

# News and Notes

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

December 2024 and January 2025

## From Darkness to Light



As the weather turns colder, and we have even had some snow, our thoughts start to turn towards Christmas. But before we leap straight to images of nativity scenes, Santa Claus and Christmas lunch we celebrate Advent.

It is easy to feel that we are living in a very dark world at the moment; the days continue to get shorter, news reports continue to be filled with reports of conflict, natural disasters, flooding and dire warnings about the impact of global warming. But Advent is a time of hope when we can see light shining in the darkness, when we look forward to the light of Christ coming into our world.

As we approach Christmas, in the carol 'O little town of Bethlehem' we sing 'yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight'. We read the famous verses from Isaiah 'the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined and we hear about the angels coming to the shepherds and glory shining all around. It all sounds very dramatic!

But what sort of light are we looking for? Are we looking for great lights and glory all around... or are we looking for something far simpler. Light can be powerful even when it is small.

On each Sunday of Advent we light the four advent candles on the advent wreath; four small lights leading to the lighting of the central candle to represent Jesus as the light of the world; the light in our darkness.

In Salisbury Cathedral Advent starts with the service of 'Darkness to Light'. At the beginning of the service the Cathedral is in total darkness and silence and then a single candle is lit in the West End of the Cathedral and a single voice sings out.

The light of that one candle is tiny and yet the light can be seen throughout the vast cathedral. That solo voice spreads to all corners of the cathedral. Something so small has a big impact. And then the impact grows! More candles are lit from that first candle, each one then lighting others until the whole cathedral is bathed in candlelight; all starting from that single candle. More voices join the lone voice, the choir first and then the whole congregation joining in; all starting from that lone voice.

Great things don't always begin in a dramatic way, they are not always accompanied by great fanfares and fireworks!

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The birth of Jesus, the incarnation of God in our world, started in the most inauspicious way... a tiny baby born to an unmarried woman who had to take lodging in a stable because there was no room at the inn. A child who would have to flee to Egypt as a refugee to escape persecution. Hardly the obvious setting for such a significant event but that tiny, helpless baby came to bring light to everyone and as the prologue to John's Gospel reminds us, 'the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it'.

The vision statement for all the churches in the Chalke Valley challenges us to be 'salt and light' to our communities. If we feel that our light is too small let's remember that the first candle in the cathedral seemed so small and the baby in the manger seemed so tiny. If we all work together to share and spread all our lights the effect can be something quite amazing!

*The Reverend Ruth Howlett-Shipley, Rector of the Chalke Valley Benefice*

## **From the Guest Editor,**

**I**t has been a great pleasure to produce this Christmas edition. In particular I have had fun exploring Artificial Intelligence. Many of you will now have access to this via your computers. It is amazing what it can do. Some of these articles and the back picture were generated using AI. Give it a try, but do not upload any private information.

I would like to pay tribute to our past editors. A huge thank you to Marelka & Jonny and Anna & Orpheus for editing N&N for the last two years. Their efforts have been invaluable in keeping our community connected and well informed. We wish them well in their new adventures.

We are delighted to welcome Liz and Nick Stanger, who will take over as editors in February 2025. Please support them by sharing your news and stories with them.

As we go to print, the Radnor Hall Players are rehearsing the pantomime. You really do not want to miss "Puss in Boots" - your support for this hugely amusing show is always appreciated. Tickets are still available.

Looking ahead, please see the Church events section for details of our Christmas activities - we hope to see you there!

Please read the article on the proposed new houses on the Britford field. Let's rally together to protect this cherished green space.

As Martin Simcock reminds us, friends are very important, and even more so at Christmas, perhaps we can all re-connect with our neighbours in some friendly way.

A big thank you to our advertisers, whose contributions make this magazine possible. I would particularly like to acknowledge and thank Speedy Print in Salisbury, who print this newsletter every month and who have sponsored our coloured pages for December.

Finally, please sign up to our email version of News and Notes, which always has much more news than we can add to this printed version.

Happy Christmas to you all and your families.

*Jeremy Metcalfe - Guest Editor*

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*Family Afternoon*

3.30pm Christingle

**Tuesday 10 Dec 7.30pm**

*Downton Band Concert*

★ *Celebrating Light in the Darkness* ★

# Community News

## Bodenham Carol singing

Monday 23 December at 6pm

Meet at Warmans and finish at the Old Post Office with some Christmas cheer. Contributions of food most welcome.

Contact Debby: 07865 724 607.

## Nunton Carol Singing

Wednesday 18 December at 6pm

Meet at the bus stop

Contact: Adrian Taylor

## Odstock Carol singing

Date to be confirmed

Meet at Cross Roads

Contact: Mary Boydcamps

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## Downton Band Christmas Concert

7.30pm Tuesday 10 December 2024,  
All Saints Church, Charlton  
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## Britford Celebrations

6pm Friday 20 December 2024

Carols and Candles,  
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5.30 – 7.00pm

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## Advent

We are approaching Advent, a time of preparation for the yearly remembrance of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To help in this time of waiting and busyness you are invited to a short course of contemplation and exploration at Nunton Vicarage on Mondays 2nd, 9th and 16th December from 3.30-5pm.

Please let Maggie ([revmaggie@gmail.com](mailto:revmaggie@gmail.com)) know if you would like to come.



# Community Matters

## THERE IS A DASTARDLY PLAN AFOOT

There is a dastardly plan afoot to build 230 houses on a very important piece of land which you've probably never even noticed. It is a field you pass every time you are on your way into Salisbury. You will not notice it because suddenly the spire is in front of you – our wonderful spire, set against a lovely countryside foreground, heralding everything which is beautiful and special about our city. It is this field which quietly does the work of show-casing it – rather than obscuring it.

This one field is the rural gate-keeper of Britford, a conservation village under which (protected by an Area of Archaeological Potential) lies an Anglo-Saxon Royal Manor with Minster church and large Anglo Saxon settlement. This heritage village, a unique and picturesque survival on the water meadows remains a village – not a suburb – because of this one field.

It soaks up huge amounts of rainfall and run off from the development further up the hill, and helps to keep the existing houses along the water meadows from flooding even more badly than they did last year. It seems unthinkable that our authorities would even consider allowing the slopes just above the water-meadows to be covered in concrete and tarmac.

Yes, the field is a multi-tasker, also protecting in total FIVE designated or special areas; keeping them separate, safe and able to be appreciated with an appropriate green foreground. This *matters*, not just to us, but to future generations.

- 1 Conservation area of the Salisbury water-meadows borders the field to the North
- 2 A site of special scientific interest also lies along its northern side
- 3 The conservation area of Britford is immediately to the East
- 4 A wide Area of Archaeological Potential lies to the East
- 5 The famous views across the fields to the spire from the South-East.

And this is all before we even start to consider the increase in traffic at the Harnham gyratory (?300+ more cars in and out every day) and where will these approx. 1000 new people find a doctor and a dentist – the obvious problems of a failing infrastructure.

It is a really silly idea to build here. Yet the unthinkable just keeps on happening - UNLESS WE STOP IT. Please tell those whose job it should be to protect it why these things matter. It will happen unless people raise their voices, appropriately and individually.

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Thank you, Annabel Lawson

# Community News

## ***Puss in Boots***

**28 - 30 November 2024 in the Radnor Hall**

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, the Radnor Hall Players are clawing their way through final rehearsals, bringing the purr-fect mix of chaos, comedy, and adventure to life with their pantomime spectacular, 'Puss in Boots'. The stage is set (mostly—it only wobbles a 'little'), the costumes are glittering (or at least held together with a lot of hope and safety pins), and our star, the dashing Puss, is stretching his whiskers, polishing his boots, and practicing his swashbuckling. But beware the 'killer rabbits'.

All that's missing now is 'you'! Yes, you, the most important star of the show (from your seat, naturally). There are still a few tickets left for Thursday evening and both of Saturday's shows, so grab them quick.

This laugh-out-loud production promises something for everyone—whether you're cheering for Puss, booing the villain, or joining in with a resounding "He's behind you!" There will be swashbuckling adventures, hare-brained antics, and enough silliness to make even the grumpiest bunny crack a smile. For those who can't make it, never fear! There will be a review and photos uploaded to the e-Version by the end of the week. Check out the website for all the latest news, or join the mailing list to stay in the loop.

So dust off your boos, and cheers, and come along for a night of adventure, laughter, and some seriously stylish footwear. The Radnor Hall Players can't wait to welcome you - it's going to be 'pawsome' evening.

Now, where's that ticket office? It's behind you! (No, really, it is [JMetcalfe@gmx.com](mailto:JMetcalfe@gmx.com)).

## **Odstock Church - Thank you**

**A** great big thank you to the kind, but anonymous person, who has trimmed the hedge and tidied the car park by St Mary's Church, Odstock. I have asked a few people, but no one is saying who you are. I am very grateful to you, it makes the churchyard look so welcoming.

*Mary Boydcamps - Churchwarden*

## **Share something with your neighbour**

**D**o you know your neighbour? When did you last see them? Village life is great fun but many people find it difficult to get out and meet others. Dark nights and icy roads make this even harder. Loneliness can be devastating especially at this time of year when so many people have families and friends to visit. Do consider calling round to your neighbours, perhaps with a mince pie, a Christmas card or an invitation to the Carol Service.....At the very least you will be a cheerful face which might make all the difference to someone living near you, and you never know, you might make new friends!

# From the Archive

## Christmas Cake Recipe!!!

### Baking Ingredients and two bottles of good wine

Sample the wine to check quality. Take a large bowl, check the wine again. To be sure it is of the highest quality, pour one level cup and drink. Repeat. Turn on the electric mixer.

Beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one teaspoon of sugar. Beat again. At this point it's best to make sure the wine is still OK.

Try another cup... Just in case. Turn off the mixerer thingy. Break two eggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruit.

Pick the sticky fruit up off floor. Mix on the turner. If the fried druit gets stuck in the beaterers just pry it loose with a drewscraver. Sample the wine to check for tonsisticity.

Next, sift two cups of salt, or something. Check the wine.

Now shift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one table. Add a sugar spoon, or somefink. Whatever you can find.

Greash the oven. Turn the cake tin 360 degrees and try not to fall over.

Don't forget to beat off the turner. Finally, throw the bowl through the window. Finish the wine and wipe counter with the cat.

Go to Smalisbury and buy a cake.

### Bingle Jells and a Mery Verry Christmas



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## Steve Sainsbury



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### **What does your day look like? And why have you stuck it out for so long?**

My day starts at 4am when I go in for early sorting (this helps pay for my wife's nail addiction!!). From 7.30am I'll throw my delivery off and be out of the office by 9.30am. I finish work around 3pm but on two days I do a collection until 6pm. They're long days!!

I love my delivery and won't be going anywhere soon (that'll please my four legged friends). A few years back I was offered a management position but said no as I enjoy being outdoors and meeting people.

### **You once delivered a package to our house that had only our first name initials and 'Odstock Road' as the address. Thank goodness you figured it out because it was brownies! I regularly hear tales like this, your ability to decipher addresses. Can you tell us about another one?**

One a long time ago that nearly stumped me was a "*John and Wife recently retired, Odstock*". In my head I went round the whole village and tried Mr Ayles at 230 Odstock...I was right!

### **Come on, spill the beans, what's happened that's been a bit embarrassing?**

Once I went to a house in Odstock to deliver a packet and couldn't get an answer. So I went around the back to see if anyone was in to be greeted with the sight of the gentleman washing up with just his birthday suit on. I quickly made my escape and no, it wasn't Decky!

### **What's your proudest moment?**

My proudest moment was in Homington when I went to a house to deliver on a very cold day, I heard a lady calling. Well I went round the back of the house to find her lying in the garden. I put my jacket over her and ran down the road to where I knew a doctor lived. The lady was taken to hospital with a broken hip and hypothermia. The doctor later told me I probably saved her life.

*On behalf of us all in Odstock and Nunton, we would like to thank you for your continued service to us.*

# Focus on Food

This edition takes us through into 2025 as we lament the departure of Jonny, Marelka, Orpheus and Anna, but anticipate with bated breath, the arrival of the new driving force behind this monthly missive. A heartfelt thanks to all four of them and congratulations on their achievements.

For myself, I have just entered my eighth decade, also quite an achievement and celebrated by a bunch of chums, gathered to mark the occasion. My top tip for happiness should my children ask, which of course they don't, would be to surround yourselves with excellent people and hug them often in the hope that some of their excellence will rub off on you. It's worked for me for seventy years, I'm sure the habit will last me out.

We're nearly at the end of our wedding season, having catered between one and three weddings every week since April, so having fed over 9000 guests the food of their choice over that period, it was very enjoyable to be able to choose a menu for the above gathering, that I wanted to share with my friends, venison carpaccio with English truffle, Poole bay oysters, squid with black rice and Romesco sauce, game bird casserole, buttery, creamy mashed potatoes, sauteed winter greens and a lemon tart from the River Café cookbook. I mention that just to cover the food content in this month's offering.

A few weeks ago, I spent a few days down in Pembrokeshire with The Class of '73, the 51st annual gathering of school mates from Ellesmere Port Grammar School. There are about 15 of us left and all excellent people, well chosen all those decades ago. And still the same, in every minute detail, their sense of humour and particularly the pecking order. It's quite extraordinary how individuals just fundamentally don't change, I think it's encouraging to see them as better, stronger versions of themselves, honed over the years.

Back in those school days, particularly the new adventure of secondary school, you kind of did choose your friends. I remember on several occasions saying to myself, 'I want to be friends with that person or that group of people', and then making a Bee line for them and inveigling my way into their gang.

Of course, it's fascinating to see what these friends go off and achieve, entrepreneur, business owner, teacher, archaeologist, expert in the history of tin mining, Buddhist monk, playwright, sculptor, thatcher, photographer, fine artist, designer, antique dealer, stylist, journalist, several musicians and a professor of Medieval Architecture. That's a whole host of skills to call on when you might be wondering which direction your life is heading, or when your child asks your advice on their future career (they don't).

So yes, my top tip to anyone who'll listen, is focus on friends, hunt them down if you have to, nurture them and hug them often, you'll be eternally grateful for what does rub off.

*Martin Simcock, Bread and Flowers*





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# WI Report

On 11 November 2024 members met at the Radnor Hall. Regular group activities and County events were updated. Members were asked to continue knitting hats and blankets for the Hospital's Baby Unit. Raffle prizes were requested in aid of The Blood Runners for next month's meeting. Items for the Alabare Christmas need to be brought to the December meeting.

Various NFWI information was available. Thinking Differently is a guide to understanding Autistic and ADHD in women and girls. The 2024/2025 resolutions shortlist and progress on the Dental Health Matters resolution was discussed.

Mary Boydcamps reported back on an entertaining lecture by Jean Heard on Royal Mistresses.

A two minutes silence was held at 11.00 am.

Our speaker was Rosemary Legrand. Her lecture was entitled South African Flora. She began by playing the stirring South African National Anthem. Rosemary went on a three week tour taking wonderful photographs. The colours and formations of the various plants were amazing particularly the Protea, South Africa's national flower. She visited many National Parks and Gardens including Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens on the eastern slopes of Table Mountain. The design of the treetop walkway is based on a snake's skeleton.

Rosemary saw sand rock paintings that had only been discovered in the 70s. She went on safari and whale watching. She also visited Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned. Mandela set up a garden in the courtyard of the prison where he grew tomatoes and vegetables. It was also where he buried completed pages of his manuscript to hide them from the prison authorities.

Rosemary's wonderful photographs transported us to the sunshine and beauty of South Africa on a November morning in England.

Our next meeting will on 9 December will be a Festive Meeting with Sarah Gray on The History of Pantomime.

*Lesley Meader*

## **CREATIVITEA**

Thursday 19 December 2024 and 16 January 2025

From 2 - 4pm

Community Room, The Orchard, Nunton

As the Barker Room has yet to be completed, we will continue to enjoy the hospitality of the Orchard Community Room until further notice.

Join us for tea, cake and a chat and even some craft work in the Community Room for a Creative Tea!

Bring your ideas on how we can be more creative.

**Reminder: The Scout post's last posting date is 2nd December, see e-version for details.**

# Light Relief

**What time was Adam born?** A little before Eve!

**Who was the best comedian in the Bible?** Samson—he brought the house down!

**How does Moses make his coffee?** Hebrews it!

**What's a priest's favourite board game?** Holy Pursuit!

**What car did the disciples drive?** A Honda—because they were all in one Accord!

**Why did Noah have to punish the chickens on the Ark?** Because they were using *fowl* language!

**What did Jonah's family say when he told them about what happened?** “Hmm, sounds fishy!”

**Why did Moses cross the Red Sea?** To get to the other side!

**Why was the computer cold in the church office?** Because it left its Windows open!

**What's a missionary's favourite type of music?** Soul!

**What do you call a priest on a trampoline?** A spring in the Lord!

**Why do we tell actors to "break a leg"?** Because every play has a cast!

**What did the wise men say after they offered their gifts of gold and frankincense?** “Wait, there's myrrh!”

**Why was the snowman looking through the carrots?** He was picking his nose!

**How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizza?** Deep-pan, crisp, and even!

**What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa?** A rebel without a Claus!

**Why did Mary and Joseph join the PTA?** They heard it was a stable environment!

**Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?** A mince spy!

**What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?** Tinselitis!

**Why did Santa's helper see the doctor?** Because he had *low elf-esteem*!

**Why did the Christmas tree go to the barber?** It needed a trim!

*Courtesy of Chat GPT*

# News from the Pews

## From Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham, and now with Charlton All Saints

As the new Churchwarden at Charlton All Saints, I'm delighted to be included in News from the Pews.

In November, Charlton's main event was the annual *Bonfire Bash*, held at the newly refurbished Charlton Barn and the neighbouring field - thanks to Howard & Megan Taylor and Will Dickson for welcoming us. The bonfire and splendid fireworks were overseen by Stu Carter, followed by hotdogs and drinks from the bar - and of course a raffle. Very many thanks to everyone on the organising team, particularly Adrian Bright our incoming leader and Graham Barrett, our outgoing organiser – it's a lot of work, but very well worth it.

Visitors to All Saints' from August onwards may have noticed our *Saintly Produce* stand. Any villager with spare garden produce or eggs brought them to the back of the Church, where they were available for anyone else to take, in return for a donation. We had beans, courgettes, carrots, parsley, raspberries, apples, butternut squash, pumpkins and eggs, and raised £180! Thank you, Charlton!

We are looking forward to the first ***Christmas Tree Festival*** at All Saints' from 6-10 December. Anyone is welcome to book a slot (£10) to exhibit their own tree or display to highlight their family, charity, cause or interest group. There will be a Drinks Reception Fundraiser on Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, Family Day on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>, Christingle on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> and finally the annual Downton Band Concert on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>. Please see our advert in N&N and watch out for posters and leaflets.

Back by popular request is the *Informal Scratch Nativity* on Christmas Eve at 4pm for 30 mins. This is an opportunity for families of all ages to dress up as a character from the Nativity and come along to the Church for a re-creation of the Nativity scene. Bring your favourite cuddly toy to the crib-side.

And on Christmas Day we have *Christmas Communion* at 9.30am led by the Revd Maggie Metcalfe and nicely timed so we can get home for presents and turkey!

Charlton seems to be buzzing these days. Over the road in Odstock and Nunton, we will be having carol singing around the villages and a carol service at St Andrew's Nunton on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5.30pm. Our Christmas day service will be at 11am at St Mary's Odstock.

As you know, we celebrate Christmas for 12 days and usually take down our decorations on 6<sup>th</sup> January, the day that celebrates the arrival of the Magi bringing gifts. In some countries this is the time for present giving rather than Christmas day itself. In days gone by, the Christmas season would be for 40 days and would last until February 2<sup>nd</sup> and so some churches may enjoy their decorations until then – brightening up the gloomy days of January.

As ever, we will be holding Creativitea on December 19<sup>th</sup> and January 16<sup>th</sup>. As the Barker Room has yet to be completed, we will continue to enjoy the hospitality of the Orchard Community Room until further notice.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and New Year,  
*Clare Penny, Mary Boydcamps and Stephanie Elcock*  
Churchwardens of Charlton All Saints, Odstock and Nunton

# Christmas Services

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

Christmas Services 2024

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 6pm - Carols by Candlelight**

St Peter's Church, Britford

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 9.30am - Parish Communion**

All Saint's Church, Charlton All Saints

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 5.30pm - Carols by Candlelight**

St Andrew's Church, Nunton

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 4pm - Scratch Nativity**

All Saint's Church, Charlton All Saints

**Christmas Day - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**9.30am - Parish Communion**

All Saint's Church, Charlton All Saints

**11am - Family Communion**

St Mary's Church, Odstock

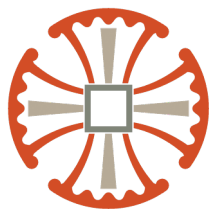
You are very welcome to join us over the Christmas Period!

See e-News and Notes for all the services in our Benefice

## Clergy Team:

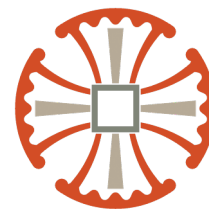
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# Church Services

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



## December 2024 and January 2025

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

<b>1 December</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b> <b>of Advent</b>	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service	Britford Odstock	Ruth H-S Adrian Taylor
<b>8 December</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> <b>of Advent</b>	9.30am 1100am	Family Communion Morning Prayer	Nunton Charlton All Saints	Maggie Metcalfe Rhoddy Voremberg
<b>15 December</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b> <b>of Advent</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion	Odstock	Ruth H-S
<b>20 December</b>	6.00pm	Carol Service	Britford	Ruth H-S
<b>22 December</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>of Advent</b>	9.30am 5.30pm	Parish Communion Carol Service	Charlton All Saints Nunton	Ruth H-S Ruth H-S & Maggie Metcalfe
<b>24 December</b> <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	4.00pm	Scratch Nativity	Charlton All Saints	Ruth H-S
<b>25 December</b> <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	09.30am 1100am	Parish Communion Family Communion	Charlton All Saints Odstock	Maggie Metcalfe Ruth H-S
<b>29 December</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b> <b>of Christmas</b>	1000am	Benefice Communion	Britford	Ruth H-S
<b>5 January</b> <b>THE EPIPHANY</b>	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service	Britford Odstock	Maggie Metcalfe Adrian Taylor
<b>12 January</b> <b>Baptism</b> <b>of Christ</b>	9.30am 1100am	Family Communion Morning Prayer	Nunton Charlton All Saints	Alison Waterhouse Rhoddy Voremberg
<b>19 January</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> <b>of Epiphany</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion	Odstock	Maggie Metcalfe
<b>26 January</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b> <b>of Epiphany</b>	9.30am 1100am	Parish Communion Family Service	Charlton All Saints Nunton	Ruth H-S Adrian Taylor
<b>2 February</b> <b>CANDLEMAS</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion	Britford	Jenny Taylor



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A very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year  
to all our readers and advertisers.