

## PARISH OF DEVERILLS AND HORNINGSHAM

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**Please remember the deadline is 15th of the month - Thank you**

**Website: Benefice of Cley Hill Villages** [www.cleyhillchurches.org](http://www.cleyhillchurches.org)

Website contents: Parish News, Church services, Parish Register, Events

# PARISH NEWS

## The Deverills & Crockerton



Three Deverill churches by Dennis Smith

# DECEMBER 2018

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## Bull Mill Arts Bazaar & Open Studios

**Saturday 1st - Sunday 9th December**  
**10.00 am - 5.00 pm daily**

A magnificent medley of fine arts & crafts, brimful with gorgeous hand crafted goods from contemporary painting and gilded block prints to handsome hats and stylish tweed attire, gorgeous scented candles and ceramic tableware. Christmas shopping at it's best!  
**Bull Mill, Crockerton BA12 8AY [www.bullmillarts.co.uk](http://www.bullmillarts.co.uk)**



## SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER 10.30 AM CHRISTINGLE & POSADA SERVICE LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL CHURCH



*Join this traditional service  
 celebrating Jesus Christ the Light of the World  
 and blessing the holy family's journey*



## Community Coffee Morning

Everyone is welcome 10.30 - 12.00 noon  
 The Orangery, The George Inn, Longbridge

**Wednesday 5th December & Monday 17th December**

Call Bridget 844884 if you require transport



*Experience the promise of  
 ADVENT*

**IN ST PETER & ST PAUL'S CHURCH**  
 LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL

**SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER 6.00 PM**

THE ADVENT CAROL SERVICE  
**FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT**  
*with readings and carols*



## FUTURE EVENTS

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## LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS etc.

**Longbridge Deverill Parish Council - [www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk](http://www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk)**

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Richard Baxter 212918	David Searle 213767
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**Upper Deverills Parish Council - [www.upperdeverills.co.uk](http://www.upperdeverills.co.uk)**

Bridget Beattie 844884 (Chair)	Colin Hirons 845255
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**Wiltshire Council 0300 456 0100**

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**Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall Committee**

Dympna Bell 840514 (Acting Secretary) Sylvia Titt 214825 (Bookings)

**Upper Deverills Village Hall**

Caroline Davies 07813 312 352 (Chair) John Lea 844325 (Hall bookings)

**Crockerton Village Committee** Marion Thomas 213739 (Chair)

**Pre-School Children & Parents Group** Sylvia Titt 214825 Pat Wood 840535

**Deverill & Crockerton W I** Sue Bohana (215546) (Pres) Julie Walder 213142 (Sec)

**Deverills Cricket Club** Ed Read 840835 (Captain)

**Wylve Valley Tennis Club** Colin Singer 213696

**Community Police**

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**Hospital Transport Link Scheme** 211655

**Mere Link Scheme** (Upper Deverills) 01747 860096

**Warminster Link Scheme** 01985 211655

(Corsley to Boyton, Crockerton, Horningsham, Longbridge, Hill Deverill)

**Post Office Lakeside Garden Centre, Crockerton:** Mon Wed Fri 9.00 am - 2.00 pm

**Bath, Wilts & North Dorset Gliding Club** Kingston Deverill 844095

**Dear Friends,**

I succumbed to temptation this morning. Very much against my better judgement I bought a Good Housekeeping magazine; well the cover looked so festive and bright and it was really gloomy outside! Every year I swear I will not waste my money *again* in purchasing this splendiferous ode to all things festive. Don't get me wrong, as a cook I really appreciate the lovely recipes and I have a very splattered copy of 'Get ahead for Christmas with Good Housekeeping 2006' that I turn to every year. But sadly, I do not need to know 'the new rules of party dressing' which include encouragement to purchase a leopard skin print frock with matching leopard print court shoes. Apparently it's the season to 'razzle and dazzle' with ladylike elegance.

Hmm, I am partying at Horningsham church this year at the 10.30am service so my attire will be a little lacking in elegance I feel: vest, 2 jumpers, woolly tights, fur boots and squeezed on over the top of all this my fetching white alb and stole. Oh and all set off with a nifty pair of fingerless gloves. I must make it clear that I am really looking forward to taking the Christmas morning service, whilst it is still a communion service I've tried to make it relatively short with lots of interaction and a bit of fun, so please do come and join in.

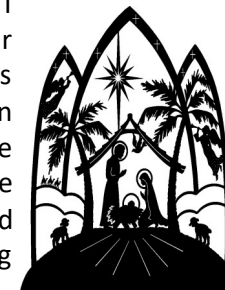
Anyway, back to what I was trying to say. Razzle and dazzle is all very well but I don't think there was much of it in the stable that first Christmas, just a teenage mother giving birth in what would have been a very inhospitable environment, although I suppose the angels were quite dazzling actually. And I don't think we need to get too hung up about truth, about whether or not the above actually happened. The gospel writers were trying to communicate a much deeper, universal truth about God in the nativity story. Think of the two great pictures we are given of God in the bible; the vulnerable baby and the beaten crucified man on the cross. This is no divine oligarch nonchalantly observing the pain and suffering of human life from a safe distance but one who risks all to share what it means to be human, including the miracle of birth and the agony and loss of death.

You don't have to be in church for God to be part of your life. I sincerely hope that some of you will come and be part of our worship over the Christmas period but I know that for some that is not what you plan to do. But know that wherever you are on Christmas Day, at home with the children, stuck in front of the cooker stirring the gravy, alone or wishing you were somewhere else or that someone you love was with you, know that *you* are loved and that God is with you wherever you find yourself in this amazing mysterious journey we call life.

Happy Christmas, With love and prayers,

**Pauline**

Rev Pauline Reid Tel: 841290 / revpauline@btinternet.com





**UPPER DEVERILLS VILLAGE HALL**  
**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Sunday 16th December 4.00 - 5.30 pm**

**Games, party tea and a visit from a special person!**

**Upper Deverills Children or Grandchildren aged 10 & under**

**To be accompanied (max 2 adults)**

**Places limited, please book early before 10th December**

**by contacting Caroline Huntley 840737**



**DEVERILLS ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP**

**Southern Britain in the Roman & post Roman periods**

**Talk by Professor Simon Esmonde-Cleary**

**Emeritus Professor of Roman Archaeology University of Birmingham**

**Upper Deverills Village Hall**

**6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start Wednesday 16th January**

**Booking: [deverillsarchaeology@gmail.com](mailto:deverillsarchaeology@gmail.com)**

**Free event but donations welcome**

**Additional Talks 2019**

**Tuesday 5th February - Dr David Roberts**

**Wednesday 6th March - Dr Mike Allen**



**Go stargazing**

**Thursday 13th December 7.00 pm** (approx. 2 - 2½ hours depending on the weather). **The New Remembrance Hall, The Remembrance Field, Charlton, Shaftesbury SP7 0PL.** Cost: adults £5 (cash/cheque on the night, includes a free tea or coffee), no charge for children. Please book in advance: [info@cranbornechase.org.uk](mailto:info@cranbornechase.org.uk) or tel: 01725 517417.

Astronomer Bob Mizon, Commission for Dark Skies, will entertain you with tales of the wonders of our pristine night sky above Cranborne Chase and its thousands of stars; Amanda Scott, Dark Skies Advisor with the AONB, will inform you about the progress of AONB's bid for International Dark Sky Reserve status. Afterwards, Bob and members of the Wessex Astronomical Society will lead the audience outside for an evening of stargazing. This event could have the chance of seeing meteors, with the Geminid meteor shower being almost at its peak. If the weather is not suitable for stargazing we will have alternative astronomy-related entertainment.



**Nature Notes**

After the sharp frosts and the winds that followed, most of the leaves have been stripped from the trees and hedgerows making the countryside look quite bare. This makes it much easier to spot any wildlife. Roe deer show up well their lovely ruddy brown coat and white rump. I have managed to get quite close to them moving quietly and when the wind has been in the right direction (blowing my scent away from them). Today there were 2 brilliant white little egrets in one of the ash trees at the Marsh so obvious to see with the branches bare.



The winter migrants have arrived; I first noticed fieldfares on the 28th October and then redwings on the 29th. On the 3rd November we had a large mixed flock of starlings, fieldfares and redwings come into the garden. They were around for a few days but now we have just smaller numbers of fieldfares and redwings. I love the sound of the fieldfares, their "cha-cha-chack" call is unmistakable. The redwings have a penetrating "steep" call which quite often you can hear after dark, I did this evening.

Most evenings recently I have heard a tawny owl calling; it sounds very close but I have yet to catch sight of it. But I was lucky enough to see a barn owl hunting along the back lane and nearby field at dusk. When I first caught a glimpse of it I knew it was a bird of prey and thought 'light coloured buzzard' but then it flew along in front of me, silent, ghostly white on long narrow wings. I ran after it and was able to watch it hunt dropping down from fence posts and then it sadly disappeared into the darkness.

I have started feeding the birds again, just sunflower hearts, peanuts and fat balls. A pair of great spotted woodpeckers come regularly to the peanuts and occasionally try the fat balls. There are good numbers of blue and great tits, the odd coal tit, lots of goldfinches, house sparrows, chaffinches and a few robins. Several dunnocks feed on the ground together with blackbirds. I put the food out in the morning and bring it back in the evening, quite often when I am out dealing with it I hear and see ravens flying over passing between their overnight roost and their daytime feeding ground. Ravens flock together in overnight roosts this time of the year; I think there is one large roost on the Isle of Anglesey. Many birds flock together this time of year for safety and warmth in communal roosts. Finding food is easier with more eyes searching and sharing information. Flocks can often be a mixture of species.

Having not seen a red kite for a while we were lucky to catch sight of 3 one afternoon looking out of our dining room window. I spotted just one at first with the very distinctive forked tail, then a second (probably a pair) and then a third, maybe their youngster. They were soaring very high on thermals and were soon gone. Yesterday I had another lucky sighting while working in the garden, I came out of the shed and sitting on the metal handrail next to the garage (where I had just walked) was a sparrow hawk. It dropped down and was nowhere to be seen when I went to look.



**Jane Trollope** (written 15th November)

 Follow 'Fostering in Wiltshire'

**Could you offer a stable and supportive home?**

We need foster carers who can provide a loving, supportive home for children in care. We will provide you with suitable placements to match your circumstances. You will be part of a professional team and be provided with your own support worker, ongoing training and a 24 hour helpline. In addition, you will be paid a generous allowance.

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Call us today on 0800 169 6321, email [fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk) or go to [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/fostering)

**Be the difference – become a foster carer with Wiltshire Council**



## Waste Collection during Christmas and New Year

**There will be no waste or recycling collections on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and on New Year's Day.**

There will be catch up collections on Saturday 29 December, 5 January and 12 January.

Garden waste collections will be suspended from Monday 24 December for two weeks and restart on Tuesday 8 January. Collections will be one day later than normal during this week.

All collections, including garden waste, will return to normal from Monday 14 January 2019.

All household recycling centres will be closed from 1pm on 24 December and all day on 25 and 26 December and 1 January. The centres will be open as normal on all other days.

For information about your local recycling centre or how to recycle your Christmas tree, visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling)



 Normal collection day	Revised household waste, black box, plastic and cardboard collection day	Revised garden waste collection day 
Mon 24 December	No change	No collections
<b>Tue 25 December</b>	Thur 27 December	No collections
<b>Wed 26 December</b>	Fri 28 December	No collections
Thur 27 December	Sat 29 December	No collections
Fri 28 December	Mon 31 December	No collections
Mon 31 December	Wed 2 January	No collections
<b>Tue 1 January</b>	Thur 3 January	No collections
Wed 2 January	Fri 4 January	No collections
Thur 3 January	Sat 5 January	No collections
Fri 4 January	Mon 7 January	No collections
Mon 7 January	Tue 8 January	Tue 8 January
Tue 8 January	Wed 9 January	Wed 9 January
Wed 9 January	Thur 10 January	Thur 10 January
Thur 10 January	Fri 11 January	Fri 11 January
Fri 11 January	Sat 12 January	Sat 12 January
<b>Mon 14 January</b>	<b>Back to normal</b>	<b>Back to normal</b>

## Deverill Valley & Crockerton WI

All members enjoyed the very informative and interesting talk by Bill Common on the work of SAFFA last month. Most of us were not aware of the very important work which they do.

There is no meeting in December as we will be having our Christmas Dinner at The George. We will also be having a Special Lunch in January instead of that month's meeting. Therefore, our next meeting will be on **Monday 11th February** at 7.30 pm in Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall when our speaker will speak on **Wild Life in Africa** with many interesting slides. For more information about the WI in the Deverill Valley please ring Julie Wallder on 213142.

## Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - Warminster Group

On **Monday 10th December** Nick Upton, a well-known Wiltshire based Wildlife film-maker and photographer is our guest speaker. He will be sharing his filming of and involvement in some recent reintroductions and conservation projects, including Beavers, Cranes, Seals and many more. Everyone is welcome to join us at the Civic Centre at 7.30 pm the charge of £3 (under 18s - £1) includes light refreshments. For further information please contact Ann Jones - 218928

## Cast on & Craft Group

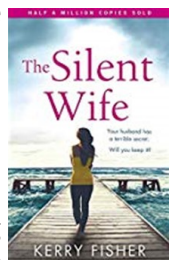
If you like knitting, embroidery, tapestry or other crafts, this group is for you! We meet at someone's home each month to share ideas and enjoy each other's company. This month's meeting will take place on **Wednesday 12th December** from 2.00 - 4.00 pm at Edith Dyer's house, 4 Hindon Road, Monkton Deverill, BA12 7EZ. Please call 844920 if you need directions. Everyone welcome.



## Book & Dining Club

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 19th December** at the Prince Leopold, Upton Lovell BA12 0JP. If you would like to come and discuss the book please contact Fran Henson 213978.

The chosen book is *The Silent Wife* by Kerry Fisher. Lara's life looks perfect on the surface. Gorgeous doting husband Massimo, sweet little son Sandro and the perfect home. Lara knows something about Massimo. Something she can't tell anyone else or everything Massimo has worked so hard for will be destroyed: his job, their reputation, their son. This secret is keeping Lara a prisoner in her marriage. Maggie is married to Massimo's brother Nico. She knows all of Nico's darkest secrets - or so she thinks. Then one day she discovers a letter in the attic which reveals a shocking secret about Nico's first wife Caitlin. Will Maggie set the record straight or keep a lie to protect those she loves? For a family held together by lies, the truth will come at a devastating price.





## THE ATHENAEUM SINGERS 7.00 pm Saturday 1st December

The Minster Church of St Denys, Warminster BA12 8PQ

*Vivaldi - Gloria, Haydn - Little Organ Mass,*

*Posten - Jesus Christ the Apple Tree,*

*Howells - Here is the Little Door,*

*Praetorius - Es ist ein Ros entsprungen*

Tickets £12.50 available from [tickets@athenaeumsingers.com](mailto:tickets@athenaeumsingers.com)

Warminster Hub, choir members, 01373 451573 or at the door



## ARTS & CRAFTS AT STOURHEAD CHRISTMAS FAIR

Meets our local talented makers of original handmade crafts and artist, for your unique Christmas presents

SATURDAY 1st - SUNDAY 2nd DECEMBER

10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Free entry to Stourton Memorial Hall



## CHAPTERHOUSE THEATRE COMPANY

*A Christmas Carol* - UK Tour

St. Margaret's Church Corsley

Thursday 6th December

Doors open 6.30 pm for Festive Mince Pie & glass of Wine

The performance begins at 7.30 pm

Charles Dickens' classic ghost story is brought alive in a traditional production with beautiful period costumes, songs, dance & magnificent musical score

Information / tickets: 01373 832 113/[office@theelizabethanplayhouse.com](mailto:office@theelizabethanplayhouse.com)



## THE ATHENAEUM SINGERS

An invitation to an informal Carol Concert

Tuesday 11th December 7.30 pm

Christchurch, Weymouth Street, Warminster BA12 9NS

Featuring audience carols, choir pieces and solo items

Refreshments

Retiring collection for Dorothy House and Cancer charity



## Poppy Appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The total collected by Crockerton and The Deverills was an amazing **£2,850.21**, including £600 from the church collection alone. Thank you to the Village Hall Committee and to the Parish Council for their donations too. The children and staff of Crockerton School were wonderfully supportive and their Remembrance Assembly attended by members of the RBL was particularly moving.

A dedicated team of volunteers has supported the collection including those who collected door to door and those who gave up a morning to help with the count. Many thanks for your support.

*Claire Watts*

THE ROYAL BRITISH  
LEGION



## Wiltshire Air Ambulance and The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust



The Convisch Farm Charity Events team are proud to announce that we raised a total of **£37,000** to go to the two charities (£20,000 to Wiltshire Air Ambulance and £17,000 to The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust). £9,600 was raised through the car



**The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust**  
Registered Charity No. 1153790

raffle; £17,200 was raised through the iconic nearly-new designer clothes sale; £6,700 was raised through the online auction; and the remaining £3,500 was raised through the Bollywood Rock Party and wonderfully generous donations.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Hillbrush Company for allowing us the use of their site and being a major sponsor towards our events. Also our thanks to Agra Restaurant, Michael Brown / Bounce Back Health, White Horse Marquees, FJ Chalke, Yapp Wines, Jeans Electrical, Temporary Toilets / Rob Beale Ltd, Southern Wines, Zinos Party Planning, Charles Farris Ltd, Heaven Hair, Dogwise Training School, Woolley & Wallis, Tisbury Motors Ltd, Wilsons Solicitors, Squeaky Clean Services, Howell Landscaping, C & G Tarmac Surfacing Ltd and Patrick Caruth Air Displays for supporting us. We also want to say a big thank you to the many volunteers who gave up their time to help us both at the Bollywood Rock Party and the clothes sale. It's the community spirit of everyone pulling together helping and coming along to events that has made this all possible.

All the leftover clothes went straight on to Save the Children (Shaftesbury) and St Margaret's Hospice (Wincanton). We hope they raise lots more money from the clothes for their wonderful charities.

Thank you again everyone and best wishes from the CFCE team Mike & Emily Tulloch, Philip & Pammy Coward, Peter & Sarah Fineman, Philip & Alex Davies, Peter & Gail Garbutt, Bertie & Francie Grotrian.

## Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

Members of the Parish Council would like to thank all who joined them in October for the half yearly Litter Pick, ensuring our villages are litter free.

**Grant applications:** The Parish Council will be requesting their precept requirements in January and would like to hear from any local groups and organisations who would like to be considered for grants in the financial year 2019/20, with full applications required by 25th February 2019.

**Older person's standard Wiltshire concessionary bus pass** Information about the renewal of bus passes. From 1st January 2019, not all bus passes will be renewed automatically. This is because there are approximately 20,000 passes in circulation that have not been scanned on a bus prior to renewal, indicating that the pass has not been used. In these cases, the passes will not be automatically renewed. If your pass is not automatically renewed but you would still like to receive one to use in the future, please contact Wiltshire Council on 0300 456 0100 and they can arrange for your new pass to be issued. Wiltshire Council regrets that any charges which may occur on bus journeys are non-refundable.

The next Full Parish Council meeting will be **Monday 7th January** at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and address the Council at the start of the meeting regarding any item on the agenda.

Full minutes and the agenda are available on village notice boards, Parish web site [www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk](http://www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk) or from the clerk Nikki Spreadbury-Clews email [longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com](mailto:longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com)

## Upper Deverills Parish Council



With agreement from the Church Warden, the UDPC decided a young yew tree for Kingston Deverill Churchyard would be a fitting way to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War. Councillor Richard Cousens unveiled the commemorative plaque for the newly planted tree following the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, 11th November.

Richard resigned from the UDPC at the November meeting and we would like to thank him for his unfailing good humour, his efficient and ceaseless work on behalf of our community over more than five years.

The next Council meeting is on **Wednesday 9th January** at 6.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend



## Traidcraft and Fair Trade



**AT HOME on Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th December 8.30 am - 6.00 pm**  
at 'Wits End', North Road, Mere, Warminster, BA12 6HP 01747 860884

You may have heard Traidcraft, the pioneering Fair Trade Company, are having problems, as are so many retailers currently. I have been a Voluntary Rep for 38 years and am saddened by this news. Reps have been asked to make this the best Christmas ever to show support and faith in the promise to help those less fortunate than ourselves work their way out of poverty. I would like to invite you to my 'At Home'. You can enjoy Fair Trade refreshments, stir the Fair Trade Christmas Pudding, make a wish and browse the beautiful hand made items. Buying a small gift, a few Christmas cards, Christmas goodies or stocking filler would make such a difference.

*Janet Way*

## Mere Historical Society

Evening talk 7.10 pm Tuesday 4th December. The Death of Gordon of Khartoum by David Baker. The talk will be preceded by **wine and mince pies**, so please come along early to enjoy! After his death defending Khartoum from the Mahdi, the British saw Gordon as a hero, though his actions were at odds with government instructions. Hear more about this interesting piece of history.



Morning talk 10.15 for 10.30 am Tuesday 11th December. Fifty five years fighting Rust by Ian Dean. Preventing and fighting rust has featured in Ian's life since leaving school. Volunteering on Gartell Light Railway demands the fight continues!

Morning talk 10.15 for 10.30 am Tuesday 8th January. The Frome Cheese Fair by Philip Cary. For more than a century and a half, local people have been exhibiting their home-made cheese at the Frome Cheese Show. Philip is its former chairman.

**NB There is no evening talk in January**

Talks will be in the Grove Building. £3 entry for non-members who are very welcome. See [www.merehistoricalsociety.org.uk](http://www.merehistoricalsociety.org.uk)

## Mere Gardening Club

**NB** There will be no meetings in December and January.

Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year to all members.

[www.meregardenclub.org.uk/RogerLaidler](http://www.meregardenclub.org.uk/RogerLaidler) (863447).



## Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

**The Old Kitchen Store** in the Hall is open Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9.00 am – 11.30 am **CASH ONLY** selling basic grocery items.

**Book lending library** a wide range of books, open in shop hours.

**Coffee mornings** every Friday 10.00 - noon. Come for a chat. Everyone welcome.

**Film Nights:** Doors open 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start. Ticket £5 inc. drink & raffle.

**Friday 7th December** 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society' (12)

**Friday 11th January** 'The Greatest Showman' (PG)

**Monday 17th December** 5.30 pm '**Christmas Carols**'. Come and join us. Mulled wine & mince pies available. All donations to Dorothy House. Adults & children welcome.



## SERVICES PARISH OF DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Advent</b>	
2nd December	Brixton 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion Christingle & Posada
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Advent 2</b>	
9th December	Kingston 10.30 am Longbridge 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Darkness to Light
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Advent 3</b>	
16th December	Brixton 10.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Advent 4</b>	
23rd December	Kingston 6.00 pm	Village Carol Service
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
24th December	Longbridge 4.00 pm Longbridge 11.30 pm	Crib Service Midnight Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	
25th December	Kingston 9.30 am Horningsham 10.30 am Longbridge 11.15 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Christmas Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>First of Christmas</b>	
30th December	Brixton 10.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Epiphany</b>	
6th January	Kingston 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion Morning Worship
<b>Personal Morning Prayer</b> Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9.00 am at The Rectory		

## SERVICES PARISH OF CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Advent</b>	
2nd December	Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Advent 2</b>	
9th December	Chapmanslade 9.30 am Corsley 11.00 am	Holy Communion Matins
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Advent 3</b>	
16th December	Chapmanslade 9.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Advent 4</b>	
23rd December	Corsley 6.00 pm	Carol Service
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
24th December	Chapmanslade 3.30 pm	Crib Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	
25th December	Temple 9.00 Chapmanslade 10.30 am	Holy Communion Family Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>First of Christmas</b>	
30th December	Brixton 10.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Epiphany</b>	
6th January	Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion



**VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE**  
**6.00 pm Sunday 23rd December**  
**St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill**  
**This is a popular event so come early!**



### CHURCH CLEANERS FOR DECEMBER

**Kingston** Alice Stratton & Clare Mounde  
**Brixton** Claire Watts & Sally Buchan-Jones

**Longbridge** Monday 3rd December 9.30 - 10.30 am - All helpers please

### CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR DECEMBER

	<b>Kingston</b>	<b>Brixton</b>	<b>Longbridge</b>
2nd Dec	Judy Munro	No	Flowers
9th Dec	Advent	No	Flowers
16th Dec	Advent	No	Flowers
23rd Dec	Advent	No	Flowers
25th Dec	Christmas	All	Helpers
30th Dec	Alice Stratton	Sheelagh Brown	Janet Budgen



### REGISTER

**Thanksgiving Service - our thoughts & prayers are with the family**

Pamela Tyers at Longbridge Thursday 8th November

**Funeral - our thoughts & prayers are with the family**

Peter James Baker at Brixton Monday 12th November

### The Deverills, Crockerton & Horningsham 50/50 Club

**A chance to win £50/£25 each month!**

**The September winners were: £50 Rodger Webster & £25 Bill Hurd**

The 50/50 Club raises money for our four Parish churches. 50 percent given to the churches and 50 percent distributed among the membership. If you would like to join please contact Diana Abbott on 840763 or decabbott@gmail.com