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The Pastoral Letter

Are you looking forward to Christmas? The season is fast approaching, and preparations are underway, presents being bought and wrapped, decorations being readied (organised people probably have theirs up already)! Plans are being made to visit granny or have the family round. Your Christmas may even include a visit to church, maybe to see the children in the nativity service on Christmas Eve or to attend a carol service or the traditional Christmas midnight service. The story of the birth of baby Jesus is simple and beautiful, and mixed together with the other narrative of Father Christmas bringing jollity and gifts to children and grown-ups alike it all adds up to a happy, festive occasion.



Of course it is not so happy for many people; some are lonely, some are consumed by memories of loved ones now deceased, some just can't stand the blatant commercialism and forced jollity of 'the most wonderful time of the year' (*if I hear Andy Williams sing that wretched song ONCE more I shall....*). Hotels that provide an 'escape' from Christmas are doing great business as people seek something more simple and peaceful. And lots of people who enjoy the Christmas occasion find themselves feeling a bit isolated by the Christian story that lies at the heart of the season; that of a virgin giving birth to the Son of God in a stable. Can we believe that? Really? So for many people Christmas becomes a celebration without a heart, whose hollow centre has more to do with tales of a bearded fat man, flying snowmen or a mid-winter festival than the extraordinary wonder of God's love for the world.

Even people who have a sense of faith in God can find themselves put off by the sentimental children's story that is the nativity: fluffy sheep, chorusing angels, exotic wise men, donkeys, wicked kings all combine to provide a lovely, saccharine fairy-tale-like background to a busy family season.

The Bible doesn't recognise that story. The Christmas story we have laid our romance and our traditions upon is now almost unrecognisable. The story of the incarnation of God told in the Bible is an earthy, dangerous and dark one which speaks of the huge risks of innocent love when faced with the brutal reality of human ambition. We don't often read 'the massacre of the innocents' in Matthew's account when we are busy with beaming shepherds clustered around a rustic manger.

Tales of virgin births attended by three smiling kings are romantic accounts of the wonderful, astonishing moment in human history when God chose to spend a brief time on earth as a human being; to experience for himself the reality, pain, joy and suffering of the human condition, including what it feels like to die the painful death of a convicted criminal.

It is this death and resurrection that lies at the core of Christian faith that Christ has gone to prepare a way for us to an afterlife 'in my Father's house' says Jesus.

That we have a God who cares enough for his creation that he should intervene in this way is astonishing enough and cause for all the praise and worship we can muster at Christmas or at any time. God is not distant from the joys and sufferings of humanity, but deeply acquainted with all we go through; we can come to God knowing we will be received in our weakness with tenderness and love by a God who understands. I have an old friend who says: 'God has changed - God has got holes in his hands!'

This Christmas can I invite you to celebrate the incarnation of God with us? Because hidden within that sweet story is the astonishing truth that 'God so loved the world that he gave his only son so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life'. (John 3:16)

We would love you to worship with us over the Christmas season; service times for all the churches across the Churn Valley Benefice are shown from page 25 of this magazine and you can be sure of a warm welcome. And do have a very happy Christmas.

David

Benefice news

New arrangements in Cowley and Coberley

For some time the Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) at Cowley and Coberley have been wondering how best to respond to various changes in rural lifestyles; in particular the number of people attending Sunday services has declined to where one or both of the churches is at risk. There is still strong support for Christian festivals, especially Christmas, as well as for baptisms, weddings and funerals. After considering various

possibilities, in October both PCCs agreed to form a single PCC serving a united congregation.

Our new pattern of services each month will be:

First Sunday - 11am at St Mary's in Cowley

Second Sunday - 11am at St Giles in Coberley

Third Sunday - 11am at St Mary's in Cowley

Fourth Sunday - 9.30am at St Giles in Coberley

We have now launched into the Church of England's (CofE) legal process and are hoping to have approval by the end of January. Meanwhile, if you have any questions or suggestions about these developments, in the first instance please speak to the Revd Arthur Champion who has pastoral responsibility for Cowley, Coberley, Colesbourne and Elkstone (his contact details are in the Directory). Incidentally, our Rector, the Revd David Minns, is planning to start a new all-age service involving puppets, which will hopefully appeal to families at Coberley CofE School.

Our Benefice has a new website!

Not long ago if anyone wanted to know what was happening in their parish they would attend a Sunday service, read the magazine or perhaps pick up the phone and speak to the vicar. In less than 20 years all this has changed and today most people have their own computers and smart phones with search engines to help them find out what's happening. Slowly but surely the CofE has been catching up and now the Diocese of Gloucester has a website, Facebook page, YouTube videos, email addresses and Twitter accounts!



It was back in 2009 that Mark Venn first developed a website for the Lower Churn Benefice of five parishes and then in 2015, following the creation of the Churn Valley Benefice, he expanded the website to embrace all nine parishes. About a year ago Mark indicated he was ready to retire as webmaster and we are of course very grateful for all the work he's done over the years setting up the first website and keeping it up to date.

With the arrival of the Revd David Minns in February 2017 the timing was right to start working on a new website. Our aim has been to build a

website that meets people's expectations whilst keeping within a budget of around £220 a year. It so happens that the Revds David and Arthur have good experiences of using "Church Edit software" in their previous parishes, and currently for local environmental work; therefore, we have adopted this software for CVB's new website. The CVB's current website address will be retained: www.churnvalley.org.uk

Please have a look around our new website which is "a work in progress" and let us know what you think. You can speak to the Revds David and Cliff or Corinna or email the Revd Arthur directly, since he's currently serving as webmaster: championarthur@gmail.com

Reviews and Thanks

Thank you to the Poppy-makers



Heartfelt thanks to all knitters and crocheters who, without hesitation, rose to the challenge and made the beautiful poppies for the magnificent Poppy Cascade in Cirencester Parish Church. All were made with love and gratitude to those who lost their lives in Wars and those who continue to serve Queen and country in the cause of Peace. Thank you. If you haven't yet seen the cascade do pop into the Parish Church, to see this moving tribute.

Pauline Farman

Forthcoming events

Bible Study on the Beatitudes

First Wednesday of every month at Cowley Rectory (GL53 9NJ)



6th December, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

3rd January, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

All welcome.

Messy church in Stratton; time for change

Messy Church, which has been gathering monthly after school in Stratton School for more than four years, has enjoyed its last meeting for the foreseeable future. All those who have attended over the years are enthusiastically invited instead to the new 20-20 Church featuring Scruffy

and his puppet friends to be held at 4pm on the first Sunday of the month in St Peter's, Stratton. The next 20-20 will be on Sunday 3rd December. The drama, the songs and the cake, all good! See you there.

Anyone for singing?

Choir members needed for St Peter's Carol Service, Stratton



As usual we shall have a small choir for our Carol Service, which is due to take place on 17th December at 3pm. Rehearsals will be held following the service at St Peter's on 26th November, 3rd December and 10th December. If you would like to sing with us please let me know or just linger after the service on the days stated. If you enjoy singing do come along! Everyone is welcome.

Mareen Ford

North Cerney's Parish Supper

Monday 11th December, 7pm for 7.30pm, at the Bathurst Arms.

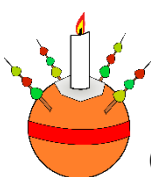
Do come along and enjoy our...

Special menu for the evening:

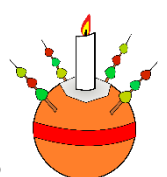
**Cray fish-tail and spiced orange Salad
Chilli con carne with garlic bread and rice
Lemon posset**



Tickets: £12 for 2 courses - are available from
Sue Herdman on: 01285 831309, or from the Bathurst Arms.
(Please book by Friday 8th December).



Christmas celebrations in Rendcomb



On Friday 15th December at 6pm there will be a Christmas celebration with Christingles in St Peter's Church, Rendcomb. This will be followed by a Christmas party in the village hall! All welcome!

Diary Date: Sunday 17th December at 6pm

Carols by Candlelight at St Margaret's Bagendon



This occasion has grown in popularity over the years.
So do please come early in order to find a seat!
Seasonal refreshments can be enjoyed after the service.



North Cerney's Carol Service



*All Saints, North Cerney, is holding its annual, always much enjoyed Carol Service at **6.30pm on Thursday 21st December** in the Bathurst Arms.*

Do come and join us for this wonderful, festive occasion!



Christmas at St Peter's Church, Stratton

Friday 15th December - Carols at the Plough at 7.00pm

Do come along and join in an evening of festive singing as we take the message of Christmas out into our community.

Sunday 17th December - Carol Service at 3.00pm

We extend a warm welcome to this celebration of the birth of Jesus and invite children to come along dressed as shepherds, kings and angels etc. Followed by tea, coffee, mince pies and cake.

Sunday 24th December - Christingle Service at 3.00pm

Enjoy the magic of the candles and oranges that so evocatively portray the message of God's love for the world.

Sunday 24th December - Midnight Service at 11.15pm

The first Communion of Christmas.

Monday 25th December - Christmas Day Service at 9.30am

Family Communion with Carols.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18th - 25th January 2018

The Theme "That all may be free" has been written this year by the Caribbean Churches. During this special week the following services will take place in Cirencester:

- Thurs 18th January *Friends Meeting House*, Thomas Street-10.30am
- Friday 19th January *Salvation Army Hall*, Thomas Street - 6.00pm
- Saturday 20th January *St Peter's Roman Catholic Church* - 6.00pm
- Sun 21st January *Overcommers House*, Chesterton School -11.00am
- Monday 22nd January *Baptist Church* - 7.00pm
- Tuesday 23rd January *Ashcroft Church* - 4.00pm
- Wednesday 24th January *St Peter's Church, Stratton* - 10.00am
and *Holy Trinity Watermoor Road* - 7.00pm
- Thursday 25th January *Friends' Meeting House* - 10.30am.

Do take this opportunity to worship with fellow Christians from across our town and share in their different styles of worship. We look forward to hosting the service on the Wednesday at Stratton and there will be coffee afterwards so that we can all share a time of fellowship together.

News from around the Parishes

Elkstone update

From Chloe Darling

'Songs of Praise/Prayers'

This was the title of our service in Elkstone on Sunday 22nd October and the inspiration given to our Leader. Alexandra Dyer (Reader) gave us a wonderfully thoughtful time together and we prayed as we sang. She had chosen a good mix of hymns and even written prayers to sing to us. Sadly, there were very few people present so we have invited her to come again on 28th January. If you are free that day do come and join us for a lovely prayerful time. Alexandra may have drawn inspiration from an article entitled "*Your Prayer Life Is Better Than You Think*" published on 25th January 2015, which I read about in the *Daily Telegraph*. For those receiving *Parish Link* by pdf the full article is available by clicking here: <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/your-prayer-life-is-better-than-you-think>

In other news....

Many thanks to all those who came to the Harvest Supper at the end of October. It was a very happy affair and we were delighted to host the founder of *Gloucestershire Farming Friends*, Malcolm Whittaker, and his wife Di from Syde. He started this organisation 25 years ago to help support rural folk who were suffering financial and stress related issues. The charity has now spread nationwide and helps a great number of people each year. We were able to send them a donation of £346, which we know will go to a good local cause.

On Remembrance Sunday a service was held in the church to remember those who fell in the two World Wars and the many who have given their lives since in other conflicts. It really was a moving rural village church service at its best.

Do put 3pm on Christmas Eve in your diaries as we are having a special Nativity with donkeys etc. Anyone who enjoyed Noah will love this too! (NB This is instead of the midnight service).

Some special Services to look forward to...

We invite you to come and join us on:

Sunday 17th December - 11am for *A Service of Readings and Carols* with Revd Arthur Champion.

Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve - 3pm - *A Nativity Service* with Revd Andrew Bowden and his donkey friends Puzzle and Lily.

Sunday 7th January - 10am *Christingle Service* with Jennie Howlett. Always a very popular service when the Church is filled with beautiful candles.

Sunday 28th January - 10am for a *Songs of Praise Service* with Alexandra Dyer. A special way to pray using hymns.

Schools' News

Coberley Church of England Primary School

This term has started really well with 15 new children joining the school in September. In addition, Mr Wyeth joined Class 3 and a new PE provider has ensured sport plays a significant part in school life. School numbers are buoyant so, if you would like a place in Reception for September 2018, please contact the school's Business Manager, Julie George, to

arrange a tour of the school.

The new Year 6 children have taken to their responsibilities like ducks to water. New house captains and council leaders have been appointed and all the Year 6's have buddied with a new reception child, keeping a beady eye on them, listening to them read and writing their first biographies.



Last year's SATs results exceeded the previous year, when we were placed 2nd in Gloucestershire. This time we saw children receiving 100% expected standard with 33% judged as exceeding - a fantastic result proving that small schools with small class sizes and experienced teachers yield great results.

This term Class 1 has been to the Cotswold Wildlife Park as part of their topic and Class 2 has explored space at "We the Curious" in Bristol. Class 3 is eagerly planning a trip as part of their World War II topic. This term our Christian values have been Generosity and Compassion.

Andrew Milner, Headteacher

Follow us on twitter @coberleyschool for more news.

North Cerney C of E Primary Academy

I am pleased to announce that North Cerney Primary Academy has secured a grant from Groundworks UK as part of the Tesco bags for life project. The amount we receive is now up to the public vote which takes place in Tesco stores in Cirencester from Wednesday 1st November 2017 to Monday 1st January 2018.

Shoppers will receive tokens to place in boxes for each project. Please ensure that every time you shop and receive a blue coin you put in in the North Cerney voting box! Thank you.

The third place project will receive up to £1,000, the second place project up to £2,000 and the first placed £5,000. We want to win the £5,000 grant applied for to update our Early Years Outdoor Area. *Vote North Cerney!*

Stratton C of E Primary School

An update from Mr Breen

Year 3 has embraced joining the junior school at Stratton with excitement and confidence. After finding their feet with new routines, lots of learning has been undertaken with enthusiasm. In Mathematics, they have been looking at placing numbers of up to 4 digits into a place value grid, as well as understanding the amount of each digit. This, in turn, allowed the children to look at counting up in multiples of 2, 4, 8, 50 and 100 as well as finding 10 more or less than any 3 digit number. They have also been learning the differences between parallel and perpendicular lines as well as the properties of 3D shapes.

In English, the children started learning about poetry; in particular, poetry based on volcanoes. They have used thesauruses and dictionaries to improve their use of adjectives and have learnt what a simile is and how to use it. Through learning about newspaper reports, they have also been using conjunctions and alliteration whilst looking at all the different features of a newspaper.

In Religious Education, we have been discussing what Christians learn from the Creation Story. The children have considered what makes our world wonderful, what their souls would look like and what God's instructions mean.

Class 3 has made a fantastic start to the year and everyone is excited to see what learning is in store for them during 2018.



Scrubditch Care Farm

Latest from *Emma Costley-White*

Cook books make the perfect Christmas present!

We had a great evening at *Made by Bob's* to 'launch' our Cook Book. Over eighty people crammed into the restaurant and were treated to delicious canapes made by Bob and his team (www.foodmadebybob.com), and a wonderful cocktail made by Clarice and her mum from Sibling Gin, a local distillery in Cheltenham (www.siblingdistillery.com).

Huge thanks to everyone who helped us with the Cook Book, especially to Paola Jefferies who persuaded Bob to host the book launch event, to Sue Gilling (one of our amazing Trustees) who took on the massive task of collecting recipes from our friends and supporters and, finally, to Alex Murray (www.silverdart.co.uk) for publishing the book. The **Cook Books** are £10 each. They will be available locally in various outlets - Rendcomb Post Office, *Made by Bob*, Miserden Nurseries or direct from us at the Care Farm: 07966 255 631.

SCF Appeal: We have now raised over £60,000 towards our £125,000 total! If you would like to support us, you can donate by going to: <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/scrubditchcarefarm>

Thank you to Nick de Carles from Facsim who recently made us a wonderful thermometer for our appeal (www.facsim.co.uk).

Christmas cards Our popular cards, depicting the animals on the farm, cost £5 per pack of 8 cards (2 designs per pack). They are available from SCF, Rendcomb Post office and Miserden Nurseries. **Pig news** We are moving Sandy down to the farrowing nursery. She's looking very pregnant, and should be due within two weeks.

Sheep news We decided to buy a ram this time around. I collected 'Barnaby' from just outside Bristol during half term, and he has been busy marrying all his wives, except for three of our 'first timer' ewes. The students are going down tomorrow with Gerry, to paint a different colour onto Barnaby (it's called Raddle paint) so that we can keep an eye on the ewes to make sure he's married them all within the next three weeks.

Poultry news We are still struggling with egg laying, but hopefully the hens and ducks will pick up. We are giving them all regular health checks with the students. We also have a solar light that we've started putting on when we shut them in to encourage more egg laying.

Veg boxes We still have lovely mixed salads, beetroot, turnips, leeks and delicious 'flower sprouts' and broccoli. Do ring us if you would like anything.

Song for Cirencester SCF has been taking part in 'Song for Cirencester'! Iwan Lewis and his team from Barn Theatre came over to the farm to do a video update from last year and to film us singing 'Song for Cirencester' with them. They are raising awareness of mental health and have produced a single. Lots of businesses, schools and community groups are taking part and coming together to sing the 'Song for Cirencester' on 2nd December at the lights switch on in Cirencester.

Dementia Adventure We are very lucky to have been chosen to take part in a three year programme with *Dementia Adventure* (<http://www.dementiaadventure.co.uk/>). Funded by the Big Lottery, Gerry and I are attending training programmes to enable us to deliver projects at the Care Farm for people living with dementia. Do get in touch if you know someone who you think would enjoy being part of the project.

DATES:

Christmas Spectacular: *Wednesday 6th December*, Cirencester Parish Church, 7 - 9.30pm. Tickets from The Barn Theatre <https://www.christmasspectacular.org.uk/ccs> The Barn Theatre are great supporters of ours, and we will be there on the night. It's a fantastic evening!

End of term: *Thursday 7th December*

Christmas Lunch: *Friday 8th December*

Singing at Dobbies: *Sunday 17th December* - The Corisande Singers will be outside Dobbies singing in aid of Scrubditch Care Farm. So do support them please. Volunteers needed; please get in touch if you can spare a few hours to hand out leaflets on the day.

Volunteers We are looking for committed volunteers to help us at the Care Farm. It needn't be a whole day, but regular help is good, as the students get to know you and trust you. Please ring / email Gerry: gerryfouracres@hotmail.co.uk / 07775 806995.

Talks If you would like us to come and talk and do a presentation to your group about the Care Farm contact Gerry: gerryfouracres@hotmail.co.uk

Students If you know anyone who you think could benefit from spending time with animals, making new friends, learning new skills, or recovering from mental health problems, please send them our way.

Community

Stratton Educational Foundation



Applications are invited by the Trustees for grants in aid of persons under the age of 25 years who, or whose parents, are resident in the Ecclesiastical Parishes of Stratton with Baunton, and who require financial help towards the cost of preparing for a profession or trade or in furthering their education, or in providing group facilities for recreation and social and physical training.

For further details and an application form contact Mrs C Bramley, 10 Vale Road, Stratton, Cirencester, GL7 2JJ. T: 01285 641523 or E: corinna.bramley2@gmail.com .

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Stratton Tuesday Group

On a cold, wet and dismal evening everyone thoroughly enjoyed the laughter and fun that our speaker, Phil Collins, brought to our November meeting. He began by outlining the history of Punch and Judy, explaining that during the time of Oliver Cromwell all theatres were banned, and that anyone performing a play was fined. However, when Charles II came to the throne everything changed and many artists and actors came across from the Continent. On 9th May 1662 an Italian, named Signor Bologna, performed a show in Covent Garden with a stringed marionette puppet. Samuel Pepys recorded watching such a show in his diary and there is a commemorative plaque of the event on the wall of the Actors' Church in Covent Garden.

Over time the original names of Punchinello and his wife Dame Joan became Punch and Judy and the marionettes turned into the hand puppets we see today. During Victorian times the shows were more adult and satirical - rather like today's Spitting Images. The increasing popularity and availability of seaside holidays brought the puppeteers from the cities to the seaside resorts, where we often watch their shows today.

Phil then erected his stage and performed a short, amusing and interactive play for us all with Cwy gamely taking the part of "Bottler", the traditional puppeteer's assistant who blew the whistle to attract the crowds and went round with a bottle for the audience's donations. Comments and answers were rewarded with wine gums and even a pack of sausages!

Our Christmas Meeting will be on Tuesday 5th December at 7.30pm in Stratton Village Hall when the "**Young Ones**" will be entertaining us with songs for Christmas and from the shows in an evening entitled "*Nostalgia is their Game*". There is no meeting in January.

Gill Keen

Anti-social behaviour in Cirencester

Unfortunately, there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour at night on the streets of Cirencester. The Street Pastors have asked the community to pray that this recent tendency will subside.

Used Christmas cards

A reminder that I shall be putting bags/boxes on the back pew in St Margaret's Church, Bagendon and St Peter's Church, Stratton, immediately after Christmas to receive Greetings cards for recycling for the *Cobalt Unit* in Cheltenham. These will be in place until 12th January. Please do not leave cards after that date. Thank you. *Pauline Farman.*

Rendcomb Patients' Support Group's Grand Christmas Coffee Morning/Cake sale



At: Winstone Village Hall



On: Saturday, 2nd December 2017, 10am - 12 noon

Cake Stall and Raffle

Tea/Coffee and Mince pies

Fancy Goods and Cards

Festive Decorations



A chance to meet and chat whilst supporting

YOUR local surgery

See you there!



(Donations for all stalls greatly appreciated; please deliver to the surgery.)

Les Misérables

At the Griffin Centre, Rendcomb College

6th, 7th and 8th of December

Tickets: £8 and £6 for concessions. T: 01285 832341 or visit:

<http://www.rendcombcollege.org.uk/lesmis>

Carol Singing at Cheltenham General Hospital



Thursday 21st December, 6.45pm

Please meet at the Chapel. Refreshments afterwards!

Need to know more? Contact the Department of Spiritual Care:

0300 422 4286 spiritualcare@glos.nhs.uk



Festive Cheer for the Lonely



Churches Together in Cirencester is hosting a communal Christmas Day Lunch at the Baptist Church for those who might be on their own over the festive season. If you know anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact David Minns letting him know whether or not they would require transport. Each church leader will be allocated some tickets.

If you would like to make a donation to help cover the costs of this community initiative please pass your contribution to Stratton's CTiC representatives Mareen Ford or Gill Keen, or make a bank transfer to the *Churches Together in Cirencester Lloyds Bank Account: Sort Code 30-92-06 Ac/No 00098254*. If you decide to make a donation this way, please include the reference: *Christmas Day Lunch*. Volunteers are also sought to provide transport to or from the lunch. Again, please let Mareen or Gill know if you are able to help (T: 01285 239085 or 652069). Thank you.

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From the Benefice Registers

Funerals:

2nd Nov '17

13th Nov '17

18th Nov '17

Peter Webb

Stanley William Freeth

Rosemary Duncomb

St Peter's, Stratton

St James, Colesbourne

St Peter's, Stratton

(Burial at Baunton)

Baptisms:

22nd Oct '17

19th Nov '17

Emily Rose Corbiere

Max Robin Cook

St Peter's, Stratton

St Mary's, Cowley

Weddings:

21st Oct '17

Jonathan David Thorne

Kerry Jean Fell

St Peter's, Rendcomb

Recipe



Mincemeat Cake

.....with thanks to **Jill Hill**.

Ingredients:

5 oz soft Margarine

5 oz Caster Sugar

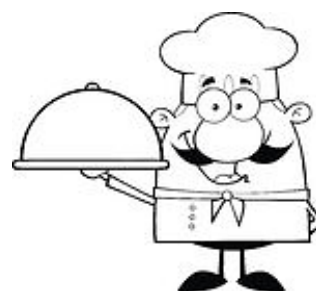
2 Eggs

8 oz Self Raising Flour

3 oz Currants

1 lb Jar Mincemeat

1 oz Flaked Almonds



Method:

Grease and line an 8 inch round cake tin.

Heat oven to Gas 3, 325 F. 160/170C. Fan 140/150C.

Place all ingredients, except almonds, together in a bowl and beat for one minute, until blended. Turn into tin and smooth top. Arrange almonds on top and bake in oven for about 1 and $\frac{3}{4}$ hours until golden brown and shrinking away from sides.

Leave to cool then remove the paper.

Contacting the Editor

Just a reminder that the next edition of *Parish Link* will be the *February 2018 edition*. If you have any notices/news items for inclusion in this edition, please forward them to Corinna Bramley by 15th January 2018. e: editor.parishlink@gmail.com or t: 01285 641523. Many thanks. To place a commercial advertisement in the magazine, please email the Editor for details of the rates and options available.

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7	PIANO	11	SIMPLE	18	STUD	24	UNFOLDED
8	SUPPORTER	13	PASTOR	20	TEA		
9	ROE	14	DESPOT	22	DEFICIENT		

DOWN

1	SISAL	5	SABRE	13	PROTECT	19	DATED
2	EXPRESS	6	DOVECOT	15	PITHEAD	21	ECHO
3	PROW	7	PROPHET	16	BOFFIN		
4	OUTFIT	12	ROULADE	17	PADDY		

DECEMBER/JANUARY CROSSWORD: BW37

by Ben Woods

CLUES ACROSS:

4 MORSELS (6);
5 WATER (4);
7 PUBLIC TRANSPORT (7);
10 ROT (5);
11 JUG (7);
12 DECEPTION (5);
14 LANDSCAPE (7);

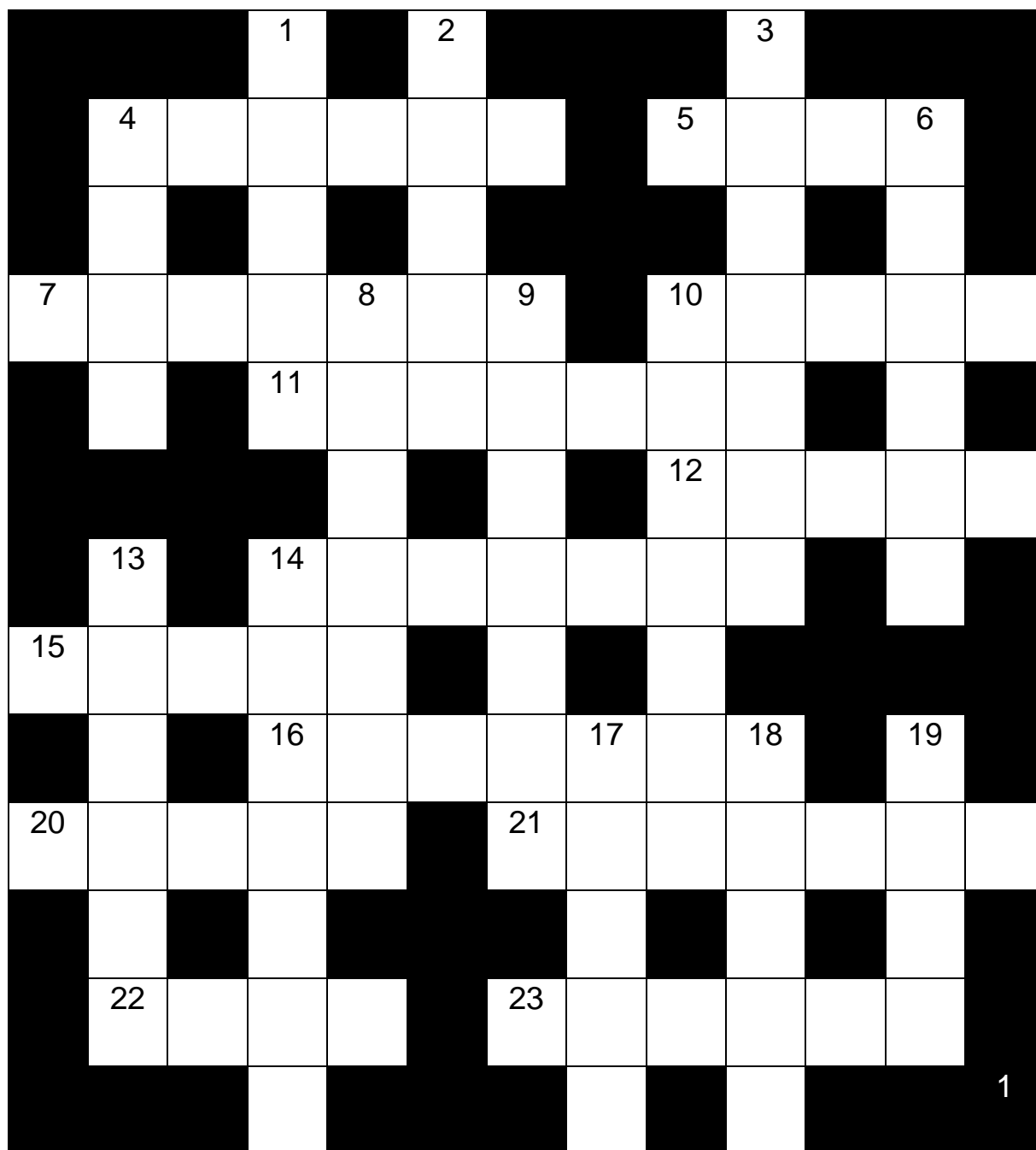
15 FAREWELL (5);
16 ILLNESS (7);
20 EMINENT (5);
21 SEATED (7);
22 outhouse (4);
23 DESCRIBE (6).

CLUES DOWN:

1 SPRING FLOWER (5);
2 AROUND (5);
3 COURTIER (7);
4 CUT (4);
6 COUNTING FRAME (6);
8 WAFER (7);
9 BRACKET CANDLESTICKS (7);

10 THAW (7);
13 LOVES (6);
14 DEADENED (7);
17 BROADCAST (5);
18 SYSTEM OF MORALS (5);
19 JOINT (4).





Services December 2017 and January 2018

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Services:

HC = Holy Communion

AA = All Age Service

HC [BCP] = Holy Communion BCP

SP = Songs of Praise

Matins = BCP Service

FS = Family Service

MP = Morning Prayer

Service Listing for December 2017

Parish Church of St Margaret's, Bagendon

Sunday	3 rd	9.30am	Matins (MG)
Sunday	10 th	9.30am	HC [BCP] CP
Sunday	17 th	6.30pm	<i>Carol Service</i> (DM)
Sunday	24 th	9.30am	HC [CW] (JM)
Monday	25 th	9.30am	HC (RF)
Sunday	31 st		<i>No Service (see Cowley)</i>

Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene, Baunton

Sunday	3 rd		<i>No Service</i>
Sunday	10 th	9.30am	HC (AC)
Sunday	17 th	9.30am	Matins (MG)
		4.30pm	<i>Carol Service (JW)</i>
Sunday	24 th		<i>No Service</i>
Monday	25 th		<i>No Service</i>
Sunday	31 st		<i>No Service (see Cowley)</i>

Parish Church of St Giles, Coberley

Sunday	3 rd		<i>No Service</i>
Sunday	10 th	11.00am	MP (AC)
Sunday	17 th		<i>No Service</i>
Sunday	24 th	4.00pm	<i>Carol Service (AC)</i>
Monday	25 th		<i>No Service</i>
Sunday	31 st		<i>No Service (see Cowley)</i>

Parish Church of St James, Colesbourne

Sunday	3 rd	10.00am	Matins (CH)
Sunday	10 th	9.30am	HC [BCP] (DM)
Sunday	17 th	9.30am	<i>Carol Service (CP)</i>
Sunday	24 th		<i>No Service</i>
Monday	25 th	9.30am	HC (CP)
Sunday	31 st		<i>No Service (see Cowley)</i>

Parish Church of St Mary, Cowley

Sunday	3 rd		<i>No Service</i>
Sunday	10 th	11.00am	HC (CP)
Sunday	17 th	6.00pm	<i>Carol Service (AC)</i>
Sunday	24 th	4.00pm	Nativity Service (CP)
Monday	25 th	11.00am	HC (AC)
Sunday	31 st	11.00am	BENEFICE SERVICE (AC/CP)

Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Elkstone

Sunday	3 rd	11.00am	MP (DM)
Sunday	10 th	10.00am	FS (PT)
Sunday	17 th	11.00am	<i>Carol Service (AC)</i>
Sunday	24 th	3.00pm	Nativity (The Revd A Bowden)
Monday	25 th		<i>No Service</i>
Sunday	31 st		<i>No Service (see Cowley)</i>

Parish Church of All Saints, North Cerney

Sunday	3 rd	11.00am	HC (AC)
Sunday	10 th	11.00am	HC (DM)
Sunday	17 th		<i>No Service</i>
Sunday	24 th	11.00am	Matins (MG)
Monday	25 th	11.00am	HC (by extension) (MV)
Sunday	31 st		<i>No Service (see Cowley)</i>

Parish Church of St Peter, Rendcomb

Friday	15 th	6.00pm	Christingle Service
Sunday	25 th	11.00am	Christmas Service and HC (BE)
Sunday	31 st		<i>No Service (see Cowley)</i>

Parish Church of St Peter, Stratton

Sunday	3 rd	9.30am	HC (AC)
		4.00pm	AA '20-20' Service (DM)
Sunday	10 th	9.30am	Morning Worship (MV)
Sunday	17 th	3.00pm	<i>AA Carol Service (DM)</i>
Sunday	24 th	3.00pm	Christingle (DM)
		11.30pm	Midnight Communion (DM)
Monday	25 th	9.30am	FS/HC (DM)
Sunday	31 st		<i>No Service (see Cowley)</i>

NB Wednesday Services at Stratton:

A Service of either Holy Communion or Morning Prayer is normally held at 10.00am on Wednesday mornings. However, please note that there will be *no service on 13th or 27th December.*

Service Listing for January 2018

Parish Church of St Margaret's, Bagendon

Sunday	7 th	9.30am	Matins (MG)
Sunday	14 th	9.30am	HC [BCP] (CP)
Sunday	21 st	9.30am	HC [BCP] (AC)
Sunday	28 th	9.30am	HC [CW] (DM)

Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene, Baunton

Sunday	7 th	9.30am	HC (AC)
Sunday	14 th	9.30am	HC (DM)
Sunday	21 st	9.30am	Matins (MG)
Sunday	28 th		<i>No Service</i>

Parish Church of St Giles, Coberley

Sunday	7 th		<i>See Cowley</i>
Sunday	14 th	11.00am	MP (CP)
Sunday	21 st		<i>See Cowley</i>
Sunday	28 th	9.30am	HC [BCP] (AC)

Parish Church of St James, Colesbourne

Sunday	7 th	10.00am	Matins (CH)
Sunday	14 th	9.30am	HC [BCP] (AC)
Sunday	21 st	9.30am	Matins (CP)
Sunday	28 th	9.30am	Matins (CP)

Parish Church of St Mary, Cowley

Sunday	7 th	11.00am	MP (AC)
Sunday	14 th		<i>See Coberley</i>
Sunday	21 st	11.00am	HC (AC)
Sunday	28 th		<i>See Coberley</i>

Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Elkstone

Sunday	7 th	11.00am	<i>Christingle</i> (Jennie Howlett)
Sunday	14 th	10.00am	FS (GC)
Sunday	21 st	11.00am	HC (DM)
Sunday	28 th	10.00am	SoP (Alexandra Dyer)

Parish Church of All Saints, North Cerney

Sunday	7 th	11.00am	HC (DM)
Sunday	14 th	11.00am	HC (DM)
Sunday	21 st		<i>No Service</i>
Sunday	28 th	11.00am	Matins (MG)

Parish Church of St Peter, Rendcomb

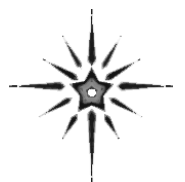
Sunday	28 th	11.00am	HC (BE/DM)
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Parish Church of St Peter, Stratton

Sunday	7 th	9.30am	HC (DM)
		4.00pm	AA '20-20' Service (DM)
Sunday	14 th	9.30am	Morning Worship (MV)
Sunday	21 st	9.30am	AA (DM)
Sunday	28 th	9.30am	HC (JM)



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