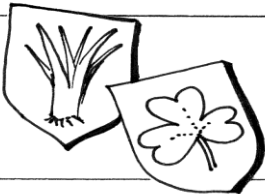


Charlton St. Peter, Rushall & Upavon
TOGETHER

Church & Village News



March



2022

Useful Numbers

Doctors.... Avon Valley

Upavon 630221 Durrington 653378
Cross Plains 652221

Salisbury Hospital 01722 336262
NHS Help Line 111 Police 101

Gas 0800 111999 Electricity 0800 0727282
Environmental Agency 0800 807060
Flood Line 0345 9881188

Plainwatch 01980 674700.
PLAINWATCH@landmarc.mod.uk

Upavon Link 07501004349
Durrington Link 01980 594857

Schools

Rushall C of E Primary 01980 630360
Avon Valley College 01980 652467
Pewsey Vale Secondary School
01672 565000

Upavon Village Store & Post Office
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Rushall	Vacancies	
Charlton St Peter	Mrs Rosie Cunningham	630321
	Mrs Ali Lacey	630385

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UPAVON RUSHALL & CHARLTON LINK

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Please contact a member of the clergy to discuss Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Confirmation, the Blessing of your home, Service of Prayer and Dedication, Renewal of Wedding Vows. To visit in hospital, and the dying at home or in hospital. The clergy are here to help and serve, with our Lay Pastoral Assistants

HOSPITAL VISITS - If you need a visit in hospital, or know someone who has been taken in who would like a visit, please contact a member of the clergy.

HOME COMMUNIONS - If you know someone who is unable to get to church and wishes to receive Communion, please contact Bill Bracher on 01980 630173 and he will make arrangements for this to happen.

THE CLERGY LETTER

Soon after it had dropped through the letter box I eagerly tore off the wrapper. Within moments I was scanning the contents inside and was delighted when I found what I was looking for...

I must admit I do not usually get excited about the arrival of the Church Times! However, I was particularly keen to flick through the Feb 11th edition of the newspaper and check that the advert for the post of 'Team Rector in The Vale of Pewsey Team' had gone to print. The Church Times is often the first place where potential candidates will look for ministerial posts.

It was a real collaborative effort to summarise in a succinct advert what we have discerned we are looking for. We are very grateful for the input and thoughts of so many people from our local communities and churches. One of the most encouraging aspects of this task has been the clear emergence of common themes and qualities in the feedback we received.

We hope to be able to welcome a new Team Rector later this year but we are resolved to be guided by God. We are prayerfully seeking his timing and divine wisdom above and beyond our own.

"So Gideon took the men down to the water. There the Lord told him, 'Separate those who lap the water with their tongues like a dog from those who kneel down to drink.' Three hundred men lapped with their hands to their mouths. All the rest got down on their knees to drink.

The Lord said to Gideon, 'With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let the other men go, each to his own place'."

Judges 7v5-7

On that occasion, ten thousand men went to drink from the stream; only three hundred of them adopted the more watchful posture and in so doing exhibited the right abilities. The Lord told Gideon that the reduction of the army was necessary so that the people of Israel would not be able to boast that they had saved themselves. If you read on through the story of Gideon in the Bible in the book of Judges then you discover that God did indeed deliver them; just as he had promised.

In appointing our new Team Rector, we are not only seeking a person with the right qualities but specifically the person that God is calling to this important role with us and amongst us.

I do hope you will feel able to join us in praying for this process. If so then you might like to use the words below along with your own prayers.

Rev Mark Windsor (Acting Team Rector)

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals:

May they Rest in Peace

Joy Dean Funeral on 23rd February at St John the Baptist, Pewsey

Linda Fleming Funeral on 18th February at St John the Baptist, Pewsey

Richard Evans Funeral on 20th January at North Wilts Crematorium

Molly Goldsmith Funeral on 10th January at West Wilts Crematorium

Weddings

Andrew Fisher & Cara Jenkinson on 28th January at St John the Baptist, Pewsey

Church Services at Upavon, Rushall and Charlton St Peter

6 March 1st Sunday of Lent

St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Parish Communion

13 March

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11am Holy Communion BCP

St Peter's, Charlton St Peter, 6pm Evensong

20 March

St Mary's, Upavon, 8am Holy Communion BCP

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11am Holy Communion

27 March Mothering Sunday

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11am Matins BCP

St Peter's, Charlton St Peter, 6pm Parish Communion

Morning Prayer

A short prayer meeting takes place every Tuesday in St Mary's Church, Upavon, at 0915. Everyone is welcome to join this short service (around 20-25 minutes) of readings and prayers - a reflective time together at the beginning of the day. If anyone would like particular people or situations to be included in prayers (confidentially of course) - please contact churchwarden Bill Coker (cokerwj@btinternet.com)

CHURCH FLOWERS AND EASTER LILIES

It's Easter Time again..... Once again I am hoping that we are able to do a really splendid display of lilies and flowers for Easter this year, so if you would like to remember a loved one by donating an amount towards the Lily Fund we would be very grateful

I am therefore asking anyone who would like to donate (any amount small or large) to do one of the following:

A) put an envelope through my door with the money and your name and the name/s of people you would like remembering

B) email me with the information and I will call and collect

C) 'phone me to discuss

If you would like us to we will display the names alongside the lilies of those you wish to remember please advise, but this is optional.

I also have one other request, particularly now that we have a lot of new residents in Upavon, which is lovely, for anyone who would like to join the team to get in touch - lots of help available and it only involves an arrangement a couple of times a year. Please do call or email me for more information, we would love to have some new helpers on the team.

All best wishes, Gill

10 Alexander Fields, Upavon, SN9 6NB

gillbrian90@gmail.com

01980 63069 or 07967479667

ST MARY'S CHURCH, UPAVON

St Mary's Electoral Roll will be revised between the 17th of February and the 4th of March in time for the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting on the 31st of March**. If your name is already on the Roll no action is required, but if it is not and you wish to take part in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and vote on any matters arising, please complete an application form which are available in Church or from Jill, tel: 01980 630023, email: togethermag@btinternet.com and return it either to Jill or a Churchwarden by the 4th of March

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) of St Mary's Church, Upavon, will be held on **Thursday the 31st of March at 6.30pm** in the Church. Those parishioners listed on the church Electoral Roll are invited to attend.

Coffee Morning & table top sale in St Mary's Church, Upavon

Saturday 26 March 10 to 12 noon

All Welcome

Come and enjoy coffee or tea, with cakes and biscuits
and a chat

Any prevalent Covid guidelines will apply

MOTHERS' UNION

We meet in St. John's Church, Pewsey, on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm

Our next meeting is on March 2nd there will be a talk on John Wesley, who visited Pewsey to preach.

If you need a lift to get there please ring Pam Kimber on 01672 562389

LENT SOUP LUNCHESES

**In aid of the people of Nzara, South Sudan
through The St Timothy Foundation**

2nd March Ash Wednesday

11.30am short act of worship followed by soup lunch
from noon

at The Church Rooms, Church Road, Woodborough,
SN9 5PH

Wednesday **9th March** 12 noon at Fairacre,
Upavon Road, North Newnton, SN9 6JT

Tuesday **15th March 2022**: Venue to be confirmed

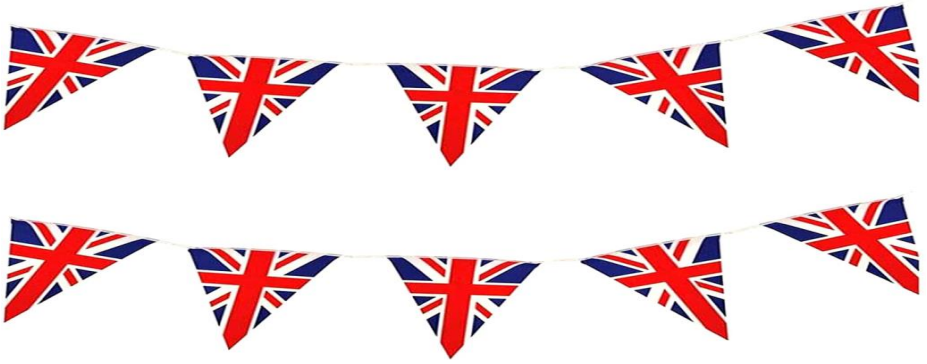
Thursday **24th March**: 12 noon at 12 Easterton Lane,
Pewsey, SN9 5BP

This is a simple meal of soup, bread and water
Donations welcome for The St Timothy's Foundation

Everyone is welcome to the lunches

We look forward to seeing you!





Save The Date !!!

The official Upavon Street Party -
Sunday 5th June 2022

Everybody welcome. Come along and
let us all celebrate
the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
between 11:30 - 17:30.

Further details to follow shortly

Supported by the Upavon Parish Council

**St George's Day Concert
Performed by the Police Band
St Mary's Church, Upavon**

23 April 2022

7:30 – 9:30

Pay bar open from 7:00



The concert will include a broad selection of music,
ending with the two favourites of Jerusalem
and Land of Hope and Glory

Tickets, £5 each,
are available from Upavon Village Shop and the
Church Social Committee

Sarah: 07791198852

Sunday 27th March 4pm

Muddy Church is a relaxed, informal event, often meeting at St. John's Pewsey and heading out for a wander nearby. As we go, we'll wonder about our world and its creator.



Graphic sheets help us think and chat about the theme each time. We've done Bees, Sheep & Psalm 23 among others. Just something to ponder on as we walk, all ages together, 0-10! 🍌 Ending with a hot choc or tea and maybe a short craft activity 🍷



🚶 The whole route is about a mile, but there's a shorter version if that's too far – whatever you can manage there's a way to be involved in Muddy Church. Dogs on a lead are welcome too. 🐕



www.valeofpewsey.org/muddy-church

UPAVON VILLAGE HALL

All of our existing groups have now returned to the hall and are enjoying being back together once again.

The committee have been busy over the past couple of months making continued improvements to the hall – we are now sporting a newly fitted kitchen!

We always welcome new hires – maybe you are thinking of a family get-together or a meet up with friends? Or maybe starting a new group activity?

Please address all enquiries to upavonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com or Lesley Edmunds 01980 630191 – further committee member contacts can be found on the notice board outside the hall.

WILTSHIRE LIBRARIES

Wiltshire Council

Mobile Library Service

Dates and times of all mobile library stops are available online via the website <https://libraries.wiltshire.gov.uk> and from printed timetables available from the mobile library. We look forward to seeing all of our customers when we next visit you.

Rushall 10.10 - 10.30am outside the school: 28 Feb, 28 Mar.

Upavon 10.00 – 10.20am The Nursery, Watson Close: 14 March, 11 Apr.

UPAVON CAROL BAND FUND RAISING 2021

We have just received this splendid message from Cas Loudon at the Wiltshire Air Ambulance:

‘I’ve now been given the total raised in the buckets by the wonderful Upavon Carol Band (Ali counted it yesterday)..... drum roll£625.96 which is absolutely amazing!

Plus the Just Giving Page of £773.00 totalling £1398.96 – how great is that?!’

In view of our only being able to play outdoors, thanks to Covid, it’s brilliant! So well done everybody who supported our Carol Band efforts so generously – THANK YOU! You’re all Stars!

With our warmest best wishes,

Charlie & Julie



Hot Chocolate On the Blue Bus

Youth Club 11-16yrs

First Tuesday in the month

**6.00pm till 8.00pm on Andover road
by the upper playing field**

**Cheese toasties
Ice breakers
Cooking, Arts,
Games & chat
Table football**



First Tuesday in each month:

Open Blue Trust
7 The Market Place, Chippenham,
Wilts. SN15 3HD
Phone: 01249 445277
Mobile: 07738 474290
E-mail: djs@openblue.org.uk
Registered Charity No: 1097725

UPAVON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council information may be seen on the Parish Council website:

www.upavonpc.co.uk

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go on line at Pewsey Vale u3a
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**Avebury Manor Gardens
with Simon Brooks head gardener**

Thursday 10th March 2022

7.00 for 7.15 pm

ENFORD VILLAGE HALL

Bring and buy plant stall. Raffle

Tea and coffee, entry £4

Everyone Welcome!

Further details from Steve Stringer 07899 758222

email: steve.stringer@outlook.fr

CHARLTON ST PETER 100 CLUB

(Licensed by Wiltshire Council for the Vale of Pewsey Team of Churches.)

Our February 100 Club Draw winners will be drawn after our service on Sunday 27th February at 6pm and published in the next edition of the magazine.

We still have a few numbers available, so if you are interested in purchasing number for £5 a month, please contact Ali Lacey 630385.

Rushall & Charlton St Peter Village Hall

The village hall is now open and most of our regular bookings are back. We have a modern hall with under floor heating, a large, fitted kitchen and off-street parking for up to 28 cars.

We are restarting the coffee mornings (abiding by current government Covid guidance)

from **Saturday 5th March 2022 10.00-12.00** and then on the first Saturday of each month

For all enquiries and bookings regarding the hall please contact us on:

Email: RCVH2000@gmail.com or

New Phone Number: 07407 216763



Prestigious charity ball returns to Swindon in 2022

Prospect Hospice's popular Full Length and Fabulous charity ball, hosted by singer and entertainer Jonathan Wilkes, is making a welcome return in 2022.

After having to cancel its fundraising ball in 2020 to celebrate its 40th anniversary because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the charity has announced it will be going ahead on Saturday 14 May 2022 at the STEAM Museum, Swindon, at 7pm and tickets are now on sale.

Sheryl Crouch, head of income at Prospect Hospice, said: "We're really looking forward to holding our charity ball in 2022 after a break of two years and we'd love our supporters to join us. It will be a James Bond themed ball with first-class entertainment, fine dining and a chance to win fabulous prizes in our auction and raffles, including a piece of diamond jewellery donated by Deacons jewellers in Old Town, Swindon."

Sheryl added: "We've had businesses and their employees, families and friends of patients cared for by the hospice attending our balls in the past, so if you're looking for a fantastic night out with colleagues, family or friends you really don't want to miss our Full Length and Fabulous Ball. You'll also help make a real difference to the lives of local people needing our care."

Tickets for the ball are £80 per head or £800 for a table of ten. To book your place email SherylCrouch@prospect-hospice.net or call 01793 816159.

NURTURE NATURE

Too much fat is being fed to birds in the form of fat balls and suet pellets by well meaning bird lovers in their garden feeding stations, and the parents then feed too much fat to their young, creating conditions which could well be contributing to the decline of species. A well balanced diet on bird tables and feeders shouldn't cause any problems for our garden and wild birds. Many feeders are blown to the ground in storms and wild weather. This is a good opportunity to give them a good wash in a mild solution of warm water and washing up liquid to help combat diseases such as trichomoniasis, which adversely affects especially finch species. Also after storms ensure that nest boxes are secure, some may need replacing. Robins, tit species and blackbirds and others have already paired and even started collecting nesting material, so do take care to ensure nests are not exposed when trimming foliage, as such exposure would cause birds to desert. Last year bird numbers were well down due to inclement weather and lack of insects to feed the nestlings. Please will everyone do all that they can to protect and promote a successful breeding season, otherwise more species will be lost.

Otis Tarda