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

Website: Benefice of Cley Hill Villages www.cleyhillchurches.org

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

PARISH NEWS

The Deverills & Crockerton



Whitecliff Farm, Brixton Deverill by Pat Armstrong

MARCH 2020

Look inside for local news & information

Community Coffee Mornings



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

Wednesday 4th & Monday 16th March

Call Bridget 844884 or Judy 844385 if you require transport



Lent Lunches

From 12.00 noon - donations to Christian Aid

Monday 9th March

Judy & Richard Munro's, Whitepits Lodge, Kingston BA12 7HD

Monday 23rd March

Sue & Robert Stone's, 84 Monkton Deverill, BA12 7EX

Monday 6th April

Mari & Nigel Poole's, 7 Homefields, Longbridge BA12 7DQ

Please come along and support this life giving charity,

And enjoy a simple lunch in good company!



UPPER DEVERILLS VILLAGE HALL

Feast to celebrate the End of Winter

Saturday 14th March 7.30 pm

£15 per head 3 courses, dietary needs met, bring your own drinks

Advance booking only. Please contact Eve 840268, Paul 845186 or

Gillian 844507 or email upperdeverillsvillagehall@gmail.com

Monthly Pub Night

Friday 27th March 6.00 - 11.00 pm

Food available. Relax with neighbours all welcome!

Beer, wine, spirits, soft drinks, crisps cheaper than a pub!

Facebook www.facebook.com/group/upperdeverills



CROCKERTON VILLAGE COMMITTEE EASTER EGG HUNT

Shearwater Lake, Crockerton 11.00 am Sunday 29th March

Donations welcome for the Crockerton Village Committee Fund

FUTURE EVENTS

VE Day 75 Celebration Friday 8th May

Shearwater Lake for evening drinks (weather permitting)

Crockerton Street Party Sunday 7th June 3.00 - 6.00 pm



FUTURE EVENTS

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LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS etc.

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council - www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk

Caroline Sawyer 840585 (Chair)	Bob Pitman 212953
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Richard Baxter 212918	Nigel Spreadbury-Clews 216660
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Martin McDermott 216939	
Nikki Spreadbury-Clews (Clerk) 216660 or longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com	

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

Bridget Beattie 844884 (Chair)	Gillian Flint 844507
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	Louise Stratton 844105
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Wiltshire Council 0300 456 0100

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Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall Committee

Anna Mead 212759 (Secretary) Sylvia Titt 214825 (Bookings)

Upper Deverills Village Hall

Ted Flint 844507 (Chair) John Lea 844325 (Hall bookings)

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

Deverills Cricket Club Ed Read 840835 (Captain)

Community Police - Local Officer (Rural)

PCSO Candida Jackson – Candida.jackson@Wiltshire.pnn.police.uk or call 101

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,

Are you watching the signs? I don't think I have ever known such grey days as we have been experiencing this winter, so it has been with some delight to see the signs of Spring. The snow drops in profusion, defying all sorts of weather, delicate and gentle in their appearance yet hardy and persistent in their flourishing, followed by vibrant yellow trumpeting daffodils and carpets of bluebells, all signalling the arrival of warmer, lighter days.



Another favourite of mine is the Hellebore, also known as the Lenten Rose and so named because the sepals and flowers arrive around the time of Lent, and have a rose like appearance, although they are related to the buttercup. They come in many varieties with purple or violet being a common colour – very fitting for reminding us of the season! Purple or violet reflect the tone of the season in Church hangings and vestments and symbolise for us a time of penitence and preparation. The word Lent comes from the Latin for lengthen and refers to the lengthening of days, and more daylight hours (hooray!). Traditionally, it has been a time for the preparation of candidates for baptism on Easter Day, rising from the waters of baptism just as Jesus rose from the tomb, the first fruits of a new creation. Self-examination was very much a part of that preparation and what it means for us all to choose to 'turn towards the light of Christ'.

Even if we were baptised long ago the need for self-examination continues, the choice to turn away from darkness (a euphemism for that which is not of God) and turn towards the light can and should be part of our faith walk with Christ on a daily basis. In the forty day booklet produced by the Church of England, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York write....

'Lent is a time for reflection. Before the solemnity of Good Friday and the glory of the resurrection on Easter Day, Christians have the opportunity to remember Christ's withdrawal into the desert for forty days. It is a time to re-evaluate, a moment where we can turn away from the luxuries and distractions of daily life and face God. In so doing we face light, love and life. Facing God makes Lent a time for renewal.'

I wonder what discipline you have chosen to aid this time of reflection, a fast perhaps – a time of cutting something out that has become a distraction between you and your faith journey or maybe it is doing something extra like following the 40 day booklet of meditations and actions, or both!

Those who are reading the Lent book 'Say Yes to Life' will meet with Pauline at the Rectory on **Thursday 5th March** at 2.00 pm in an introductory session and meet again in Holy Week on **Thursday 9th April** at 2.00 pm to share their reflections on caring for creation. Whatever you have decided upon to prepare, I pray you will have a good and holy Lent, and that the signs of God's glory in creation will cause you to stop and wonder at the beauty and gift that is all around us.

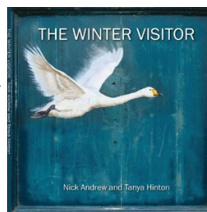
With love and blessing,

Gay

Rev Gay Maynard 01373 832490

The Winter Visitor

An exhibition and book by Nick Andrew and Tanya Hinton of Bull Mill, Crockerton. The exhibition runs until **10th March** from 10.00 am - 4.00 pm every day at The Gallery, Shaftesbury Arts Centre, 13 Bell Street, Shaftesbury. SP7 8AR. The Winter Visitor is an exciting joint project: a children's story, written and designed by Nick Andrew, which follows three swans and their winter's journey along a chalk stream. Tanya Hinton has created the enchanting illustrations with unique paintings on reclaimed wood, which will be featured in the exhibition. The book (£9.50) will be launched during the exhibition, also available from Bull Mill Studio or www.nickandrew.co.uk, and a proportion of sales from the book will be donated to the Wessex Rivers Trust. Also on show will be **Winter Wylfe** a series of mixed media plein air drawings of the River Wylfe by Nick Andrew, which flows close to his studio in South Wiltshire. These pieces have been drawn over the past three months, exploring the drama, moods and textures of this beautiful chalk stream through flood and frost. There will also be a collection of winter- themed landscape paintings.



The Athenaeum Singers
Saturday 14th March 9.30 am
Come and Sing Day
Christ Church, Warminster BA12 9NS
£20 includes lunch and refreshments
Contact tickets@athenaumsingers.com or
Tel: 01373 451573

Saturday 6th June 7.00 pm
Athenaeum Singers concert: The French Connection
The Minster Church of St Denys, Warminster BA12 8PQ
For more information please see www.athenaumsingers.com

QUIZ NIGHT

in aid of Deverills & Horningsham churches

Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall

Friday 3rd April 7.00 for 7.30 pm start

Includes Buffet Supper - Tickets £10.00 on the door

Bring your own drinks & nibbles

Teams 6/8 names to Guy Ratcliffe 840405 / Tim Young 840477

PLUS Grand National Sweepstake - Saturday 4th April

Tickets are £2 each, three for £5 available on the evening



Nature Notes

We finally managed to check the nest boxes on Friday 7th February before Storm Ciara arrived. Out of 11 boxes, 5 were used. The box on the silver birch at the back of the rockery was out of reach as the ground beneath is covered in a carpet of mauve crocuses; we will have to do it later. The boxes were used by house sparrows and tits (blue and great).

Now just over a week later we have Storm Dennis! Despite the wind and rain when we returned home late yesterday evening there were lots of toads on the move. It was a much milder night so with the rain they didn't seem to mind the wind; they like wet and warm. Sadly some of them had been run over on the road. I went out to look at the pond and there were lots of toads in there, mainly males (they are smaller), and walking across the lawn I had to tread carefully so not to step on any. We have put the toad signs up today to make people aware of the amphibian activity; hopefully then not so many will get flattened on the road.

Yesterday morning we had a pair of moorhens on the pond and this morning I caught them mating; very brief affair. I shall now watch for nest building activity. The moorhens were joined by 3 mallards this morning, 2 drakes and 1 duck. We have not had any for ages and they usually return when there is frog spawn, and sure enough when I inspected the shallow end of the pond (the frogs prefer shallow water, toads lay spawn in deeper water) there were several clumps of fresh spawn. How do the mallards know when it is there? The toad spawn is in strings and tends to be in amongst the weed. Both the moorhens and mallards were dipping down into the weed and I think looking/finding the toad spawn.



I did the Garden Birdwatch back at the end of January but my count was greatly reduced as we had had a female sparrowhawk visiting the garden during the week before picking off birds at the feeding area. We saw her take at least 3 birds. I've not seen her for a while now and the birds are beginning to return.



The garden is starting to look like spring with snowdrops, crocuses, daffodils, cyclamen and pulmonaria in flower. I only plant the dwarf daffodils, tete-a-tete, and they have withstood the high winds we have had. The snowdrops have survived well despite looking so fragile; nature's perfect design. Sadly the crocuses and dwarf irises have not weathered the storms and look rather sad. I have managed to do a bit in the garden on the odd dry day. I cleared away a lot of dead stuff from the rockery and pond area so we could see the bulbs and the heathers better. If the moorhens are here to nest I would not want to disturb them. I also planted a dogwood at the top of the pond near the summer house. Hopefully once Storm Dennis has left our shores we will have nice settled spring weather and be able to get outside without being soaked or blown away! I might even plant the poor Christmas tree that has been sitting in its pot; I am determined to do it before next Christmas!

Jane Trollope (written 15th February)



Lorna Margaret Dorothy Hanley

Lady Hanley, (25th February 1929 – 19th December 2019), Lorna to her friends, passed away in Salisbury hospital. Her funeral and cremation was held at West Wiltshire Crematorium, on 15th January. She married in 1957 Sir Michael Hanley, KCB, who went on to be Director General of MI5 from 1972-78 and died in 2001. They had met when they were both serving in M15 in Hong Kong. On his retirement they moved from Buckinghamshire and came to live at the Old Rectory in Brixton Deverill in the mid '80's. Michael was Church Warden and Lorna was always a pillar of the village. They threw village parties in their old school room for some years. Latterly Lorna had become infirm and in 2018 she transferred to Sutton Veny Nursing Home. She celebrated her 90th birthday in February last year. She will be sadly missed by the Brixton Deverill residents and her many friends in the valley.



Dynamo Light

Perhaps it was growing up in the power-cuts of the early seventies, but I tend to collect lamps and torches of all kinds - and am always ready to be persuaded of the need to buy another. The least satisfactory I have ever owned, however, was the dynamo light fitted to my bicycle as a boy. The basic problem was that this depended on you to keep pedalling – so along a flat road, the light would shine nicely, but grew dimmer climbing a hill and became a sad glow by the time you reached the top. Its crucial flaw, however, became evident as soon as you had to stop at a junction. Then, at the very point when you most needed to be seen by other road users, the light would desert you.

For those serving the local church, it can be all too easy to think that, if we just pedal a bit harder, the light will shine a bit brighter. The trouble is that, when the road gets rough and steep, or a crossroads is reached, our energies and hope can fade, like the beam of the dynamo.

John's Gospel reassures us that the light of life is generated by God's work, not ours – and powered by his glory. Glory is our one inexhaustible energy supply: an eternal current that anyone must connect to if they really want to live. It shines from the relationship between Jesus and his heavenly father, empowered by the Holy Spirit. This divine dynamo, we learn, charges most powerfully at the points where human resources give out - when the wine runs dry at the wedding, or the well is deep and you don't have a bucket. And where this glory shines most brightly, we find, is the cross of Christ, that fatal junction where all else turns to darkness.

None of us is especially luminous on our own: we are the light of the world only with Christ shining through us. May he renew our strength and our hope as we turn to him.

Bishop Andrew - Ramsbury



Deverill Valley & Crockerton WI

We had a very interesting speaker, Maggie Thackway, instead of a quiz which was enjoyed by all members. She not only spoke of her travels to several places, including climbing Everest, but showed many slides. It will be our Annual Meeting this month when we have a fish and chip supper and elect Officers for another year. The meeting is at 7.30 pm on **Monday 9th March** at the Village Hall. If you would like to know more about the WI in the Deverill Valley, please contact Julie Wallder on 213142.



Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - Warminster Supporters

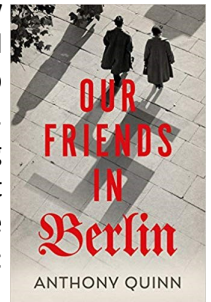
Poole Harbour - Osprey Project. We are happy to welcome another return visitor: Paul Morton who will tell us of his involvement, together with the Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation, about the Birds of Poole Harbour. An exciting new project to establish an Osprey colony in the harbour area. We meet at the usual place and time - Civic Centre at 7.30 pm on **Monday 9th March**. Admittance - £3 (under18s £1) includes light refreshments, everyone welcome. For further information please contact Ann Jones 511480.



Book & Dining Club

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 18th March** when we will meet for a meal at the Angel at Upton Scudamore, La Campagne, 7.00 for 7.30 pm. If you would like to come along please contact Linda Searle 213767.

The book we will be discussing is **Our Friends In Berlin** by **Anthony Quinn**. London, 1941. The city is in blackout, besieged by nightly air raids from Germany. Two strangers are about to meet. Between them they may alter the course of the war. While the Blitz has united the nation, there is an enemy hiding in plain sight. A group of British citizens is gathering secret information to aid Hitler's war machine. Jack Hoste has become entangled in this treachery, but he also has a particular mission: to locate the most dangerous Nazi agent in the country.



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 held on **Tuesday 24th March** from 2.00-4.00 pm at Heather Webster's house, Pinetops, Orchard Way, Crockerton, BA12 8AQ. Please call 844920 if you need directions. Everyone welcome.



Your Parish News - Annual Donations

Thank you very much to those who have already generously handed in their donations for 2020. However, if you have not, please may I remind you how much we rely on your financial support towards the production costs. A pale blue envelope was included in the February Parish News for donations, but if you need another one please do not hesitate to contact me on 844385. The envelopes can be taken to: Longbridge Deverill Garage, or put into the church collection, given to a Church Warden or Robert Steptoe, PCC Treasurer (see back page), or given to Judy Munro (Editor) Whitepits Lodge, Kingston Deverill, BA12 7HD.

Judy Munro - Editor

Kingston Deverill Church Reordering Programme

A very successful public meeting was held on 1st February. Thirty eight people attended and many parishioners who could not be there submitted their views by email/letter. There was robust discussion on the whole programme and the PCC sub-committee very much appreciated the candour of views expressed. Overall, the programme enjoyed support: a toilet and servery should be installed and heating, lighting and audio facilities should be upgraded. However, the ideas of removing all the pews and the organ were not well supported and the sub-committee has decided to shelve these projects. A dedicated website, kdchurchproject.co.uk, will go live on 3rd March. Here you will find all the information about the programme as it progresses together with opportunities to express views.



Pilates Class

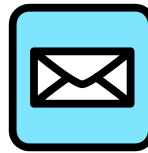
Wednesdays 9.30 – 10.30 am Longbridge Deverill Hall

Looking for an effective workout that increases strength and flexibility while relieving stress? Pilates could be your answer! For both men and women, this exercise uses extension and flexion to sculpt long lean muscles. You will use your body's own resistance in postures and movement designed to provide a workout experience that challenges and satisfies. Mixed ability, all ages. If you are interested please contact Dawn 511693 / 07936 271806. or email dawnbaynham@hotmail.co.uk



Codford and District Gardening Club

Meetings are held in Codford Village Hall at 7.15 for 7.30 pm on 3rd Wednesday of each month. Subscriptions are £5 for the year or £2 as a visitor. The next meeting is on **Wednesday 18th March** when Tim Woodland will come to talk about 'Planting and Growing Summer Bulbs'. Tim is from DirectBulbs near Winchester, a family firm, with over twenty years experience in the horticultural trade. He will be bringing bulbs with him for sale!



Safer Riders, Safer Horses, Safer Drivers...

Do you ride on the road? If so, do you know your rights, responsibilities and the Law? Want to find out how to report incidents? Do you know what is admissible evidence, and how to ensure it can be used? How do you ensure you are covered in the event of an accident? Drivers - do you know how to drive safely around vulnerable road users? Cyclists - are you aware of the need to call out so horses hear you coming? The BHS Wiltshire invite all road users to a free event on **Thursday 12th March** at Wadswick Country Store, Bradford Rd, Box, Corsham, N13 0NY. Doors open at 6.00 pm, for shopping, event starts at 7.00 pm. The session will be lead by British Horse Society Director of Safety Alan Hiscox, former Chief Equitation Officer at London Metropolitan Police. We will finish up with a Q & A session. Members of your BHS Wiltshire volunteer committee will also be there to meet you. For more information, please email hannah.marsh@bhs.org.uk. Find out about all things BHS in your area at www.bhs.org.uk/SouthWest and www.facebook.com/BHS SouthWest

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CrimeStoppers.
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Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

Invite you to following events:

Dementia Friends Open Session - Tuesday 24th March 7.30 pm (1 hour)

The George Inn, Longbridge Deverill. Come along and take part in this FREE training session which will teach you how to become a "Dementia Friend" which helps you to understand a little bit more about the disease and provides ideas for how you can help local people to live well with Dementia.

Litter Pick - Longbridge & Hill Deverill - Saturday 28th March

10.30 am The George

Litter Pick - Crockerton - Sunday 5th April 10.30am The Bath Arms

Litter picks, rubbish bags etc. provided

VE Anniversary Celebrations

Friday 8th May Vintage Tea Party

Longbridge Deverill Hall 3.00 – 5.00 pm, includes small exhibition from 1945 displayed by Crockerton School and sing-a-long led by Maggi Ratcliffe

Sunday 10th May Parish Picnic

for everyone in the field by The George Inn 3.00 – 6.00 pm

Bring your own picnic, chairs and blankets. Music by Tim Steer.

The George will be open as usual for added refreshments. Donations over the weekend to SSAFA (The Armed Forces Charity)

Parish Council meeting - Monday 2nd March

7.30 pm at Longbridge Deverill Hall. Residents welcome. Further information, please contact Parish Clerk Nikki 07986 880164 Longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com



UPPER DEVERILLS ANNUAL LITTER PICK

Saturday 21st March

Please meet at 9.45 am at the village hall

All equipment provided

Please come and help keep our valley tidy!



Upper Deverills Parish Council - VE Day 75 celebrations

On **Friday 8th May** a celebration of VE Day will be held at the Upper Deverills Village Hall with a free hog roast and a toast to the heroes of World War II. There will be a bar with music and reminiscences. The event will start at 2.30 pm. Please look out for more details in the next editions of the Parish News.

The next Parish Council meeting is at 7.00 pm on **Wednesday 11th March** in the Upper Deverills Village Hall. See page 14 for contact details



Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

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

Tuesdays 1.00-3.00 pm. **Cash** - 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 and jigsaws available for 50p donation open in shop hours.

Film night: Friday 13th March - Judy (PG) doors open 7.00 for 7.30 pm.

Cookery Demonstration: Saturday 21st March - 10.00 am to 1.00 pm.

Sheila Foley - Secretary - 844218



Mere Historical Society

Evening Talk: Tuesday 3rd March Escape or Die - King Charles II Escape after the Battle of Worcester 1651 by Paul Cordle, 7.30 pm in the Grove Building. Paul will tell the fascinating story of King Charles II's six week escape to France. Against all the odds, 'Charles Stuart'; the most wanted man in England made it to freedom. His family has a personal connection to the heroine of the story he tells.

Morning talk: Tuesday 10th March Lady Butler – 19thC Battle Artist by Felicity Herring. To be held in the Grove Buildings at 10.15am for 10.30am.

Visitors welcome, suggested donation, including coffee, £3

AGM: Tuesday 7th April 7.10 pm for a glass of wine while you pay your sub for 2020 which will be £10. The AGM will be followed by a talk. See our website link for AGM Report to view minutes of the AGM 2019 www.merehistoricalsociety.org.uk



Mere Gardening Club

Spring Show and AGM : Wednesday 11th March 7.30 pm Grove

Buildings. Schedules for the Spring Show are in the Post Office window, anyone can take part except for the Mere Garden Club items (MGC). Subs

(£10) will be collected at the AGM. This includes 8 monthly talks, discounted shopping at local garden centres, summer visits, and a mid-summer Garden Party. MGC's membership of RHS entitles us to a free visit and we are planning a trip to Wisley on **Thursday 11th June**. The AGM is a relaxed occasion and we vote for our favourite exhibits and take part in a fun quiz. £2 entry for visitors who are very welcome. www.meregardenclub.org.uk



Warminster History Society

Wednesday 4th March - Duelling in Georgian England. Lecture by Michael Ranson. Warminster Library at 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 18th March - The travels of Ernie Horton (RAMC) with his

autograph book from Sutton Veny to the Western Front. Lecture by Hilary Tolputt. Sutton Veny Village Hall 7.30 pm. More information from Sidney Blackmore 213195



SERVICES PARISH OF DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM

Sunday	1st of Lent	
1st March	Kingston 8.00 am	Holy Communion
	Longbridge 10.30 am	Morning Worship
Sunday	2nd of Lent	
8th March	Kingston 10.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	3rd of Lent	
15th March	Brixton 10.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	Mothering Sunday	
22nd March	Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	5th of Lent	
29th March	Horningsham 10.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday	Palm Sunday	
5th April	Brixton 8.00 am	Holy Communion
	Longbridge 10.30 am	Morning Worship

Personal Morning Prayer

9.00 am Monday & Tuesday, at The Rectory, Wednesday at Kingston Church

The Deverills, Crockerton & Horningsham 50/50 Club

March winners: Pat Armstrong £50 & Colin Constable £25

There is always room for new members so please get in touch with Diana Abbott if you would like to join. The money is divided 50% for the churches and 50% prize money.

Please call Diana on 840763 or decabbott@gmail.com for details



CHURCH CLEANERS FOR MARCH

Kingston Judy McCulloch & Anne Wiltshire

Brixton Lorraine Croot & Christine Lucas

Longbridge see rota

CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR MARCH

	Kingston	Brixton	Longbridge
1st March	Lent	no	flowers
8th March	"	"	"
15th March	"	"	"
22nd March	"	"	"
29th March	"	"	"



SERVICES PARISH OF CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE

Sunday	1st of Lent	
1st March	Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	2nd of Lent	
8th March	Chapmanslade 9.30 am	Holy Communion
	Corsley 11.00 am	Matins
Sunday	3rd of Lent	
15th March	Corsley 10.30 am	Morning Worship
Sunday	Mothering Sunday	
22nd March	Chapmanslade 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	5th of Lent	
29th March	Horningsham 10.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday	Palm Sunday	
5th April	Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion

Wednesday 4th March Benefice Lent Walk with Bishop Andrew

Chapmanslade, Corsley, Temple, Horningsham, Kingston, Brixton, Longbridge

Overall route about 13.6 miles. Walking at 3 miles an hour it will take about 4 ½ hours to walk, plus 20 mins at each church 2 hrs, total 6 ½ hrs. Start at 10.00 am arrive at Longbridge about by 4.30 pm. The route may vary if ground is flooded. Start at Chapmanslade 9.45 for 10.00; Corsley (1.1 miles) arrive 10.25 leave 10.45; Temple (1.4 miles) arrive 11.25 depart 11.45; Horningsham (2.8 miles) arrive 12.30 depart 13.15 Lunch (eat sandwiches). Kingston Deverill (3.8 miles) arrive 14.45 depart 15.10; Brixton Deverill (1.8 miles) arrive 15.45 depart 16.00; Longbridge Deverill (1.8 miles) 16.30 Tea in the village hall.

For more information and the route please contact Robert Shuler 844291.

Electoral Roll

Under Church of England rules, we are required to update the Electoral Roll.

If your name is already on the roll it is not necessary to reapply. Should you wish to add your name to the Roll please complete a new application form so that the Roll can be prepared for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. *The Electoral Roll is the formal list of Church members who are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.* Most baptised worshippers over the age of 16 will be eligible. It is important everyone eligible joins the Roll in order that the membership is representative of the Parish. It is also helpful to the clergy to keep in touch with church members and to offer appropriate pastoral care. Application forms are available in the churches or from the Electoral Roll Officer, Diana Abbott 840763, or by email: decabbott@gmail.com. **Please return the form before Saturday 18th April,** to Diana at 29 The Marsh, Longbridge Deverell BA12 7EA or give to a Church Warden.

