

PARISH NEWS

OF THE UPPER WYLYE VALLEY

DECEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026

Darkness into light?

Advent is here and Christmas comes shortly. To add to our joy this year, we have a new Rector and Team Vicar. Revds Mike Duff and Tim Ling were welcomed warmly by a full congregation at their Licensing Service of ceremony, tradition, hope and joy in St John's Church in Sutton Veny on the 16th November. It was led by the Bishop of Salisbury.

New Birth; welcome!
New Ministry; welcome!
New Year; welcome!



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EDITORIAL

You may have noticed in the November edition that the back page was full of adverts, this was because we had so much content. I did mention sometime ago that we requested contributors to keep their articles to 400 words. In rare cases and usually when I receive a request from the contributor I will allow for longer articles. Please can I reiterate the 400-word limit. We're able to publish because we have so many paid adverts. Equally, we also get many requests from the villages for an event that is happening and, in most instances, we are able to accommodate these free adverts, but please do not be offended if we put your words into a box, or even a couple of lines.

Someone once asked me why I did not précis an article if it is too long. Having taught the art of précis for many years, I found that in those instances the writer's voice is lost. *RC Editor*

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UPPER WYLYE VALLEY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS

At the November breakfast Lt Gen (Rtd) James Bashall, a past National President of the Royal British Legion, spoke about the origins of the RBL as well as the important work it has done and continues to do, not only in providing welfare support but also in leading the nation in remembrance as well as holding the government's feet to the fire on important issues affecting service personnel. He painted an upbeat picture of a charity that remains relevant to current generations today. Breakfasters were moved to donate approximately £230 his nominated charity, 'Lean on Me', a project under the Always a Rifleman Programme, which delivers support in the first few hours of an emerging crisis and paves the way to wellness.

At the next breakfast, on Monday 1st December, breakfasters will hear from Sally Johnson, Wiltshire Council Public Health Strategist, who has been the driving force behind the rolling out across Wiltshire Council, and other organisations in the county involved in public service, an innovative programme called Five to Thrive (FiTT). FiTT employs understanding the latest brain science to improve human connections through managing emotions, promoting wellbeing, supporting recovery from trauma and building resilient and compassionate individuals and communities.

On Monday 5th January the speaker comes from in-house. Nicholas Walters, who previously gave breakfasters some fascinating insight into the steel industry, returns to talk about a remarkable man, Sir Archibald McIndoe. He is most well known for employing his skills as a plastic surgeon to improve the treatment and rehabilitation of badly burned aircrew during WW2. His patients formed 'The

Guinea Pig Club', which had membership of over 650 by the end of the war. He later went on to employ these and other medical skills as a co-founder of the African Medical & Research Foundation (AMREF) Flying Doctors, which operated across East Africa.

The breakfasts take place at The George Inn, Longbridge Deverill beginning at 8.15am. The cost is £15, of which £2 will go towards the charity of the speaker's choice. Please note, this is not a club, but is open to all. Just contact the organisers via email (uwvmfb@gmail.com), before the preceding Friday at the latest, if you'd like to attend.



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MINISTRY LETTER

GOOD THINGS AHEAD

May I begin by saying how delighted Rachel and I and Tim and Ros are to be joining you to share life and worship in the Upper Wyllye Valley Team. Thank you for all your hard work over the last three years and for your warm welcome at the Licensing service.

This Autumn has been a season of many changes for Rachel and me. We have each left satisfying jobs, wonderful work colleagues, friends and neighbours, a lovely home and garden - and indeed the last of the grapes on our pergola! It has been hard to let go - but we are trusting the Lord that in time we'll find that they are just as wonderful here. Those of you who have recently moved will identify with us - hoping past losses will be outweighed by the promise of the future.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John's Gospel, chapter 1,

verses 9-14 RH

And for many of us, November has been a time of remembrance - of grieving those we have lost: whether colleagues, friends or family serving in the armed forces, or those dear to us whom All Souls has brought to mind. In the church calendar All Souls immediately leads on to All Saints Day - and there are two very special saints on my mind. The first, of course, is my father, Revd Ian Duff - as I start leading a ministry team of which he was once a team vicar. And the recent death of Revd Diana Hammond, with whom he served, has been a great sadness to us all. Our thoughts remain with Roger, and with the home group she continued to lead so well. But as St Paul powerfully wrote: We do not grieve as those without hope.

For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him (1 Thess 4:13-14). For Christ is Lord of All - in life and death, and to all eternity beyond.

That is the Gospel of Jesus which generations have treasured in this valley -

and which Tim and I are privileged to share with you in this new season. So Remembrance gives way to Advent and the glorious story of Christmas - that Jesus came to bring his good news to us all. We look forward to meeting you all at Carol Services across the benefice in the weeks ahead as we share his joy together

Mike Duff

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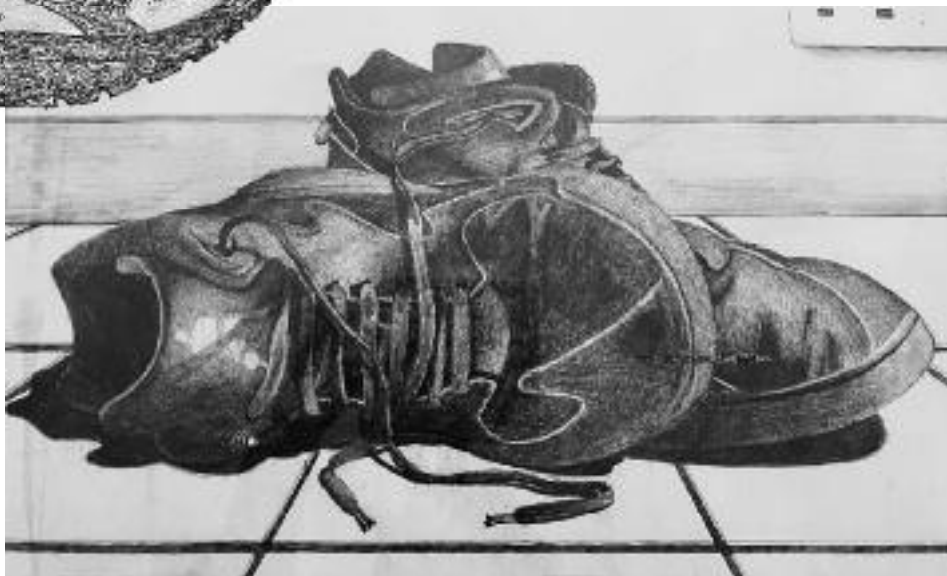
It is quite a while since I have issued an art challenge. Now that the days are shorter and cooler, perhaps it is time to settle down with paper and pen or pencil to draw something easily found around the home. Shoes, or trainers, seem to be a popular

choice for students to draw. I think they can have quite a character, particularly when well worn and they are very detailed, which needs a lot of careful observation to get right. As always when drawing from life, look carefully and draw what you actually see, and not what you

expect to see. I have included two examples of well drawn shoes..the single one from Richard Martin and the pair from my son David, drawn when he was a student.

Do have a go...it would be great to have a gallery of footwear in one edition. But also feel free to send in photos of any art you have done. Most of our editions are black and white so pen or pencil drawings reproduce well. Paintings may be kept for a colour edition.

Angela Rosenthal



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TURBO'S DOG BLOG FOR DECEMBER

'The confessions of a reluctant housewife.'

Trigger alert - this blog is about over-hearings and NOT, please, about inviting criticisms of political incorrectness!

A change in fortunes in any household requires a review of attitudes, and this tale begins about fifteen years ago when the Guvnor and seven of his contemporaries founded 'The OFs' Lunch Club (The 'F' stands for windbag, or - work it out for yourself). As a generalisation it was formed to help ward off the isolation and inadequacy in many elderly men who, after being on their own for one reason or another, had to fend for themselves.

This Club has three simple rules. First, each member takes his turn in hosting the other seven for lunch once a year and the host must cook the main course; a crisp/peanut/olive starter and apple pie and custard puddings may be bought in. Second, under no circumstances are guests to arrive with flowers, chocolates or any other out of date confectionary from the kitchen cupboard. Third, no

thank-you cards afterwards, but a simple email to the host reassuring him of safe arrival home suffices.

The main course is not a competition; rather, simple and well-understood fare and clean plates afterwards are L-plate Chef trophies enough. The main point is that these men are now able to cook (a bit, anyway), a skill not boasted by all elderly men. Here, for example, one of their shared culinary tips is to cook kale in olive oil as it makes it so much easier to scrape off the plate into the bin. The serious incentive, however, to becoming self-sufficient, the Guvnor said, was a simple reminder of one Hilary Hook who was widowed after a lifetime in Africa, and who returned home to Warminster aged about 80 where his first weekly shop in Safeways (then) was filmed for a documentary. His trolley contained four bottles of whisky and 600 cigarettes.

As to housework, I am with the Guvnor in his admiration for the late Joan

Rivers who said, 'the trouble with housework is that it is so repetitive; you make the beds, wash the dishes and vacuum the carpets - and six months later you have to do it all over again'. His wife told him Joan Rivers was not a good role model. If he is on Christmas Lunch duty, I await the scraps with interest.

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I went fishing with a friend in October. The day looked promising, there was good cloud cover and not too much wind. However, the lake was low and very clear. We could see the fish and I am confident that they could see us. There was little sign of any feeding activity just an occasional crashing rise as a fish took something large, a dragon fly or a damselfly or even a daddy longlegs which had blown on to the water. These rises were always too far away for us to see exactly what the prey was. We caught nothing and learnt nothing.

Even in my mature years I always hope to learn something on a fishing trip, and I am disappointed if I learn nothing. The wind was chill, and we did not persist for long. I went to gather sloes, but the bush had been pruned this year and there were none. It was that kind of day!

The Society always carry out a programme of electro fishing in the autumn to monitor trout and grayling populations. This year the results were unexpectedly good despite the heat and the drought. I put this down to a relatively cool summer in 2024 and plenty of winter rain.

Atlantic salmon parr numbers were well above the long-term average at Stockton and Boyton. In spite of the fact that the salmon population has collapsed

on the Avon system it is clear that a few pairs are managing to run the Wylfe and spawn successfully. It is probably the same on the Nadder.

Juvenile grayling numbers were up on previous years on all of the sites surveyed. This is encouraging as it means that we will probably have some grayling to fish for for a little longer.

Trout numbers were consistent with previous years and with a good spread of age classes on all sites. There were quite a few genuinely wild trout of around the 2 pound mark, these are rare beasts, and they suggest that our policy of returning all trout is beginning to bear fruit.

The river continues to run low, and a number of friends have said that they have never seen it so low. This is likely to mean that spawning of trout will be restricted to the main river. It is hoped that the river will return to more normal levels before the grayling spawn in April and May.

Salmon will be restricted in how far they are able to get up the river to spawn and again may be restricted to the main river, the Avon, or the lower reaches of its tributaries. As is usually the case I seem to be praying for rain.

Robin Mulholland

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Christmas Carols.

A well known and popular carol is 'Good King Wenceslas', but do you know its origin?

The words for the carol were written in 1853 by a hymn writer, John Mason Neale. Thomas Helmore set the words to the music of the 13th century carol 'Tempus adest florum', a spring carol, meaning 'The time of flowers is here'.

The first verse of the carol reads as follows:

'Good King Wenceslas looked out,
On the Feast of Stephen.
When the snow lay round about
Deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shone the moon that night,
Though the frost was cruel.
When a poor man came in sight,
Gathering winter fuel.'

King Wenceslas was actually a 10th century Bohemian Duke. Bohemia is the westernmost part of the present day Czech Republic. The carol tells the story of how, on the Feast of Stephen (December 26th), Wenceslas and his servant brave a cold winter's night to bring food and firewood to a poor man. The key moment in the story is when the servant struggles with the cold but is able to continue by following the King's footprints through the snow. The core message of the story

centres around the acts of compassion and charity shown by King Wenceslas, especially during the Christmas season. It also suggests that those who 'bless the poor' will themselves be blessed.

The Feast of Saint Stephen, which is also known as Boxing Day, is traditionally associated with giving gifts to the poor. In Victorian times, employers would give servants a day off and give them a 'Christmas Box' of gifts and left-over food. We probably all remember the wonderful scene from 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens, when Ebenezer Scrooge finally gives Bob Cratchit the day off on 26th December and gives him gifts of food and a raise in salary.

The carol, 'Good King Wenceslas' has been recorded by many well known singers and choirs over the years, including The Beatles. One of the most popular recordings however, is that sung by Bing Crosby.

I do remember as a young school boy, singing our own version of the carol, which began as follows:

'Good King Wenceslas looked out,
On his vegetable garden.
Bumped into a brussel sprout,
And said 'I beg your pardon.....'

Happy Christmas everyone.

Jonathan Wansey

THOUGHTS FROM MY GARDEN

I have always loved Autumn colours; I marvel at the yellows and russets in the woods and hedgerows and wonder in awe at nature's spectacle. This year has been particularly special, with the colours lasting a long time. But in the past, I didn't quite appreciate their full glory because of what those colours herald, namely the bare branches, damp, cold and grey of winter.

My love of gardening has developed since I have lived here in the Wylde valley and has helped me to prepare for the onset of winter, helped me to embrace what is to come and to look forward to long cold dark days. The need to be in the garden is still as strong, and to enjoy what can be done out there in the preparation for next year and helping the garden to settle for winter.

Planting bulbs, clearing, tidying, cleaning pots. Bringing tender plants into the greenhouse or conservatory and generally being in the fresh air however cold and damp. There is something magical about being outside whether in the garden or tramping the lanes and fields and then returning home to a warm house, a fire and perhaps something that has been in the slow cooker all day. Of course, if it is pouring with rain, it is a

bit different! Good waterproofs help!

But better to retreat indoors and read a good gardening book, my favourite is Alan Titchmarsh but I also like Adam Frost and I'm guessing there will be many gardeners writing new books for us in time for Christmas. I have been looking at gardening Christmas presents online and there is a glut of ornaments of one sort or another, but I feel these are a bit tricky. It is like choosing pictures for your walls, it's very personal and might not be so great as a present for someone else.

I would prefer to be given a good gardener's soap and hand cream. There are some good ideas out there like a willow wicker trug or maybe a boot scraper, things I probably wouldn't get round to buying for myself but a great treat.

Getting the house ready for Christmas is always a pleasure with evergreens from the garden for wreaths and seed pod spikes and berries as decorations, what a great way to bring the outside in. When all the festivities are over and the new year begins we have a quiet month in the garden but there are some beautiful winter gardens to visit and I hope to be doing just that!

Ali Tebb

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Another year, it hardly seems possible that 12 months has passed. The hottest and longest summer for decades after a damp spring which in tow brought with it farming challenges, not least the lack of fodder for the animals which is now rearing its ugly head!

The more beady eyed of you may have noticed the number of cows still out grazing and this could well be the case for some time, well, until the meadows flood and they will have to be housed, which they will be very happy with but for the time being we are having to do all we can to save what fodder we have available to get us through the winter.

The dairy aspect of the business does not change from one month to the next, it just becomes more difficult with less day light and mud!

The arable does quieten down, at time of writing there are still crops to be planted and with modern machinery this can go on throughout the evening/night if needs be, especially when the weather is against us. Robert likes to be complete by early December, not always possible but this year looks promising.

Once winter sets in it is the time of year for training and meetings, updating knowledge is crucial and attending meetings of our milk producers so we are on board with all developments, from legal, to pricing, rules and regulations, finances etc.

Updating knowledge of soil management and nutrient management is central to our production. Four days of training over winter takes place, looking at soil profiles, the way soil changes, different types of fertilizers. Getting

nitrogen, phosphate, potash and sulphur correct are all areas of importance.

Looking at cover crops which take up nitrogen from the soil over winter which stops it leaching away. The cover crop will be sprayed off in January, and the nutrients will be released into the subsequent maize crop (the next crop to go into that ground). Cover crops are made up of a variety of plants, phacelia, linseed, buck wheat and crimson clover and is an important process of good ground maintenance.

Christmas for the dairy team will be normal, although a box of chocolates will be on hand in the dairy office and plenty of festive cheer (not the alcoholic kind). We look forward to sharing our Christmas day with our new member of staff, being from South America he was thinking ribs on the barbecue but is embracing the turkey plan and even more excited about pigs in blankets. We have not discussed Christmas pudding or trifle, yet! We hope for all of us it will be a Christmas to remember with cultural differences coming together 'down on the farm'.

Kit Pottow

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VILLAGE NEWS



CODFORD COMMUNITY KEY EVENTS DECEMBER 2025

- 1st Christmas carols sing-a-long with Warminster brass band outside the George Tea rooms - 7.30pm
- 3rd Film night at the Woolstore theatre. 'The ballad of Wallis Island' - 7.30pm.
- 3rd Last day to purchase and post scout Christmas stamps.
- 5th Christmas market at the Ginger piggery - 5 - 9pm.
- 6th Winter warmers (a delicious bowl of soup, a roll, a cup of tea and a biscuit) free event at Codford village hall - 12pm - 2pm.
- 7th Codford Christmas park run at Codford village hall grounds - 10am.
- 7th Live music from Stuart Saye at the George Tea rooms - 1.30pm.
- 11th Hearing aid clinic at Codford village hall (small hall) 10am - 12pm.
- 12th Wylve Valley primary school Christmas market at the school - 3pm - 4.30pm.
- 16th Local history society talk on Jane Austen- 7.30pm.
- 19th Christmas songs and carols at the George tea rooms - 5pm.
- 19th Winter wonderland
- The Bublè big band experience at the Woolstore theatre - 7.30pm.
- 21st Monthly drinks at the Woolstore theatre - 12 - 2pm.

JANUARY 2026

- 4th Codford Park run - 10am.
- 5th Men's fellowship breakfast - 8.15am at the George Inn, Longbridge Deverill.
- 7th Film night at the Woolstore theatre - 7.30pm.
- 8th Hearing aid clinic at Codford village hall (small hall) 10am - 12pm.
- 10th Winter warmers (a delicious bowl of soup, a roll, a cup of tea and a biscuit) free event at Codford village hall - 12pm - 2pm
- 18th Craft market at the Ginger Piggery - 10am - 2pm
- 18th Monthly drinks at the Woolstore theatre - 12 - 2pm.
- 20th Local history society talk - 'The lost prisoner of war camps of Frome' at Codford village hall - 7.30pm
- 21st Codford & District gardening club talk at Codford village hall 7.30pm.

CODFORD FIREWORKS NIGHT

What a Sparkling Success!

What an incredible evening! Codford

Fireworks Night returned for its third year and truly lit up the skies - and our hearts. With a fantastic turnout and perfect weather (not a raindrop in sight!), the atmosphere was buzzing with excitement as friends and families gathered under a canopy of stars.

The fairground was a feast for the senses, bursting with bright, colourful rides and an array of tempting treats. From classic fish and chips to sizzling pizza, and sweet coffee-and-doughnut delights, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

A special shout-out to Wylve Valley Primary School for crafting the amazing Guy that crowned our enormous



bonfire - even bigger than last year! The crowd erupted in cheers as the flames roared to life at 6pm, creating a truly magical moment.

Thanks to your incredible support, the event raised over £8,000, which will now be donated back to local community groups - continuing the tradition of giving back where it matters most.

A huge thank you to the Codford Fireworks Committee for their tire-

less efforts in making this event bigger and better every year. Your hard work is deeply appreciated by Codford and our neighbouring villages. Not only do you give us a spectacular night out, but you also help strengthen our community spirit.

We're already counting down to next year's celebration - see you there!

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HEYTESBURY UPDATE

The project to install two Herschel Halo Chandeliers in the Chancel is progressing as we have received initial approval from the DAC (the Diocesan Advisory Committee). We have obtained costs for the installation as required by the DAC and have been fortunate to receive two grants towards funding. Our fund-raising efforts are continuing but it is hoped that we can start the initial phase of the project shortly.

In October, we held our second annual Pumpkin Festival in the church which was a great success. Not only did we have a wonderful selection of carved pumpkins, but the children enjoyed apple bobbing, searching for treats in the bran tub and testing their skills in eating doughnuts on strings. Hot dogs, hot chocolate and a warm, spicy apple drink were enjoyed by all.



Despite the rain on Bonfire Night, a sellout crowd enjoyed the bonfire and fireworks at the Red Lion Pub. Heytesbury Social would like to thank the Red Lion Pub and all those who prepared the bonfire, led the musical procession, created the hapless guy and provided refreshments, making it a wonderful night for all.



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HEYTESBURY HAPPENINGS

By the time you read this article, November will be ending, and the delights of December will be approaching. I always find November a grey, drab month only briefly enlightened by fireworks and the effigy of Guy Fawkes on the bonfire.

November is a sombre time of Remembrance when those who died, or were injured, whilst serving their country in war are honoured. Chairman, David Bond, placed a wreath at the annual service of Remembrance on behalf of the Parish Council. This was especially apt as his great uncle Edwin Willis Jim Fox MM is commemorated on our War Memorial. He died, aged 25, in France in May 1918.

This year two poppy sellers, Tania and Rob Ford, revived the herculean task of visiting every house in Heytesbury, a custom that ceased in the pandemic. Their collection tins became very heavy. I am sure they would welcome some help next year.

The flower beds around the War Memorial, where the rose plants are showing their age, have been tidied. This winter the old roses will be replaced with new ones, after the soil has been invigorated. The Parish Council have agreed to donate a small sum of money for this community project.

At the last Parish Council meeting

a representative of Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks gave a short presentation on how to access free extra support during power cuts. Many of the problems that they deal with are when contractors inadvertently cut an electricity cable... as happened recently in Mill Street. They will then provide a generator until the fault is repaired. Power packs are also available for vulnerable people; they can register for their Priority Services.

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Councillors David Bond and Judith Dando are having ongoing discussions with the police and the Highways Agency on how best to cope with road closures in our vicinity... especially at present whilst the A36 is closed at night and weekends. It has been agreed that signs diverting traffic to the A350/A303 will be more prominently displayed.

There will not be a Parish Council meeting in December. The meeting in January will be at 7.00pm on Tuesday 13th in St John's Residents Hall. The agendas, and minutes of meetings can all be found on www.heytesburyparish.co.uk.

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SHERRINGTON

Another glorious Autumn and the magic of an area where beech trees grow! There are golden leaves above and golden leaves underfoot. In the Great Ridge the bracken has darkened to auburn. The larch and beech are molten gold. "As long as Autumn lasts, I shall not have hands, canvas and colours enough to paint the beautiful things I see." Written by Vincent van Gogh to his brother in 1888 and seen recently in a copy of Country Life. Decades ago when the children were young it was always fun to dash about catching the spinning leaves. Dog then was Badger, a Jack Russel, and she joined too! Nowadays, staggering about with walking poles rather rules that out! However, this morning an obliging leaf almost landed in my pocket! My goodness, so many wishes which one to choose!

Autumn it may be but grass is growing as in Spring and there are one or two confused foxgloves in the garden! How one longs for normality. Early in September there were ladybirds everywhere for a while, I imagine they were checking out places to hibernate. At present hibernation seems a distant prospect as we still have temperatures of Spring.

Locking the little church at the days end I see egrets are back. Quite a number circle at the bottom of the churchyard. They are elegant birds but what very raucous voices. They roost in the trees, looking like heavy white blossoms and are away at first light. As yet the red kites are not coming into roost. Last year they were up to twenty some afternoons, circling the

meadows at the back and the trees adjacent to the railway. They must roost in that area, dispersing in the Spring. It is always a pleasure to hear the rooks coming over, streaming to their night time roost. Time then to come inside, lights on, cup of tea and Tyto curled in his bed.

How we are pressurised about Christmas, unbelievable to see trees already on sale. As if all the tawdry tat can make for a 'Happy Christmas!'. Surely that comes from within.

Betty Lewis



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on 16th October at Sutton Veny

May she rest in the peace and light of Christ

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on 12th October at Heytesbury

Theodore Wilf Pain
on 18th October at Tytherington

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7th December	Boyton	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
2nd Sunday	Sutton Veny *	9.30am	Parish Communion	
of Advent	Codford St Peter *	11.00am	Morning Prayer on Sunday	choir
	Heytesbury	11.00am	Sunday Worship	
	Upton Lovell *	6.00pm	Evensong	

14th	Tytherington *	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
3rd Sunday	Sutton Veny Village Hall	9.30/10	Café church	
of Advent	Upton Lovell	9.30am	Parish Communion	
	Heytesbury	11.00am	Parish Communion	
	Sherrington *	11.00am	Carol Service	choir
	Codford St Mary	6.00pm	Evensong	

Monday 15th	Knook	6.00pm	Carol service	
Tuesday 16th	Tytherington	7.00pm	Carol Service	
Wednesday 17th	Boyton *	6.30pm	Carol service	
Saturday 20th	Upton Lovell	6.00pm	Carol service	

Sunday 21st	Codford St Peter	9.30am	Advent Parish Communion	
4th Sunday	Knook	11.00am	Christmas communion	choir
of Advent	Sutton Veny	6.00pm	Carol Service	
	Codford St Mary	6.00pm	Carol service	
	Heytesbury	6.00pm	Carol Service	

Wednesday 24th	Codford Broadleaze Bar	4.00pm	Crib Service	
CHRISTMAS EVE	Heytesbury	4.00pm	Crib Service	
	Sutton Veny	4.00pm	Crib Service	
	Codford St Peter	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	
	Heytesbury	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	

Thursday 25th	Tytherington	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
CHRISTMAS DAY	Upton Lovell	9.30am	Family Communion	
	Boyton	9.30am	Christmas Communion	
	Codford St Mary	11.00am	Carols + Short Communion	
	Sutton Veny	11.00am	Christmas Communion	
	Norton Bavant	11.00am	Carol Service	

28th	Sutton Veny	10.00am	TEAM SERVICE	choir
Sunday after			and Patronal Festival	
Christmas	(There is an asterisk * against each service they will attend together.)			



JANUARY 2026



4th JANUARY	Sutton Veny	9.30am	Sunday Worship	
EPIPHANY	Heytesbury	11.00am	Sunday Worship	
	Codford St Peter	11.00am	Parish Communion	
	Sherrington	11.00am	Epiphany Communion	choir
	Upton Lovell	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	

11th January	Tytherington	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
Baptism of	Upton Lovell	9.30am	Celtic Morning Prayer	
Christ	Heytesbury	11.00am	Parish communion	
Plough Sunday	Sundial Farm, Corton	2.30pm	Plough Sunday service	
	Codford St Mary	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	choir

18th January	Boyton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
2nd Sunday of	Codford St Peter	9.30am	Sunday Worship	
Epiphany	Norton Bavant	11.00am	Parish Communion	choir

25th January	Sutton Veny	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
Conversion	Codford St Mary	9.30am	Parish Communion	
of St Paul	Knook	11.00am	Parish Communion	
	Heytesbury	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP) to celebrate conversion of St Paul	choir

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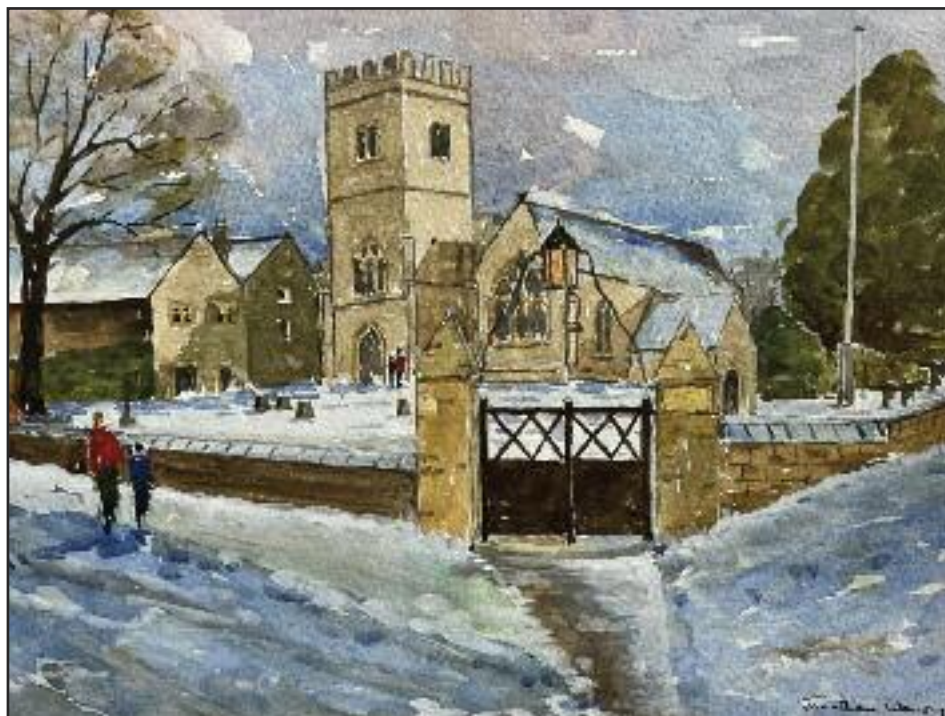
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