

The Villager

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The community newsletter
for Mapledurwell, Up Nately,
Newnham, Nately Scures &
Greywell

The Villager would like to thank all contributors and distributors and wish you all a happy festive season



CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE FIVE VILLAGES

Please join us for any of these special Christmas services

Christmas Eve

4.30pm Up Nately
11.30pm Nately Scures/ Newnham

Outdoor Crib Service
Midnight Communion (Booking Required and venue will be confirmed once we have an idea of numbers.)

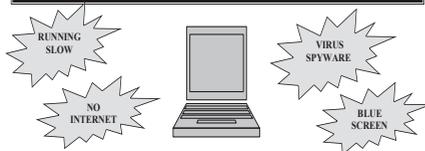
Christmas Day

9.30am Up Nately
9.30m Mapledurwell
10.45am Newnham
10.45am Greywell

Christmas Day Communion
Christmas Day Family Service
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Christmas Day Family Service
(Booking Required for all Services)

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas
and a peaceful New Year

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LOGS

Seasoned hardwood logs (oak, ash, beech, birch et al)

Cut when dry in the summer and stored in a barn

Delivered in wire cage (to be returned) approximate capacity

1 cubic metre (35 cu ft) £125

OR

Very full trailer approximate capacity 3 cu m (105 cu ft) £250

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Mapledurwell & Up Natley

REPORT FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of 18th November

Basingstoke Canal – the last five miles footpath The Canal Society would like to open up a footpath to follow the old course of the canal from Greywell to Basingstoke. Through Mapledurwell & Up Natley this would be from the end of the surface canal at the junction of Greywell Road, through (or over) the canal tunnel at Little Tunnel Bridge, via Canal Reach, linking to Footpath 27 and on to Old Basing. A site visit is to be arranged asap.

Ongoing projects *Re allotment land* – in discussion with the Community Payback team to clear the old fencing. They presently have some logistics issues re COVID restrictions.

Re the former watercress beds, awaiting details of Corpus Christi proposal for a potential long lease on the site. This to ensure that this valuable section of Chalk Stream can continue for the benefit of wildlife and the natural environment of the Parish.

Hampshire & IofW Reptile & Amphibian group (HIWARG) are keen to survey the site and have offered help with working parties.

Roadside Frog Lane Drivers please be aware that because of vehicles pulling off the side of the road to try to pass, sections of the verge and ditch / watercourse adjacent to the allotments are damaged and collapsing. Please be patient when trying to pass to avoid damage to the sides of the road and the undersides of your car.

Local Plan Update – Mapledurwell sites promoted for development and Issues & Options. Thank you to everyone who sent in their comments. BDBC received 1,500 responses – apparently high for an initial consultation. Officers will be collating responses over the next few months. A summary will be provided to the Economic, Planning and Housing (EPH) Committee in March and then will be available on the BDBC website.

Playground inspections report the equipment to be in good order.

THANK YOU To Lorna Cuthill for organising delivery of the church Christmas cards, and to Lorna and all distributors for *Village* delivery.



YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU!

Chairman Jane Komrower and Secretary Liz Preece have both given notice that they are retiring from the Village Hall committee as of the end of February. They will be greatly missed as they have each put in over 15 years of sterling service to our community.

We wish to thank them for all their work on our behalf.

The Village Hall committee now needs new members in readiness for life after Covid-19.

Meetings are only six times a year on average and the work is not onerous when shared among the committee members. The Village Hall structural maintenance and finances are in good order.

PLEASE volunteer to join. It is a great way to take part in Parish activities and help the community.

All enquiries to Jane Komrower jane@komrower.com and / or Liz Preece liz.preece1@btinternet.com



Wishing the Parish a Happy Christmas and hopefully a much easier 2021.



PHOTO: John McLean

PHOTO: Kevin Rafferty

THANK YOU to John Maclean and Pete Brewin for making good the barrier fence broken at Five Lanes End. An occupational hazard for the fence but doing the job for which it was intended!

Basingstoke Archaeological & Historical Society's December lecture was scheduled to be: *The Mapledurwell Treasure: its place amongst coin hoards of the English Civil War*. Sadly postponed, it is likely to be rescheduled for next year.

Next Parish Council meeting

Wednesday 20th January, 7pm, remote meeting. Please email for a link to join the meeting to clerk.mapledurwellupnatley@parish.hants.gov.uk

Wishing everyone the very best possible Christmas and New Year.



Parish Planning applications

20/02124/FUL (pending 5 Aug) The Egg Yard, Greywell Road. Revised application for two x 3-bedroomed chalet bungalows.

20/02087/GPDOFF (pending 7 August) Riverview House, London Road. Change of use from Class B1(a) office to Class C3 residential, consisting of 8 x one-bed flats.

20/01723/FUL (pending 29 June) Brockwell (Paddock and Stable) Andwell Lane. Eight dwellings with service road.

20/00060/HSE (pending 3 Mar) The Farm, Tunworth Rd. Single storey rear extension.

20/00153/FUL (pending 24 January) Elmwood, Heather Lane, Up Natley. Demolition of outbuilding and erection of one x five-bed detached dwelling.

20/00009/PIP (pending 03 Jan) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Permission in Principle for conversion of an agricultural building to one dwelling.

Appeal lodged

APP/H1705/W/20/3259723 (Appeal start date 28 October) ref 20/00901/FUL Detached double garage. The Gamekeepers, Tunworth Road Open for comment to the Planning Inspectorate until 2nd December.

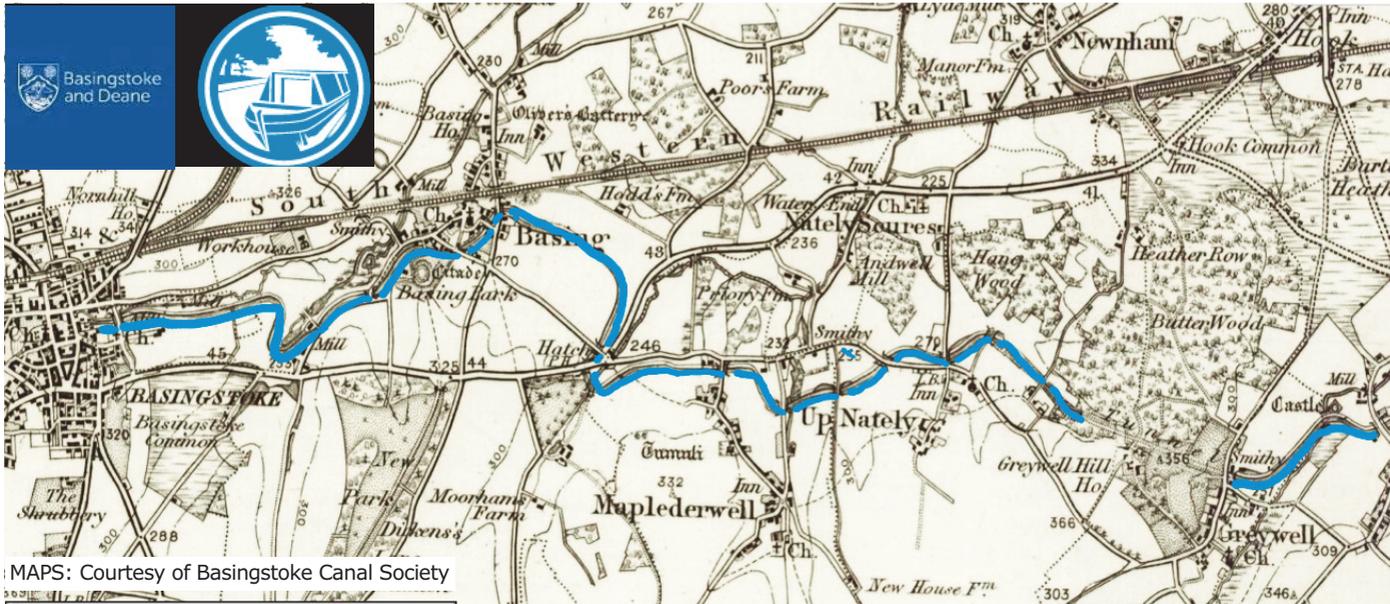
FREE TREES FROM TCV AND OVO ENERGY!

We have 370,000 trees to give away to community groups and volunteers for FREE!

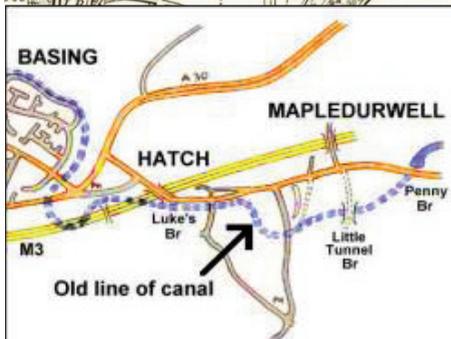
Thank you to The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) – and Tree Warden John McLean for supplying the native bareroot trees & hedging.



THE LAST FIVE MILES OF THE BASINGSTOKE CANAL



MAPS: Courtesy of Basingstoke Canal Society



In the mid-90s Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council were considering an ambitious scheme to re-open the last five miles of the canal. But from Mapledurwell much of the canal bed had been filled in, the M3 motorway crossing at Hatch eliminated all in its path, while other parts have been built over. Basingstoke Wharf, the original terminus of the canal, was filled in and became the bus station (much of which is now Festival Place).

The Basingstoke Canal Society are seeking now to open a footpath to follow the last five miles of the old route from Greywell to Festival Place. In August last year they made a presentation in support of their plan to BDBC and discussions continue with a meeting hopefully in December.

TIER 2

HM Government

HIGH ALERT

You must not socialise with anyone you do not live with OR who is not in your support bubble IN ANY INDOOR SETTING, whether at home or in a public place.

YOU MUST NOT SOCIALISE IN A GROUP OF MORE THAN 6 PEOPLE OUTSIDE, including in a garden or a public space – this is the 'rule of 6'

Businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a COVID-Secure manner, other than those which remain closed by law, such as nightclubs.

Pubs and bars must close, UNLESS OPERATING AS RESTAURANTS. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals.

HOSPITALITY BUSINESSES SELLING FOOD OR DRINK FOR CONSUMPTION ON THEIR PREMISES are required to:

- provide table service only, in premises which sell alcohol
- stop taking orders after 10pm
- close between 11pm and 5am (hospitality venues in airports, ports, transport services and motorway service areas are exempt).

to do so after 10pm as long as this is through delivery service, click-and-collect or drive-through.

Early closure (11pm) applies to casinos, cinemas, theatres, museums, bowling alleys, amusement arcades, funfairs, theme parks, adventure parks and activities, and bingo halls. Cinemas, theatres and concert halls can stay open beyond 11pm in order to conclude performances that start before 10pm.

Public attendance at outdoor and indoor events (performances and shows) is permitted, limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors.

Public attendance at spectator sport and business events can resume inside and outside, subject to social contact rules and limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors.

Places of worship remain open but you must not socialise with people from outside of your household or support bubble while you are indoors there, unless a legal exemption applies.

Hospitality businesses and venues selling food and drink for consumption off the premises can continue

Weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on numbers of attendees. 15 people can attend wedding ceremonies and receptions, 30 people can attend funeral ceremonies, and 15 people can attend linked commemorative events such as wakes or stonesettings.

Organised outdoor sport, and physical activity & exercise classes can continue.

Organised indoor sport, physical activity and exercise classes will only be permitted if it is possible for people to avoid mixing with people they do not live with (or share a support bubble with). There are exceptions for indoor disability sport, sport for educational purposes and supervised sport and physical activity for under-18s, which can take place with larger groups mixing.

You can continue to travel to venues or amenities which are open, but should aim to reduce the number of journeys you make where possible.

If you live in a tier 2 area, you must continue to follow tier 2 rules when you travel to a tier 1 area. Avoid travel to or overnight stays in tier 3 areas other than where necessary, such as for work, education, youth services, to receive medical treatment, or because of caring responsibilities. You can travel through a tier 3 area as a part of a longer journey.



Newnham & Nately Scurcs

Dear All... *The friends of St Nicholas' would like to start a new 100-Club in the village to raise money for the church.*

The idea of a 100-Club is that people buy a monthly ticket, then a monthly draw of all tickets provides for three lucky people winning a cash prize. The rest of the proceeds goes towards the church so you can see that it is a fun way to raise money. We need a minimum of 50 tickets to start and you will see the Club will raise £325 per month once we have 100 tickets in the draw.

We propose a ticket price is £5 a month, and you can of course get several tickets to increase your chances to win (two tickets £10 a month, etc...).

Monthly prizes will be as follows: First prize £100 (£150 in December 2021 to celebrate Xmas, if we have 100 members by then); Second £50; Third £25.

If we have enough tickets, the first draw will take place this Christmas Eve. Subsequent draws will be held monthly (ideally on the first or second Sunday) by two members of the 100-Club Committee by pulling numbers out of a hat. The lucky winners will be informed by email and the results will also be published in the *Villager* and the Newnham community page on Facebook. Prize money will be paid by cash, cheque or bank transfer.

The 100-Club Committee comprises Jeff Ford, Richard Fouracre Marcus Jefferson, Carolyn Peck, Bob Scott-Kerr, Richard Wilson.

Please fill in the form as below to take part.

With many thanks and best wishes

The Newnham 100-Club Committee

Newnham Carol Service

Saturday 19th
December



For details
please contact
carolynpeck@btinternet.com

Wishing Donna and Chris and all at the Old House at Home, from the Village, the very best for Christmas and an amazing next year



The Old House at Home is open under the new tier 2 rules: one household or support bubble bookings being taken. Tel 01256 761896

The Y Knot at Water End hopefully will open under new management (and a new name) in the Spring.

Planning and tree applications new and decided this month

20/02920/RET (validated 25 Nov)
1 Kingsbridge End, Old School Road.
Removal of Condition 13 of Planning Permission BDB/57678 to allow for installation of a gate to form pedestrian access to the rear of the property.
19/03224/LDEU (granted 25 Nov) Manor Farm, Newnham. Continued siting of a caravan as farm workers' dwelling.
T/00232/20/TPO (Approved 24 Nov)
11 The Baredown. Area G2: 1 Spruce: fell.

Clubroom Treasurer wanted

Enquiries please to Peter Brown pbrown129@btinternet.com or 01256 861 055 / 07703 345 033.

Newnham Litterpick Thank you Alan Richmond for coordinating and to everyone for their own DIY litterpicks.

Thank you to all who helped deliver the Church Christmas cards and December *Villager*. If you don't received a digital copy and would like to please contact 07515 777060 clerk.newnham@parish.hants.gov.uk.

Next Parish Council meeting Wed 6th January 7pm, remote meeting, contact the clerk for a link.

Wishing everyone the best possible Christmas and New Year.



WELCOME TO NEWNHAM COMMUNITY'S



WIN £100, £50 OR £25 EVERY MONTH !

£5 per month per ticket
As many tickets as you wish
Monthly or yearly payment

Winners will be notified by email and results will be published in the *Villager* and on the Newnham Community Facebook page.

To register, please provide information below to Carolyn Peck
Naishes Barn, Newnham road, RG279AF - carolynpeck@btinternet.com - 07775 994261

Full name: _____
Telephone number: _____
Email address: _____
Postal address: _____

Number of tickets required at £5/month each: ____

Payment: Monthly standing order (£5 per ticket)
 Yearly bank transfer (£60 per ticket)
 Yearly cheque (£60 per ticket)



Bank details: The Friends of St Nicholas Church, Newnham
Sort code: 30-90-53, Account: 00877827
Reference: your surname

All profit go to The Friends of St Nicholas Church, charity registration number 283088.
Newnham Community 100Club Terms and Conditions available from Carolyn Peck on request.



BDBC is consulting on a 'Draft Strategic Vision' for Land North of J7 which will feed into the Local Plan Update

The consultation is open until Friday 15th January

<https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/visionM3-j7-land>



This 'DRAFT VISION' includes new housing, schools and community infrastructure – a health and wellbeing campus including a new hospital – research and development centre and science park – links to higher education / universities – a potential distribution centre – plus a 'Mass Rapid Transit' system and new Park and Ride.

The 'DRAFT VISION' looks to 'Principles for Growth'

Principle one: high quality development... the 'gateway to Basingstoke' with quality architecture, design, structural landscaping and green infrastructure.

Principle two: combating climate change... carbon neutral, improving green infrastructure, generating sustainable / renewable energy.

Principle three: protecting local villages and heritage assets with Strategic Gaps.

Principle four: a green infrastructure network to

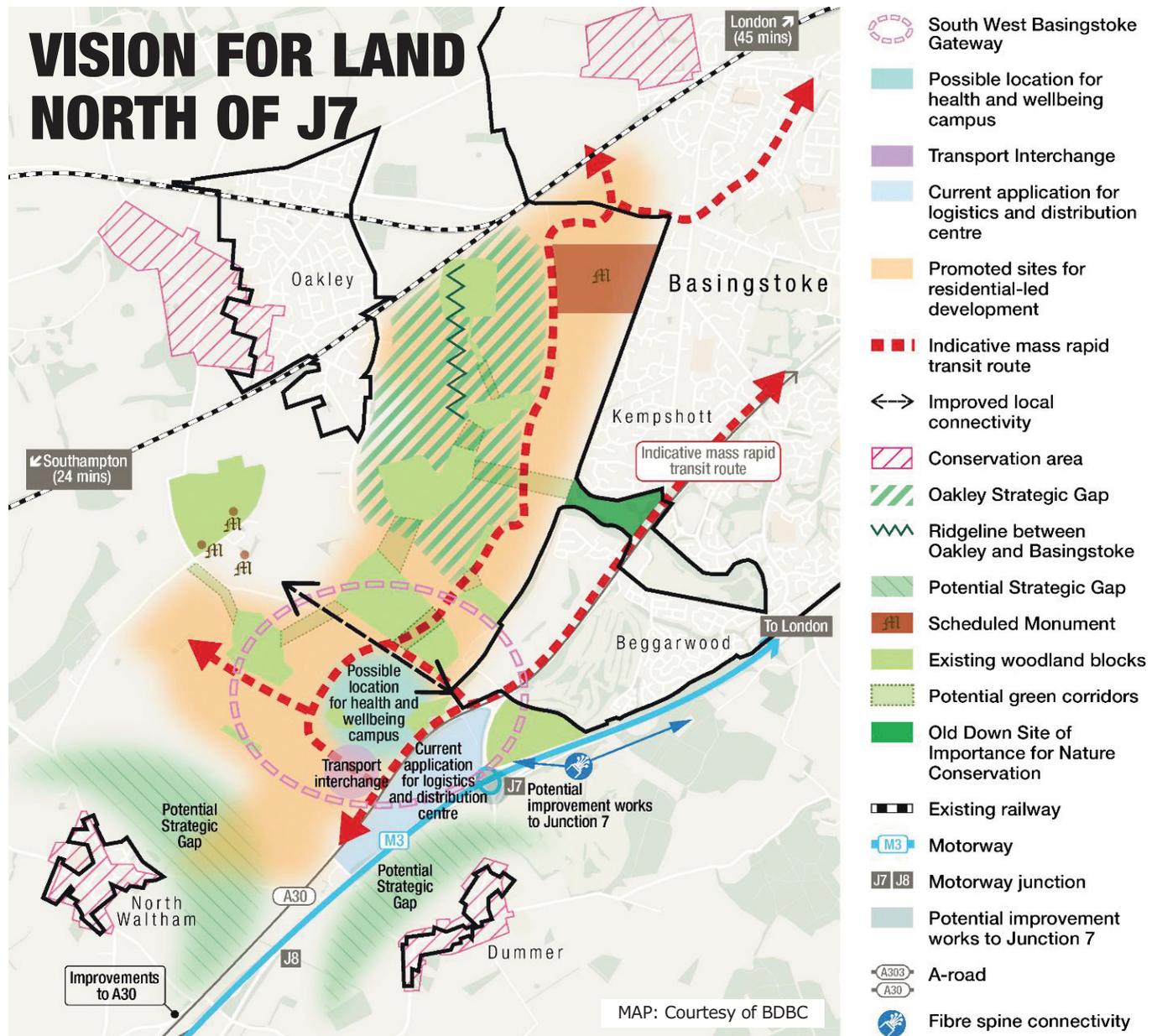
- protect / enhance existing ecological habitats, protected species and designations, trees, tree belts, woodland, watercourses, ponds, streams, landscape value and amenity
- increase the area of woodland, create new ecological networks and prevent fragmentation of habitats
- provide a range of green spaces for various purposes – natural habitat, parkland, sports and play space, plus sustainable drainage and carbon storage
- develop and manage land to protect water quality
- secure land to provide nitrate mitigation so as to support development in the River Test and Itchen catchments.

Principle five: improving connectivity... with a Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) system with a network of routes to Basingstoke town centre and across the town – including a park and ride and 'improving' the A30 and M3 Junction 7.

Focus for transport will be on

- the strategic network and so limit the impact on the local network and villages
- improving footpaths and cycleways including to villages
- infrastructure for electric vehicles and bikes plus new initiatives such as mobility as a service
- expanding rail travel, consider reopening Oakley station.

Plus a 'fibre spine' between Basingstoke and Guildford, providing a gigabit-capable fibre, including a spine to the Vision area in particular the health and wellbeing campus.





Kidzone

I wonder how many of you have watched ‘The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe’? It used to be one of my favourite series of books, when I was younger. If you have never seen it, it’s bound to be on at some point over Christmas! Scan this QR code with your phone camera to watch a short clip, showing the children and the beavers crossing the river. The White Witch has Narnia under a spell so that it is always Winter and never Christmas. When Aslan comes to Narnia the spell is broken. In this clip, Winter is turning into Spring and the children are crossing a river that has been frozen for 100 years! Narnia has been in an enchanted Winter and suddenly the Spring comes. Can you see the signs of the spring coming - the ice melting and the blossom growing?



The reason Spring returns is that Aslan has come to Narnia and his power is stronger than that of the witch who has been ruling Narnia.

But why am I talking about Narnia just before Christmas? Well, many people compare Aslan, the lion who comes to save Narnia, to Jesus. The way that the winter disappears when Aslan comes to Narnia is a great picture of the way that Jesus dispelled the darkness of our world when He came. Aslan brings Spring to Narnia, just as Jesus brings life and light into our world.

Just before Christmas, right now in fact, we have a time called Advent. This is the time when we are getting ready for Christmas. I don’t mean putting up the decorations and making the mince pies, but rather thinking about the real story of Christmas, and why God chose to come to Earth.

Here is a great Advent wreath craft. Scan the QR code to find the link.



If you would like a Nativity kit, to help your family think about the true meaning of Christmas, please get in touch with Helen Chatfield on youth@moretolife.church.

Keep your eyes open for online activities for Christingle and other Christmas events.

Helen C



Church Notices

'Journeying together, we worship
God and serve the community'
www.united-parish.org.uk

From the Parish Registers:

Funeral

28 October
Sara Patterson
St Mary's Mapledurwell
May she rest in peace

Wedding

24 October
Josh Blagden and Nikki Genari
St Mary's Greywell
*We wish them a long
and happy life together*



The Friends of St Michael's Hospice Christmas Carol Concert

Thursday 10th December 2020
at All Saints, Odiham

With Cannon Roger Royle and the world renowned
Magdalen College Choir, Oxford and the Tippett Quartet.



United Parish Church Services December 2020 and January 2021

'Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Glory to the New Born King!'

We are all aware that this Christmas is going to look and feel different to usual but the five churches of the United Parish want to offer as much opportunity as possible to enable people in our villages to be able to hear the Christmas story and celebrate the good news of Jesus' birth. What we are able to offer will depend on the government guidance in place at the time and we will communicate any changes via our website: www.moretolife.church, village emails and church noticeboards.

To comply with physical distancing in our small village churches you will see that some of our most popular services will unfortunately require booking and will run on a first come, first served basis. However, there will be online alternatives for all our main Christmas services which you are very welcome to join in with. We will communicate the email address and dates for booking via our village and church email systems once we have a clearer picture of which services will be running.

<u>6th December</u>		
9.00am	Common Worship Holy Communion	Mapledurwell
11.00am	Informal Communion Service	Greywell
<u>13th December</u>		
9.00am	Common Worship Holy Communion	Newnham
11.00am	Informal Service	Up Nately
<u>19th December</u>		
5.00pm	Christmas Music & Reflections	Greywell (Booking required)
<u>20th December</u>		
11.00am	Informal Service	Up Nately
5-7pm	Christmas Pilgrimage	Mapledurwell
<p>Online United Parish Carol Service: bring you own mulled wine and mince pies, sing along with some of your favourite carols and listen to readings from across our five villages from the comfort of your own sofa!</p> <p><i>For Christmas Services, please see the front page</i></p>		
<u>27th December</u>		
9.00am	Benefice Communion Service	Upton Grey
<u>3rd January</u>		
9.00am	Epiphany CW Holy Communion	Mapledurwell
11.00am	Epiphany Informal Service	Greywell
<u>10th January</u>		
9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Newnham
11.00am	Informal Service	Up Nately
<u>17th January</u>		
9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Mapledurwell
11.00am	Informal Communion	Greywell
<u>24th January</u>		
9.00am	CW Holy Communion`	Up Nately
11.00am	CW Morning Prayer	Newnham
<u>31st January</u>		
9.00am	CW Holy Communion (Candlemas)	Mapledurwell



Letter from the Ministry Team

As I write this at the end of October the question on everyone's lips seems to be 'will Christmas be cancelled?'. The various media outlets offer wildly different views ranging from prophecies of a Christmas without family, friends or fun (and presumably just coal in our stockings) to glad tidings of 'it will all be over by Christmas'.

One thing that seems at least relatively certain is that Christmas 2020 will be rather different from Christmas 2019, 2018 etc etc.

But I find myself wondering, is that altogether a bad thing? Of course not having the whole extended family to visit will be a bit sad (the upside being less washing up), the thought of not being able to sing at our ever popular carol services is a bit dispiriting, and no Christmas market and Ice Skating outside Winchester Cathedral is a bit of a downer. But maybe, just maybe, this Christmas – though different – could in its own way be rather wonderful.

Perhaps it might be a simpler and more holy Christmas rather than a season of generalized sentimental benevolence that is used to sell hard-pushed people stuff to give to other people who don't really want it? (Thanks to Rev Giles Fraser for that line.)

Perhaps it might be a Christmas of rediscovering the wonder at the heart of the familiar story of the creator of heaven and earth appearing in a humble guest room of a first century home, heaven having given up its King and the hope of the world invested in a helpless child rather than a Christmas of Slade and Mariah Carey and slightly awkward office parties... Perhaps this Christmas might be more...well...like Christmas?

Each year the Church of England runs a Christmas campaign. This year it centres on the theme of Comfort and Joy. Over the last nine months we have been reminded of our limited ability to control our own destiny and we've faced a stark reminder of our vulnerability. Many have faced loss, loneliness, hardship and fear.

Perhaps this year more than ever we need to reflect on the message at the centre of Christmas, the message that so easily gets lost amongst the trimmings and distractions of the season: that God is truly with us. And because of this most wonderful truth, Comfort and Joy can be found in even the most difficult of circumstances.

This Christmas may well be different, but it might be just what we need as we get ready to receive afresh the one who changes everything and speaks words of Comfort and Joy to us.

Speaking of Joy, it brought me untold amounts of the stuff to realise that Contagion Rules is an anagram of Nicola Sturgeon.

On that note, all that remains is for me to wish you all an Advent and Christmas full of Comfort and Joy...

Rev'd Simon Butler (Benefice Rector)

Dear Residents

I am appealing for any information in relation to the following crimes within our area. At 02:40 am on November 8th 2020 three men broken into the building site at Crown Lane, however were disturbed by the security officer and duly ran away, they would have been in the area previously, if anyone has seen any suspicious vehicles parked in that area, please let me know.

Overnight of November 8th and 9th a set of gates were damage in Newnham Lane where poachers then drove across the fields and allowed their dogs to kill a deer which they then left behind. Sadly with Christmas coming this type of offence is very prevalent, again please keep a look out and if you see anything suspicious please let me know or call 101. Also that night a padlock was cropped on a field gate in Blackstocks Lane.

As we enter December may I again remind all residents to please be aware of home security and protecting your property, please use lighting and other security devices to protect your home.

Please remain vigilant and report any crime that may happen to you, it is vital that the Police are aware of crimes in our area as it may be part of a much larger series and link in to other similar crimes.

May I conclude by taking this opportunity to wish you all and your families a very happy and safe Christmas period.

Many thanks for your continued support which is most gratefully appreciated

Andrew Reid

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