

HILLESLEY HAPPENINGS

ISSUE 332, December 2020 / January 2021



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

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| Wednesday 2 December | End of lockdown 2 |
| Thursday 3 December | Start of three-tier local restrictions (to 1 st April) |
| Tuesday 8 Dec | Parish Council meeting, 8pm |
| Sunday 13 Dec | Communion Service, St Giles, 8am |
| Wednesday 16 Dec | Christmas Hamper raffle draw, FOHS |
| Friday 18 December | End of term Hillesley School, 12 noon End of term KLB |
| Sunday 20 December | Hillesley Doorstep Christmas Carols, 5.30pm |
| Thursday 24 December | Christmas Eve , Christingle & Cribb, St Giles, 6pm |
| Friday 25 December | Christmas Day , Family Communion, St Giles, 11am |
| Saturday 26 December | Boxing Day |
| Thursday 31 December | New Year's Eve |

JANUARY

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|-----------------------|---|
| Friday 1 January 2021 | New Year's Day |
| Monday 4 January | Start of term 3: Hillesley School & KLB |
| Monday 25 January | Burns Night |

Facebook @HillesleyHappenings www.facebook.com/HillesleyHappenings
'Like' the page to stay in touch, 233 people currently follow this page

Hillesley Happenings WhatsApp

Please message Jacqui Moore (07799 618009) or Mez Elcombe (07849 833001) and we can add your phone number. Around 107 people in the group.

All contributions welcome – this is your local newsletter so send us your info about local events, clubs and all-sorts. Editorial to Louisa Lockwood louisa.lockwood@mac.com and advert enquiries to Arlene Greenwood greenwoods@tuliptree.org.uk.

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Wotton Area Mutual Aid

Connecting helpers to those who need help

During these uncertain times, the Wotton Area Mutual Aid group is matching up people in Wotton and the surrounding area who need some help with neighbours who are willing to give it.

November 2020 Update

Our volunteers are able to help in a number of ways, including collecting shopping, helping with urgent supplies, phoning for a friendly chat, or giving information about other services and support in our area. We aren't healthcare professionals so won't be able to give health advice, and unfortunately can't come into your home at this time.

Need support?

From 5th November, the easiest way to request help is to fill out an online form by clicking this link or by typing it into your search bar: <http://bit.ly/WAMAhelp>.

You can also get in touch by calling the WAMA phone [07545 042794](tel:07545042794) and leaving a message, by emailing wottonareamutualaid@gmail.com or by sending us a message on facebook. Someone will get back to you as soon as we can.

Free Soup

Starting from 11th November, every Wednesday and Thursday there is free soup available for anyone who would like some. For example, you might be isolating, or a key worker who doesn't have time to cook. Just call [01453 844726](tel:01453844726) between 9 and 12 on those mornings and a WAMA volunteer will deliver it to you.

When you request help, someone will get back to you as soon as possible, but we are relying on the good will of our volunteers. We will keep the sharing of any personal data to a minimum and have asked our volunteers to do the same. When this is over, all information held will be destroyed.

 @WottonAreaMutualAid
www.wottonareamutualaid.co.uk

Hillesley Happenings Help - how to get in touch!

With cases fluctuating across the UK and a new three-tier system in place from **Thursday 3 December** until end of March 2021, it's important to stay connected with friends and neighbours. Mental health has become a massive issue and getting out for fresh air and a chat is helpful with managing the changing situation.

Shopping! Medicines! Cooking! Phone chats! Dog walking! Bins! Prayer! Funds! Whatever becomes tricky during these times or because you are working extra hours or fall ill or run out of funds or for any reason – don't struggle alone. There are lots of resources amongst your friends and neighbours, and people will be understanding and discrete.

There are people with regular online orders and other people who go to the supermarkets; we have neighbours who work in both Doctor's surgeries in Wotton; we have access to WAMA and a support network of drivers in Wotton and Hawkesbury; if you need anything, please get in touch.

- Facebook @HillesleyHappenings
- WhatsApp group chat HillesleyHappenings
- Phone Jacqui Moore tel: 01453 521826 / 07799 618009
- Phone David Darlow tel: 01453 842947
- Phone Louisa Lockwood tel: 01453 845710 / 07866 386416
Email louisa.lockwood@mac.com

Please text, email or ring with your details or drop a note in at Hope Cottage (walk up the little lane from the war memorial, house on the left before the field).

Please do not be embarrassed to make contact at any point, all of us may need support over the next few weeks/months. We are a strong community.

If you are able to help your community, please also make contact.

Coronavirus is contagious. We will take every precaution to spread only kindness. Avoid physical contact (2m). Wash hands regularly. Items will be left on doorstep.

NHS.UK

#NHSCOV19app at <https://covid19.nhs.uk>

For advice on coronavirus go to www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

GOV.UK

Lots of useful advice on this website. You can find information out about what behavior is expected; about self-employed grants; school closures; business information; healthcare workers; travel; public services. www.gov.uk/coronavirus

CHRISTMAS STUFF GOING ON IN HILLESLEY, HERE!

Big Hillesley Christmas Card 2020

We all enjoy giving cards to our local friends and neighbours but it's often just as easy to wish them Happy Christmas in person and put a single card to all of them on the board, which will be set up the church porch later this month. You could then donate the money you save to your favourite charity. Charities' incomes have suffered enormously this year and anything you give will no doubt be appreciated greatly.

Happy Christmas!!

Hillesley Doorstep Christmas Carols Sunday 20 December, 5.30pm

Please join us to sing Christmas carols together from our front door steps. A sheet of carols will be available in advance from the church porch. All instrumental accompaniments welcomed to help us keep time! Donations in aid of Tearfund appreciated
www.tearfund.org

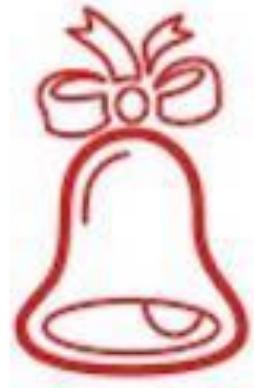
Thank you! Organisers are Jill Crossley and the PCC, *Daisy (Annastasia) Fraser and Katherine Knight*. Any queries, please contact jill.crossley123@gmail.com annastasia@runbox.com

☺ FRIENDS OF HILLESLEY SCHOOL (FOHS)

The Friends of Hillesley School would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who bought the Christmas cards, enabling us to raise an amazing and unexpected amount of money – over £1,000. Thank you to all those involved in another great team effort.

LUXURY Christmas Raffle Hampers

Although we can't hold any Christmas events this year, we are still running our popular Christmas hamper raffle. We have 7 fantastic festive hampers full of delicious treats ready for you to win. Please contact:
Rachel 07808 582510
Mary 07849 833001
Jasmine 07709 498094
Richard 07966 125207 (in Tresham) for tickets. The tickets are £1 each and the draw will be held on Wed 16 December.



Christmas tree of hopes and wishes

We have been fortunate enough to have been donated a large Christmas tree by a local company. We would love for you all to take a stroll round to the school and take a moment to write a message and hang a decoration on our tree.

This Christmas we have chosen to support the charity www.kidsout.org.uk which supports children in refuge places across the UK who are escaping domestic violence. Your donations for decorations will go towards their Giving Tree scheme, buying Christmas presents for disadvantaged children.

**Christmas wreaths
CANCELLED**

The wreath-making sessions will not go ahead because of the Covid-19 government tier restrictions.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has supported the Friends of Hillesley School this year. My FoHS highlight certainly was the Barn Dance in February which was a hugely, hilariously entertaining evening. Looking forward to the next one. Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.
Rachael Preece
rachieprece@gmail.com



KNITTED NATIVITY CHRISTMAS CARD

Very many thanks to everyone who has bought some of our Christmas cards. We are pleased to say that with sales so far, we have made £250 for St. Giles. If you would like to buy some, they are 50p each. Please ring Jill Crossley on 01453 844391, email on jill.crossley@gmail.com or contact me on the

Hillesley Happenings What's App. I will deliver them to you.

The Nativity figures will be on display at the Christmas services again this year.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Jill Crossley



Christmas

Detective Trail

A crime has been committed in Hawkesbury Upton. A thief has stolen Bertie Bear's Christmas present! Bertie is offering a reward for someone who solves the mystery to catch the thief!

Follow the Detective Trail around the village, find all the clues, and work out what time the crime was committed and who the Christmas culprit was. Trail guides cost £5 per family, with all profits going to Hawkesbury School.

Correct solutions received before 4 January 2021 will be entered into a draw for a prize of your choice; a box of chocolates, or Bertie Bear himself. Full details of how to enter the draw are sent with the trail guide.

Register to receive your Detective Trail guide by visiting www.hawkesburypta.co.uk or scan the QR code:



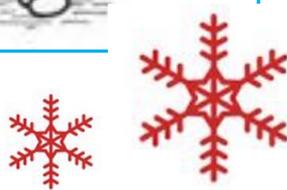
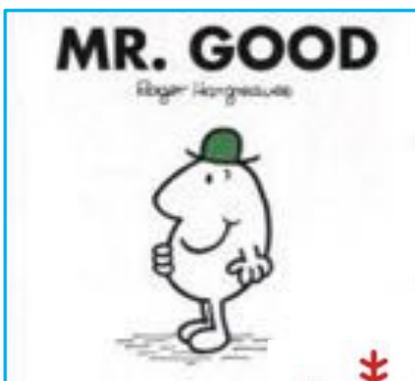
A Tall Tale To Make You Smile (with

thanks to Parish News, Hawkesbury Upton)

In the Sunday Times, in November, was a small paragraph about an extraordinary correlation noted a few years ago, by the writer Brydon Coverdale (nope – never heard of him either!) who had obviously done some deep research regarding the sequence of Mr Men books and ... American Presidents.

Donald Trump is/was the 45th President and the 45th Mr Man was ... Mr Rude! Barack Obama was the 44th President and the 44th Mr Man was Mr Cool (Honest – look it up yourself!) Mr Man N^o 43 is Mr Cheerful, which corresponds to George W.

Bush. Ronald Reagan (40th President) has the same number as Mr Brave, and all action Teddy Roosevelt (26th President) equated to Mr Strong. Grover Cleveland (22nd President), the only President to return to office after being voted out, has the same number as Mr Bounce. Now we can really look forward to Joe Biden's term as 46th President, as Mr Man number 46 is Mr Good! It was pointed out that the 47th Mr Man is Mr Nobody – and maybe that might indicate the next President may not be a man?! Unfortunately, although the correlations seem to work quite well for the more recent Presidents, it rather breaks down for some well-known characters - 42nd President Bill Clinton, Mr Perfect? 37th President Richard Nixon, Mr Clever?



HILLESLEY & TRESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

www.htpc.org.uk

Chairman: Dave Darlow

Tel: 01453 842947

Clerk: Elizabeth Oakley

Email:

htpcclerk@gmail.com

Chairman's report

Recalling the unfortunate experience that quashed our October meeting, I'm pleased to say that the internet has since been kind enough to allow our November meeting to go ahead as planned. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 8 December at 7.30pm. If you want to attend, just ask the Parish Clerk at htpcclerk@gmail.com for access details.

There will be another meeting in January, on a date yet to be decided, and it is highly likely that it too will be online, even if lockdown has been lifted by then.

Talking of the future, Autumn is when the Parish Council reviews its budget and considers its work programme for the coming year. Covid-19 has been making progress difficult in 2020, so it is to be hoped that the lifting

of restrictions will enable overdue repairs and projects to go ahead, as well as some new items.

A portion of the Council's reserves is now allocated to expenditure on yet-to-be-identified environmental improvements, with an eye to complementing the District Council's Carbon Neutral 2030 aspirations. Any project ideas would be welcome.

Dave Darlow (Chairman)

Hillesley, Alderley and Tresham footpaths

If I can introduce myself, I am John Dansie and I am a Volunteer Cotswold Warden and am also the Parish Warden for Hillesley, Alderley and Tresham. I'm also jointly responsible for Warden work parties for the South District which runs from Hawkesbury to Stroud. But let's concentrate on our local footpaths and rights of way. Importantly we have the Cotswold Way and the Monarch Way running through Kilcot. More locally you will have seen the installation of kissing gates on the PROW (public right of way) to

the left of the Alderley Road. These were paid for by your Parish Council and erected by the Wardens. I periodically clear Dark Lane and we repaired stiles from Dark Lane going south across the fields.

Looking to the past, there was a footpath heading south west from Hawkesbury Road. Unfortunately Gloucestershire County Council built The Deans over the top of it, years ago. This was before the Making of the DEFINITIVE MAP which shows and declares all known PROWs. With the new development in Hawkesbury Road this footpath will be reopened.

We are using this period of lockdown to schedule work for next year. Are you happy with your footpaths? My email is john dansie1948@gmail.com If you have a comment about footpaths, stiles or gates let me know and we'll try and sort it out.

Info on Definitive Maps
www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/1520494/mainreception-userguidejun18.pdf

census
2021

Ready, steady, census **21 March 2021**

The decennial census is almost upon us.

Households across Hillesley, Tresham and Kilcot will soon be asked to take part in the nationwide survey of housing and the population. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941. Information from the digital-first census will help decide how services are planned and funded in your local area. This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, housing or new bus routes.

Households will receive a letter with a unique access code in the post, allowing them to complete their questionnaire online. Paper questionnaires will be available on request. Census day is 21 March 2021. For more information, visit: www.census.gov.uk



2021 Stroud District Council Elections

Following the postponement of the 2020 Elections due to Covid-19, here is a brief update as we start to look ahead to Thursday 6 May. Planning is underway and we would like to reassure you that our highest priority is the safety of our staff and our electorate. We are currently undertaking initial work with regard to all aspects of our Polling Stations.

An opportunity to get involved

In anticipation of a possible shortfall in our usual Polling Station staffing levels, coupled with the need to be able to offer short notice cover for last minute cases of self-isolation, we would very much like to add new staff to our Team. If you think you would enjoy the experience of being right at the heart of the democratic process and would like to find out more about the role and rates of pay, please get in touch direct via email: elections@stroud.gov.uk

All applicants must be over 18, not a member of a political party, eligible to work in the UK and available for the whole day and evening of Thursday 6 May 2021.

JUBILEE FIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman Jenny Chappell
email: jennychappell17@gmail.com

Treasurer Gerry Shaw
email: shaws@yawdet.co.uk

Secretary Sue Crighton
email: suecrighton@hotmail.co.uk

Committee members:
Martin Crossley
Hannah Druett
Peregrine Fraser
David Hill
Ann Merchant
Anabel Oriero
Teri Souter
Peter Whitbread

Aerial Photography

Just before the autumn colours faded last month, we had the opportunity to get some aerial photography taken of the village. As we have all spent more time at home than we would have expected in 2020 it

seemed appropriate to capture some images of our village during the pandemic, perhaps one would make a thoughtful Christmas present or something to share with your grandchildren in years to come.

The drone took off from the Jubilee playing field on the frosty morning prior to Lockdown 2.0 commencing and flew for just over an hour. We have a variety of images including full shots of the village from each aspect and some (not all unfortunately) more specific streets and houses within Hillesley. Apologies if anyone has been inadvertently missed, it was not our intention but social distancing meant that previewing screens/shots was quite tricky.

The digital images will be loaded onto a shared folder where they can be previewed. Prints will be available in full colour A3 and A2, plus framed options. Details will be shared via Facebook and Whatsapp. All proceeds from the sales will go to the JFMC for upkeep of our magnificent playing field, Hopkins Hall, Sport Pavilion, tennis court and

playground which are all central to our community and have kept us going during 'the year that the world stood still!'

Thank you all for your continued support in 2020. We wish you all a peaceful Christmas and do hope to see you socially on the field very soon. *Anabel Oreiro*



Lottery

A quick thank you to everyone who has agreed and already paid or arranged payment to join the lottery. It now looks as though The Fleece will be open over the Christmas period so hopefully we can arrange the first prize draw there – details to follow.

If anyone else wants to join, then please contact our Treasurer, Gerry Shaw on the above email or myself, Jenny Chappell as we would love to have you on board and in with a chance of winning.

Let us hope that the New Year will bring some good news on the opening of Village Halls and fundraising events and we look forward to arranging these. In the meantime, on behalf of the Committee, we wish

everyone a very Happy and Healthy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year, *Jenny*.



Hillesley Tennis

The club welcomes new members. Fees are £60 for a family, £30 for an adult, £10 for a student and £5 for a child. Please contact John Knowles.

Tel 845379 or email johnkpknowles55@yahoo.co.uk

Hillesley FC Facebook

[@HillesleyFC](https://www.facebook.com/HillesleyFC)

Training: Thursdays, 6.30pm–8pm.

Hillesley playing field.

Contact Lawrence Lotinga, Manager HFC, at email: lawrence.lotinga@outlook.com

Mobile: 07722158213

KOM CYCLING

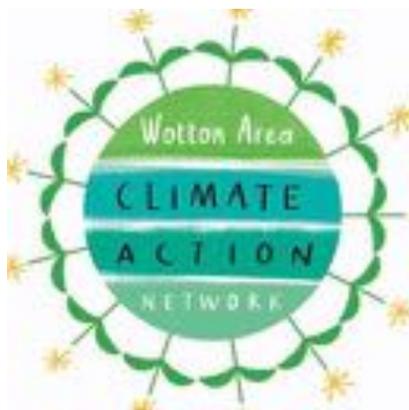
Bicycle Repair Service

Kom Cycling's workshop can be found 14 Long Street and they hope to open a retail area at the same address soon.

www.komcycling.co.uk

Facebook

[@K.O.M.CyclingWotton](https://www.facebook.com/K.O.M.CyclingWotton)



WOTTON AREA CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

Facebook

[@WottonAreaCAN](https://www.facebook.com/WottonAreaCAN)

Email wottonareacan@gmail.com



With Christmas just around the corner, we'd love to share our Tips for a Sustainable Christmas with you on our website www.wottonareacan.org/sustainable-christmas

- Gifts for book lovers - our favourite books for those interested in climate change and positive approaches to tackling it.
- 'Must-watch' movies - films and documentaries we've loved watching.
- Shopping local is great for our planet as well as supporting our local community! See our website for local gorgeous gift ideas. Many local businesses have websites where you

can purchase products for local collection or delivery.

- Tasty recipes with a sustainable twist
- Christmas tree rental services - a living tree that you can return after Christmas
- If you have a Sustainable Christmas recommendation you'd like to share, we'd love to hear from you on our Facebook page or email wottonareacan@gmail.com

Apple cake recipe

Kath's family recipe uses about the same weight of apples as cake & is very good for using up windfalls.

Ingredients:

8oz self-raising flour
4oz castor or brown sugar
4oz butter or margarine
1lb apples cookers or mixed windfalls
1.5 teaspoons mixed spice or cinnamon
4oz currants or sultanas
2 eggs

How to make it:

Cream sugar & fat, add eggs, then flour & spice. Stir in chopped apples & dried fruit. Place in large cake tin (10ins round or 8ins square) and bake at Mark 6 /160 C for

between 45 mins to 1 hour 15mins. Leaving it in the tin for 5 mins before removing makes it less fragile. You can also use chopped apricot instead of sultanas if you prefer. Sprinkle with demerara sugar before it cools.

WOTTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Facebook

@wottonbaptist

www.wottonbaptist.org.uk

Sundays 10am, Zoom

Here for you! Still on Zoom! You are warmly invited to join the congregation of Wotton Baptist Church. Services are hosted by Minister Tom Wharin. Services are all-age and family-friendly, with a show-and-tell section, reflection, and prayers (including 'chat' prayers). This is followed by a worship song and sermon.

For Zoom links, contact Arlene Greenwood on admin@wottonbaptist.org.uk

P3 ADVICE CENTRE

For benefits, tenancy support, education & training, community

groups, agency help, debt, foodbank vouchers:
Tel 01453 750480

WOTTON DEBT ADVICE CENTRE

Are you worried by debt?

We offer FREE

confidential advice by phone, WhatsApp or video meetings. Contact us for help with debt or budgeting. Leave a message and we'll call back: 01453 844082
email: help@wottondebtadvice.org.uk



THE DOOR YOUTH PROJECT

Facebook

@TheDoorStroud

www.thedoor.org.uk

Open to all young people aged 11-25 and their families, The Door youth workers are committed to providing the best service to young people during the Covid-19 situation.

MIND

Infoline: 0300 123 3393

As the UK faces further restrictions, mental health charity Mind urges the government to support people with mental health problems.

Share the Mind Helpline:

Infoline: 0300 123 3393

Open 9am to 6pm,
Monday to Friday.

The Infoline is an information and signposting service. You can ask about:

- Mental health problems
- Where to get help near you
- Treatment options
- Advocacy services

Find information and support at

www.mind.org.uk



Young Person's Phone Line
01453 705350

For people aged 11 to 25.
Open from 5-7pm Monday to Friday. Run by The Door.

CHRISTMAS UNMASKED

Come out and join us for Carols, readings and real-life stories about God revealed to the world at Christmas.

6pm Sunday 13th December 2020

St. Mary's, Western Baptist and the United Church

All seats at all venues must be pre-booked

bit.ly/ChristmasUnmasked

www.westernbaptist.org.uk www.unitedchurch.org.uk

- Helpfully engage with the church in the current and future world
- Take the lead in the church
- Meet the church and the world in the current and future world
- There are plenty of stories and stories to tell about the church in the current and future world



CHRISTMAS AT YOURS



A 40 minute interactive online all-age Christmas morning church service on Zoom
10am Christmas morning at your house. [Zoom ID: 879 1806 7125](https://www.zoom.us/j/87918067125) Pass: 509539



Hollies



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**NURSING CARE • RESPITE CARE
DEMENTIA CARE • RESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS**

We welcome new residents with the reassurance of comprehensive measures to ensure the health and safety of all throughout our spacious rooms, suites and apartments.

The Hollies is a state-of-the-art family run care home set in an idyllic park offering residents a full range of services and amenities from Bessy's Tea House, a private bar and hair salon to garden feature walks, sun terraces and an orchard.

Maintaining the highest standard of qualified and trained staff, we have been accredited with the Gold Standard Framework (Commended) and in Dementia care follow the internationally recognised 'Household Model of Care' which fully embraces a person centred approach. Our hospitality receives ongoing praise from the nutritional and delicious meals to the in-house catered special events.

The all new purpose built **Holly Oak Dementia Care Home** is opening **Winter 2020**, enquiries are being taken now.

We welcome immediate and planned admissions, please call or email us today to arrange a tour or for further information.

We are always happy to discuss and assist with your planning.

Call **Duncan** or **Jo** on **01453 541400**

Email **info@thehollies.co.uk**

thehollies.co.uk

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St Giles Church open

Tuesdays, 2pm to 5pm
Saturdays, 10am to 1pm

Hope

Hope is classically defined as an optimistic state of mind that is based on an expectation of positive outcomes with respect to events and circumstances in one's life or the world at large.

We are all travelling a road at the moment that is dependant on hope.

Hope for an effective vaccine. Hope for the safety of those we love. Hope for a reduction in those awful daily statistics. Hope for the poor and in poverty. Hope for ourselves...

The list of hopes is probably endless and can be overwhelming. The season of Advent has at its centre the idea of hope; looking forward; an expectation. It is rooted in the narrative of the Christian Faith. The original hope was for a messiah; a message from God in the person of Jesus. Then the hope was developed after Jesus' earthly life into a hope for a second coming; the kingdom of God. However, like many faith-based seasons, Advent can work on many levels. And like all things of faith, it can resonate with our current experiences; what's going on in life right now. When Jesus of Nazareth met folk he was first concerned with their immediate needs; the troubles of their day; their illnesses, doubts and anxieties, before he expounded great eternal truths. That would come later. 'Consider the troubles of the day' he told his disciples while they marvelled at the lilies of the field as they walked in Galilee. The troubles of our day, then, define our hopes. And if we can draw on the energy of faith, we know that even in the worst of

times that longed for hope can shed light, give us new perspectives and new purposes to help us live out that particular part of our life journey.

Advent hope is about moving from darkness to light; from night to day; from creation to resurrection.

May the message of Advent hope reach you in its symbols of lit candles, stories of new life and new potential, and the reality that God is with us in the troubles of the day as well as the eternal hopes of the future.

David



Services for December

Weekly Zoom Worship for Advent 10am every Sunday. Contact us through Facebook or WhatsApp for the link to join in. ALL WELCOME!

Sunday 6 December,
10am Communion Service
at Kingswood

Sunday 13 December,
8am Communion Service
at Hillesley

Sunday 13 December,
10am Communion Service
at Wickwar

Sunday 20 December,
10am Communion

Services at Charfield and Rangeworthy

Sunday 20 December,
6pm Safe Distance Carol
Services at Kingswood &
Wickwar (Please book
your pew)

Christmas Eve, 6pm

Crib/Christingle Service
(Please book your pew)
Bring a homemade
Christingle to light up St
Giles.

Christmas Eve, 11.30pm

Midnight Mass at
Wickwar (Please book
your pew)

Christmas Day, 11am

Family Communion
Service (Please book your
pew)

For Hillesley Bookings
contact Churchwarden
Martin Crossley
martin.crossley321@gmail.com

For Wickwar Bookings
contact Administrator
Julia Stevens
parishoffice.wickwar@gmail.com

All services have safe
distance seating and
require us to wear face
coverings or masks.

We haven't got
arrangements for January

yet. Please check porch
noticeboard and
Facebook for on-going
details.

For further information,
help or support, please
ring David Russell at
Wickwar Rectory on the
number below:
Revd. Canon David Russell
01454 294267

CHURCH PORCH

Our church porch
continues to be a popular
place to visit to donate
plants, bulbs, books and
to look for a new book to
read. Many thanks
everyone. Thanks to all
who have donated money
to the church via the
donation pot or directly
through BACS. It is much
appreciated, particularly
as we cannot raise much
needed funds through our
fete, bazaar and regular
giving to reach more than
the £12000 a year to keep
our church going.

Jill Crossley

FOODBANK

Once again Gerry has
taken a carload of items
to the Trussell Trust
foodbank. He said that it
was a record week with
12 bags of food and other
items. The foodbank is
distributing food as fast as
they can with a ton of

food items given out last
week. Gerry has started
to make weekly trips now
due to your generous
response to the need of
help for families during
this difficult time. What
an amazing village we all
live in. Many thanks for
your support.
The latest list of urgently
needed items are: -

- UHT milk
- Fruit juice
- Tinned ham
- Squash
- Tinned tomatoes
- Adult toothbrushes

Of course, any other food
items are always needed.
Very many thanks.

Jill Crossley

WAMA - Wotton Area Mutual Aid

Facebook

@WottonAreaMutualAid
www.wottonareamutualaid.co.uk

email:wottonareamutual
aid@gmail.com

For the Wotton Area
Mutual Aid, please check
their Facebook and
website for up-to-date
information.





Family Food 4 Free

Family Food 4 Free
Food shop open daily,
10am to 4pm, at
33 Woodman's Road,
Chipping Sodbury,
BS37 6DW

**Google search for info
and press stories.**

Facebook **Family Food 4
Free**

Community group pop-up
shop offering freshly
cooked meals, food items
and surplus stock from
local supermarkets such

as M&S, Lidl, Waitrose,
and Tesco.

The shop is open to
anyone. The idea is that
you take what you need
and pay what you can
afford. This has proven to
be very useful for families
on a tight budget. They
will also arrange a
delivery or an emergency
box for people in crisis or
for those who are
vulnerable. This is not
related to the Foodbank
and is open to all,
whatever their
circumstances.



**Christmas Hamper
Appeal:** FF4F need
donations of mince pies,
Christmas pudding,
chocolate, biscuits.

They welcome volunteers
and donations, including a
wish list they have on
Amazon (find link on
Facebook page).

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[www.palestinian
produce.co.uk](http://www.palestinian
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Olive oil, medjoul dates,
maftoul (couscous) and
almonds, all of high
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We have events on sale up to Christmas. These include Katherine Jenkins' Christmas Spectacular from the Royal Albert Hall, the sell-out locally-produced drama Philophobia, heartwarming sequel A Christmas Gift From Bob, encore screenings of the National Theatre's classic War Horse, and a new version of A Christmas Carol. You can find times and dates on our website.

See safety protocols at wottoncinema.com/staysafe.

Discounted opportunities for online viewing: 25% off at YourScreen! A new streaming platform for film societies and independent cinemas that offers new, critically-acclaimed films – most unavailable on other UK platforms - to stream direct into your home. By watching films on YourScreen, you can support the Electric Picture House by buying a "virtual" ticket using the cinema's unique promo code; the code will also give you a substantial discount. Revenue from ticket sales will be shared by YourScreen with independent cinemas.

The price is £9.99 per film, but you can get a 25% off when you use the code WOTT25. Visit YourScreen directly at www.watch.yourscreen.net or explore some highlights of their opening season on www.wottoncinema.com.



Hawkesbury Community Shop

High Street, Hawkesbury Upton, Tel: (01454) 238639



Opening times: Mon-Sat: 7am – 7pm Sunday and Bank holidays: 8am – 1pm

OPENING TIMES OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

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| WED 23 | 7am – 7pm |
| THURS 24 DEC (Christmas Eve) | 7am – 1pm |
| FRI 25 DEC (Christmas Day) | CLOSED |
| SAT 26 DEC (Boxing Day) | 8am – 11am |
| SUN 27 DEC | 8am – 1pm |
| MON 28 DEC | 8am – 4pm |
| TUES 29, WED 30 & THURS 31 | 7am – 7pm |
| FRI 1 JANUARY 2021 (New Year's Day) | CLOSED |

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Osteopath (& Cranial Osteopath)

Hello, I am Anastasia Fraser (AKA Daisy/mum to Lilah and Freya).

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For more information about Anastasia, Osteopathy and Appointments please visit www.nailsworthnaturalhealth.co.uk

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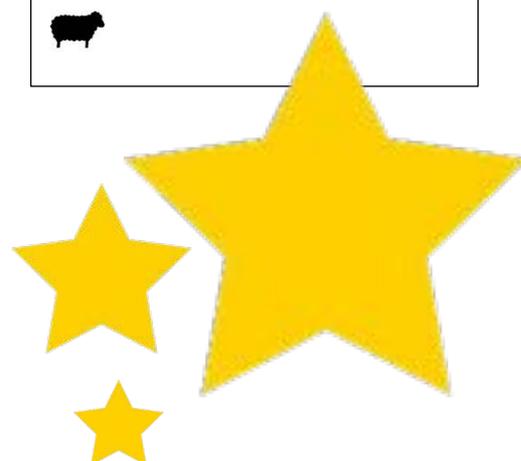
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Best Wishes,

Rod & The Fleece Team



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Christmas Wreath Workshops

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10am start, £45 per person.

Numbers are limited this year due to Covid Guidelines. Contact Louise at email [carolineclementsflowers](mailto:carolineclementsflowers@gmail.com)

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