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

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PARISH NEWS

The Deverills & Crockerton



Three Deverill churches by Dennis Smith

DECEMBER 2019

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BULL MILL ARTS BAZAAR

30th November-
8th December
10am - 5pm
a magnificent medley of fine
arts and crafts, brimful with
beautiful hand crafted goods

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SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 10.30 AM
CHRISTINGLE & POSADA SERVICE
ST PETER & ST PAUL'S CHURCH
LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL



Join this traditional service to celebrate Jesus Christ the Light of the World and bless the holy family's journey



Community Coffee Morning

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

Wednesday 4th December & Monday 16th December

Call Bridget 844884 or Judy 844385 if you require transport



TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER 4.00 PM

CRIB SERVICE

ST PETER & ST PAUL'S CHURCH
LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL

Come and join in this special service on Christmas eve for all the family



FUTURE EVENTS

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LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS etc.

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Upper Deverills Parish Council - www.upperdeverills.co.uk

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Upper Deverills Village Hall

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Community Police - Local Officer (Rural)

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Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Deverills & Crockerton Dympna Dell 840514

Warminster Link Scheme 211655

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

Mere Link Scheme (Upper Deverills etc) 01747 860096

Post Offices: Lakeside Garden Centre, Crockerton: Mon 9.00 - 5.00, Fri 9.00 - 3.00

Maiden Bradley Hall: Tuesday 1.00 - 3.00

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

Dear Friends,

I am going to be really honest: I wish I didn't have to write this letter. We have a general election looming, and the country is in chaos. Poverty levels are rising. Across the world daily, hourly, desperate people risk their lives in an attempt to escape brutally oppressive and unjust regimes. An environmental crisis of apocalyptic proportions is being played out in bush fires across the world that are out of control, not to mention flooding, and loss of natural habitat that has devastating consequences for us all. I quote: 'Insect population decline affects ecosystems, other animal populations, and humanity. A 2019 global review warned that, if not mitigated by decisive action, the decline would have a catastrophic impact on the planet's ecosystems.'

And, it is Christmas. I feel I should come with something profound and equally feel wholly unqualified to do so. All I can do is offer a few thoughts and hope that someone somewhere finds them helpful.

Writing the above I am struck by the thought that the world has always been a place of great beauty but also of great pain. If we think about the time in which that first Christmas was played out Jesus was born in a country under Roman occupation; a brutal and oppressive regime if ever there was one. Mary was an underage teenage mother probably booted out of her home for bringing appalling shame on her family, she was lucky that she was not stoned to death for her behaviour. The Holy Family were refugees: no home, no money, finding their way in the dark to that horrible, dirty stable where Jesus was born.

A few years ago I wrote an alternative version of the Christmas story in which I had Mary giving birth to Jesus on the floor of the loo in Burger King in amongst filthy bits of tissue, cigarette butts and other such inviting detritus. I remember telling the story to the year 6 class at school and their expressions of horror and disgust at such a scenario. It is so much easier to water it all down isn't it, and have Jesus born in a nice cosy stable with fresh, sweet smelling hay and clean well behaved animals. But to do so is to miss the point entirely. In all the mess that is the reality of human existence what is the constant that we need to hold onto? It's love of course. The Christmas story is not a sweet fairy tale to bring out once a year with the decorations, it is a shocking, amazing, gutsy picture of love blazing forth in the darkest of places. Into the dirty, grimy, shameful reality of what it means to be human love is born. In our beautiful, broken, often sad old world we are all finding our way in the dark to where love still shines, often hidden yes, but not extinguished.

So, having said all that, enjoy your Christmas. Remember love is the greatest gift God gives us and we can give each other; treasure it, live it, and give thanks for it.

Happy Christmas, with love and prayers,

Pauline

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



Poppy Appeal

I am really pleased to let you know Crockerton and The Deverills raised a wonderful total of **£2,510.80** this year for the Poppy Appeal, including a donation from the Upper Deverills Parish Council and the collection at the Remembrance Service. Thank you so very much for all your donations, they make such a difference to the work of the Royal British Legion. Very many thanks too to all of you who volunteered to help, giving your time either collecting or helping count every single penny that went into the tins!

Claire Watts

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



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 be on **Monday 9th December** 2.00 - 4.00 pm at Heather Webster's house, Pinetops, Orchard Way, Crockerton, BA12 8AQ. Please call 213642 for directions. Everyone welcome.

UPPER DEVERILLS VILLAGE HALL

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 14th 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 9th December
by contacting Eve McBride 840268 eve.mcbride1@gmail.com



MONTHLY PUB NIGHT

'The Cricketers' Legs'

Friday 31st January

6.00 - 11.00 pm with food available

A relaxed evening with villagers; children/dogs welcome!

Firkin beer, wine, spirits, soft drinks, crisps cheaper than a pub!

Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/upperdeverills



Nature Notes

I have been sweeping up leaves again today. There seem to be more of them this year! With so much rain they have become sodden and haven't been blown away, that is my theory anyway. As well as being so wet it has been much colder than usual for the time of year with snow in nearby areas. Clive managed to cut the grass for hopefully the last time this afternoon.

The autumn colours have been exceptional. The beech and birch together with maple have put on a great show. I go to Mere most weeks and have popped into Stourhead for a walk on the way home, and each time the colours have been outstanding. Last week they were putting out lighting in the garden for their Christmas illuminated trail. They were also busy decorating the house. The lake there always has lots of tufted ducks whereas Shearwater has great crested grebes.

The winter visitors are now back with us. I first heard a solitary seeping call of redwing on the 25th October just before we went away to Cornwall for a few days. A week later flocks of redwing were flying over. On the 4th of November, when we were sitting having breakfast, Clive spotted 2 fieldfares having a bath in the pond. Since then we have seen and heard many more and I love their "cha-cha-chack" call. As the leaves fall you can spot the birds more easily, and the other afternoon in the late sun, I had a super view of a mistle thrush. When I was out clearing the leaves late this afternoon, I heard a song thrush singing, only quietly, but it was definitely a song thrush with the repeated phrases; practising for spring! We did see a good size flock of starling fly past late afternoon the other day.

The pond continues to attract wildlife. Lots of birds come to drink and bathe and a few days ago we had a sparrow hawk having a bath being watched from the side by a magpie. When the sparrow hawk flew off the magpie followed it. I wondered if it was hoping the hawk had a prey item; sparrow hawks have been known to drown their prey and therefore the magpie was hoping for an easy meal. Both pied and grey wagtails come to the pond but the pied is an infrequent visitor. The grey wagtails come daily looking for food in amongst the weed and along the edges. The pied wagtails prefer to feed on the rooftops. Both species are continually on the move.

I started feeding the birds again on the 9th November having had a break for hygiene reasons and as we were going away. It did not take them long to find the peanuts and fat balls. So far we have had blue and great tits, house sparrows, robins, and great spotted woodpeckers both male (red on the back of the neck) and female. I have yet to see long-tailed tits on the feeders or coal tit though I hear them in the garden. The blackbirds are tucking into the berries on the firethorns in the front garden. Several times when replenishing the feeders I have looked up to see a red kite above me.

We went to Looe in Cornwall (a childhood haunt) and saw lots of little egrets on the river and curlew, oyster catcher and a kingfisher fishing off the bridge.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Jane Trollope (written 17th November)





BRITISH RED CROSS

First Aid for adults 4-hour evening course



Longbridge Deverill Parish Council is running a 4-hour first aid course over two consecutive evenings from 6.00 – 8.00 pm

Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th February at the George Inn, Longbridge

There are 15 places available, both evenings must be attended
Providing the course is filled the price will be £25 per person which will need to be paid prior to the course. Several people have shown interest, so if you would like to attend please email longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com as soon as possible so we can confirm numbers and the amount to pay.

Christmas and New Year waste and recycling collection changes

*Changes from
23 Dec - 13 Jan*

Your normal collection day	Household and recycling	Garden waste *
Mon 23 Dec	✓ no change	✗ no collection
Tues 24 Dec	✓ no change	✗ no collection
Wed 25 Dec	Fri 27 Dec	✗ no collection
Thurs 26 Dec	Sat 28 Dec	✗ no collection
Fri 27 Dec	Mon 30 Dec	✗ no collection
Mon 30 Dec	Tues 31 Dec	✗ no collection
Tues 31 Dec	Thurs 2 Jan	✗ no collection
Wed 1 Jan	Fri 3 Jan	✗ no collection
Thurs 2 Jan	Sat 4 Jan	✗ no collection
Fri 3 Jan	Mon 6 Jan	✗ no collection
Mon 6 Jan	Tues 7 Jan	Tues 7 Jan
Tues 7 Jan	Wed 8 Jan	Wed 8 Jan
Wed 8 Jan	Thur 9 Jan	Thur 9 Jan
Thurs 9 Jan	Fri 10 Jan	Fri 10 Jan
Fri 10 Jan	Sat 11 Jan	Sat 11 Jan
Mon 13 Jan	✓ back to normal	✓ back to normal

No collections: 25 December, 26 December, 1 January

Check your collection dates and household recycling centre opening times at wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling
Wiltshire Council

Advent Course

This year's course, 'To Live Again', will take place on Wednesday evenings, from 7.00 - 9.30 pm starting on 27th November at Ian and Janet Buick's, 28 Huntenhull Lane, Chapmanslade, we are grateful to them and to the Hopkinsons for agreeing to act as hosts. The course is based on the classic Christmas film 'It's a Wonderful Life', starring James Stewart and Donna Reed. Please have a word with Ian (01373 832318) or Gay (01373 832490) if you would like to join the course. The course continues on **Wednesdays 4th December** at Ian and Janet Buick's, 28 Huntenhull Lane, Chapmanslade, and on **Wednesdays 11th December** and **18th December** at Trudi and Alan Hopkinson's, The Anchorage, Lyes Green, Corsley. If you miss seeing the film on 27th November you can still join any of the evenings when we will see short clips to base our discussions on. We look forward to seeing you.

Reverend Gay Maynard

Book & Dining Club

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 4th December** at the Woolpack in Sutton Veny BA12 7AW. If you would like to come and discuss the book please contact Fran Henson 213978.

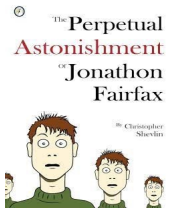
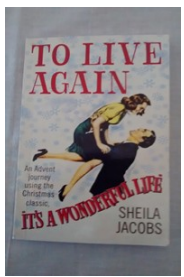
The book that has been chosen to be discussed during the evening is 'The Perpetual Astonishment of Jonathon Fairfax' by Christopher Shevlin. This hilarious adventure stars lovable, girl-fearing Jonathon as he accidentally sets off a chain of events leading to murder and a massive British government conspiracy - with a dream girl and glamorous granny added to the mix.

Deverill Valley & Crockerton WI

We had a most interesting speaker in November, David Croot spoke about the archaeological dig at Monkton Deverill and the Deverill Valley. He was extremely knowledgeable about what has been found. Our **Christmas Dinner** will be on **Monday 9th December** which we are all looking forward to. Our first meeting in the New Year will be at 7.30 pm on **Monday 13th January** when **Toast Master Verity Bartlett** will speak on **Tales of Professionals**. If you would like to know more about the WI in the Deverill Valley please contact Julie Wallder on 213142.

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - Warminster Group

This month's Speaker should inform and entertain you. While working for the M.O.D. **Roger Dickey** visited some remote places, encountering unusual Flora and Fauna on his travels. In his frequently light hearted talk, entitled 'More Birds Than Bullets' Roger will tell us about some of these and efforts to conserve them and their habitats. Everyone is welcome at the Civic Centre on **Monday 9th December** at 7.30 pm. Cost £3 (under 18s £1). If you require further information please contact Ann Jones 511480.



Ride & Stride - Historic Churches Trust

Congratulations to Phil Davies and Tim Watts for receiving certificates and prizes each for cycling to the most churches on the fundraising day, 14th September. They visited 49 churches and cycled about 90 miles in the allocated time. Together with Richard Munro they raised a total of **£628** for the Trust, half of which comes back to our parish to help maintain the fabric of our churches. An amazing effort, thank you.

Judy Munro - organiser



Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall

A special presentation was made at Longbridge Parish Harvest supper in October. After almost 40 years of unstinting support serving on the Longbridge Parish Hall Committee, Pat Wood has hung up her apron. The committee past and present thanked her so much for all her help, particularly in the kitchen. She said she will still be supporting us at our functions but will be a seated guest! Without doubt we shall miss her very much, she will be more than happy to advise us if we need her. Thank you Pat.

Julie Reid



Upper Deverills Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Coffee Morning and Christmas Fair. We made a total of **£191.80** for Cancer Research. A big thank you to the Stall Holders and all the volunteers for helping.

Judith Hiron



Upper Deverills Village Hall

Remembrance Sunday

After our Service of Remembrance in St Mary's in Kingston Deverill, and the wreath-laying at our War Memorial, it is a tradition to have a Curry Lunch in the Upper Deverills Village Hall, to which everybody is very welcome (military or not!). This year, as in previous years, Mr Mujib Rahman and his team (from the excellent Agra restaurant in Warminster) cooked for us a delicious selection of curries and accompaniments. Do join us next year!

Quiz Night

On 14th November we had our annual Quiz Night in the hall. At the end of last year's quiz the winning team were invited to set this year's questions and so the 2019 quiz was organized by Sally and Chris Buchan Jones, Christine and Richard Lucas and Tim and Claire Watts. They did a fantastic job, with just the right balance of easy and hard questions. The highlight, without a doubt, was the hilarious music round which featured Claire and Tim performing a number of mystery tunes on the swanee whistle and kazoo. Their 'Flight of the Bumblebee' was indescribable, but even that was surpassed by the Star Trek TV theme! Congratulations to the 'Bluestones' who were worthy winners of the quiz.



Monkton Deverill Broadband



In the August Parish News I wrote that Openreach had begun installing a new fibre enabled green cabinet for Monkton Deverill. Once operational this should greatly improve potential speeds and reliability for Monkton. Progress has been slower than anticipated but electrical work is due to take place in November (when this was written). Openreach expect the engineering work to be completed by the end of the year. However, Openreach say that because this is a new cabinet being inserted into the network there will be a complex migration of services from the current infrastructure on to the new cabinet so it is difficult to give a completion date, although the expectation is for the early months of 2020. Once the cabinet is live maximum potential broadband speeds for Monkton residents will increase. However, people do need to remember the speed delivered may depend on your contract with your provider and higher speeds may involve increased costs. Once live you would need to discuss any variation with your broadband provider, not Openreach.

Richard Kitson, Chairman Upper Deverills Broadband Action Group



Ofsted

We certainly will remember the 5th November, as Ofsted informed us that after 12 years they would be visiting us for an inspection. Ofsted usually visit every 3 to 4 years and follow an Inspection Framework, which has changed 5 times since our last inspection, each time the criteria gets harder. The newest version is based on providing children with a 'broad and balanced' curriculum. It was a gruelling and very long 2 days ensuring we demonstrated the strengths of the school and agreed with some areas where further work is needed. However, we are delighted with the report that came out this week which confirms we are a **Good School**, and fit 'snugly' into this judgement! We could not agree more. Some of the key findings that the inspector reported on were:

The small and very harmonious community live and breathe the three key rules of the school: Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Responsible. The head teacher, who has very high expectations of pupils and staff, has led the teaching staff in designing an ambitious and broad curriculum. It was noted children relish this stimulating curriculum. Every subject of the National Curriculum is taught and children show resilience and tenacity over an extended time. The love of reading at Crockerton was recognised and it was noted this is really embedded throughout the entire school. The report states the children do exceptionally well by the end of Key Stage 2. The inspector commented that the children are ready for the next stage of education due to the continuous support and care which the staff provide. The children in our school have the best possible start. They begin their time at our school eagerly engaging within a rich learning environment; this continues throughout their educational journey. Due to countless trips, charity and community events, sporting fixtures and visitors, staff ensure pupils have a greater understanding of the world beyond their school.

Nic Illic - Head teacher

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

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

Are you prepared for flooding?

With the very wet start we have had to autumn we should all be reminded to ensure we are prepared in case of flooding. First, and foremost, please ensure drains and ditches that are your responsibility are kept clear. It is the homeowner's responsibility to protect their home from flooding. Where possible the council, emergency services and Environment Agency will help but if flooding is over a large area they may not be able to respond. Points to consider in case your home is flooded:

Store important documents and items safely in waterproof containers at the highest point of your property. Ensure all electrical appliances, mains gas, electricity, water are turned off. Plug sinks, baths and showers and weigh the plug down to prevent back flow. If possible, move as much furniture as you can upstairs or raise off the floor. Check your property insurance. Make an emergency flood kit including blankets, warm/waterproof clothing, bottled water, food, torches, a first aid kit and ensure your mobile phone is fully charged. Take care and do not put yourself at risk.

The next Parish Council meeting is at 7.30 pm **Monday 6th January** at Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall. Residents welcome. Full minutes and agendas are available on Parish website www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk or from the clerk Nikki Spreadbury-Clews email longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com or village notice boards

The Parish Council wish everyone a Happy Christmas & Healthy New Year.

Upper Deverills Parish Council

The Parish Council conducted a quick survey recently to get people's views on a possible children's play area. We had 16 responses, for which we are grateful. However, there was no clear feeling we should go ahead. If you would still like to express your view you can at: surveyMonkey.co.uk/r/2SK2T7L. So perhaps we will look at it again in the summer.

Call for Rights of Way Volunteer Officers

The Upper Deverills Parish Council are looking for 2 people to act as local ROW officers: one to cover Monkton Deverill and another for Kingston Deverill (we have a volunteer for Brixton Deverill). The role is to report problems with footpaths, bridleways etc to the Parish Council and act as a point of contact for residents and other occasional users on ROW matters. The responsibility to maintain the Public Rights of Way network is shared between Wiltshire Council as the Highway Authority and the landowners/occupiers over which the path exists. More information about the role can be found on Wiltshire Council's website. If you are a walker or rider living in Monkton or Kingston and would like to volunteer please contact the Parish Clerk.

The next Parish Council meeting is at 6.30 pm on **Wednesday 15th January** in the Upper Deverills Village Hall.

Meanwhile, we wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas!



Mere Historical Society

Evening talk 7.10 for 7.30 pm

Tuesday 3rd December: My 50 Years of Motor Racing by Mike Wilds. Before the talk starts at 7.30 pm it will be preceded by

wine and mince pies, so please come along early to enjoy! Mike Wilds is a hugely experienced British racing driver who started racing in May 1965 and began instructing on track in the early 1970's. He also gives helicopter tuition. Mike will share his inspirations, challenges and memorable experiences spanning 50 Years.

Morning talks 10.15 for 10.30 am

Tuesday 10th December: Stourhead copper printing plates by Stourhead volunteers. Replaces the original speaker who cancelled. This illustrated talk is about an exciting find in the library and plates will be available for us to see. We are delighted that Geoff Ellen and Sandy Kerr, volunteers at Stourhead, have come to our rescue.

Tuesday 7th January: The History of Bells and Bell ringing by Mike Durkee. The sound of bells ringing is deeply rooted in British culture. Almost everyone in Britain lives within hearing range of bells. We can look forward to an interesting talk.

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

Mere Gardening Club

NB No meetings in December or January. Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year to all. [www.meregardenclub.org.uk/RogerLaidler\(863447\)](http://www.meregardenclub.org.uk/RogerLaidler(863447)).

Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

The Old Kitchen Store Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9.00-11.30 am

Tuesdays 1.00 - 3.00 pm. **Cash only** for basic groceries.

Post Office Tuesdays 1.00 - 3.00 pm open in the Hall weekly.

Coffee mornings Fridays 10.00 - noon. Come for a chat.

Community library has a wide range of books, open in shop hours.

Pub night: Saturday 7th December 6.00 - 10.00 pm. We plan to hold a pub night while The Somerset Arms is being renovated. Local beer, cider, wine, soft drinks etc.

Film night: Friday 13th December Fisherman's Friends (PG) doors open at 7.00 pm.

Carols: Monday 16th December 5.30 pm around the piano with mulled wine and mince pies. Donations taken for Dorothy House.

Bingo : Monday 16th December 7.30 for 8.00 pm eyes down.

New Years Eve Party: Tuesday 31st December 7.30 pm - 12.30 am. Hot food (included in price of ticket), Bar available. Tickets £5 available from the shop and from Mel Thomas 845111. Everyone welcome



SERVICES PARISH OF DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM



Sunday	Advent	
1st December	Brixton 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion Christingle & Posada
Sunday	Advent 2	
8th December	Kingston 10.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	Advent 3	
15th December	Brixton 10.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	Advent 4	
22nd December	Longbridge 10.30 am Kingston 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Village Carol Service
Tuesday	Christmas Eve	
24th December	Longbridge 4.00 pm Corsley 11.30 pm	Crib Service Midnight Mass
Wednesday	Christmas Day	
25th December	Kingston 9.30 am Horningsham 10.30 am Longbridge 11.15 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Christmas Worship
Sunday	First of Christmas	
29th December	Brixton 10.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday	Epiphany	
5th January	Kingston 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion Morning Worship
Personal Morning Prayer		
9.00 am Monday & Tuesday, at The Rectory, Wednesday at Kingston Church		

SERVICES PARISH OF CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE



Sunday	Advent	
1st December	Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	Advent 2	
8th December	Chapmanslade 9.30 am Corsley 11.00 am	Holy Communion Matins
Sunday	Advent 3	
15th December	Corsley 10.30 am	Morning Worship
Sunday	Advent 4	
22nd December	Corsley 6.00 pm	Carol Service
Tuesday	Christmas Eve	
24th December	Chapmanslade 3.30 pm Corsley 11.30 pm	Crib Service Midnight Mass
Wednesday	Christmas Day	
25th December	Temple 9.00 am Chapmanslade 10.30 am	Holy Communion Family Holy Communion
Sunday	First of Christmas	
29th December	Brixton 10.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday	Epiphany	
5th January	Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion



VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE

6.00 pm Sunday 22nd 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 Penny Marsh & Mel Wiseman

Longbridge see rota

CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR DECEMBER

	Kingston	Brixton	Longbridge
1st Dec	Judy Munro	No	Flowers
8th Dec	Advent	No	Flowers
15th Dec	Advent	No	Flowers
22nd Dec	Advent	No	Flowers
25th Dec	Christmas	All	Helpers
29th Dec	Alice Stratton	Sheelagh Brown	Jane Robins



REGISTER

Baptism - Welcome to our church family

Oliver Wells at Longbridge Thursday Sunday 10th November

Funeral - Our thoughts & prayers are with the family

Samuel Baylis at Horningsham on Wednesday 6th November

The Deverills, Crockerton & Horningsham 50/50 Club

A chance to win £50/£25 each month!

The November winners were: £50 Veronica Aplin, £25 David Judd.

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