

News and Notes

For Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock

December 2022 & January 2023

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Happy New Year

Although this issue of 'News and Notes' covers both December and January it is not the New Year which will start on the 1st January 2023 that I am celebrating, (how can it be 2023 already!), but the start of the New Year in the church's calendar

on 27 November, the first Sunday in Advent and the start of the new church year.

The word Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning arrival or coming; it is a season of expectation and preparation as we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ at Christmas. The Advent season comes at the darkest time of the year and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout Advent and Christmas as we light the candles on the Advent wreath to mark the weeks leading to Christmas when we celebrate the birth of Jesus and welcome him into our world.

For many of us, Advent can all too easily become a time of frantic running around, a time when the shopping and 'to do' lists seem to get ever longer and when it is hard not to succumb to the commercial pressures of Christmas. However, in the church calendar, Advent is a preparatory period of expectation, preparation and repentance as well as a joy-filled, anticipatory celebration.

We live in a world where the headlines seem to be of constant doom; a world where the cost-of-living crisis is causing great anxiety, where we hear daily reports of war in the Ukraine and of food poverty in Africa. It can feel that we are living in a very dark world!

But as we approach Christmas this year, let's try to look for the positives and the light in our communities. Let's try to celebrate the spirit of Christmas with love for one another, with looking out for our friends and our neighbours.

I am reminded of the sense of community support and cohesion that we experienced during that first 'lockdown' nearly three years ago; a time when we clapped for carers and when people, at a social distance, asked 'how are you?' on our daily walks and really seemed to mean it. In the difficult times that we find ourselves in I would like to think that this Christmas we can re-kindle some of that spirit and bring joy into the lives of those around us.

Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year!

The Revd Dr Ruth Howlett-Shipley Team Vicar, Chalke Valley Benefice

Community News



Band Concert Charlton All Saints

7.30 pm Tuesday 20 December

To mark the beginning of Christmas, Downton Band will hold the ever popular Band Concert in All Saints Church, Charlton All Saints.

The usual festive refreshments will be available.

Donations for the Women's Refuge of presents (new items) labelled boy, girl or lady will be most welcome.



Bodenham Carol singing

**Friday 23 December
at 7 pm**

Meet at Warmans,
and finish at The Old Post Office.

Followed by warming drinks and nibbles
at Bodenham House

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Candlelit Christmas at

**Britford Church
6.00pm, Friday 23 December**

**Carols & Candles
Mulled Wine & Mince Pies**

9.30am, Christmas Day

Parish Communion

Birth Announcement

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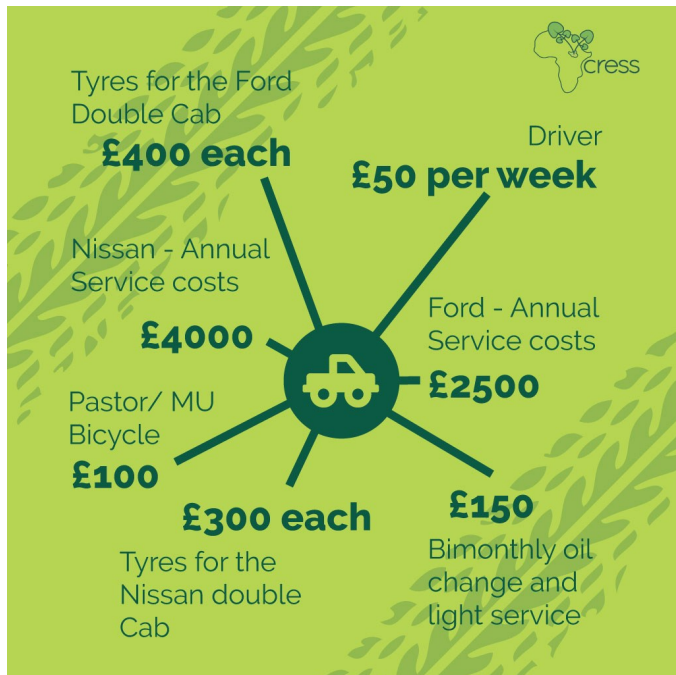
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Charity News

CRESS Christmas Appeal



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As you may know the area that the South Sudanese refugees from the Diocese of Liwolo settled in Uganda is very large. For connectivity and logistical reasons the head office of the Diocese is in the northern city of Arua. It takes just over an hour to reach Imvepi Refugee Settlement and about four hours to the clinic and bush settlements around Mijale.

With the increasing cost of fuel and rising inflation in Uganda making repairs, parts and tyres more expensive we have decided this needs to be our focus for our Christmas appeal - that is to keep the vehicles on the road to ensure support to all our projects - from Agriculture and Savings Groups to the Clinic and Health Outreach.

You can donate on our website <https://cressuk.org/donate/> or send any cheques to 'CRESS' at Knighton Manor, Broad Chalke, Salisbury, SP5 5EB.



WI News

ODSTOCK, NUNTON AND BODENHAM WI

The Queen's Green Canopy – Platinum Jubilee 2022



On a beautiful October day WI members and guests gathered in Nunton Football Field to celebrate the late Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee by planting a crab apple tree thus contributing to her legacy of 'The Queen's Green Canopy'.

A toast was raised to the Queen, who had been a member of the WI since 1943, followed by a convivial outdoor meeting with Coffee and Home-made Cake.

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Monthly meeting on Monday 14 November.

The President Hatty Hillier welcomed everyone, especially the new members. Information was given about the Subgroups which are still very successful, and the new Lunch Group which has got off to a good start, and will this month meet at the Radnor Arms, Nunton.

Members were asked to contribute Christmas presents towards the collection for Alabaré, and make donations to the Salisbury Food Bank

Feedback was given about the ACM meeting at Marlborough College on 17 October. This year's Christmas Lunch will be at the "Rose and Crown on Thursday, 8 December.

After coffee we were entertained by Raj Adgopul speaking about "The Emancipation of Women in India". Although this sounds like a very serious subject he made it extremely entertaining and amusing. Wearing a beautifully embroidered waistcoat, he related stories of his own experiences in both India and Britain. He told us just how different women's lives were in each country and how the traditions and cultures in India can make their lives so much tougher. When his Mother came to visit him here for the first time she couldn't believe the luxury and freedom that women have here in this country.

The next meeting will be our Christmas meeting on Monday, 12 December.

Radnor Hall Players

The Tale of Robin Hood

24 - 26 November 2022 in the Radnor Hall

The pantomime was a great success. There were four sold out shows from Thursday to Saturday including a very full matinee on Saturday afternoon with lots of children. Our thanks to all those who attended. We hope that you enjoyed it as much as the we enjoyed presenting it.

There was large cast aged from 8 to late from our local villages, who displayed (mostly) a wonderful grasp of acting, singing and dancing.

This was an excellent world premier Pantomime written by our very own Dr Alys Hunter and directed by Dr Nick Stanger, both of Nunton.

Huge thanks to all of the cast on and off the stage, as well as those many people who helped in the kitchen and front of house. However a particular thanks to Dr Nick and Dr Liz Stanger, who masterminded the whole event.

Below are a few photographs to give you a feel of the show.



A Band of merry men



Dr Alys Hunter who wrote the pantomime



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Radnor Hall Players



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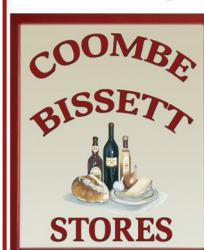
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Light Relief

Christmas card

Richard, my husband, and I had a hectic Christmas holiday schedule involving work, care of parents, driving of teenagers, shopping, and all the required doings of the season. Running out of time, I asked a local printer to simply print our name on our Christmas cards, to save me signing each one.

Soon we started getting cards from friends signed 'The Modest Morrisons', 'The Clever Clarks', and 'The Successful Smiths'. This baffled me until I looked again at our card. I had posted out a hundred cards neatly imprinted with 'Happy Holidays from the Rich Armstrong's'.

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The Holy Family

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?"

One child answered, "Mary."

The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?"

Another child ventured: "Verge?"

Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?"

He replied hesitantly: "Well, you know they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."

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Good home

After the christening of his baby brother in church, young Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That minister said he wanted us to be brought up in a good Christian home, but I want to stay with you guys."

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Lord's Prayer, updated

I had been teaching my three-year-old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, she would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word right up to the end of the prayer. Then she implored: "and lead us not into temptation but deliver us some e-mail."

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Visiting Father Christmas

A mother took her young daughter to visit Father Christmas in his grotto at the garden centre. He greeted the youngster merrily and asked: "And what would you like for Christmas?"

The little girl stared at him, open-mouthed with horror. "Didn't you get my email?!"

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Presents

December is the month when the children begin to discuss what to get Dad for Christmas. Some insist on getting him a shirt, others a pair of socks. But the argument always ends in a tie.

Courtesy of Parish Pump resources.

Church News

The Parishes of Britford, Charlton All Saints
and Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham

Christmas Services 2022

Sunday 18 December 9.30am - Family Communion
St Mary's Church, Odstock

Wednesday 21 December 6pm - Carols by Candlelight
St Andrew's Church, Nunton

Friday 23 December 5.30pm - Cowshed Nativity
Nunton Dairy Farm - check Nunton Farm Facebook page for updates
Limited parking, sorry, but no dogs due to cattle

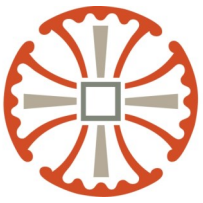
Saturday 24 December 9pm - Holy Communion
All Saint's Church, Charlton All Saints

Christmas Day - Sunday 25 December
9.30am - Parish Communion
St Peter's Church, Britford
11am - Family Communion
St Mary's Church, Odstock

You are very welcome to join us over the Christmas period!

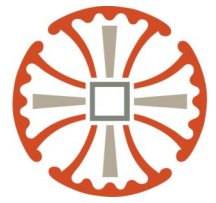
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Church Services

For Britford, Charlton All Saints,
Odstock and Nunton with Bodenham



December 2022 & January 2023

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Traditional Language), CW = Common Worship (Contemporary Language)

Please check the weekly e-Bulletin or e-N&N for all Benefice Services



4 December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service	Britford Odstock	Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor
11 December <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30am 11.00am	Family Communion Morning Prayer (BCP)	Nunton Charlton All Saints	Ruth H-S Rhoderick Voremberg
18 December <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	11.00am	Family Communion	Odstock	Ruth H-S
24 December <i>Christmas Eve</i>	9.00pm	Midnight Eucharist	Charlton All Saints	Ruth H-S
25 December <i>Christmas Day</i>	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Communion	Britford Odstock	Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S
1 January <i>2nd Sunday of Christmas</i>	11.00am	Benefice Communion	Alvediston	Catherine Blundell
8 January <i>Baptism of Christ</i>	10.00am	Benefice Communion Farewell to The Blundells	Broad Chalke	Rector & Team Vicars
15 January <i>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</i>	9.30am	Parish Communion	Odstock	Ruth H-S
22 January <i>3rd Sunday of Epiphany</i>	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service	Charlton All Saints Nunton	Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor
29 January <i>4th Sunday of Epiphany</i>	10.00am	Benefice Communion	Nunton	Ruth H-S


Church Services



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4 December 2nd Sunday of Advent	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Ruth H-S
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
11 December 3rd Sunday of Advent	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Kate Woolven
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhoderick Voremberg
	11.00am	Christingle Service	Alvediston	Biddy Trahair
	3.00pm	Advent Service	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair
18 December 4th Sunday of Advent	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Carol Service	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	6.00pm	Carol Service	Berwick St John	Kate Rosslyn Smith
24 December CHRISTMAS EVE	6.00pm	Carol Service	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	4.00pm	Carols round the Crib	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	5.00pm	Christingle Service	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
	6.00pm	Carol Service	Homington	Jenny Taylor
	10.00pm	Midnight Eucharist (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Ruth H-S
	10.00pm	Midnight Eucharist (CW)	Fifield Bavant	Catherine Blundell
25 December CHRISTMAS DAY 	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Homington	Jenny Taylor
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	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Ruth H-S
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
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22 January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	9.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Service Parish Communion (CW) Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BCP) Evening Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John Charlton All Saints Broad Chalke Nunton Bishopstone Alvediston Homington Bowerchalke	Kate Rosslyn Smith Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S Adrian Taylor Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S Rhoderick Voremberg Lay Led
29 January 4th Sunday of Epiphany	10.00am 10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW) Benefice Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke Nunton	Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S
5 February 3rd Sunday before Lent	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Service (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Morning Service	Broad Chalke Britford Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock Berwick St John Bishopstone	Ruth H-S Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor Lay Led Sally Leaver

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Police and Crime Commissioner



Wiltshire Police Crime Commissioner Update

Philip Wilkinson

Policing has been under the microscope in the last year and I don't see this scrutiny letting up any time soon – and neither should it.

The public want their police force to keep them safe, protect vulnerable people, put victims first, catch the criminals responsible, produce quality investigations and lock the bad ones up.

Wiltshire Police has had its fair share of criticism. It has received a poor PEEL inspection report and is currently in 'special measures'. I can reassure you progress is being made and my scrutiny of that performance is ongoing.

We have had some solid successes too. You told me road safety and speeding was a key concern. I have committed investment into the roads policing unit, increasing the number of officers and cars by 20%.

We also tripled the capacity of the speed enforcement team, with extra police staff and state-of-the-art cameras. With this joined up approach, there are more traffic officers on our streets and there has been an increase of 42% of the number of people caught speeding and given tickets.

There is still more to do but our roads will become safer as the deterrent of speeding tickets and prosecution starts to bite.

The rural crime team has also doubled since I committed investment in the team and in extra equipment. I was also pleased with the force's commitment to visit all victims of home burglary – let me know if this doesn't happen and I will act on your behalf to scrutinise that commitment.

We are also in the process of recruiting the next Chief Constable of Wiltshire Police and I hope to have them confirmed in post by mid January. We look forward to welcoming them to the county.

In the meantime, our current Chief will carry on implementing the improvements needed to satisfy HM Inspectors and provide stability so the force can continue making Wiltshire safer for all.

Please also make sure you take part in my survey, taking place in December and January, which will ask you about your confidence levels in Wiltshire Police and about the policing precept for 2023/24.

It is important we capture as many people's thoughts as possible and you will find this on my website from mid December.

As ever, I wish you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Philip Wilkinson

Local Christian charity Alabaré provides support and accommodation for people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless across Wiltshire and the South West. Last year they supported over 2,000 people and as winter approaches and with the rising financial pressures that tenants are facing, the charity is warning that many more people could be tipped into crisis and homelessness.



Through their Riverside Sanctuary service, Alabaré also provides help for people in Wiltshire who are struggling with their mental health and wellbeing. This confidential service, both telephone and face to face, is aimed at anyone needing support with their mental health. The charity is concerned that financial

worries and heightened overall anxiety will mean an increase in the number of people needing help and is determined to be there for all those needing support.

Information about how to access the vital support, housing, training and opportunities that Alabaré offers is available on their website

www.alabare.co.uk. Please pass on their details to anyone you know who needs support and encourage them to get in touch.

As a charity, Alabaré relies on the donations of all of us in these very challenging times . To find out ways that you can support them, please see the website www.alabare.co.uk or email Helen at supportercare@alabare.co.uk

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I am still looking for someone to takeover as Editor of News and Notes in the spring of 2023. If you would like to take on the management and editing of this fine magazine, please contact me in person or via JMetcalfe@gmx.com to discuss.

Thank you for your considerations.