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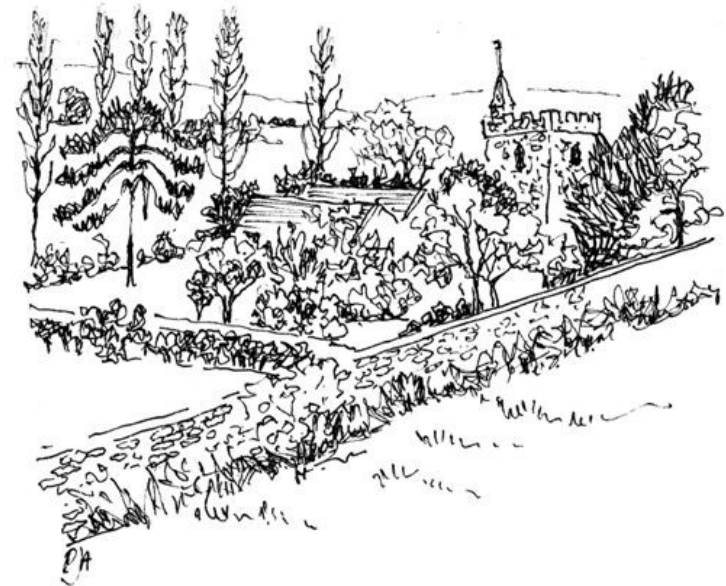
**Please remember the deadline is 15th of the month - Thank you**

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

# PARISH NEWS

## The Deverills & Crockerton



Longbridge Deverill Church from the north by Pat Armstrong

# JANUARY 2018

Look inside for local news & information



## Community Coffee Morning

Everyone is welcome 10.30 - 12.00 noon

**Wednesday 3rd January**

**Monday 15th January**

The Orangery, The George Inn, Longbridge

Call Bridget 844884 if you require transport

## Bull Mill Studio

### OPEN STUDIO AND SALE!

Saturdays 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th January

Saturday 3rd February from 10.00 am – 5.00 pm

Also 'Toast Rack' Sale by Nick Andrew & Tanya Hinon

*Old friends that need a good home!*

(Other days / times by arrangement)

[www.bullmillarts.co.uk](http://www.bullmillarts.co.uk) and [www.nickandrew.co.uk/toastrack-sale](http://www.nickandrew.co.uk/toastrack-sale)

Bull Mill Studio, Bull Lane, Crockerton, Warminster BA12 8AY

Tel: 07730 400784



## UPPER DEVERILLS VILLAGE HALL

Friday 19th January 7.00 for 7.30 pm

The Land and Wildlife of Zambia

by Simon & Mandy Martyn

A short overview of the Ecology and Wildlife of Zambia,

which deserves to be in the top 3 Wildlife Destinations in Africa

Light refreshments will be provided—please bring your own drinks

Donations would be appreciated



## MONTHLY PUB NIGHT

**'The Cricketers' Legs'**

**Friday 26th January 6.00 - 11.00 pm**

**A relaxed pub night with other villagers, children/dogs welcome!**

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

**Facebook [www.facebook.com/groups/upperdeverills](https://www.facebook.com/groups/upperdeverills)**



## FUTURE EVENTS

- **Pre-school children & parents group** Thursdays Longbridge Hall 10.00-11.30 am
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- **AONB Star Gazing Event** Thursday 15th March See p12

## LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS etc.

### Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

[www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk](http://www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk)

Richard Baxter 212918 (Chair)	David Searle 213767
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Nigel Spreadbury-Clews 216660	Juliet Brathwaite MBE 841338
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### Upper Deverills Parish Council

[www.upperdeverills.co.uk](http://www.upperdeverills.co.uk)

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### Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall Committee

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

### Upper Deverills Village Hall

Caroline Davies 845335 (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 WI** Sue Bohana (215546) (Pres) Julie Wallder 213142 (Sec)

**Deverills Cricket Club** Ed Read 840655 (Captain)

**Wylve Valley Tennis Club** Colin Singer 213696

### Community Police

**PC 1570 Amy Hardman** 101 CPTWestWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

**Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Upper Deverills** Bridget Beattie 844884

**Clarence** (pot holes) 0800232323

**Hospital Transport Link Scheme** 211655

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

### Dear Friends,

January in the Church's calendar is a month in which there appears to be a yawning gap between what the church is focusing on and the concerns of wider society. For most people, January is about the sales and planning a holiday to get us through these last dark months of winter. Once past New Year, Christmas is a distant memory as the last mince pies are eaten, decorations packed away and pine needles swept up and disposed of along with a now very sad looking tree. But the full season of Christmas actually lasts until Candlemas, which this year will be celebrated on Sunday 28th January, and we also have the feast of the Epiphany, which falls on 7th January.

Our eldest daughter is married to a Spanish chap and they live in Spain, (our other daughter's partner is Spanish too; what makes Spanish men so attractive?). Every Christmas Emily and Jose Antonio come to us for about a week so they enjoy two big celebrations. In Spain, the major festival of the season is not Christmas Day, but Epiphany, 'Fiesta de los tres Reyes Magos' meaning festival of the three Magic Kings, when Spanish children wake up to find the three kings have left gifts for them in their house. On the eve of Epiphany there are processions all over Spain where sweets are thrown from floats as people come out to watch the three kings' arrival.

So what gifts has Epiphany got to offer us as we move into another year? Mention the word Epiphany to me, and my mind immediately swings to T.S. Elliot's atmospheric and evocative poem 'Journey of the Magi':

*'A cold coming we had of it, Just the worst time of the year*

*For a journey, and such a long journey: The ways deep and the weather sharp,  
The very dead of winter'*

The wise men had a long, journey to make, to lands far away with no map nor guidance to follow, only a bright, bright star. I wonder what star we will follow this coming year? Where will it lead us, and will we be able to lift our heads from the minutiae of our lives long enough see it? Or are we caught in the 'very dead of winter', finding it difficult to see the possibility of movement or progress in the deep darkness we find ourselves? We all experience the ebb and flow of life's complexities and sometimes it is actually necessary for us to stay a while in that cold inhospitable place of deep winter to workout what the next step forward might be and what we need to let go of in order to be able to lift our eyes to that star once more. In the last stanza of the poem, the narrator asks the question: 'were we led all that way for birth or death? / There was birth certainly/ we had evidence and no doubt, I had seen birth and death/ But I had thought they were different;/ this birth was hard and bitter agony for us like Death, our death.' Paradoxically, in order for new ways to come to birth there first has to be the agony of death to open up the space for new life.

Wherever you find yourself at the beginning this new year, I hope your star shines brightly and that your journey brings you hope and joy. With love and prayers.

**Pauline**

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



## Longbridge Deverill Village Hall

Invite you to a

# BURNS NIGHT

**Saturday 27th January 7.00 for 7.30 pm**

**Delicious Traditional Dinner - Please bring your own wine**

**Scottish dancing**

**Book early, tickets £12 from Sylvia Titt 214825**



## CROCKERTON VILLAGE COMMITTEE

# QUIZ NIGHT

**Bath Arms, Crockerton at 7.00 pm**

**Sunday 11th February**


**Teams of 4, Tickets £10 per person,**  
**price includes Bangers & Mash supper**

**Proceeds to Crockerton School & Crockerton Village Committee**

**Bring some money for the raffle!**

**If you are attending please contact Tracey 216939**  
**or Helen 215451 before the 5th February**





## Longbridge Deverill Village Hall

# Come along to the delicious PANCAKE NIGHT

**Shrove Tuesday 13th February 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm**

**Menu: Jacket potatoes and Pancake**  
**with tea and squash**

**Price: Adults £3.00 Children £1.50**

## Nature Notes

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So far we seem to have got off lightly with the worst of the weather missing us in this area. We have had a few nights of very sharp frosts and the wind has quite often been bitter. The birds are eating a lot more now and I find that the sunflower heart feeder needs replenishing early afternoon. The birds have peak times of dining; first thing in the morning when they're hungry after surviving the cold night, and then early afternoon so they're well fed before going to roost and have time to find a secure place to spend the night. I often marvel at how the birds can survive over night at this time of the year. Some birds will go into communal roosts. Wrens will huddle together to keep warm often in empty bird boxes and holes in trees. Long-tailed tits will do a similar thing deep within dense shrubbery lining up on branches huddled up together. Starlings flock together in vast numbers and roost in dense vegetation such as reeds and hereabouts in the bamboo clumps. This flocking together is not just for warmth but for safety against predators too.

We have had a nuthatch coming to the feeders recently; a very smart and distinctive bird. The blue-grey back with bold black eye stripe and pale orange buff underparts make it unmistakable. It is a master tree climber with a short strong tail and long strong claws which enables it to move up and down and around branches with great dexterity. Whether it was the same bird or another, we had a nuthatch hit one of the windows at the front of the house. I found the poor stunned creature on its back on the winter jasmine. After checking it and finding no obvious break or wound, I put it in the deep fork of the cherry tree in the back garden where I could watch it from the house. Slowly it started to come round; it took about an hour before it was hopping about in the tree and finally I saw it fly away to the big ash tree nearby. It must be confusing for birds when they hit a window; flying along with no obvious barrier and then whack!



The busier bird feeders have attracted the sparrowhawk and I have seen it on several occasions, other times I will look out to find the feeders empty and silence in the garden; a sure indication that a predator is about. Yesterday morning there was a commotion just outside the dining room window and I looked out to see a female sparrowhawk on the grass not more than ten feet away with an unfortunate male blackbird in its talons. Half of me wanted to try and rescue the blackbird but there was no movement or noise from it. The sparrowhawk needs to eat and it was only nature literally brought right to my doorstep.

I had a skylark found on the ground in a nearby field on a morning when the weather was atrocious; windy and wet. After a night recovering in a shoe-box (with food and water) it sounded keen to go; banging about. I took it back to the field where it had been found and with fingers crossed opened the box; it flew off quite strongly at low level and disappeared into the horizon. Hopefully it survived. I was amazed by the length of its back claws and thought they were probably like this to help it spring up from the ground. Happy New Year to you all.



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





## Out of this world experiences at stargazing events

The Cranborne Chase AONB's stargazing is always popular and this winter's season is no different, the opening event at Semley Village Hall was full to capacity with night sky enthusiasts. If you missed the Semley event, there are plenty of others in various locations in our special stargazing series, during which astronomer and Cranborne Chase AONB Dark Skies advisor Bob Mizon regales the audience with stories of the astronomical wonders above their heads, while the AONB's director Linda Nunn details developments concerning the Cranborne Chase AONB's bid for prestigious International Dark Sky Reserve status. Afterwards, the audience join Bob and members of the Wessex Astronomical Society outside for a spectacular stargazing experience.

The series of stargazing events during 2018 will be on:

- **Thursday 18th January at Bishopstone Village Hall (Butt Lane, Bishopstone, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP5 4AA)**
- **Thursday 15th February at Ansty Pick Your Own (Ansty PYO & Farm Shop, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP3 5PX)**
- **Thursday 15th March at Sutton Veny Village Hall (High Street, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire BA12 7AP)**



All events commence at 7.00 pm lasting for about 2 to 2½ hours, depending on weather conditions. The cost for adults is £5 each (cash or cheque on the night/includes a free tea or coffee), with no charge for children. Please book in advance, tel: 01725 517417, or email: [info@cranbornechase.org.uk](mailto:info@cranbornechase.org.uk).

Additionally, on **Monday 19th February**, renowned night sky photographer Nigel Ball will be hosting a talk on the techniques used to capture fantastic night images and star trails using a standard digital SLR. The discussion includes planning, equipment and top tips for success. The talk will be held at **Woodcuts Scout HQ, Sixpenny Handley**. Tickets cost £10. To register your interest, please email [info@cranbornechase.org.uk](mailto:info@cranbornechase.org.uk).

More stargazing information in Cranborne Chase AONB, [www.chasingstars.org.uk](http://www.chasingstars.org.uk).



## Deverill Valley & Crockerton WI

Our next meeting in Longbridge village hall will be on **Monday 8th January** at 7.30 pm when we will have a 'Dominoes Evening'. Cheese, paté and biscuits with ginger beer will be served, tea and coffee also available. If you would like to know more about the WI in the Deverill Valley please contact Julie Wallder 213142, you will be very welcome to join us.



## Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - Warminster Group

After our journey to Thailand in December, **Terry Bond** will bring us much nearer home with his talk which is entitled '**Autumn in the Scilly Isles**'. Do come and join us at the **Civic Centre Monday 8th January 7.30 pm** - everyone is welcome. Entry of £3 (under 18s £1) includes refreshments. For further information about this or any any other Wildlife Trust activities, 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 be on **Wednesday 10th January** from 2.00 - 4.00 pm at Judy Munro's house, Whitepits Lodge, Kingston Deverill BA12 7HD. Please call 844385 if you need directions. Everyone welcome.



## Mere Gardening Club

Gardening Club members are invited to a **Social Evening on Wednesday 10th January 7.30 pm** in the Grove Buildings, Mere. For further details contact Janet Way 860884 [www.meregardenclub.org.uk](http://www.meregardenclub.org.uk)



## Mere Historical Society

**Morning talks:** To be held in the Grove Buildings doors open 10.15 for 10.30 am. Famous Women of Dorset by David Beaton - **Tuesday 9th January**.

This talk tells the stories of some of the remarkable women who came from Dorset or who lived in the county. **NB** There is no evening talk in January.

**Caroline Cook** 861797 [www.merehistoricalsociety.org.uk](http://www.merehistoricalsociety.org.uk)

## Book & Dining Club

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 24th January** 7.00 for 7.30 pm, at The Angel, Heytesbury. The chosen book is '**Of Love and Shadows**' by Isabel Allende. The author transports us to a Latin American country in the grip of a military dictatorship, where Irene Beltrán, an upper class journalist, and Francisco Leal, a photographer son of a Marxist professor, together discover a hideous crime. If you would like to come for a meal and discuss the book please contact Fran Henson on 213978 or 07736 551532



## Your Parish News - Annual Donations

At the beginning of the year in January we ask for an annual donation towards the production cost of the magazine. Many people in the valley tell me they enjoy reading the Parish News, finding it a good way of keeping in touch with what is going on and a source of useful information. The quality of the printing has improved in recent years due to using a new type of printer, but unfortunately this has increased the cost of production, however the printing company continue to provide an excellent service at a competitive price. Therefore, I would be very grateful if you could be generous in your donation this year and would like to suggest £8-10 per household. **Your contributions are vital** to ensure the continued production of the Parish News. Some financial assistance is also received from the PCC, the two Parish Councils, Village halls and other local organisations.

Enclosed is a pale blue envelope for your donation. **If you are a UK tax payer please complete the relevant section with your name (IN CAPITALS), address and signature so Gift Aid can be reclaimed. Please, no Sellotape on the envelope.**

Cheques should be made payable to: 'PCC The Deverills and Horningsham'.

Envelopes: Please take them to: **Longbridge Deverill Garage**; place in **church collection**; give to a **Church Warden** or **Robert Steptoe**, PCC Treasurer (see back page); or give to **Judy Munro** (Editor) Whitepits Lodge, Kingston Deverill, BA12 7HD.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**

**Also a very special thank you to everyone who contributes to the Parish News and helps to deliver it to all the households throughout the valley during the year.**

**Judy Munro - Editor**



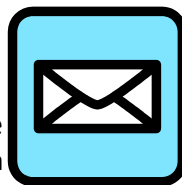
**Concert: St Mary's School Calne, Friday 19th January**

**7.00 for 7.30 pm, tickets £35 inc. refreshments; go to**

**[www.calnefoundation.org/wiltshiresight](http://www.calnefoundation.org/wiltshiresight) / 01380 723682**

Wiltshire Sight celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2018, to start a year of events marking this great milestone, the President of Wiltshire Sight, the Marchioness of Lansdowne, is delighted St Mary's School in Calne will be hosting a concert in aid of the sight loss charity. The charity was established in 1918 as Wiltshire Blind Association to help soldiers returning from WWI whose sight had been damaged. It was renamed Wiltshire Sight in 2014 to reflect that it supports people across the sight loss spectrum and has won multiple awards for its innovative services and training programmes.

World renowned blind pianist, **Derek Paravicini**, will perform a unique concert to celebrate the charity's 100<sup>th</sup> year. Incredibly, Derek plays entirely by ear, has memorized thousands of pieces including pop, jazz and classical as well as taking requests from his audiences. He has played across Britain, America and Europe.



## Security tips from the police



- NEVER open your door to anyone that has not made an appointment - if you are expecting them, always check their identification and if you are at all suspicious, contact Wiltshire Police by dialling 101.
- All doors should be fitted with a minimum of 5 lever mortice locks.
- All windows should be fitted with locks except any designated as a fire escape.
- Close and lock all windows and doors when leaving the house - even if you are just going into the garden.
- Keep front and back doors locked whilst you are in your home to prevent individuals walking in without your knowledge.
- Close all windows when leaving a room, especially at the front of the house.
- Double check that all doors and windows are locked at night.
- Keep valuable items out of view and reach of windows and doors.
- Never leave a spare key in a hiding place like a plant pot or letterbox – a thief knows all the hiding places.
- Keep car keys out of sight - never leave them on view.
- Hide financial documents – if someone does break in, you don't want them to also steal from your bank account.
- Lock tools and ladders away so that a thief cannot use them to break in.
- Never leave a shed or garage unlocked, even when you are gardening, especially if it has a connecting door to your property.
- Make sure you have good lighting around your property.
- Consider investing in a burglar alarm.
- Secure the rear access to your home - A thief is less likely to be seen at the rear of your property.
- Make sure any hedging at the front of your property is no more than a meter high. This will allow a passer-by or neighbours to see anyone acting suspiciously
- Mark all valuable items with a property marking system identifiable to you.
- Take photographs of all jewellery including hallmarks and keep them safe. Do not leave valuable jewellery in a box on your dressing table - it is the first place a thief will look.
- Make a list of the serial number of your electronic items and keep it safe.
- Make sure you have up-to-date contents insurance.
- Register all electronic items and any others with serial numbers at sites such as Immobilise.co.uk
- Join your local Neighbourhood Watch. If there isn't one, consider setting one up yourself.

## Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

### Would like to invite you to Community Messaging

#### What is it?

- FREE messages from your local Police Officers about policing and crime matters in your area.
- You can receive free messages by email, text or voicemail.
- You can choose which organisations to receive messages from and the type of information received.
- Currently messages are being sent by Wiltshire Police, Wiltshire and Swindon Neighbourhood Watch and Action Fraud.
- You can reply to messages from your local officers to help them better police your area, such as responding to police appeals for information.
- You can also join a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in your area or request to start a new one.

#### How do I get involved?

Signing up to Wiltshire and Swindon Community messaging is free, quick and easy. You can sign up online by visiting [www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk](http://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk). You can change your preferences or unsubscribe to the system any time by logging in to your account or emailing [communitymessaging@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:communitymessaging@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk). Personal details will be securely held under the provisions of the Data Protection Act and only the organisations you choose to see your details can see them. Your information will not be shared with anyone other than authorised Community Messaging administrators.

**There will be an extra ordinary planning meeting on Wednesday 10th January at 7.30pm at 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.

The next Full Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 5th February** at 7.30 pm at the Parish Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend, public participation is at the start of the meeting, where members of the public may address the Council, with an allowance of three minutes per person, regarding any item on the agenda.

Full minutes and the agenda, which is published one week before meetings, are available on the Parish web site [www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk](http://www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk), on village notice boards, or from the clerk Nikki Spreadbury-Clews by email at [nikkispreadburyclews@gmail.com](mailto:nikkispreadburyclews@gmail.com)

## Upper Deverills Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on at 6.30 pm on **Wednesday 10th January** at the Upper Deverills Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to the meeting.



## Charity giving

The PCC charity committee meets annually to discuss nominated charities to receive a donation and we would value suggestions from the congregation for consideration. The annual giving is published on the church notice boards. Please contact Judy Munro 844385 if you would like to bring a charity to our attention.

## Recipe: Pea and Ham Soup

Preparation time less than 30 mins - Cooking time 10 to 30 mins - Serves 2-4

Pea and ham soup is a really satisfying dinner, ready in 15 minutes, using simple ingredients you probably already have in the cupboard. This meal, if served as four portions, provides 236kcal, 17g protein, 25g carbohydrate (of which 7g sugars), 6g fat (of which 2g saturates), 6g fibre and 0.9g salt per portion.

### Ingredients

1 tbsp vegetable oil  
1 medium onion, finely chopped  
1 large potato (about 250g/9oz), cut into small cubes  
300g/10½oz frozen petits pois or garden peas  
400ml/14fl oz chicken stock, or vegetable stock if preferred  
200ml/7fl oz semi-skimmed or whole milk  
100g/3½oz thick cut ham  
small handful fresh mint leaves, optional  
salt and freshly ground black pepper



### Method

Heat the oil in a large saucepan on low or medium heat, then add the onion and potato, season with salt and pepper, then stir to coat the vegetables in the oil.

Take a piece of baking paper large enough to cover the top of the pan, scrunch it up then unfold it. Lay the paper over the surface of the vegetables, sealing them in right to the edges of the pan (this helps cook the vegetables more quickly). Put a lid on the pan, cook on a low heat for 8-10 minutes, until the potatoes are tender and the onions are soft and translucent.

Remove the paper. Add the peas and stock to the pan, then bring to the boil. Cook for a couple of minutes, or until all of the peas have floated to the top and are tender and bright.

Take the pan off the heat. Using a stick blender, process the peas until very smooth. Add the milk (or, if preferred, use more stock, water or cream). Tear in most of the ham. Bring the soup back to a simmer, then season to taste with salt and pepper, remembering that the ham is fairly salty.

To serve, ladle the soup into bowls then scatter with the rest of the ham and a few torn mint leaves.



## SERVICES PARISH OF DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM

<b>Sunday</b> 7th January	<b>Epiphany</b> Brixton 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion Morning Worship
<b>Sunday</b> 14th January	<b>Epiphany 2</b> Horningsham 11.15 am	Plough Sunday Service
<b>Sunday</b> 21st January	<b>Epiphany 3</b> Brixton 10.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b> 28th January	<b>Candlemas</b> Longbridge 10.30 m	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b> 4th February	<b>2nd Sunday before Lent</b> Kingston 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion Morning Worship

**Morning Prayers** Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays 8.00 am Longbridge

### Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who came to the Village Carol Service at St Mary's, Kingston Deverill on Sunday 17th December and donated to the collection for the charity **Louie's S.M.I.L.E.S.**, a wonderful **£420** was raised.



### Church Cleaners for January

**Kingston** Sarah Fagan & Judy Munro

**Brixton** Jean Staniland & Lorraine Croot

**Longbridge** Monday 8th January 9.30 - 10.30 am - All helpers please

### Church Flower Arrangers for January

**Kingston**

**Brixton**

**Longbridge**

7th Jan	Alice Stratton	Sue Mylne	Pat Wood & Sylvia Titt
14th Jan	Alice Stratton	Sue Mylne	Pat Wood & Sylvia Titt
21st Jan	Judy McCulloch	Alice Irwin	Jo Steptoe
28th Jan	Judy McCulloch	Alice Irwin	Jo Steptoe



## SERVICES PARISH OF CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE

<b>Sunday</b> 7th January	<b>Epiphany</b> Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b> 14th January	<b>Epiphany 2</b> Chapmanslade 9.30 am Temple 11.00 am	Holy Communion Matins
<b>Sunday</b> 21st January	<b>Epiphany 3</b> Corsley 10.30 am	Morning Worship
<b>Sunday</b> 28th January	<b>Candlemas</b> Chapmanslade 9.30 pm Chapmanslade 4.00 pm	Holy Communion Christingle and Candlemas
<b>Sunday</b> 4th February	<b>2nd Sunday before Lent</b> Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion

### Christingle & Candlemas - a candlelit service

**Sunday 28th January at 4.00 pm**

**Chapmanslade Church**

The blessing of church candles for the coming year

Families are particularly welcome

Please bring your own candles to be blessed



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

December winners are Mr RJR Wilsdon £50 and Robert Shuler £25

**Special Christmas prize Mr AW Falconer £75**

There is always room for new members so please get in touch with Diana if you'd like to join. The money is divided 50% for the churches and 50% prize money. Contact Diana Abbott 840763 or [decabbott@gmail.com](mailto:decabbott@gmail.com) for details.

