

PARISH OF DEVERILLS AND HORNINGSHAM

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PARISH NEWS

The Deverills & Crockerton



Monkton Deverill by Pat Armstrong

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Look inside for local news & information

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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

THREE LENT WALKS ACROSS THE BENEFICE

visiting our seven Benefice Churches on the way

WALK 1: Saturday 4th March Chapmanslade to Horningsham

Starting 10.00 am from St Philip & St James calling at St Margaret's Corsley, St Mary's Temple, finishing at St John the Baptist Horningsham.

WALK 2: Saturday 11th March Horningsham to Kingston Deverill

Starting 10.00 am at St John the Baptist Church finishing St Mary's Kingston

WALK 3: Saturday 18th March Kingston Deverill to Longbridge Deverill

Starting **1.30 pm** from St Mary's Kingston, calling at St Michael Archangel Brixton, finishing at St Peter & St Paul Longbridge Deverill.

(back in plenty of time to watch England & Ireland rugby match!)

YOU CAN JOIN US FOR ALL OR PART OF THESE WALKS

For further information: Email diana.britten@btinternet.com / 01373 832515

Maps available from Di & Neil Britten or download from Benefice website.

Routes may vary on the day, because of weather conditions and mud!

Cars leave at either end of walk for return journey - come in groups

Wear suitable clothing & footwear and bring your own refreshments

No dogs because of nesting birds and lambing



Lent Lunches



Wednesday 8th March - from 12.00 noon

Mari & Nigel Poole 7 Homefields Longbridge BA12 7DQ

Wednesday 22nd March - from 12.00 noon

Judy & Richard Munro Whitepits Lodge Kingston BA12 7HD

Donations to Christian Aid - Please come along and support this life giving charity and enjoy a simple lunch in good company!

Lent course

Begins on Thursday 9th March

Entitled 'Christ and the Chocolaterie'

The course is inspired by the film 'Chocolat' which is used as a starting point to explore issues about God.

Do come along and join us

Dates: Thursdays 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th* March and Monday 3rd April (change of date)

Time and Venue: 10.30 am 131 High Street Chapmanslade 2.30 pm The Rectory Longbridge Deverill except on 30th March* will be at Farthings, Kingston Deverill



FUTURE EVENTS

- **Pre-school children & parents group** Thursdays Longbridge Hall 10.00-11.30 am
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- **Mere Historical Society AGM meeting** Tuesday 4th April See p7
- **Longbridge Deverill Annual Parish Council Meeting** Tuesday 11th April See p10

LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS etc.

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk

Richard Baxter 212918 (Chair)	Kevin Gray 841363
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Upper Deverills Parish Council

www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Upper-Deverills-Parish-Council

Richard Cousens 844970 (Chair)	Louise Stratton 844105
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Longbridge Deverill Village Hall Committee

Julie Read 840655 (Chair) Anna Mead 212759 (Secretary)
Sylvia Titt 214825 (Bookings)

Upper Deverills Village Hall

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Hospital Transport Link Scheme 211655

Mere Link Scheme (covers Upper Deverills) 01747 860096

Dear Friends,

The unfolding seasons of the year are one of the great joys of living in this country I think and similarly I really enjoying the unfolding of the church's year, a year whose colours and themes echo and embrace the earth's seasons.

On the 1st day of March we begin the solemn six-week season of Lent with a service of penitence and ashing on Ash Wednesday. I don't think the word 'penitence' features very heavily in our collective vocabulary these days, but whether you believe in God or not there is something incredibly powerful and cathartic about acknowledging our past failings in ritual action and committing ourselves to a given time of deeper attention and reflection.

The ancient rite of the 'imposition ashes' – marking the sign of the cross in oil and ash on penitents' fore-heads – is an incredibly powerful and moving moment and the words that accompany it are equally powerful: 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ'. Crikey, pretty heavy stuff, isn't it? But in our achingly beautiful, sad old broken world anybody can see that as human beings we have not made a very good job caring for the created order, nor for each other. A reminder that we are 'but dust' is no bad thing I feel because it is a reminder that we are not the centre of the universe and we need to take responsibility for our actions if we are to go any way towards building a better world. There is another word in there that we rarely use outside of church, 'sin'. Now I would be the first person to say that the Church has been a bit too focused on sin over the centuries to the detriment of God's message of grace and love. But a bit of self-examination and a realisation of our own shortcomings before we get to the Easter promise of resurrection and hope is no bad thing. One of the prayers in the service talks about God rescuing us from 'the chaos of sin'; we do need rescuing from the mess we create, do we not?

It is good to gather together to discuss our thoughts and feelings so as usual over Lent we will be running our Lent Course. This year we will be using a course entitled 'Christ and the Chocolaterie' which was inspired by the film 'Chocolat'. We will be using clips from the film to stimulate our discussions about God, the world and ultimately what it means to be human. And yes I know traditionally people give up chocolate for Lent; personally I have never found that a very helpful thing to do as I then spend the whole time desperately craving it which is totally counter productive. Rather, I prefer to do something positive to deepen my relationship with God or think of something really lovely to do for people who are not so well. Do come along and join in, you don't have to have come to church, we would love to see you, and there will be chocolate themed refreshments on offer too.

Love and prayers,

Pauline

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





Community Coffee Mornings

Everyone welcome 10.30 - 12.00

Wednesday 8th March & Monday 20th March

The Orangery, The George Inn, Longbridge

Call Bridget 844884 if you require transport



Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

Litter Pick

Sunday 12th March at 10.00 am

Meet at the Bath Arms, Crockerton or

The George Inn, Longbridge Deverill

Litter picks, rubbish bags, etc. provided

All welcome, come & help keep our parish tidy

Further information: Parish Clerk Nikki 216660 or
nikkispreadburyclews@gmail.com



QUIZ NIGHT - ST PATRICK'S DAY Friday 17th March at 7.00 for 7.30 pm

Longbridge Deverill Village Hall

Tickets £9.00 per person, cash on the door

Teams of 6 - 8 people Bring your own drinks

A light supper is included

Come along and pit your wits against the best!

DIARY DATE: Jazz Night - Saturday 2nd September
at Horningsham village Hall. Band: New Orleans Heat



Upper Deverills Annual Litter Pick

Annual Litter Pick 10.00 am Saturday 18th March

All equipment will be provided

Please assemble at the Upper Deverills Hall

All volunteers very welcome



Nature Notes

The birds are beginning to sing as the days are getting longer. Robins are very vocal early morning and late evening. The blackbirds are starting to sing too, so is the song thrush and the melodious mistle thrush. On brighter warmer days the tits are singing a little. All the singing is a bit subdued as if spring is on hold and it feels as if it is; once the weather warms up everything will shift up a gear. I have been looking in the pond to see if any toads are about. So far I have not spotted any but I am sure it will not be long.



The ducks are coming to the pond daily, usually just one pair but this morning we had two, one of the drakes was quite distinctive with a white bib; I had not seen him before. We spotted the usual pair mating at the beginning of the month which seemed rather early. They have got used to me now and don't fly off so readily; they realise when I appear the feeders get topped up and so the ground below becomes interesting! The kingfisher has visited on a few occasions but I don't think he has had any success with the fish still being down in the depths of the pond. I have seen a kingfisher on quite a few occasions on the bank of the little stream by the garage.

The feeders are still attracting good numbers of goldfinches, greenfinches and chaffinches though the latter tend to feed more on the ground. We had a male siskin at the end of January but I have not seen it again; I have not seen brambling either yet. The fat balls have attracted long-tailed tits; we were having a party of six or more but now tend to have just a pair coming. Long-tailed tits pair up early and so these must be a local couple. I have recently been putting out suet pellets and they are attracting blue and great tits; took them a while to go to the feeder but anything new always does. We have got quite a few house sparrows about too, sadly no tree sparrows.



The green woodpecker has been feeding often in the garden and been very vocal telling me off if I have disturbed it, but we have only seen a male great spotted woodpecker on the odd occasion. Fieldfares and redwings together with blackbirds are still coming in to feed on the fallen apples. They feed very efficiently on them just leaving the hard skin and core like a skeleton on the ground.

We have had two unwelcome visitors to the garden; mole and badger. Both have done damage but they are only looking for food! Looking around the area I see a lot of badger digging and molehills so we are not alone. The molehill soil is lovely and fine and quite useful in the garden.



Walking out on the farmland nearby I have seen and heard lots of yellowhammers; they make a twittering call when in flocks, as well as the "little bit of bread and no cheese" call of the male. The bright yellow head of the male bird shows up very well especially as they usually perch in a prominent position to call at the top of a bush in the hedgerow. The other afternoon out walking I spotted a bird of prey in the distance on the brow of the hill. I thought at first it was a kestrel but its flight pattern (low down and no hovering) and size didn't match. When it landed on a fence post I could see it was smaller. I am pretty sure it was a merlin, our smallest bird of prey.

Jane Trollope (written 15th February)

Deverill Valley Raptor & Owl Nest Box Project 2016

Early in the 2016 season, I thought the Deverill Raptor and Owl Group would be reporting a poor breeding year from its nest box project. Although in April and May there were adult barn owls in many of the regularly successful boxes, there was no sign of egg laying, suggesting the females had not reached sufficient body weight to produce eggs. The winter was mild but spring was cold with plant life slow to generate. The barn owls favourite food, vole, was in short supply. Gradually most pairs got going and I can report an averagely reasonable year for the Deverill Valley barn owls, not our best but far from our worst. Generally our broods were smaller, 6 boxes produced 15 barn owlets: 11 female and 4 male. Many boxes, which in good years will host breeding pairs, remained empty or used by stock doves or jackdaws. Sadly 1 female was found drowned in a water trough and a male found dead, probably from starvation [report from Predatory Bird Monitoring Scheme]. He was ringed as a pullus in 2012 in Hill Deverill and found dead under a nest box on Lower Pertwood Farm, close to Monkton Deverill in November 2016. He is likely to be the male of the pair who had raised a brood of 3 in the same barn earlier in the season. He was 4 years old; the average age of the demise of wild barn owls. The weather was not inclement at the time he died and there was food around. Life is hard for barn owls in the wild.



We did well with kestrels in 2016 with 9 young being raised in 3 boxes. Another pair came tantalizingly close to using one of our boxes. 'Courting' behaviour was observed over a few weeks, we were sent a picture of one of the kestrels in the box, but sadly no eggs or young. Hopefully the pair found a natural site nearby.

A pair of little owls used a box but sadly it was predated and no young were raised. We had one tawny owlet fledge from our boxes in 2016 [compared with 6 in 2014 and 7 in 2015], possibly due to restricted food supply early in the season or natural sites being used, as tawnies were heard calling throughout Deverill Valley.

The barn owl species has been moved from medium to low risk of conservation concern in the most recent listing, *Birds of Conservation Concern 4 [BoCC4]* in this country, this is undoubtedly due to the success of nest box schemes, so it is a pleasure and a privilege to be able to help in some small way. Worryingly, tawny owls have moved from low to medium risk in BoCC4; a few more tawny owl boxes needed, I think! Fingers crossed for the 2017 season.

Alison Rymell - Deverill Raptor and Owl Nest Box Project

Mere Gardening Club - AGM and Spring Show

The AGM will take place on **Wednesday 8th March** 7.30 pm, Grove Buildings, the annual £10 subscription includes 8 monthly talks, April and July talks will cost £5 to visitors as they will be given by speakers who regularly appear on TV or radio. Membership also includes discounted shopping at local Garden Centres, Summer visits, a New Year Social and a Garden Party. The Spring Show schedules are displayed in Mere Post Office. For information: www.meregardenclub.org.uk

Janet Way (01747 860884)



Upper Deverills Parish Council - 5 -

The next Parish Council meeting will be 6.30 pm on **Wednesday 8th March** in the Upper Deverills Hall, everyone welcome.

Deverill Valley & Crockerton WI

Our meeting this month on **Monday 13th March** is our Annual General Meeting and we will have a 'fish and chip' supper. Our year will be reviewed and we will elect our President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee for another year. We will be meeting, as usual, at Longbridge Deverill Village Hall at 7.30pm. To find out more about the WI in the Deverill Valley please contact Julie Wallder on 213142.



Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - Warminster Group

Our meeting on **Monday 13th March** will give us a new angle on Wiltshire from 'the bottom up'. A talk entitled **Chalk and Cheese**, geologist **Dr Steven Hannath** will explain how geological happenings shaped our county giving it the picturesque landscape we enjoy today. We meet at the Civic Centre at 7.30 pm, admission £3 (under13s £1) includes refreshments, non-members are most welcome. For further information 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 be on **Wednesday 15th March** 2.00 - 4.00 pm at Diana Abbott's home, Uppingham House, 29 The Marsh BA127EA, call 840763 for directions. Everyone welcome.



Book & Dining Club

The next meeting will be at 7.00 for 7.30 pm on **Monday 27th March** at The George Inn, Longbridge Deverill. The book chosen is **Crisis** by **Frank Gardner**, this is a fast-paced and furiously entertaining thriller. Some people may have decided to read the second choice, a shorter book, **The Noise of Time** by **Julian Barnes**, the internal monologue of Shostakovich, the persecuted Soviet composer. If you would like to come for a meal to discuss the books please contact Julia Williams at julia_william57@hotmail.com or 840188.



MONTHLY PUB NIGHT 'The Cricketers' Legs'

A relaxed pub night with other villagers, children/dogs welcome!
Firkin beer, wine, spirits, soft drinks, crisps, cheaper than a pub!

Upper Deverills Village Hall

Friday 31st March 6.00 - 11.00 pm

Hot Food and snacks

Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/upperdeverills



Saturday 25th March Door Ajar Theatre: 'Thisbe'

At Longbridge Deverill Village Hall, starting at 7.30 pm, tickets £10/£5 under-17s. 'The course of true love never did run smooth...' The daughter of Helena and Demetrius discovers there was never a truer word spoken in this actor-musician follow-up to Shakespeare's popular comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. A fusion of magic, music and levity.



Saturday 29th April 'Apollo5' a cappella quintet

At Longbridge Church, starting at 7.30 pm, tickets £15/£7.50 under 17s. The acclaimed London-based *a cappella* quintet, praised for their engaging and entertaining performances and purity of sound, will perform from their wide repertoire of sacred and secular classical, folk, jazz and pop.

For information on all the 2017 Deverills Performing Arts events visit www.deverillsfestival.com or email info@deverillsfestival.com

For Tickets call : 844385 or email info@deverillsfestival.com

The Rotary Mile for 'Red Nose Day' - Saturday 25th March

Warminster Rotary Club fun event, the rules are simple, a team of 3 or more to run a mile around Warminster School Astro turf Hockey Pitch between 10.00 am - 4.00 pm. Decide amongst your team how far each person will run to complete the Rotary Mile, £5 per team member and as much extra sponsorship for Red Nose Day as you can. Teams will run against the clock to decide the winner in each categories:

1. The Elite Champions Cup - for those who take running seriously!
2. The Professionals Plaque - Police, Fire Brigade, Army, Sports Clubs
3. The Community Shield - Businesses, Shops, Offices, Pubs, Churches
4. The Students Salver - Secondary and/or College Students
5. The Junior Trophy - Junior School Pupils
6. The Primary Quarter Mile Plate - Primary School Pupils
7. The Family Challenge Cup - For all ages in your family

Have some fun and help raise money for Red Nose Day, if you need more details please contact Nigel Poole by email on nigelandmari@btinternet.com



Wiltshire Air Ambulance Fund Raiser

BAG A BARGAIN! Good as new clothes and accessories charity sale at The Grove Buildings, Mere. 10.00 am - 4.00 pm on **Sunday 30th April** (£3 entrance fee) and on **Monday 1st May** (£1 entrance fee). Refreshments will be available. All proceeds will be going to Wiltshire Air Ambulance and a percentage towards the local churches in Mere. If you require further details about these events please make contact with Emily Tulloch: 07866 848754.



Fund raising for Crockerton Defibrillator

This year Crockerton Village Committee are raising funds to purchase a defibrillator to be situated at the Bath Arms, Crockerton. If enough funds are raised a second defibrillator would be bought and sited at Shearwater Lake (subject to Longleat's permission). This will benefit our local community, including the primary school, visitors to the village, the pub and Shearwater Lake.



Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is a leading cause of premature death but with immediate treatment many lives can be saved. SCA occurs because the electrical rhythm controlling the heart is replaced by a chaotic disorganised electrical rhythm called ventricular fibrillation (VF). The quicker VF can be treated by defibrillation the greater the chance of successful resuscitation. Seconds count. Having close access to a defibrillator will increase chances of survival. South West Ambulance Service offer a package which provides a defibrillator for **£2,160** (this includes maintenance, replacement equipment and an annual awareness session) a second defibrillator would cost **£1000**. We are applying for grants but will also be relying on donations from local residents. **£725** has already been raised from the village quiz night, raffle, donation pot (at the Bath Arms) and carol service. A resident has made a generous donation, owing his life to the close access of a defibrillator. We hope if you have not already made a donation you can contribute to the fund raising in any way you can. Pennies and pounds count, please put donations into the 'pot' at the pub, hand to a committee member or through the door at Orchard Cottage, 112 Clay Street. We hope that no one ever has to need to use this equipment but I am sure we would all like to see lifesaving equipment situated close by should it ever be needed.

Helen Treasure

Nurse Naylor's 100th Birthday Celebration

May I, and on behalf of Nurse Naylor, say a very big thank you to all involved in her 100th Birthday Coffee and Cake Morning at the Upper Deverills hall. It was a great do and brilliant to see so many people there. A great achievement to reach 100 and have a 'do' with 102 people joining the celebrations, just as well people did not all come at once! Thank you so much to all who sent cards, came along, made cakes, laid out the hall, wrote in the book, helped tidy and gave up time to celebrate her birthday. Most of Nurse Naylor's working life was based in and around the Deverill valley. She knew a great many of the people who lived in the



area then so being back in the valley was very fitting, she was surprised and honoured. She was very keen not to have presents and this was respected, thank you. She thanks you very much for the very generous **£342** donated to the Warminster Group of Save the Children, a charity very dear to her heart. From the 'arrangers', thank you all so much for your respective involvement, it would not have been such a success without your willing and helpful participation.



Tim Spinney

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

Prior to the Parish Council meeting on Monday 6th February The Avenue Surgery Patient Group gave a presentation about the surgery, explaining current issues with GP practices, looking at the new website, and spoke about the Patient Group answering questions from 20 residents present.

The Parish Council meeting followed, it was reported Openreach updated the Parish Council on 3rd January regarding Fibre Broadband and stated 'We are currently re-surveying / planning the fibre route from Warminster to Crockerton, to look at improvements in the way we deliver fibre that will help us overcome the issues that have prevented delivery of Superfast broadband to the village. Over the next few weeks, you can expect to see some activities in the area. Once we know what can be done, we will be touch in with a better idea of the timelines involved.' The Openreach website has stated Crockerton to be at the Connect stage since 3rd January which indicates connection typically within 4 months. The Parish Council will continue to pursue the matter on a regular basis.

The Parish Plan is now complete and will be delivered to each household by end of March, please contact the Clerk if you do not receive yours. There were five applications for grants approved with payments being presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on 11th April. There will be a Parish Council Planning meeting on Monday 6th March 2017.

The next Full Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 3rd April**. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 11th April**, this is a meeting of the parish electors who may contribute to the Agenda, should you wish to do so please contact the clerk by Thursday 30th March. All meetings will start at 7.30 pm and be held at Longbridge Deverill village hall. For agendas and full minutes see village notice boards or www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk

Nikki Spreadbury-Clews Parish clerk nikkispreadburyclews@gmail.com

Recipe: Chicken with Asparagus and Tarragon

Sponsored by Maiden Bradley Community Shop

Contact: Website: www.maidenbradleyshop.org.uk; Tel: 844206

Ingredients: 500g baby potatoes, halved 4 skinless chicken breast
1 tbsp sunflower oil 1 large onion, chopped
2 garlic cloves, crushed 350ml chicken stock
small bunch tarragon 175g asparagus, trimmed
3 tbsp crème fraîche

Method: Cook the potatoes in a large pan of boiling water for 8-10 minutes until tender, drain and keep warm in the pan. Season chicken with ground black pepper. Heat oil in a large non-stick frying pan. Gently fry chicken with onion and garlic for 5 minutes until lightly browned. Turn over chicken and stir onion regularly. Pour over stock, add 2 sprigs of tarragon, simmer gently. Cook for 5 minutes, turn chicken, add asparagus and cook for 3 minutes. Chop remaining tarragon. Stir crème fraîche and remaining tarragon into pan with chicken and heat through, stirring, for a few seconds. Serve with the new potatoes.



Fair Trade Fortnight

During Fair Trade Fortnight we are encouraged to pop a Fair Trade product into our shopping baskets in order to help farmers and small-holders around the world raise themselves out of poverty. The small extra Fair Trade Premium really does make a difference to people's lives enabling them to feed their families, send their children to school, build a better home or perhaps, gain access to clean water. There will be a **BIG BREW Coffee morning Saturday 4th March** in the United Reformed Church, Boar Street, Mere from 10.30-12.00 am. Do come to enjoy a Fairly Traded Cuppa, share Fair Trade Goodies or a special cup-cake and learn more about the work of Traidcraft with some of the poor farmers who supply our everyday goods.

Fairly Trade Easter Eggs, by the Real Chocolate Company, can now be bought or ordered but hurry before the supply runs out. Each Egg contains a Fair Trade snack bar and the Easter Story, they are available in Milk, Dark or a Special Edition.

Janet Way 860884



Mere Historical Society

Meetings are on Tuesdays in the Grove Buildings, Mere, non members welcome.

Tuesday 7th March 7.30 pm Life and Times of the Iconic Vulcan Bomber by Tony Davies The Avro Vulcan is a jet-powered tailless delta wing high-altitude strategic bomber, which was operated by the RAF from 1956 until 1984. The last Vulcan made its final flight in October 2015.



Tuesday 21st March 10.30 am A talk 'Will's London: danger, vanity & vice' given by Gerry Cook.

Tuesday 4th April 7.00 pm AGM, a glass of wine while you pay your sub for 2017/18 which will be £10. The AGM will be followed by a talk given by Bonnie Smith entitled **'The Yetties Group's tours across Europe, Far East and Africa'**.

Information: Caroline Cook 01747 861797 / www.merehistoricalsociety.org.uk

Save the Children

The Cream Teas and Garden open events held at Mill Farm house, Hill Deverill on the last Sunday of the months May to September 2016 raised a total of **£1,679.58** for Save the Children. Thank you to Val Dale and her family for their generous hospitality and to all who came along and supported us.



The paper collection 2016 gathered **10.64** tonnes of newspaper and magazines which raised **£383.04** for Save the Children. Sadly, the collection seems to be in decline so if you do not already contribute to the collection please consider doing so and help us increase the total raised. The paper skip is at the entrance to the old Fish Farm shop in Longbridge Deverill. Newspapers, magazines, and soft backed books are acceptable but no cardboard, string, plastic or yellow pages please.

Anne Hurd

SERVICES PARISH OF DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM

Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	
1st March	Longbridge 6.00 pm	Holy Communion & Ashing
Sunday	1st of Lent	
5th March	Brixton 8.00 am	Holy Communion
	Longbridge 10.30 am	Morning Worship
	Horningsham 10.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	2nd of Lent	
12th March	Kingston 10.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	3rd of Lent	
19th March	Brixton 10.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	Mothering Sunday	
26th March	Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	5th of Lent	
2nd April	Kingston 8.00 am	Holy Communion
	Longbridge 10.30 am	Morning Worship

Morning Prayers Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays 8.00 am Longbridge

PLEASE NOTE : CLOCKS GO FORWARD ON SUNDAY 26TH MARCH

Register

Baptism - Welcome to our church family

Jacob Wells at Longbridge on Sunday 12th February

Wedding - Congratulations

Lucien Thynne & Chloe Honeyman at Longbridge on Saturday 4th February

Church Cleaners for March

Kingston - Judy McCulloch & Anne Wiltshire

Brixton - Leah Allard & Ruther Sutton

Longbridge - Monday 6th March 9.30 - 10.30 am - All helpers please

Church Flower Arrangers for March

Kingston **Brixton** **Longbridge**

5th March	Lent	no	Flowers
12th March	"	"	"
19th March	"	"	"
26th March	Mothering	Sunday	Posies



SERVICES PARISH OF CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE

Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	
1st March	Chapmanslade 10.00 am	Holy Communion & Ashing
Sunday	1st of Lent	
5th March	Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	2nd of Lent	
12th March	Chapmanslade 9.30 am	Holy Communion
	Temple 11.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	3rd of Lent	
19th March	Temple 9.00 am	Holy Communion BCP
	Corsley 10.30 am	Morning Worship
Sunday	Mothering Sunday	
26th March	Chapmanslade 9.30 pm	Holy Communion
Sunday	5th of Lent	
2nd April	Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion

Church Electoral Roll

Under Church of England rules, we are required to update the Electoral Roll. Should you wish to add your name to the Roll it will be necessary to complete a new application form. This is necessary to prepare the Roll for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The Electoral Roll is the formal list of members of the Church who are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. There are eligibility requirements but most baptised worshippers over the age of 16 will be eligible. It is important that everyone who is eligible joins the Roll in order that the membership is truly 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 on 01985 840763, or by email: decabbott@gmail.com, or at 29 The Marsh, Longbridge Deverill, BA12 7EA. Please return the forms before the closing date of Sunday 16th April, Easter Day, to the above address or hand them to a Church Warden.



The Deverills, Crockerton & Horningsham 50/50 Club

February winners: £50 John Budgen and £25 Anne Honley

Room for new members so please get in touch with Diana Abbott 840763

or decabbott@gmail.com for details

50% for the churches and 50% prize money

