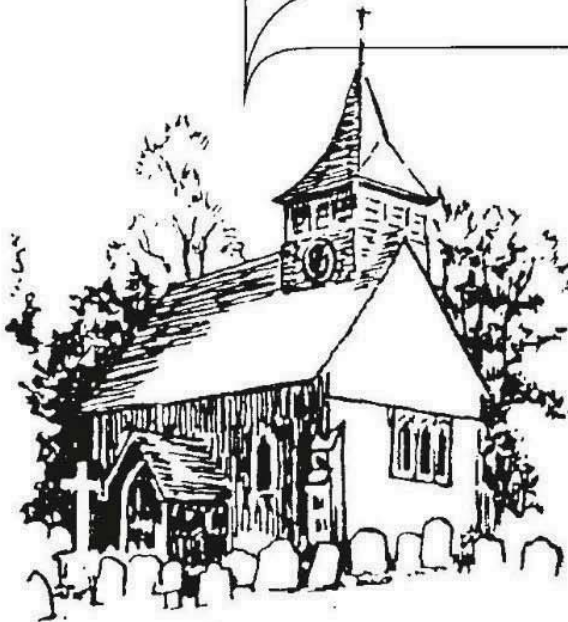


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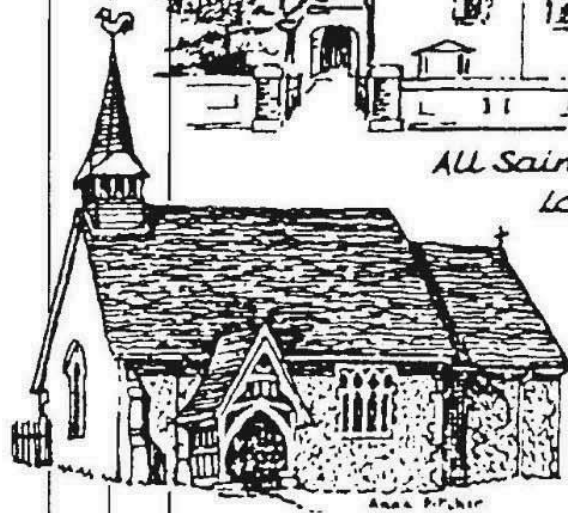
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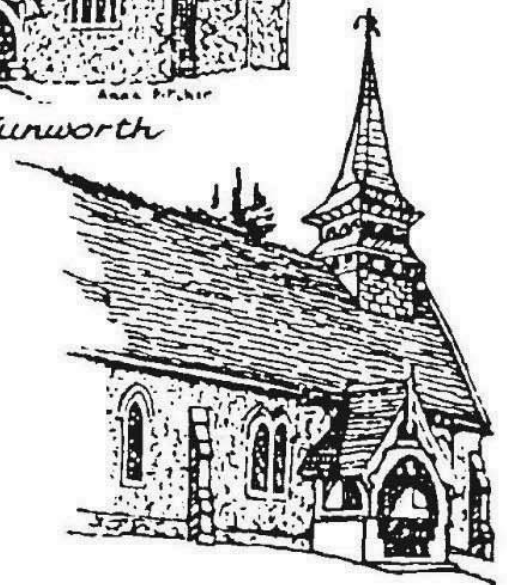
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Upton Grey and Weston Patrick

‘Yes, but what is the church actually for?’

This was the question posed to me at a dinner party not long ago after I was ‘outed’ as the local vicar. It’s a very good question and one that deserves some thought. The question itself could conceivably function on a number of different levels, the question could be asking anything along the lines of the following:

- How does the church define its life and being in relation to God?
- What contribution should the church make to society?
- What are the defining characteristics of the community that calls itself ‘the church’?
- What things does the church do to express what it believes to be true?

Naturally the question has been answered in many different ways but, across traditions and cultures, there has been one answer to the question that has endured, and I’d like to reflect on this. So, to ask the question again, ‘what is the church for?’ The church is for this: To wisely and inspiringly talk about and demonstrate God to the world. At the same time, wonderfully simply and deeply profound, it means that the church is to be a blessing to the world as it talks and demonstrates God in the ‘here and now’.

The church is ‘for’ this – to describe, portray, embody and point to the God who is the very source of life and who says to his world and all that it contains, including us human beings ‘I love you and care for you’ - and who has shown the depth of his love and care in Christ Jesus.

It was once said of Cardinal Basil Hume that he “had the gift of being able to talk to the English about God, without making them wish they were somewhere else”. Hopefully as the church speaks of God it does so without being toe-curling, awkward or weird – instead, naturally, easily, and in ways that make sense.

As we enter Advent, and begin to look forward to Christmas, churches across the nation will make a renewed attempt to wisely and inspiringly talk about God to their local communities. Our own village Churches are no exception and no matter which service or event you may wish to come to; you’ll find a warm welcome, hopefully some inspiration in the story of Christ’s birth, and most likely a glass of mulled wine too.

It may be that you’ve heard this talk about God countless times before - and have tuned it out. It may be talk that resonates in the very depths of your being. Either way, this Advent and Christmas, as your village church tries to talk wisely and inspiringly about God, I challenge you to come with an open heart and mind – there may just be something new, fresh, and life-changing to be found. **Something for life and not just for Christmas.**

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone across our villages a blessed Advent and a very merry Christmas. I pray, that this festive season, the peace and love of God in Christ will fill hearts, minds and homes across our communities.

With warmest regards, **Rev Simon Butler**

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

23rd October George Charles Douglas Williams, All Saints Tunworth
6th November Barnaby Darke at St Mary’s Upton Grey

Funeral

7th November Don Spicer at Basingstoke Crematorium & Service of Thanksgiving at All Saints Tunworth

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Christingle Services

Our two Christingle services this year are both at **4pm** at:

- **St Mary's Church Herriard on 4th December**
- **St Mary's Church Upton Grey on 11th December**

This year we are holding the Christingle-making just before the services, so that the children can make them together (with the help of parents or carers if needed) and then carry them into church. We hope that this will be a fun activity for the children before they go into the service. Please note - oranges etc will be provided.

- In **Herriard on 4th December**, Christingle-making will take place at John and Sara Jervoise's house, Herriard Park, at **3pm**.
- In **Upton Grey on 11th December**, Christingle-making will be held in the village hall and will run from **2.30 to 3.45pm**. Tea and mince pies will be available for parents.

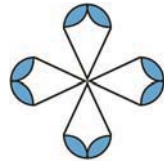
This year we will not be distributing Smartie tubes, and instead candles will be handed out during November, and these too may be brought to church and handed in. All monies raised will go to the Children's Society to help with their much-needed work for disadvantaged children in the UK. If you are unable to come to the Christingle-making part, we will have some ready-made oranges in church.

Carol Services

- **Saturday 17th December 5.00pm** – at Weston Patrick followed by refreshments in the Village Hall
- **Sunday 18th December 4.30pm** – at Herriard followed by refreshments in the British Legion club
- **Sunday 18th December 6.30pm** - at Upton Grey followed by refreshments in St Mary's Church
- **Christmas Day at 11.00am** – at Tunworth Church

Please note there will be NO service at Weston Patrick, 11.00am 18th December.

*Don't forget for Upton Grey, we have a **website**: www.uptongreychurch.co.uk. Applicable for all parishes, the website carries the monthly Parish Magazine including service times and diary dates, plus details of local groups and organisations and other information relating to the four churches.*



St Mary's Church
Upton Grey

Your Church Needs



YOU!

**To join our Scratch Choir and perform at
St Mary's Carol Service, Upton Grey on
Sunday December 18th at 6.30pm**

No previous experience is necessary, just an enthusiasm and willingness to give it a go and have fun! The choir will rehearse at 8pm on Dec 6th and 13th - wine will be served. For more info see www.uptongreychurch.co.uk, visit the Upton Grey Community Info Facebook page, call 861706 or email nhdboffice@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve Church Services, Saturday 24th December

- **4.00pm Blessing of the Crib at Upton Grey Church. Crib Service** – This year we will be inviting the younger children to dress up: they can come as an angel, a ‘wise man’, a shepherd or an animal! See Upton Grey Village Community Info Facebook pages nearer the time for more information.
- **11.30pm Midnight Communion also at St Marys Upton Grey.** Those coming to the Midnight Communion are invited to turn up from 11.00pm for mulled wine and light refreshments.

Christmas Day Church Services, Sunday 25th December

- 9.00am Weston Patrick 1662 Communion Sung
- 10.00am both Herriard and Upton Grey Family services
- 11.00am Tunworth Family Carol service

NEW YEAR SERVICES

- **Sunday, 1st January.** On **Sunday 1st January**, there will only be one service in the Benefice: **9.45am All Saints Odiham** Benefice Holy Communion.
- The next **10.00am Thursday** Holy Communion Service in **Herriard** will be on **19th January** as there is no service in December. Everyone is welcome to this informal, friendly and relaxed service which is followed by refreshments.

Revised Church Service Schedule for 2017

As of January 2017, Church services in Upton Grey, Herriard, Weston Patrick and Tunworth will follow a slightly revised schedule. Please take a look at the Service Schedule below which contains full details of the new service pattern - and Page 24 gives the new look January service detail. It is my hope that the changes allow for a well-balanced provision of different types of service across the 4 churches. We've tried to ensure that different styles and traditions of worship are catered for, and that the mix of services appeals to all ages.

There are a number of changes worth highlighting:

1. There will be a spoken 1662 Book of Common Prayer Communion service at 08.00 each Sunday. This service will rotate around the 4 parishes.
2. Weston Patrick will no longer have a service on the 3rd Sunday of the month.
3. Start times for services have changed ever so slightly.

SERVICE PLAN 2017

1st Sunday

8.00	Holy Communion 1662 (said)	Tunworth
9.45	Family Communion: Common Worship (sung)	Upton Grey
11.15	Family Communion: Common Worship (sung)	Herriard
11.15	Matins (sung)	Weston Patrick

2nd Sunday

8.00	Holy Communion 1662 (said)	Herriard
9.45	Parish Communion: Common Worship (sung)	Upton Grey
11.15	Holy Communion: Common Worship (sung)	Weston Patrick
17.00 (18.00 in summer):	Evensong (sung)	Tunworth

3rd Sunday

8.00	Holy Communion 1662 (said)	Upton Grey
9.00	Holy Communion: Common Worship (sung)	Tunworth
9.45	Family Service (sung)	Upton Grey
10.00	Alternate months: Matins or Morning Prayer (sung)	Herriard

4th Sunday

8.00	Holy Communion 1662 (said)	Weston Patrick
9.00	Family Service (sung)	Tunworth
10.00	Family Service (sung)	Herriard
11.00	Café Church	Upton Grey

What do all these mean?

- 1662 Book of Common Prayer - Traditional Language Communion service
- Common Worship Communion - Modern Language Communion service
- Evensong / Matins - Traditional Language Non-Communion service
- Morning prayer - Modern Language Non-Communion service
- Cafe Church - Interactive teaching, informal prayer, and fellowship
- Family Service - Family friendly interactive worship service



Kids' Zone



December Birthdays

4th	Jago Harman	18th	Lucy Rosen
5th	Alex Harris Clio Symington	18th	Oliver Irvine Alexandra Irvine
6th	Thomas Hardy	21st	Alex Harker Eliza Harker
14th	Hugo Barnes	23rd	Melina James
15th	Stormie Thrussell	28th	Tilly Curtis
16th	Archie Del Mar	28th	Oliver Livingstone Booth
17th	George Hardy	29th	Holly Janaway

If you would like a child's birthday put in the magazine and they are not already on the list, please would you send name and birthday to Kate at kate.goddard1@virgin.net.



Junior Choir in Upton Grey: the practice in December will be on Sunday 4th December at 9.15am followed by the Family Service at 10am. The Christmas Carol service is 6.30pm on Sunday 18th December and there will be a pre-service practice at 5.30pm.



Our next Messy Church is on Friday 24th February in Upton Grey Village Hall. It is fun and all are welcome. If you would like to attend, please let Julia Harker know (Julia_harker@btinternet.com).



Christingles

Please see Page 3 for all the exciting activities to do with Christingle



Crib Service at Upton Grey Church – Christmas Eve, 24th December at 4pm. This year we will be inviting the younger children to dress up: they can come as an angel, a 'wise man', a shepherd or an animal! See Upton Grey Village Community Info Facebook pages nearer the time for more information.



On Christmas Day, the services are:

- **St Mary's Herriard and St Mary's Upton Grey (both 10am)**
- **Family Carol Service at All Saints Tunworth (11am)**

These are all of which are very family and children-focussed.

The Birth of Jesus –

The reason why we celebrate Christmas



Whether in the arms of his mother or in a manger, images of Jesus as an infant abound at Christmas time. After all, he is the focus of our celebrations; it is his birthday that we share at Christmas. The idea that the King of all Creation would enter the world as a helpless child is astonishing. Yet, God made his intentions known through the prophet Zechariah over 400 years before the first Christmas when he said, “For I am coming, and I will live among you.”

Additionally, Isaiah prophesied about Jesus over 700 years before his birth: “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace.”

The Christmas story is one of good news and great joy, but it is also a short one. There are 27 books in the New Testament part of the Bible - but the story is only told in the books written by Matthew and Luke, two of Jesus' followers and friends. In Matthew, the story is told in two out of the 28 chapters and in Luke, it is told in two chapters out of 24. Both Matthew and Luke finish their telling of the story with Joseph, Mary and Jesus returning to Nazareth to live. But Christians believe that Christmas was only the beginning of the amazing life of Jesus.

To Christians, one of the most important things about Christmas is what 'Christmas' really means - the Mass of Christ (or Jesus). Mass (or Communion) is a Christian act of worship when Christians remember that Jesus was not only born, as told in the Christmas story, but that, when he became a man, Jesus willingly died to take away all our wrongdoings and bring us closer to God.

Then he came back to life three days later. Christians celebrate this throughout the year, but especially on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Nothing has ever been the same since the first Christmas and you can find out more about Jesus' life in the Bible. As we prepare for the excitement of Christmas, this is a practical way of remembering that Christmas is not just about us, but about **children and families in need**, and of course many others. We would love you to participate if you can.



NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

North Hampshire Downs Benefice Quiz, 10th March 2017

Curiouser and curiouser...it's

North Hampshire Downs



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Local Police Report from PC Andy Reid.

“Dear Residents, I am appealing for any information concerning several crimes, sadly mostly in Upton Grey. Between October 21st and 24th a large amount of York stone was stolen from a house at Hoddington, and further down Baymans Lane; a further amount of York stone was stolen from another garden, this was overnight of October 28th to 29th 2016. During the same night, a silver Vauxhall 4 x 4 was found abandoned in Baymans Lane, the vehicle has no current owner and had evidence of deer poaching on the inside of it, i.e. blood and fur. Between 8am and 5pm on Saturday November 5th 2016, two eight-month-old ewe lambs were killed by a dog in the field behind Manor Farm at Weston Corbett; a third was injured and was still just alive. I am aware of two men seen with lurcher type dogs on leads and a dead hare nearby; however, in my experience I have never known those involved in poaching to go near fields with sheep for obvious reasons. I am seeking any information concerning this incident. My biggest fear is that now that the dog has tasted blood it will kill sheep again. If seen in the act of livestock worrying, farmers do have the right to shoot a dog involved at the time. Please call me directly in strict confidence if you can help in any of these incidents. On Saturday November 5th, I caught five men in a car outside Upton Grey village and on checking and stopping the car, I found that one had been involved in killing roosting pheasants by shooting them out of a tree. He has been reported and there will be a summons to court.

As we go into the December festive period, I ask that all residents pay attention to their home security, please make sure lights are left on and perhaps a radio when you are out, make your home look as if someone is in. I urge residents not to drink and drive; the Constabulary will be launching its annual Christmas drink drive campaign where drivers will be breath tested in the mornings as well as at night. Please make sure all your lights on your vehicle are kept clean, and in full working order, as I do seem to see a lot of vehicles being driven with defective lights.

If you can help with any information regarding the crimes above, please do call. May I wish you all a very happy, safe and secure Christmas and thank you again for your continued support”. Andy Reid, Rural Police Constable 3746, 01256:389050, HQ: 101, 07768:776844 Email: andrew.reid@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

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Music Night in the Hodd on Tuesday, December 6th

Another date for your busy diaries as we are holding the first ever pre-Christmas Hodd music night on Tuesday December 6th. Kick off around 8.0 pm as usual in the stable bar. There will be excellent Xmas fare menu in the Hodd if you fancy a supper beforehand and the usual selection of beers and wine etc. Looking forward to seeing you all there. We had fabulous feedback after the last event in September so all welcome to come along and sample the new atmosphere.

Upton Grey Autumn Festival

Many thanks to all sponsors, helpers and attendees for making this year's Autumn Festival the very best yet. Special thanks to Fallon & Chris, and all the Hodd team, for their great support; Marcel van Poecke for the use of Hoddington Park; the Janaway family (aka Newlyn's Farm Shop) and, of course, Linda Webb's amazing (Merlin) fireworks. Over 600 people greatly enjoyed the afternoon Festival and over 600 joined the procession (chimed along by the Upton Grey Bell Ringers) to the bonfire & *fantastic* firework display. The Hoddington Arms managed to provide an evening Festival menu to over 120 people in the marquee with 2 bands, an open Halloween Fancy Dress competition (37 entries!) and finally the Silent Disco. The prime purpose of the day is to provide a great Autumn event for the families and especially the youngsters of the Upton Grey Benefice. We also like to provide a surplus to go to St. Michael's Hospice who provide a dozen volunteers to man the afternoon stalls. This year we will be donating over £1600 to the Hospice. Photos of the Guy Fawkes and the afternoon and evening events are posted on our web site, www.uptongreyautumnfestival.co.uk, together with detailed results. So be sure not to miss next year's Autumn Festival and put it in your new diaries for Saturday, 28th October, 2017. Roger Clark.

Village Hall 100 club – November Draw

- First prize £100 No 138 - Mr M. MENDOZA.
- Second prize No 58 - Mr J. JAMES.

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TEA@3 - December

Our Christmas Tea@3 will be held on THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER. We are really grateful to Jo and Patrick Symington for so kindly letting us use their wonderful Barn in Cleves Lane again! This is always a popular event, so do come along and join us – everyone (60+ years of course with the exception of the Vicar!) is very welcome and you will get a fantastic tea, sing a few carols - and enjoy good company. Please let Barbara know if you would like to come asap on 862627 or e-mail: anderson-barbara2@sky.com as we really do need to have some idea of the numbers in advance. Also, if you need a lift this can be arranged for you. We look forward to seeing you on 15th December, 3.00 p.m. at the Barn, Cleves Lane – just 10 days before Christmas! Barbara 862627 Viv 862455 Jill 86213

Safari Supper, 11th March 2017

11th March 2017 is the date for the next Safari Supper; please put it in your diary for next year, and keep the evening free, so that you can join in. You should all receive an invitation in the New Year with your parish magazine. Upton Grey's Safari Supper is a sociable and fun way to raise money for the church and it is a great way to get to know other people in the village. It's not expensive because everyone contributes, and it gives a real feel of sociability and community. It takes the form of a supper party, in which each successive course is prepared and eaten at a different home. So, starting at 7:00 pm, six people (sometimes one or two more), have a starter course at one home. At 8:00 pm there are lots of people moving around the village who are going to the next home for the main course with a new and different set of guests. Then at 9:00 pm there is a surge of activity to get to the next home in time to get pudding with a different group of people. After that, whoever still has the energy and can walk, can meet up in the village hall to catch up with new and old friends over coffee and perhaps a nightcap. It's a fun way to spend an evening! Any questions - please call Jo Adair, Cleves Farm 862005

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Santa will be arriving at 1pm and staying until 2.30pm.

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Herriard Parish Council, Monday Dec 5th

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Christmas Wreath Course: Friday 9th December, RBLH

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Herriard Gardening Club News!

Great news from our gardening club - our allotment is taking shape! James Crawford kindly rotavated our plot and we have a greenhouse and now also a shed (kindly donated by John Jervoise!). We are having a working party day on Sunday 20th and Sunday 27th November, so watch this space for further news! We had a fantastic meeting at Becky's home on 2nd November, thank you Becky for hosting such a productive Meeting. It was lovely to welcome new members too!

Our next Meeting is on **Wednesday 7th December at 7pm**, we are Meeting at **The Royal Oak, Lasham** to celebrate Christmas - with fine food and wine!

Then it's the **Christmas Fayre at the Royal British Legion on Saturday 17th December**, we are having our first Gardening Club Stall, so please come and support us. Everything from cards to chutney will be on sale!

Looking further ahead, our Gardening Club Meeting for January will be on **Sunday 8th January at 11.00 am, meeting at the allotment then at Di Southam's home!** We would love to see you all there to welcome the New Year in!

All that remains for us to say, is to wish you all a very Happy and fun Christmas and New Year, enjoy your garden! Spring will be just around the corner! Gill Venning - RHS cert dip (01256 381053)

Herriard Sports Club

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Nick White.

Herriard and Lasham with Bentworth WI: What the Butler Saw!

Our next speaker will be on **2nd February after all the Christmas & New Year celebrations. It is entitled “What the Butler Saw”**. Do come along and join us at 2.30pm, and you will be sure of a warm welcome.

Our speaker this month was Mrs Glynnis Lee of Lovedean W.I. and her talk was titled “There are always cats hairs on my quilt”. For those of you who have no idea what a quilt is, here is a definition: -

“To stitch together (two pieces of cloth and a soft interlining), usually in an ornamental pattern. To sew up between pieces of material. To pad or line with material”.

Mrs Lee showed us a huge number of quilts and wall hangings she had made. She is obviously a very talented craftswoman and I think we were all suitably impressed. Some of the quilts were in the most beautiful colours; a wonderful dahlia in different hues of red & orange on a navy background, and was indeed an amazing piece of work. A full-size bedcover worked so skilfully, that I would have loved to have taken it home! Other pieces included; a gorgeous butterfly swarm and an Autumn quilt using all the colours of the autumn leaves. Mrs Lee’s other passion is cats, hence the title of our talk. She has two; Twix is a female tortoiseshell - and Hobnob is a ginger tom. They both love to snuggle on the myriad of quilts in their home. In fact, there are now so many quilts that she has had to start on smaller pieces, such as wall hangings. An especially poignant piece is made from her Father’s carpentry apron; incorporating his rule, pieces of his shirts and other personal ‘knick-knacks’, a fitting tribute - and fond reminder of him. We were all ready for our tea and biscuits afterwards, before wending our way home. By Diane Southam.

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Please join us for Christmas festivities at Long Sutton Primary School for our annual **Christmas Fayre on Saturday 3rd December 12 – 2pm**. There will be a delicious BBQ, arts and crafts, beautiful face painting, stalls selling an assortment of Christmas gifts. These include a wonderful raffle, a wall of fantastic prizes hidden in envelopes, children's treasure hunt, coffee and mince pies along with our special guest; children's author Graham Jones who wrote 'Time Travelling Toby' - and of course a Santa's Grotto! We are aiming to raise money for 'expanding our children's horizons' by taking learning outside - so please help us with this worthy cause and come and join in some merry fun!

Advent Concert at Alton Abbey on Saturday 10th December 2016

On Saturday 10th December 2016 at 7.30pm, there is a traditional Advent Concert in The Abbey Church of Our Lady & St John, Advent Concert at Alton Abbey, Beech, GU34 4AP. We hear readings, & sing Advent hymns & anthems with Choirmaster Richard Potter and the Choir of St Mary the Virgin, Frensham. Tickets are £5.00 and include hot mulled wine & mince pies after the Concert. There will be beautiful stationary to buy and the 2017 'Friends of Alton Abbey' Calendar. For Tickets contact Brother John OSB guesthouse@altonabbey.com or telephone number 01420 562145.

Christmas Carol Concert - Tuesday 13th December

Christmas Carol Concert in aid of Gene Therapy for Cystic Fibrosis at **All Saints Parish Church, Odiham on Tuesday 13th December at 6.30 for 7pm**. Following the enormous success of our last eleven Carol Concerts we are delighted to invite you to celebrate this most wonderful of festivals by enjoying an evening of glorious music and seasonal verse in the beautiful setting of All Saints Parish Church in Odiham. We are thrilled to welcome as our **guest reader Laura Main**, a highly talented dancer, singer and actor.

Her performances include Shakespeare on stage, a long-running role as Sister Bernadette (Shelagh Turner) in the TV series, ‘**Call the Midwife**’, and in 2015 winning the Children in Need ‘Strictly Come Dancing’ special. We are also pleased to continue into our twelfth year with the same group of enormously talented musicians singing and playing for us. Everyone will have plenty of opportunity to sing carols as well, and the combined forces guarantee a truly uplifting and memorable occasion. The evening warms up with a pre-concert glass of wine and home-made mince pie.

Tickets, priced £20.00, are available from Tessa Morrish (01256 862475, email: tessamorrish@gmail.com) or Katharine Jane, High Street, Odiham. As this concert has been a sell out in the past, and tickets unavailable on the door, please book in advance to avoid disappointment. All profits from this event will go directly towards the UK Cystic Fibrosis Gene Therapy Consortium.

Alton Rock Choir 'Concert at Christmas' at the Alton Malting's

This is on Thursday 8th December - 7 for 7.30pm - £10.00 per ticket. Mulled Wine & mince Pies available! Charity Beneficiary is Cardiac Rehab. Tickets Tel. 01420 544794 or Email denise@cardiac-rehab.co.uk

North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union, Thursday 8th December

In December, our branch will meet for **Coffee and Mince Pies** at the **Next Door Bistro from 10 am to 12 noon on Thursday 8th December**. This is a good chance for friends to join us who find it difficult to come to evening meetings. The Mothers' Union is based firmly on prayer; both for our work here, and for members in other parts of the world. The MU divides the year into 3-day periods when members of the Mothers' Union pray for the members and projects of a particular group of dioceses. Winchester diocese has its turn between 12 and 14th along with Mauritius, Nangyal (South India) Kericho (Kenya), Katsina (Nigeria) and Kumasi (Ghana). We plan to start our year with a **Wave of Prayer service at the RAF Church on Tuesday 17th January**. If you would like to join us for this service or for any of our other activities, please contact Sue Murphy on 01252 845011.

The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines, Sunday 29th January

The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines are in concert starting 3pm on **Sunday 29th January 2017 at The Anvil, Basingstoke**. Superb musicians and soloists, and special guests The Royal Corps of Drums and The Chelsea Pensioners. All profits will go to charities supported by Basingstoke Deane Rotary, including Help for Heroes and the local Ark Cancer Centre Charity which is looking to raise £5m towards the development of a new, state-of-the-art cancer treatment centre that will serve our local community. Tickets are now available from the Anvil Box Office, 01256 844244 or anvilarts.org.uk

North Warnborough & District Garden Club

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 26th January 2017 in the North Warnborough Village Hall at 2:10pm** for a 2:30pm start. The speaker will be Trevor Jackman who will talk about "Cacti".

The competitions for January are:

1. An Evergreen Arrangement.
2. A Spray of a Flowering Shrub.

Visitors are very welcome to join us. We are a friendly Club whose members share an enthusiasm for gardens and gardening. During the growing season, we always have a plant stall starting at 2:10pm. For further information, please telephone 01252 843848.

Odiham And Old Basing Health Centre Patient Participation Group

Over recent years there have been tremendous strides in treating and defeating cancer and early intervention normally gives a better chance of success. Over the next few months we will be writing about different cancers and suggesting how you can recognize the symptoms which you should immediately refer to your GP.

Breast Cancer is the most common type of cancer in the UK. Annually around 50,000 women are diagnosed with invasive breast cancer. Most women who get it (8 out of 10) are over 50, but younger women, and in rare cases, men, can also get breast cancer. If it's treated early enough, breast cancer can be prevented from spreading to other parts of the body.

What are the symptoms of breast cancer? Breast cancer can have several symptoms, but the first noticeable symptom is usually a lump or area of thickened breast tissue. Most breast lumps aren't cancerous, but it's always best to have them checked by your doctor. You should also see your GP if you notice any of the following:

- a change in the size or shape of one or both breasts
- discharge from either of your nipples (which may be streaked with blood)
- a lump or swelling in either of your armpits
- dimpling on the skin of your breasts
- a rash on or around your nipple
- a change in the appearance of your nipple, such as becoming sunken into your breast

After examining your breasts, your GP may refer you to a specialist breast cancer clinic for further tests. This might include a mammography (breast screening) or a biopsy. There are several different types of breast cancer, which can develop in different parts of the breast. Breast cancer is often divided into non-invasive and invasive types. Non-invasive breast cancer is found in the ducts of the breast and hasn't developed the ability to spread outside the breast. This form of cancer rarely shows as a lump in the breast that can be felt, and is usually found on a mammogram. Invasive cancer has the ability to spread outside the breast, although this doesn't necessarily mean it has spread. The most common form of breast cancer is invasive ductal breast cancer, which develops in the cells that line the breast ducts. Invasive ductal breast cancer accounts for about 80% of all breast cancer cases.

Breast cancer screening. About one in eight women are diagnosed with breast cancer during their lifetime. There's a good chance of recovery if it's detected in its early stages. For this reason, it's vital that women check their breasts regularly for any changes and always get any changes examined by their GP. Mammographic screening (where X-ray images of the breast are taken) is the best available method of detecting an early breast lesion. However, you should be aware that a mammogram might fail to detect some breast cancers. It might also increase your chances of having extra tests and interventions, including surgery.

Preventing breast cancer. As the causes of breast cancer aren't fully understood, it's not possible to know if it can be prevented altogether. It's been suggested that regular exercise can reduce your risk of breast cancer by as much as a third. If you've been through the menopause, it's particularly important that you're not overweight or obese. This is because being overweight or obese causes more oestrogen to be produced, which can increase the risk of breast cancer. As with all matters concerning your health and wellbeing if you have any concerns at all don't hesitate to consult your doctor. If you have visited the Practice website at www.odihamhealthcentre.co.uk, you will have noticed we are updating the content and resources. Do visit the website!

December Events at the Basingstoke Discovery Centre

- **Hearing Impaired Reading Group.** Friday 2 December / 2pm – 4pm / FREE. An opportunity to meet people in a similar situation.
- **Board Games for Grown-Ups,** Saturday 3 December / 11am – 4pm / FREE. Develop your skills of cooperation and strategy in this friendly drop-in group. Meet in the Coffee Shop area.
- **Discover Board Games,** Sat 3 December, 10am-1pm, FREE Ages 3+
- **Make a bicycle basket or shopping basket.** Saturday 3 December / 9.30am-4pm / £60. People love to receive hand-made gifts and what could be more impressive than giving someone a bike basket or shopping basket that you've made yourself! All materials included.
- **Disability Signpost Service,** Tues 6 December / 10am - 12noon
Drop-in for information on topics including transport, benefits, housing.
- **Basingstoke Disability Connections,** Tues 6 September / 12.30pm – 2.30pm. Informal get-together for people affected by disability.
- **Board Games for Grown-Ups.** Wed 7 December / 2pm – 6pm / FREE
Meet in the Coffee Shop area. Some games provided or bring your own.
- **Painting for Fun.** Thurs 8 December / 2.30pm – 4.30pm / FREE
Informal group of painters who share tips in Coffee shop area.
- **Young Embroiders Club.** Sat 10 December / 10am – 12noon / £5 / Ages 5-16. Learn new skills and meet new friends.
- **Children's Crafts.** Sat 10 December / from 10am / FREE / Ages 3+
- **Chatterbooks.** Mon 12 December / 4pm – 5pm / FREE / Ages 8-11.
Join Chatterbooks a book group. Books, activities, quizzes etc.

- **Creative Writing for Young Adults.** Wed 14 December / 4pm – 5pm / FREE / Ages 11-15. Gain confidence in your writing and meet like-minded people in this friendly group.
- **Willow Stars and Reindeer.** Sat 17 December / 10.30am-12.30pm / £15 / Ages 10 – Adult. With local basket maker, Judith Needham. Shaker-style Christmas decorations using natural willow. Make lots of stars to hang in your windows, tiny reindeer and little woven Christmas trees. All materials included. (Under 16s must be accompanied by a ticket paying adult). Advanced booking is essential.
- **Willow Angel** - Sat 17 December / 1.30pm-4pm / £25 / Ages 14 – Adult. With local basket maker, Judith Needham. Make an angel (approx. 40cm tall) out of white willow and decorate it with fairy lights.
- **Discover Board Games,** Sat 17 December, 10am-1pm, FREE Ages 3+
- **Family Chess Coaching,** Sat 17 December / 10am – 1pm (drop-in) / Free. Join David Graham and Basingstoke Junior Chess Club.
- **Crime Fiction Reading Group,** Sat 17 December / 2pm / FREE
- **Visually Impaired Reading Group,** Mon 19 December / 10am – 12 noon / FREE. An opportunity to meet people in a similar situation.
- **Board Games for Grown-Ups.** Wed 21 December / 2pm – 6pm / FREE. Meet in the Coffee Shop area.
- **Poetry Group,** Wed 21 December / 10.30am – 12.00 noon / £1
Read and share poetry with other like-minded people.
- **Painting for Fun,** Thurs 22 December / 2.30pm – 4.30pm / FREE
Informal group of painters who share tips in Coffee shop area
- **Discover Board Games.** Sat 31 Dec. 10am-1pm FREE Ages 3+.

To book a place on a ticketed event you can order online from <https://www.hants.gov.uk/shop/home.php>, or visit Basingstoke Discovery Centre in Festival Place, or call 01256 478670. Advance booking is strongly recommended. To find out more about Basingstoke Discovery Centre and Hampshire Libraries visit www.hants.gov.uk/bsdc

Sunflower Café for People with Dementia and their Carers

All people with dementia and their carers are welcome at the Sunflower Café every Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm. The café is at The Vine Church which is in The Old School, London Road, Odiham, RG29 1AJ. For more information contact Elaine by email at sunflowercafe@outlook.com or by telephone on 07553 881474.

Rotherwick Parish Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer Position

Rotherwick Parish Council is looking to recruit the above position. This is a part-time home-based administrative post to include assisting planning responses, parish maintenance arrangements, admin of Parish Council accounts and supporting Parish Councillors in their duties, including attending a minimum of one council meeting per month (in the evening). The ability to both work effectively on your own, and to support a team and take direction is essential, as are good organisation, administration and IT skills. Previous parish experience is desirable but not essential - as training can be arranged. Annual salary is a minimum of £5000 dependant on previous experience and it is expected that the role requires an average of 40-45 hours per month. For further info and job description please contact: Lucy Bardwell – 01256 766314; Email: clerk@rotherwick.org.uk; Application closing date for a 7th Dec 2016

HALLS FOR HIRE

Upton Grey Village Hall for hire from £7 per hour. Functions, meetings, parties, private and commercial. Full kitchen facilities, central heating and sound system, chairs, tables, crockery and cutlery available. Contact Brian and Pam Dixey for further information, 01256 862577.

The Royal British Legion Hall, Herriard Available for hire: wedding receptions, functions, parties, meetings, events. Fully licensed bar, full kitchen facilities, garden, tables and chairs, sound system, disabled access, central heating, pool table and darts. Key holder 01256 381403 or email hall bookings to herriardrbllhall@aol.co.uk

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- POLZEATH, Cornwall. New contemporary house, 1 minute walk from Cornwall's best surfing beach. Built to high standard. Sleeps up to 6 people.
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For more details of all the above, contact 07801373990 or uniquelocations@hotmail.com

CHRISTMAS TREES AT WEST GREEN FRUITS

West Green Road, Hartley Wintney RG27 8LP. Open November 26th – December 22nd, 9.30am to 4.30pm DAILY. Locally grown Christmas Trees, Wreaths, Decorations etc. For information please call 01252 845772 or visit www.westgreenfruits.com.

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☺ A CHRISTMAS SMILE TO END WITH... ☺

Q. Why is The Great British Bake-Off like the Nativity?

A. Because the Star is in the Yeast

Q. Why are snowmen rubbish at cricket?

A. They're always bowling snow-balls.

Q. Why did Santa pour Lemsip into the chimney?

A. He was coming down with the flue

Q. Why are chocolate buttons rude?

A. Because they are Smarties in the nude.

Q. How does Darth Vader like his Christmas turkey?

A. On the dark side

Q. What do the royal family play at Christmas instead of musical chairs?

A. Game of Thrones.

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CHURCH SERVICES (please also see the weekday services under “Regular Events”)**4 December – The 2nd Sunday of Advent**

Holy Communion (1662 said)	8:15am	Weston Patrick
Holy Communion (1662 sung)	9:00am	Tunworth
Family Service (sung)	10:00am	Upton Grey
Christingle (sung)	4:00pm	Herriard

11 December – The 3rd Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion (1662 said)	9:00am	Herriard
Family service (sung)	11:00am	Weston Patrick
Christingle	4:00pm	Upton Grey
Evensong (sung)	5:00pm	Tunworth

17 December – Saturday

Carol Service (sung)	5:00pm	Weston Patrick
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18 December – The 4th Sunday of Advent

Family Service (sung)	9:00am	Tunworth
Carol Service (sung)	4:30pm	Herriard
Carol Service (sung)	6:30pm	Upton Grey

24 December – Christmas Eve

Crib Service (sung)	4:00pm	Upton Grey
Midnight Communion (sung)	11:30pm	Upton Grey

25 December – Christmas Day

Holy Communion (1662 sung)	9:00am	Weston Patrick
Family Christmas Service (sung)	10:00am	Upton Grey
Family Christmas Service (sung)	10:00am	Herriard
Family Christmas Carol Service (sung)	11:00am	Tunworth

1 January – The 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Benefice Holy Communion (sung)	9:45am (for 10.00 start)	Odiham
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8 January – The 1st Sunday after Epiphany / Baptism of Christ

Holy Communion (1662 said)	8:00am	Herriard
Parish Communion (CW sung)	9:45am	Upton Grey
Holy Communion (CW sung)	11:15am	Weston Patrick
Evensong (sung)	5:00pm	Tunworth

15 January – The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Holy Communion (1662 said)	8:00am	Upton Grey
Holy Communion (CW sung)	9:00am	Tunworth
Family Service (sung)	9:45am	Upton Grey
Matins (sung)	10:00am	Herriard

22 January – The 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Holy Communion (1662 said)	8:00am	Weston Patrick
Family Service (sung)	9:00 am	Tunworth
Family Service (sung)	10:00am	Herriard
Café Church	11:00am	Upton Grey

29 January – The 4th Sunday of Epiphany

Holy Communion (CW sung)	9:00am	Upton Grey
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – December 2016

3 rd Dec	Sat	Christmas Fayre at Long Sutton Primary School	Noon
4 th Dec	Sun	Christingle Making in Herriard House - then Service in Church	3.00pm
5 th Dec	Mon	Herriard Parish Council Meeting, RBLH, Herriard	7.30pm
6 th Dec	Tue	Scratch Choir Rehearsal 1 – UG Church	8.00pm
7 th Dec	Wed	Herriard Gardening Club at Royal Oak, Lasham - Xmas Meal	7.00pm
8 th Dec	Thu	Mothers Union, Xmas Meet, Next Door Bistro, Odiham	10.00am
8 th Dec	Thu	Cardiac Rehab Carol Concert Alton Rock Choir, Alton Maltings	7.00pm
10 th Dec	Sat	Herriard Sports Club Christmas Draw and Quiz night	7.30pm
10 th Dec	Sat	Advent Concert at Alton Abbey	7.30pm
11 th Dec	Sun	Christingle Making in UG Village Hall - then Service in Church	2.30pm
13 th Dec	Tue	Scratch Choir Rehearsal 2 – UG Church	8.00pm
13 th Dec	Tue	Carol Concert in aid of CF Gene Therapy at Odiham Church	6.30pm
15 th Dec	Thu	Tea@3, Jo and Patrick Symington, Barn, Cleves Lane, UG	3.00pm
17 th Dec	Sat	Herriard Christmas Fayre, Herriard RB Legion Hall	12.30pm
17 th Dec	Sat	Santa @ Herriard Christmas Fayre, Herriard RB Legion Hall	1.00pm

Advance Dates 2017

8 th Jan	Sun	Herriard Gardening Club@Di's/The Allotment, Nashes Green	11.00am
16 th Jan	Mon	Upton Grey Golf Meeting, Hoddington Arms, UG	
17 th Jan	Tue	Wave of Prayer, RAF Church, Odiham	
26 th Jan	Thu	North Warnborough Gardening Club - Talk on Cacti	2.10pm
29 th Jan	Sun	Band of the Royal Marines in Concert, The Anvil, Basingstoke	3.00pm
2 nd Feb	Thu	What the Butler Saw! WI Talk at RBLH, Herriard	2.30pm
24 th Feb	Fri	Messy Church, UG Village Hall	
10 th Mar	Fri	North Hampshire Downs Benefice Quiz in Odiham	6.45pm
11 th Mar	Sat	Safari Supper, Upton Grey	7.00pm
28 th Oct	Sat	Upton Grey Autumn Festival	

Regular Events

Each Mon	Prayer Group, 4 Little Hoddington	9.45am
Each Wed	Upton Grey Toddler Group	10.00am
Each Wed	Dementia Support plus Carers, Sunflower Café, Odiham	2.00pm
1st Thurs	Herriard WI (except Jan 2017!)	7.30pm
1st Sun	Junior Choir Practice in Upton Grey Church	9.15am
2nd and 4th Mon	Upton Grey Bridge Club at The Hodd	7.30pm
3rd Thurs	Holy Communion, Herriard Church	10.00am
Last Thurs	Herriard Village Supper at Fur and Feathers (check first)	7.30pm

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If your item is time-critical, please also email next month's editor David Shearer on david_shearer@yahoo.com

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