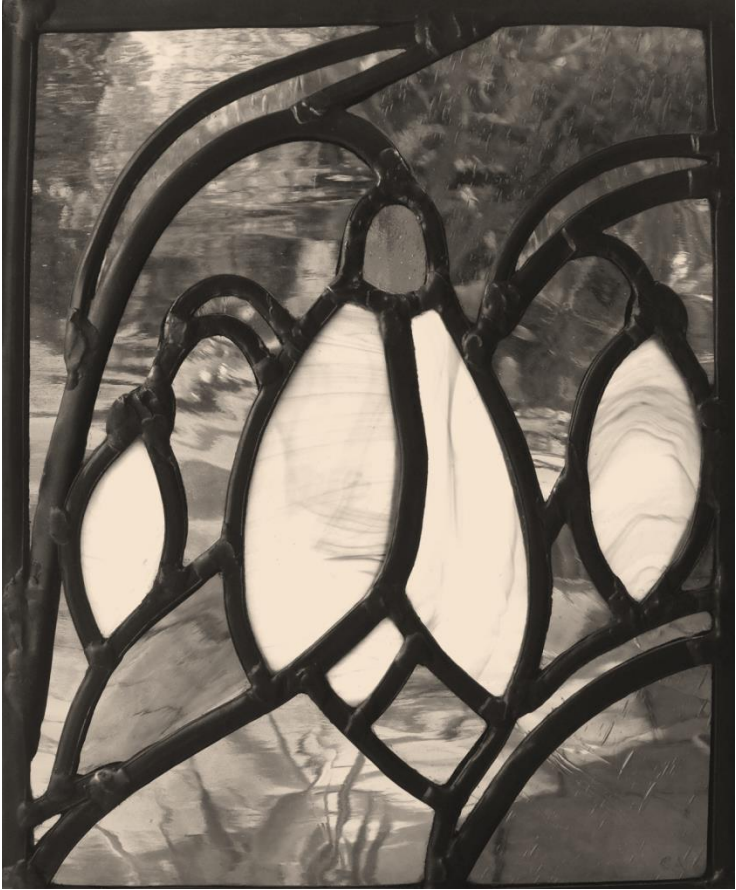


Charlton St. Peter, Rushall & Upavon
TOGETHER
Church & Village News



February



2023

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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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.

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

Catholic Parish Priest: Father John Blacker 01672 513267

Services at Holy Family Church, Broadfields, Pewsey

Weekday mass 12.00 pm Fridays; Vigil mass 6.00 pm Saturdays

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Sunday services 10.30am

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Services 2nd Sunday of each month at 3.30 pm

UPAVON RUSHALL & CHARLTON LINK

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The Clergy Letter

Do you count down the days before Christmas?

Perhaps a little early to be thinking about that at this point in the year!
What about counting the days *after* Christmas?

On the fortieth day from his birth, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple in accordance with the custom in God's Law. Luke records this event in his Gospel. He also records the fact that they had a significant meeting with a man called Simeon.

Simeon was patiently awaiting the arrival of the coming Saviour from God. However, he could not simply count down the days as he did not know when this was going to take place. Yet he wholeheartedly trusted God, who had revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until he had seen the Christ.

By the grace of God, he was in the Temple – right time, right place – when Mary and Joseph brought in the infant Jesus. Filled with joy, Simeon took Jesus in his arms. He praised God for his faithfulness; since he had now witnessed with his own eyes the long awaited Saviour. Then he described Jesus as a light for revelation to all people; not limited by national, social, religious or any other barrier.

The good news of Christ's coming continues to bring light and joy to those who follow him today. February 2nd is the fortieth day counting from 25th December. On this date, Christians celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple; also known as Candlemas.

There is a tradition of people bringing candles to their local church where they are blessed as part of the service. Candles serve as a special reminder and symbol of Christ's presence with us throughout our lives. The next time you light a candle at home, perhaps you might remember this wonderful promise of Jesus:

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness but shall have the light of life."

John 8v12

Rev Mark Windsor (Team Vicar)

Church Services at Upavon, Rushall and Charlton St Peter

5 February

St Mary's, Upavon 9.30am Parish Communion

12 February

St Mary's, Upavon, 8.00am Holy Communion BCP

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Holy Communion BCP

St Peter's, Charlton St Peter, 6.00pm Evensong

19 February

St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Informal Worship

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Holy Communion

22 February Ash Wednesday

Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

St John the Baptist, Pewsey 10.00am

St Mary's, Upavon, 7.00pm

26 February

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Matins BCP

St Peter's, Charlton St Peter, 6.00pm Parish Communion

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

May they Rest in Peace

Elizabeth Kilpatrick Funeral on 12th December 2022 at Holy Trinity, Easton Royal

Ruth Langfield Funeral on 19th December 2022 at St Nicholas, Huish

Doreen Hallett Funeral on 20th December at St Peter, Milton Lilbourne

Rev Hugh Hoskins Funeral on 6th January 2023 at St Michael & All Angels, Hilperton

Kathleen Mansfield Funeral on 9th January 2023 at St John the Baptist, Pewsey

Ella Oram Funeral on 11th January 2023 at St Mary, Alton Barnes

John Wolfe-Barry Memorial Service on 17th January 2023 at St John the Baptist, Pewsey

Sheila Hogg Funeral on 19th January 2023 at St Peter's, Milton Lilbourne

Jeremy Booth Memorial Service on 24th January 2023 at Holy Trinity, Easton Royal

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 (cokerwjan@btinternet.com)



Coffee Mornings in St Mary's Church, Upavon

Saturday 25 February 10am to 12noon

Everyone is very welcome

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

UPAVON FOOD BANK

A food bank box is situated in the porch of St Mary's church, alongside a box of toiletries, both of which are available for residents who wish to take items

Donations of suitable dried or tinned food and toiletries will be gratefully received, please contact a Churchwarden if you can help

St Matthew's Church, Rushall

On the first Sunday of Advent we held our very first Darkness to Light Service kindly led by Revd Ann Massey. We were in complete darkness as the service started, then, during the first Carol and Reading, the first candles were lit around the font and west window. With each Carol and Reading more candles were lit, going up through the nave. Finally, the altar and east window candles were ablaze as we remembered the promised light that was to come into our darkness. It was certainly a memorable and significant start to Advent; and one which we hope to repeat in the future.

A few weeks later we enjoyed welcoming Revd Canon Rhona Floate to our annual Candlelit Carol Service, and then to our Communion Service on Christmas morning.

Anne Prince

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Upavon 10.00 – 10.20am Watson Close: 13 Feb; 13 March; 10 Apr.

Rushall 10.10 - 10.30am outside the school: 27 Feb; 27 March; 24 Apr.

ENFORD FILM CLUB

ENFORD VILLAGE HALL 14th FEBRUARY

DON'T MISS A SPECIAL ST VALENTINE'S EVENING TREAT

"THERE'S A GIRL IN MY SOUP"

starring the very funny Peter Sellers and Goldie Hawn, with an amazing supporting cast (sadly most of whom are no longer with us) including Diana Dors, Tony Britton, Nicky Henson. Christopher Cazenove, Nicola Padgett, Lance Percival and others. The film, made in 1970, was the 7th most popular film at the British Box Office and won the Writer's Guild of Great Britain Award for Best British Comedy Screenplay

Hugo Vickers, who has researched the making of the film, will give his PowerPoint presentation beforehand

Doors open at 6.30 for 7pm start

Valentine Special price of £5 per head includes a glass of bubbly and chocolates

UPAVON CHAPEL NEWS

Dear Upavon Chapel Friends

Happy New Year! A big thank you to those who came to our recent Carol Service on 11th December. So good to see you! The Carol Service Collection was donated to the Upavon foodbank run by St Mary's Church from the church porch and due to such generous giving, Upavon Chapel was able to pass on a donation of £150 to St Mary's which is great.

Our next monthly service is being held on Sunday 12th February at 3.30 p.m. when the Pastor from Bradford on Avon Baptist Church, Robert Strivens will preach. It is always lovely to welcome new faces to our monthly services. Whatever age or whatever your background it's good to get to know you and families/ children are very welcome too. It usually lasts about an hour and we have refreshments afterwards. Mark often does a children's talk which always goes down with us adults as well. Sometimes they are what we remember the most! We are so relieved the official building work has been completed and we are generally delighted with the results! It is so great to have a disabled loo and running water too! There are still a few things to finish off, like fitting the new kitchen. Late last year we had a wonderful surprise in receiving an unexpected gift of £5,000 so we have now been able to purchase all the units. Mark, Malcolm and Nathan are hoping to fit them in the next couple of weeks. God has been so good and, in these dark and uncertain days we are so thankful that He remains faithful and we can trust Him for all our needs. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, *and* today, *and forever*." Hebrews 13, verse 8.

If you are unable to get out, but would like a book to read or a visit, please do feel free to get in touch. Mark's contact details: 07876286767, Email: hp130268@gmail.com, Mary: 07876193640 . Email: maryj@broughtoncommon.co.uk.

St Mary's Church, Upavon Christmas Fair

The annual Christmas Fair was held on December 4th at St Mary's Church, Upavon. The church had been beautifully decorated and made even more welcoming than usual with greenery and fairy lights by Nikki Vesey-Williams and her talented Flower Team.

The weather was reasonably kind, rain stayed away and there was a very good attendance with a real buzz of conversation and laughter throughout the afternoon.

Most of the stalls were run by church members with a wide variety of items for sale on offer. The Tombola was a particularly busy stall – with a 'clean sweep' of all the wonderful prizes. Commercial stall holders also had many delightful items to browse amongst and purchase.

Santa Claus and his Elf were kept busy with a procession of children confiding what they really wanted for Christmas – Santa made careful notes! We hope their dreams came true.

The provision of mulled wine and mince pies kept several of the social committee busy all afternoon and the cake stall sold out of delicious offerings.

The Christmas Hamper was won by a Pewsey resident who was delighted when it was delivered to her the following day- and has kindly returned the decorated basket for use next year.

Our thanks to all who helped in a variety of ways, donating items for the tombola and raffle and cake stall assisting before and on the day to make the event so successful. Church funds have been swelled by the proceeds of the Fair – and even more importantly everyone enjoyed the afternoon.

Jan Coker
Church Social Committee Member

CHARLTON ST PETER 100 CLUB

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

Our November 100 Club Draw took place after our service on Sunday 27th November. Congratulations to the lucky winners:-

£100 S. Long (N. Newton) No.51
£50 C. Larkin (London) No.52
£50 N. Golding (Charlton) No. 87
£25 S. Newport (Charlton) No.64
£25 M. Cook (Pewsey) No. 21

Our Christmas 100 Club Draw took place after our service on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm. Congratulations to the lucky winners:-

£250 T. Kirby (Charlton) No.94
£50 M. Cook (Pewsey) No.79
£50 C. Lacey (Charlton) No. 14
£25 C. Dixon (Charlton) No.82
£25 C. Golding (Charlton) No. 71

Our January 100 Club Draw winners will be drawn after our service on Sunday 22nd January 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.

The Pewsey Vale Arts Society

Lectures are held on the first Tuesday of the month starting at 2.30 pm. Doors open at 2.00 pm at The Bouverie Hall, Pewsey, with coffee and tea served

Tuesday 7th February

An Artist's Best Friend : The Dog in Art. Alexandra Epps explores how dogs have provided inspiration, solace and companionship throughout artistic lives. Alexandra is an official guide and lecturer at Tate Modern, Tate Britain and the Guildhall Art Galleries.

Tuesday 7th March

Girls behaving Badly: Annelie Talent will discuss Jane Austen's wicked women

The Society also offers fascinating occasional Study Days and Visits.
New members are welcome and for further information please email

tas.pewseyvale@gmail.com

Upavon Village Hall

Our hall has undergone vast improvements over the last few years and remains a really popular and suitable space to hold a variety of events, for example:-

Children's parties, Family gatherings and Workshops all have been really popular of late.

Maybe you would like to try out some of the activity groups currently using our hall. These are: Table Tennis, Karate, Brownies, Short Mat Bowls and a Stretch and Flex class.

Hourly charges for Upavon residence is £7.00 and for outside of the village is £8.00

Please email upavonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com for more details or call Lesley 01980 630191

Upavon Village Hall Committee Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Upavon Village Hall Committee is holding its AGM on Wednesday 22nd February 2023 at 16:00 hrs. All are welcome to join committee members for refreshments at 15:30 before the meeting starts.

Upavon Parish Council

For Information and how to contact the Council please see the Parish Council website:

www.upavonpc.co.uk

ENFORD GARDENING CLUB



Robert Biggs - *Plants for Spring*

Thursday 9th February 2023

7.00 for 7.15 pm ENFORD VILLAGE HALL

Bring and buy plant stall. Raffle

Tea and coffee, entry £5

Everyone Welcome!

Further details from Steve Stringer 07899 758222

email: steve.stringer@outlook.fr

UPAVON CAROL BAND FUND RAISING 2022

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

‘The total raised in the collecting buckets by the wonderful Upavon Carol Band was £1201.34 from our playing and singing, and our Just Giving Page raised another £375.00 totalling £1576.34 !!’

This is the second highest amount we have raised in the 25 years we have been supporting the Wiltshire Air Ambulance at Christmas time, so please accept warmest possible thanks for your enthusiastic support - this has been awesome.

With warmest best wishes for the New Year 2023

Charlie & Julie S-S
Upavon Carol Band





Marlborough Chiropractic Clinic

has a new face



After being taken over in the summer of 2020 by Sophie Pakenham, Marlborough Chiropractic Clinic has continued to grow, and we've got some exciting new additions to the team. In November 2022, Leia joined the clinic as our second chiropractor allowing us to open the diary to new patients again!

As chiropractors, we specialise in looking at how the nervous system interacts with the musculoskeletal system. This means we assess the body as a whole, and fully investigate the cause of where certain issues arise, as the cause is often not from the painful area itself! We pride ourselves on optimising function and striving for maximum quality of life for all of our patients.

During your initial consultation, Leia will run through your medical history to gain a deep understanding of you and your body before assessing neurology, muscle function and joint mobility. We might ask you questions related to other health conditions that may seem unrelated, but this helps us decide which treatment techniques are most appropriate to you, ensuring you get the most out of your treatments.

It's not all just about the famous chiropractor clicking! After your examination, Leia will discuss her findings and build a treatment plan appropriate for your individual needs. She will explain the various adjusting techniques and adjustment instruments suited to you, as well as classic chiropractic manipulation. Leia will also discuss a variety of lifestyle changes and exercises to compliment your treatment.

For more information on conditions we treat, if you're struggling with discomfort or just want a tune up visit our website or give us a call on 01672 511 599 – we look forward to meeting you.



Can you help please?

LINK volunteers drive members of our local community to appointments at surgeries and hospitals, and similar jobs.

More coordinators urgently needed!

We have a small group of volunteer coordinators who work on a rota system. Our 'clients' (usually referred to by the Surgery) telephone the LINK number to book a ride for their appointments. The duty coordinator finds a volunteer driver who is free for that date. The LINK number is a mobile phone (with voicemail) which is passed between the coordinators.

This is something you can do from home, and pretty much in your own time. We have lost two coordinators recently because of them leaving the village, so we are desperately short of hands. Can you help, please? If so, call Tim Turnbull on 07802 187663.

...and more drivers too

We are *always* looking for more drivers. From time to time the shortage means we have to tell clients that we can't help them.

Drivers may claim 45p/mile to cover their expenses. Clients are asked to make a voluntary donation, and that is how our scheme is funded. So all we're asking for is a little bit of your time. Even if you can only manage one trip a month or something like that it would be a great help!

If you think you might be able to join us as a driver and would like some more info, please call Tim Turnbull on 07802 187663.

NURTURE NATURE

COP 27 was rather a disappointment – one might say it was a cop out! So – here are a few reminders of COP26/2021 which are still very relevant: COP26 (Conference Of Parties) Action not words! All of us can contribute to helping to save our planet – here are a few reminders of what has been said: The paraphrasing is as accurate as possible.

The UN stated that we are digging our own graves.

As individuals we must all try to make a difference.

Stop treating nature like a lavatory and a vast rubbish dump.

We can all help to reduce the amount of carbon in the atmosphere.

Start small, aim big, increase positive activity step by step.

We know what needs to be done so let's get on with it and try not to feel hopeless about the future.

Plant more trees and hedges to soak up the carbon. They are the lungs of the earth – there are an increasing number of organisations which can help. There is no more time to sit on our hands as the cost of inaction will bring the one minute to midnight scenario on the Doomsday Clock to the nightmare of catastrophe.

As HM the late Queen reminded us, changes to the way in which we treat the planet are vitally necessary for the sake of our children and their children's children.

The World is in our hands!

Let's make 2023 a really constructive one for the planet. And, of course, the recent cold spells, especially in the first half of December, have added to the decline judging by the number of dead birds killed by the intense cold.

Conservation Concerns for 2023

It's not too late to plant new hedges, refurbish and bulk up existing ones, including small tree species for their bee friendly flowers and when matured as additional sites for garden birds to forage, nest and roost in. One cannot overstress the importance of hedges for nature and wild life. No matter how small in length your garden hedges are, they all help to create super highways for birds, bats, small mammals to use as conservation corridors, and these in turn link many more parts of the British Isles and hence help not only to preserve existing wildlife but also to stem the rate of ever declining endangered species. Tree sparrows and cuckoos have been added to the red list (see previous magazine items). Bullfinches, fieldfares and dunnocks (also known as hedge sparrows) are now on the amber list. The very cold weather in December contributed to a further decline in bird numbers as they succumbed to the low freezing temperatures and lack of natural food resources.

Please remember too that avian flu is still prevalent and is responsible for large numbers of bird deaths. Keep bird feeders and bird baths scrupulously clean to help prevent further decline in bird numbers.

Should you have taken part in the Great Garden Bird Watch at the end of January please don't forget to send your records in on line, or by post, to the RSPB, The Lodge, Potton Road, Sandy SG19 2DL. Should you wish to take part in another Garden Bird Watch, the BTO would welcome your sightings as they are keen to receive records from your garden too. They suggest taking your records over a week, and they are also interested in other fauna – as well as birds, animals, insects. Details are on line should you wish to send in your sightings by email, or you can post them to GBW, BTO, The Nunnery, Thetford, Norfolk, IP24 2PU.

Let's continue to nurture nature and all try to give it a big boost in 2023. Happy Environmentation. Otis Tarda



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**Rushall & Charlton St Peter
Village Hall**

We have a modern bright hall with under floor heating, a large, fitted kitchen and off-street parking

The next coffee mornings are:

**Saturday 4th Feb & Saturday 4th March
10am – 12 noon**

The Friday **Extend Exercise Class** is looking for new members. This is for the over 50s or those less mobile amongst us. If you wish to go along, either turn up on a Friday morning or contact Yve Griffiths on **01380 723086**.

It's held between 10 -11am with coffee afterwards if you wish. It's £5 per session, no need to book.

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

Email: RCVH2000@gmail.com or 07407 216763

We are always looking for committee members so if you are interested, please contact us by email or phone