parish Council 13th November

The parking situation in High Wycombe was discussed as there is little enforcement present. Cllr Etholen will take this up with parking enforcement officers.

Potholes in Rectory Lane: BCC had promised some years ago to fix the potholes once the flood and drainage problems had been sorted. The National Trust has done a lot of work with new run offs and clearing old ones on Bradenham Hill which has stopped Rectory Lane flooding. The large potholes on Rectory Lane now need to be repaired. The Clerk will send any correspondence with the Local Area Technician to BC Cllr. Adoh and report the issue on "Fix my street".

Quotes are being sought for the repair of the parish noticeboard. The condition of the hedges and footway on the A4010 between the Old Rectory and Avering Down Farm were discussed. The clerk will write to the landowner about the hedges whose responsibility this is. The footway has a dual use for cycling and walking and should be maintained by BCC to encourage walking and cycling.

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on **January 15th 2024**, starting at **7pm** in the **Cricket Club**.

*Clerk to the PCC Deidre Hansen.*



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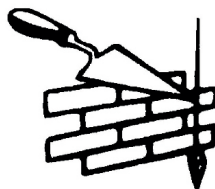
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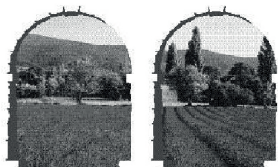
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# Piddington

## Piddington Horticultural Society

The quiz night on 13th October was well attended with 10 teams taking part. It was a very enjoyable evening with much whispering and discussion. The winners were HWH3 and a total of just over £417 was raised towards the next Seniors' Dinner.

We were also pleased to donate part of the raffle plus donations amounting to more than £110 to Rennie Groves Hospice Care in memory of Bill Hester

Thanks to Hilary for setting the questions and to everyone who helped to make the evening such a success.

Diary Date: There will be a "Christmas" Dinner for the Seniors living in the village in 2024. Once again, the dinner will be held in the Village Hall on Friday 26th January. Invitations will be distributed to those who have previously attended or anyone aged 65 and above in early January. If you have not received an invitation by 5th January and

think you are eligible, please contact Reta Stone on 01494 882796 or Ann Ferguson on 01494 882079. Owing to rising costs and the fact that our fundraising throughout the year does not cover the cost of the dinner, we regret that we will have to ask everyone who wishes to attend to pay a nominal £5 towards the cost of the meal. The decision to implement the charge was not taken lightly and we hope you understand the reason why we have had to make it. Details of how to pay will be included in the formal invitation when issued at the beginning of January.



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## Piddington Village Hall

Having hosted the Horticultural Society quiz night, we are gearing up for 3 major annual events in December as we enter the festive season; namely:

**Children's Christmas Party on Sunday 3 December at 3 pm.**

**Village Hall Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 5th December at 7 pm.**

**And the Carol Concert on Sunday 10th December from 6:30 pm.**

All of the events are open to the local community and as we come to the end of the 50th anniversary year of the Village Hall, it would be great to see as many people as possible.

### The Children's Christmas Party

Details of the forthcoming Children's Christmas Party are given below, and we aim to put on an enjoyable time for the younger members of the village, whilst making sure that those parents who accompany them are suitably fed and watered as well!

By the time that this edition of Contact Magazine reaches you we hope that most of the bookings and arrangements will have been completed, with the Hall fully decorated and exterior lights tested and ready to shine. However, if you have not yet registered a child and would like to, please contact Maureen.

### The 50th Anniversary Carol Concert

We will take the opportunity to mark the end of our 50th Anniversary year at the annual Carol Concert, where once again we will be delighted to welcome back The West Wycombe Brass Band who will lead us through a programme of carols and traditional music. Seasonal food and drink will be provided free of charge to all who come along to what is invariably a

**Piddington Children's**  
**Christmas Party**

Children aged 4-9 years are invited to enjoy some festive fun!

Entertainment from Simon Says and a visit from the one and only Father Christmas

Sun 3rd Dec 3pm - 5pm at the Village Hall

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fun evening, so come and join us from 6:30 pm on Sunday 10th December, with the music due to start at 7 pm. A good singing voice is not an essential requirement as experience suggests that a couple of glasses of mulled wine generally improves audience participation. It is a great evening!

## Annual General Meeting (AGM) at 7pm on Tuesday 5th December

All of the activities that take place in the Village Hall do so under the oversight of the Village Hall Committee, who are ably assisted by a number of helpers who give generously of their time to make sure that things run smoothly. It is thanks to all of those people that the Village Hall continues to operate on a sound financial footing and as part of the requirements laid out by the Charity Commission (CC), we hold an AGM at this time of year to report on the previous financial year prior to submitting an annual return to the CC by the end of January 2024. We also set out the likely programme of events for the forthcoming year and confirm the membership of the Village Hall Committee for the next year.

Sadly, one of our committee members passed away this year and we are currently one below the number of trustees that we need to fulfil the terms of our constitution. So whilst we are keen to recruit at least one more member to act as a trustee, we also need to attract some of the younger members of the village to join our number so that the demography of the village is more properly represented, particularly as the majority of our existing trustees are retired. There is so much more that the Village Hall could potentially host for the village, but we need an injection of more youthful energy and ideas, and additional pairs of hands to move things along.

So please come along to the AGM and share your views with us and consider joining the committee. It probably goes without saying that without a fully complemented committee, there is some risk to the future of the Village Hall which, although not an imminent risk, will become a matter of

increasing concern as time goes by and committee members step down. The roles are not onerous, the company is good and we only meet for a very sociable hour on eleven months of the year. So please consider joining us as we take the Village Hall forward into its second 50 years.

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# Radnage

## News From St Mary's Church

St. Mary the Virgin wishes you all a Very Blessed Christmas and New Year

*“Best of all, Christmas means a spirit of love, a time when the love of God and the love of our fellow men should prevail over all hatred and bitterness, a time when our thoughts and deeds and the spirit of our lives manifest the presence of God.”*

*George F. McDougall*

In November the church was well attended with the All Souls service and the village turned out in force for the Act of Remembrance at the Village War Memorial. We returned to the Royal British Legion and had a short memorable service. It is a joy be accompanied by Scouts from the youngest to the oldest and to know that they are learning alongside veterans and villagers to take part, and to remember.

We now have a cleaner in place for St. Mary's if you come across her in church please give her a warm welcome. Thank you to all who answered our advert.

The Ministry team are promoting the Advent Book by Martyn Percy – Advent Manifesto. You can read a review of this elsewhere in Contact. A study of the book will have already started by the time you read this but all are welcome to dip into any of the Thursdays which are on offer. Martyn Percy has spent a lot of his ministry in academic circles, but in this book he wears his learning lightly. The principle of “less is

more” applies here. In this series of daily reflections, Percy concentrates on drilling down into passages from the prophet Isaiah, and the beginning of St Luke's Gospel.

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*Dates for December are 5th Dec. 14th Dec. NB note change from 7th to 5th Dec.*

New flower arrangers. I know of one or two of you who have expressed an interest. If you would like to join the team led by Carole Wheeler please do contact her directly at [carol.wheeler1@gmail.com](mailto:carol.wheeler1@gmail.com)

Carole is always happy to help people learn and the team always produce beautiful displays for the church throughout the year.

Looking towards December and January, you will find below a reminder of the services and please also take note of the ones in January and February. We look forward to welcoming you all to our Christmas Services.

The Village Carol service promises to be a special event, with a Brass Band please support your local community.

The Crib Service always gathers in the families and young at heart to enjoy a happy afternoon in church.

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Christmas services  
this year will be.

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Carol Service in the Village Hall

24th December 3pm -  
Crib Service at St. Mary's Radnage

24th December 7pm -  
Carol Service at St. Mary's Radnage

25th December 10am -  
Christmas Day Family Eucharist at St.  
Mary's Radnage

**Look out for these services in 2024**

7th January – 10.00 am  
Eucharist Service led by Rev. Andi Chapman

11th February – 10.00am  
Next before Lent A Benefice Service led by  
**Bishop Alan Wilson at St. Pauls Bledlow  
Ridge.** It is many years since we have  
seen the Bishop in this Diocese so please  
support this service if you can.

**Get the dates in the diary now!**



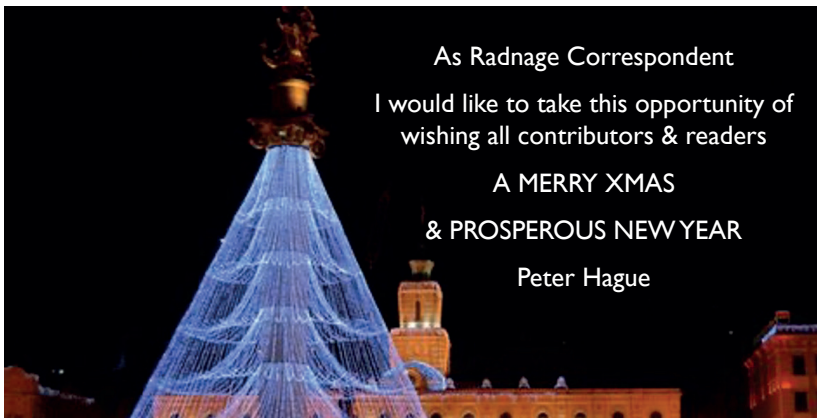
Christmas day bring the family and their newly opened presents to the Christmas day service where we celebrate the gift to us all of the Christ Child.

It seems a long way ahead until those little white heralds of Spring appear. Enjoy again the 'Snowdrop Teas' which will be held on **Sundays 4th and 11th February from 2-4pm.** The proceeds from both these days will be split between the charity Growing Hope and St. Mary's Church.

*[Growing Hope provides free therapy for children and young people with additional needs and their families, in partnership with local churches across the UK 'We have a vision to see 20 clinics set up by 2030']*

Look out for adverts on Facebook and Radnage websites.

St. Mary's is a place of exceptional beauty with a peace that is palpable. Please do visit and sit awhile in this church. Help yourself to drinks from our station in the Sanctuary (near the altar). Doggie treats also available.



As Radnage Correspondent

I would like to take this opportunity of  
wishing all contributors & readers

**A MERRY XMAS  
& PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

Peter Hague

**November - We held our AGM. Jane, our President, read out a report of our activities during the year. We elected our committee. The present committee agreed to stand again, and were elected en bloc.**

We are very grateful to them for giving up their time so that we can all enjoy our WI. If you are interested in joining the Committee, contact us at the email address below.

We also enjoyed – if that is the right expression – a fascinating talk given by funeral director James Burrett and Dee Taylor, one of our members, who is a civil celebrant. Although it seemed a sombre subject, it was illuminating and thought provoking.

### **December**

- Our Christmas meeting will be on Modern Jive. Tim and Tracy Mullett will give a brief dance demo followed by a beginners' level fun lesson to current pop or R&R music. We shall also be enjoying mince pies and mulled wine.

### **January**

- There will be a Fish Supper. A fund raising and social event to be held once again at Radnage's British Legion. Start time 7.30pm. £20 per person. Please contact Jane Wass and if you would like to bring any visitors/potential new members – they are very welcome.

### **February**

- Tom Way will be giving us a talk "Wild Life on your Doorstep". All the wonderful wildlife around us from deer to hedgehogs, and from owls to foxes. Tom will show us his wildlife images from the local area and describe the stories behind taking the images. He will also talk about our coastline and northern UK areas, with pictures of puffins and red squirrels.

*Further info. about any of our activities can be found at our website. [radnage.wil@outlook.com](mailto:radnage.wil@outlook.com)*

### **Other News:**

We have a regular walking group, led by Mavis Towell. 2 Walks a month, one short, one longer, finishing with lunch. Walks start at 10.30 am and should finish around 2.30pm. There is a £2 charge for non-members and everyone is very welcome. If you are interested in joining, please contact Mavis by email, [mavis.towell668@btinternet.com](mailto:mavis.towell668@btinternet.com). Please check beforehand in case of unforeseen circumstances.

- Our informal Supper Club is thriving; we aim to have them every 2 months. This is very popular, and a relaxing evening. If you would like to come, or host, please contact us on [radnage.wi@outlook.com](mailto:radnage.wi@outlook.com).

We have a Bring and Buy table to boost funds. Anything that you no longer have a use for, books, china, and general bric -a -brac, may be just what someone else is looking for.

### **You are very welcome to join us!**

We are always happy to welcome new members, so if you are new to the village, we would love to meet you. We are a thriving and active group, and our numbers are growing. We enjoy socialising, and there is always a cup of tea (sometimes wine!) and delicious cakes. We have interesting speakers, and there is always a lively discussion after the meeting. Come along to one of our meetings to see what we are like before you join! There is a nominal charge of £5.00 for non-members. Our meetings take place on the first Wednesday of the month, we meet in Radnage Village Hall. Please aim to arrive at 7.15 for a 7.30 start.



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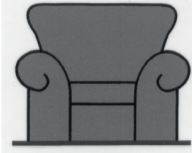
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**Winter Time** - Now that we have darker nights and falling temperatures please remember to take extra care when you are out and about, and to be aware of friends and neighbours who may find things a little harder at this time of year. We have a great rural community that is strengthened by care, understanding and compassion for each other, and for the special place in which we live.

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### Next Meeting of the Parish Council -

Our next meeting, the Ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held at 8pm on Thursday, January 11th 2024. Meetings are held in the Village Hall. You can contact the Council at [parish.clerk@radnage.net](mailto:parish.clerk@radnage.net) and information can be found via the website at [www.radnage.net](http://www.radnage.net)

Radnage Parish Council wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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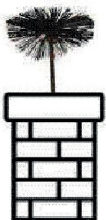
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Saturday 9th - Christmas Dinner  
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Sunday 31st - New Years Eve Party

### January 2024:-

Monday 1st - New Years Day Breakfast

### Radnage Toddler Club

As I write this there have been two sessions of the newly opened and very successful Radnage Toddler Club. This is held on Friday morning 10am – 12noon at Radnage Village Hall.

There are a very enthusiastic and welcoming group of parents, carers, grandparents and of course children. Please come along and enjoy all the wonderful toys and activities.

Thanks to Radnage Parish Council and the Radnage Poores Land Charity for supporting the restart.

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# Snowdrop Walk

Sunday 11th February

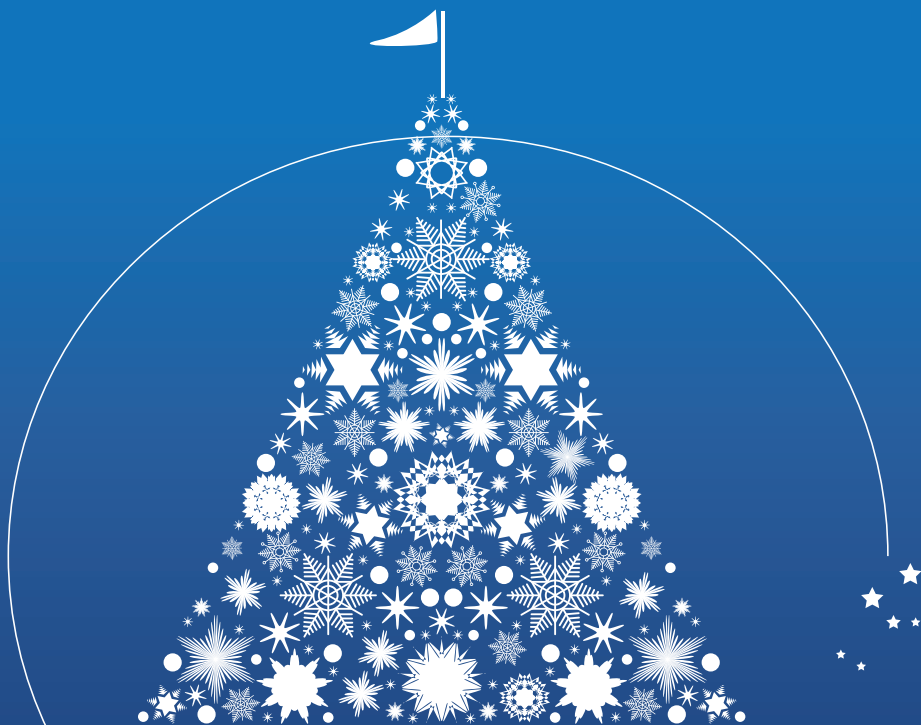
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**Thursday 7th Dec** 7-9pm  
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**Friday 8th Dec** - MND Carols

**Saturday 9th December 2-4pm**  
*Afternoon Cream tea and music from  
the HW Music Centre musicians*

**Sunday 10th December** - 4pm  
*Traditional Christmas Carol Concert*

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# West Wycombe

## News from St Paul's Church

It's difficult to believe as I write this that we are hurtling through November and that you will soon be reading **Contact** for December and January!



and British Red Cross. It was also lovely to see the individual small wooden crosses which have been left at the memorial - very much a community tribute.

And then in the afternoon a time of joyful music with the West Wycombe Chamber Choir presenting Songs of Praise with thirteen favourite hymns, traditional and



November is traditionally a season of Remembrance and there were several services and events to mark this really special time Our All Souls' service was taken by Revd Lucy Green who has lived at Radnage for many years. Lucy has always supported our Benefice churches and is currently completing her curacy training at St James church, Downley; it was so lovely to see her again. With hymns and readings, prayers, and candles lit in memory of loved ones, the service meant a lot to us all.

As Armistice Day fell on a Saturday this year, Revd Andi Chapman who is Station Chaplain at RAF High Wycombe kindly offered to lead our Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in St Lawrence churchyard. It was a beautifully clear morning, blue sky and sunshine - perfect. On Remembrance Sunday our traditional service took place at the Memorial with 40 attenders and wreaths laid by the church, Parish Council

modern. What a feast of music - and then another feast of tea and home made cakes, Thankyou so much to the Choir and to the amazing cake bakers!

Both these events also included a prayer for peace, at a time when the worldwide news reports such distressing accounts of those suffering in Gaza and Israel the Ukraine and other war-torn areas.

The Butterfly Crafts and Coffee event was very successful when - despite the dreadful weather on the day - many people arrived to see the stalls and purchase the lovely crafted items. Thankyou to Angie Wright



who donated the proceeds from the Fayre to church funds, an amazing £350 and we really appreciate her support.

Now we look towards Advent and all that it brings in preparing for the Christmas festival. The Advent house group has begun but you can join at any time, it's always great to see new faces. Full details of the Christmas services are elsewhere in Contact and please do note that we shall be holding our annual Carol Service in St Paul's on Sunday 10th December at 4.00pm and with Christmas trees all around! Our Christingle and Crib service will be held on Christmas Eve which will be very atmospheric and there will be a morning Christmas Eucharist service on Christmas morning. Full details of the services and any updates will be posted on noticeboards and on the West Wycombe Churches Facebook page.

We are getting very excited about the Festival of Christmas Trees at St Paul's

between Wednesday 6th and Sunday 10th December. This year's theme is "100 years of Disney" which is going to inspire amazing trees, Lyn Lee and her team are working very hard to make the Festival such fun! Do look at the posters for full details of the musical events also taking place there, including an informal Christmas Carols sing along on Friday afternoon, with requests taken for all your favourites! Refreshments will be available throughout the week with the star bakers poised for action!

This year has seen many happy church and community occasions but we know that for many, it has also been a sad one with illness, bereavement and other difficulties. Our extended church family and community are a source of great comfort and kindness at these times, Thankyou! All of us at West Wycombe churches wish everyone a Happy Christmas time and a peaceful New Year.

*Alison Rimmer, Church Warden*

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## News from your Parish Council

Everyone on the Parish Council would like to wish you and your family a Very Good Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

We hope that the weather is favourable for the Annual Festive Fayre on 6th December and a big thank you to the West Wycombe Events Team for organising this. From St Paul's Church with its Christmas Tree Festival and on through the High Street there will be something for everyone.

The Parish Council would also like to thank all the volunteers within our community who regularly pick up litter in the community. Sadly it is nearly always food and drink items which people seem to just drop or throw out of their car windows. Recently we have had a spate of Fly Tipping of animal related items in the Pedestal Playing Field Car Park – dog beds, pet cages etc – why do people not just take them to High Heavens?

Our usual annual plea is for everyone who has a hedge on their boundary with the pavement to make sure that the hedge is cut back to your boundary. This is the perfect time of year to undertake this work and there are several properties along the Chorley Road who do need to address this issue. A pavement should be clear and wide enough for a double buggy or a wheelchair to pass along easily. This guideline should also be taken into account when parking a vehicle on a pavement.

The Parish Council is currently working on the annual budget for 2024/2025. Our plan is not to increase the Precept, this is the amount of money that Buckinghamshire Council provides to parishes in order that they can undertake the work and provide

the facilities necessary for their community. We are very aware of the current financial constraints on everyone and do not want to add to that worry or burden on our residents. The West Wycombe precept form part of the Council Tax bill. You will also see Special Expenses for West Wycombe on our bills. This is nothing to do with the Parish Council; it is what Buckinghamshire Council charge all of us in this parish to look after St Lawrence Closed Churchyard – it is a strange quirk in law that when a churchyard is closed it is no longer maintained by the Church of England but is passed over to the local authority.

We are looking ahead as we have advised the Pageant Master that we would like to be one of the official beacons to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the D Day landings on 6th June next year.

This may well be my last article for Contact as the Parish Clerk; still too early to tell how we have progressed in the recruitment process. I have enjoyed my very interesting and varied time as a Parish Clerk over the last 28 years and I hope my replacement will find it as rewarding as I have.

### FixMyStreet

The Fix My Street website is there for you to report potholes, damaged kerb stones, broken signs etc. – please visit <https://fixmystreet.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>.

Please remember, to get the latest information on: Parish Council activities; social events; Bucks Council; Thames Valley Police; government legislation;

footpaths and many other things that may affect our community go to [www.westwycombeparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.westwycombeparishcouncil.gov.uk).

The Parish Council has a Facebook page .

The Clerk works part-time for the Parish Council; however, we are always happy to receive emails or messages on the answer machine and these will be replied to as quickly as possible.

*Sharon Henson, Clerk to the Parish Council*  
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	Evening	<b>West Wycombe Art Group</b> <a href="mailto:wwag.secretary@hotmail.com">wwag.secretary@hotmail.com</a>
Tuesday	Morning	<b>Available</b>
	Afternoon	<b>Available</b>
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	Afternoon	<b>Available</b>
	Evening	<b>Cycle club</b>
Thursday	Morning	<b>Available</b>
	Afternoon	<b>Available</b>
	Evening	<b>Masque Player</b> <a href="mailto:masqueplayers2022@gmail.com">masqueplayers2022@gmail.com</a> <b>Happy Hounds Dog Training</b> <a href="http://www.huntshappyhounds.co.uk/">www.huntshappyhounds.co.uk/</a>
Friday	Morning	<b>Available</b>
	Afternoon	<b>Available</b>
	Evening	<b>Available</b>
Sat.	Morning	<b>Available</b>
	Afternoon	<b>Available</b>
	Evening	<b>Available</b>
Sunday	Morning	<b>Available</b>
	Afternoon	<b>Available</b>
	Evening	<b>Yoga with Laila</b> <a href="mailto:Lailanippres2@gmail.com">Lailanippres2@gmail.com</a>
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## West Wycombe Chamber Choir

The choir has been busy rehearsing for their annual Christmas Concert on 9th December at St Lawrence's.

Our conductor, Barry, has missed taking a number of practices due to having a knee replacement operation. However, we have two very capable deputies, Liz Martin and Veronica Wayman, who have taken rehearsals between them and have done a wonderful job in preparing the music for the concert. We are all very grateful for their valuable work over these last few weeks. Barry has returned now and is gradually easing his way back and should be fit enough to conduct half of the concert. We are very excited to be back in St Lawrence for the Christmas Concert and welcome our special guests the West Wycombe Bellringers, Richard Lloyd pianist, Alison Rimmer reader, Sarah Hodgkinson solo/pianist and a surprise item!! Tickets are available for Adults £10 and Concessions £8 on the door, however a £1 discount per ticket if purchased in advance. See advert below.

On Remembrance Sunday, we performed a "Songs of Praise" at St Paul's Church in the village. It was an uplifting and enjoyable experience and we managed to get through 13 favourite hymns along with interviews from the people choosing them and a scintillating commentary from our resident MC Alison Wood. We thank Alison Rimmer and all her helpers from St Pauls for hosting the event and making us so welcome. Perhaps this will become an annual event!

How about trying something new for the New Year. Our Spring term starts on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 7.30 p.m. We meet in West Wycombe School, West Wycombe. No audition required and the first practice is FREE! Come and give us a try, you will be made most welcome. West Wycombe Chamber Choir & Special Guests.

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## News from West Wycombe Preschool

December and the run up to Christmas is always an exciting time at Preschool. We will be busy decorating the Preschool and making a variety of seasonal decorations and inevitably a bit of baking in there too.

This year we are looking forward to decorating our Christmas Tree for the Festive Fayre, as well as running a stall with lots of goodies and some Christmas activities too, all fun fundraising for the Preschool. This year we are going to attend a Christmas Play and are recruiting our children to become budding actors and singers, let the chaos commence!

Our finale for Christmas this year will be with the (weather permitting) arrival of our Father Christmas by Helicopter! Some very generous parents of the Preschool have

managed to organise this for us and we are all really looking forward to seeing the children's reactions when he arrives by air.

Moving into January we will be looking forward to a quieter month where we can focus on the children's interests and follow on from their experiences over the Christmas Break. This is a lovely time of year where we normally have a few more children join our group and add to the mixture of friendship groups.

*Jo Brooksfield, Manager*



### We now have a Clothing Bank in our driveway

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### West Wycombe Weather Station

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Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	8	24	20	15
Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>	9	25	5	21
Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>	0	23	45	26
Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup>	0	18	44	8
Oct 29 <sup>th</sup>	4	17	21	10

## News from West Wycombe School

We are looking for a community governor to join our governing board! It's an opportunity to support our school and the children in our community.

The governing board at West Wycombe provides strategic leadership and accountability, and has three key functions:

1. To oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent
2. To hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
3. To ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction

The governor role is strategic rather than operational. Governors don't get involved with the day to day running of the

school, instead they support and challenge the school's leadership team to drive improvement, championing the work the school does.

It's by no means essential but if you have experience of Health and Safety or facilities management it would be helpful.

The board meets around 8 times a year in person and virtually.

Interested? Email [office@WWGLT.co.uk](mailto:office@WWGLT.co.uk)

Ed Tang, Headteacher





## West Wycombe Village Festive Fayre

Wednesday 6th December 2023

5-9pm

West Wycombe Events Team have pleasure in announcing that the West Wycombe Festive Fayre is back on Wednesday 6th December 5-9pm!! Come and enjoy a delightful evening in the beautiful setting of West Wycombe village.

- Late night opening at all shops
- Artisan/craft stalls in various locations throughout the village
- Festival of Trees at St Paul's Church
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# Church Services

<b>Sunday 3 Dec - 10am</b> <i>Advent</i>	<b>Eucharist</b> <i>Reverend Anne Cooper</i>	St Mary's, Radnage	Isa 64.1-9 1 Cor 1.3-9 Mk 13.24-37
<b>Sunday 10 Dec</b> <i>Advent 2</i>	<b>Eucharist 10.30am</b> <i>Reverend Chris Bull</i>	St Paul's, West Wycombe	Isa 40.1-11 2 Pet 3.8-15 Mk 1.1-8
	<b>Carol Service 4pm</b> <i>Reverend Andi Chapman</i>	St Paul's, West Wycombe	
	<b>Carol Service 5pm</b> <i>Reverend Lucy Green</i>	Radnage Village Hall	
<b>Sunday 17 Dec</b> <i>Advent 2</i>	<b>Eucharist 11am</b> <i>Reverend Graham Watts</i>	St Botolph's, Bradenham	Isa 61.1-4,8-11 1 Thess 5.16-24 Jn 1.6-8,19-28
	<b>Carol Service 6pm</b> <i>Reverend Veronica Beaumont</i>	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	
<b>Sunday 24 Dec</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	<b>Crib &amp; Cringle Service 10.30am</b> <i>Worship Group</i>	St Paul's, West Wycombe	2 Sam 7.1-11,16 Rom 16.25-27 Lk 1.26-38
	<b>Crib Service 3.00pm</b> <i>Reverend Lucy Green</i>	St Mary's, Radnage	
	<b>Carol Service 5pm</b> <i>Reverend Ivor Cornish</i>	St Botolph's, Bradenham	
	<b>Nativity Service 5pm</b> <i>Reverend Veronica Beaumont</i>	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	
	<b>Carol Service 7pm</b> <i>Reverend Anne Cooper</i>	St Mary's, Radnage	
	<b>Midnight Mass 11.30pm</b> <i>Reverend Andi Chapman</i>	St Botolph's, Bradenham	
	<b>Monday 25 December</b> <i>Christmas Day</i>	<b>10am Christmas Day</b> <i>Reverend Anne Cooper</i>	
<b>10am Christmas Day</b> <i>Reverend Veronica Beaumont</i>	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge		
<b>10am Christmas Day</b> <i>Reverend Andi Chapman</i>	St Paul's, West Wycombe		
<b>Sunday 31 December</b> <i>Christmas I</i>	<b>10am Eucharist</b> <i>Reverend Veronica Beaumont</i>	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Isa 61.10-62.3 Gal 4.4-7 Lk 2.15-21



<b>Sunday 7 Jan - 10am</b> <i>Baptism of Christ</i>	<b>Eucharist</b> <i>Reverend Andi Chapman</i>	St Mary's, Radnage	Gen 1.1-5 Acts 19.1-7 Mk 1.4-11
<b>Sunday 14 Jan - 10.30am</b> <i>Epiphany 2</i>	<b>Eucharist</b> <i>Reverend Veronica Beaumont</i>	St Paul's, West Wycombe	1 Sam 3.1-10(11-20) Rev 5.1-10 Jn 1.43-51
<b>Sunday 21 Jan - 10am</b> <i>Epiphany 3</i>	<b>Eucharist</b> <i>Reverend Andi Chapman</i>	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Gen 14.17-20 Rev 19.6-10 Jn 2.1-11
<b>Sunday 28 Jan - 11am</b> <i>Epiphany 4</i>	<b>Eucharist</b> <i>Reverend Anne Cooper</i>	St Botolph's, Bradenham	Deut 18.15-20 Rev 12.1-5 Mk 1.21-28
<b>Sunday 4 Feb - 10am</b> <i>2 before Lent</i>	<b>Eucharist</b> <i>Deanery TBC</i>	St Mary's, Radnage	Prov 8.1.22-31 Cor 1.5-20 Jn 1.1-14
<b>Sunday 11 Feb - 10am</b> <i>Next before Lent Mk 9.2-9</i>	<b>Eucharist</b> <i>Bishop Alan Wilson</i>	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	1 2 Kings 2.1-12 2 Cor 4.3-6 Mk 9.2-9
<b>Wed. 14 Feb - 6.30pm</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<b>Eucharist with ashing</b> <i>Reverend Anne Cooper</i>	St Mary's, Radnage	Joel 2.1-2,12-17 2 Cor 5.20-6.10 Mt 6.1-6,16-21
<b>Sun. 18 Feb - 10.30am</b> <i>Lent 1</i>	<b>Eucharist</b> <i>TBC</i>	St Paul's, West Wycombe	Gen 9.8-17 1 Pet 3.18-22 Mk 1.9-15
<b>Sunday 25 Feb - 11am</b> <i>Lent 2</i>	<b>Eucharist</b> <i>TBC</i>	St Botolph's, Bradenham	Gen 17.1-7,15-16 Rom 4.13-25 Mk 8.31-38

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