

Charlton St. Peter, Rushall & Upavon

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Pentecost - Acts 2

May



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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 Communion 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 Saji Mathew 01980 622177

Services at Christ the King, Lords Croft, Amesbury SP4 7EP

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Pewsey Methodist Church, Sunday services 10.30am

Upavon Baptist Chapel Contact: Mary Jarvis 07876193640

Services 2nd Sunday of each month at 3.30 pm

UPAVON RUSHALL & CHARLTON LINK

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The Clergy Letter

Ascension Day

A wonderful and important festival it may be, but I have always found Ascension Day slightly awkward. This year it is on 9 th May and, as always, it is a Thursday and so seems to be very neglected, not falling on a Sunday. And the second reason is the depictions of it in art and children's books, with Jesus shooting up into the sky like some Apollo rocket, which hardly gives it the awe, dignity and majesty that it deserves. In reality, the Greek in Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, both of which have descriptions of it, has much more the sense of 'withdrawing from the disciples' sight' than any take off into the sky.

And this is the importance of it. At Christmas we celebrate God coming to earth and taking on our flesh as the baby, born of Mary. At Ascension we are celebrating the end of Jesus' life on earth as he slips from the earthly dimension to the heavenly. While on earth he was confined by time and space but now he is in the heavenly dimension he is no longer confined and can be with us wherever we are and into eternity.

And the other important thing to note is that there is no evidence in the biblical accounts that Jesus changed at all in his nature as he rose. So he was and is still as he was after he rose from the dead, where we know he was transformed in some extraordinary way. There was still a physicality about him, as he was recorded as being able to be touched, to have eaten and cooked a meal, so he was certainly not a ghost of just a spirit. But equally he was not recognised by his closest friends and could appear and disappear from locked rooms, so his body had not just resuscitated while he was in the tomb, but was changed in a miraculous way. And, as he showed doubting Thomas, he still had the marks of his crucifixion in his hands and feet.

So Ascension Day shows us that he is still alive, still in his resurrected and transformed body, but now in the heavenly dimension, at the right hand of God, able to be close by and walk alongside each of us through all our lives.

Let us all try to mark this important day, with praise and thanksgiving to our living Lord, and perhaps, if nothing else, say the special prayer for the day:

Grant, we pray, Almighty God,
That as we believe your only begotten Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ
To have ascended into the heavens,
So we in heart and mind may also ascend.
And with him continually dwell;
Who is alive and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever,
Amen

Revd. Canon Gerald Osborne

Church Services at Upavon, Rushall and Charlton St Peter

5 May (6th Sunday of Easter)

St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Informal Worship

12 May (7th Sunday of Easter)

St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Parish Communion

St Matthew's Rushall, 11.00am Holy Communion BCP

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

19 May (Pentecost)

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

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Parish Communion

26 May (Trinity Sunday)

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Matins BCP

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

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

Dennis Roberts Funeral at St Peter, Milton Lilbourne on 20th March 2024

Peter Waine Funeral at St John the Baptist, Pewsey 9th April 2024

Harry Dalton Funeral at St John the Baptist, Pewsey 12th April 2024

THE ST TIMOTHY FOUNDATION

Dear All

We are working hard to send the next contribution in July to the schools in South Sudan that The St Timothy Foundation supports. The funds are being divided, through the decision from the local Archbishop's consultation with the Bishop of Nzara, to give a very small salary to the teachers of two primary schools that are meeting 'under the mango trees'. The majority of the support though continues to be for the teaching at The St Timothy's pre-Primary and Primary School. Education is key in the Archbishop's strategy to bring the people out of poverty.

The Microfinance programmes are proceeding well after receiving a capital injection last November as many more women are now able to start a small business to finance food and clothes for their families.

Thank you to all of you who supported St Timothy's at Pewsey Tea Rooms on Easter Monday despite the weather! We are hoping for better weather in May when we will be opening the Pewsey Tea Rooms on both May Bank Holidays i.e. 6th May and 27th May from 10am – 2pm with a Plant Stall outside. Still on the theme of plants and refreshments we will have the annual plant sale at Fairacre, North Newnton on the 18th May from 10am – 2.30pm. We do hope you will join us. If you cannot make any of the dates and you would like to find out about the plants that are available then do have a look at the website below and call me if you would like to come and view/purchase.

On the 8th June we will have our popular Afternoon Tea (Menu on the website and in this magazine) in the marquee at Fairacre from 2.30 - 5pm. Tickets are £17.50 per person. This year we will be entertained by Morris Dancers!

There is more information on all of our events on the website plus the latest news update. Tickets for the Afternoon Tea are available online, in The Lunch Box and Around the Word.

With all good wishes

Ann (Chair)
The St Timothy Foundation

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Save the Children

Devizes, Marlborough & Pewsey Branch

The Annual Gardeners' Fair

Wednesday 8th May 2024

9.00am - 2.00pm

The Shambles, Market Place, Devizes



Wide range of plants including
unusual perennials, shrubs,
climbers, clematis, alpines,
annuals and vegetable plants



Donations of plants welcome for our charity stall

**Local growers and from Somerset, Dorset and
Hampshire**

Contact: Jennifer Brisker

01672 851925 jbrisker1@aol.com

Upavon Village Hall

Large, well maintained hall available for hire

Competitive hourly rates: village residents £8.00 per hour
(non-residents £9.00)

Suitable for large gatherings for up to 60 people with ample
plates, cups and saucers etc.

Free Wi-Fi

A well equipped kitchen

For enquiries or to book please email

upavonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com or call Lesley 01980
630191

**We are always looking for new people to join our committee.
If you feel you could help please contact us!**

Hilcott Village Hall Trust

You are invited to a Cheese and Wine evening on Friday 14
June at Rushall Village Hall from 7 - 9 pm.

We would like to share news and an update on our plans for
Barnard Meadow and the Hall.

This is a fundraising as well as an awareness raising event, so
tickets will be £5 for a glass of wine/soft drink and cheese.
Extra drinks will be available for purchase. A raffle will be held
during the evening.

Tickets available from our email address -

hilcottvillagehall@gmail.com

UPAVON VILLAGE FOOD BANK

The Food Bank was established in January 2023 and has been regularly used since then. Food items are donated and collected from the porch of St Mary's Church. There is a notebook for suggestions for items which would be particularly useful for those in need of some support to feed their families.

Village residents continue to be generous in donating food items and financial contributions. Upavon Baptist Church have made generous donations. The Church Council is very grateful for this support.

There are several options to contribute to this valuable resource: Perhaps adding a couple of items to your weekly shop and dropping these off to the boxes in the church porch. Making a 'one off' or regular financial contribution by contacting the church council treasurer Donal Connon on 01980 630951 or dconnon@btopenworld.com using the envelopes marked Food Bank Donation which are on a table inside the church and posting these into the wall safe on your right as you enter the church.

Commonly needed food items, include: tinned soups, tinned meats - stewed steak, corned beef, ham, tinned tuna, baked beans, tinned spaghetti, breakfast cereals, tea, coffee, sugar, long life milk, biscuits, (sweet and savoury), tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, pasta, pasta sauces, rice, jams, marmalade, sweets for children, pet food. Commonly needed toiletries and household items: Soap, toothpaste, washing up liquid, handwash, shower gel.

Jan Coker

St Mary's Parochial Church Council Member

Rushall & Charlton St Peter Village Hall

We have a most comfortable hall with under-floor heating, a large fitted kitchen, off-street parking and Wi-fi.

Morning, afternoon and evening sessions are available to book so please get in touch. Why not come and see us at one of our Hall Fund Raising Events.

Coffee Mornings 10am - 12pm

May 11th - Pub Quiz Night

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

Email: RCVH2000@gmail.com

Phone: 07407 216763

Website: www.rushallcharltonvh.org.uk or

Facebook: [Rushall & Charlton Village Hall](#)

Enford Film Club

'White Mischief'

Tuesday 21 May at Enford Village Hall

'White Mischief' is the elegant 1987 film which dramatises the unsolved Happy Valley murder case in Kenya, starring Charles Dance, Greta Scacchi and Joss Ackland. Directed by Michael Radford and based on James Fox's book about British aristocrats living in Kenya's Happy Valley during World War II. It is the true story of an affair which rocked society.

Doors open at 6.30 for 7.15 pm start.

Tickets £8 to include a glass of wine and canapes.

Come along and enjoy gathering at the bar beforehand.

For further information please contact Theresa Horsey etphorsey@gmail.com
Mobile 07775 673110

Film Night Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 18 June

No film in July and August

Tuesday 17 September

Tuesday 22 October

Tuesday 19 November

News Flash: Broadband has now been installed at the Village Hall ready for our plans to screen Live Performances from the Royal Opera House and the National Theatre, as well as making it easier for us to access a wider range of films through Netflix, Amazon Prime et al. We are planning to update film club equipment with a new projector, CD player, upgraded speakers and a wall mounted electric screen. Once we have finalised the quotations we plan to apply for grants to help towards the cost.

NB To help with planning future film nights, please let the organisers know (via email or at film club nights) if you have suggestions for what you would like or would prefer to see – latest films, retro films, and perhaps opera and ballet performances (live and/or recorded by the ROH, NT and Glyndebourne).



ENFORD GARDENING CLUB

**“Flowers for the cutting garden” – Moira
White**

Tuesday 14th May 2024

**Plant Sale/Raffle
7.00 for 7.15 pm Enford Village Hall**

Entrance £5 - Everyone Welcome!
Contact Steve Stringer steve.stringer@outlook.fr
Mobile 07899 758 222

Upavon Parish Council

UPC Meeting Dates for 2024

- Wednesday 15th May 2024 (including Annual Parish Meeting)
- Wednesday 17th July 2024
- Wednesday 18th September 2024
- Wednesday 20th November 2024

(All meetings start at 7:00 PM and will be held at the Upavon Village Hall)

Blue Bus Youth Club in Upavon

For youth aged 11-16 years old Last Tuesday of the month from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Location: Andover Road by the upper playing field

Upcoming Dates: Tuesday 30th April, 4th June, 25th June, 9th July

openblue.org.uk

For Information and how to contact the Council please see the Parish Council website: upavonpc.co.uk
Instagram: @upavonparishcouncil

Friends of Netheravon school PFTA 2024 Prize Bingo Dates - Netheravon Phoenix Hall at 2pm

- Sunday 26th May
- Sunday 30th June
- Sunday 28th July
- Sunday 25th August
- Sunday 29th September
- Sunday 27th October
- Sunday 24th November

**Sunday 5th May at 4 pm in
St James' Church, North Newnton**



**A May Day celebration
Traditional songs and music
from around the British Isles**

There will be a group of local players and audience participation encouraged but not obligatory! Lyrics supplied!

Come and bring friends to enjoy
the pleasure of community singing!
In aid of Church tower roof repairs

**Tickets £10 - includes cream tea.
From The Lunch Box, Pewsey
or email hepburnescott@gmail.com**

THE ST TIMOTHY FOUNDATION

Afternoon Tea with The Morris Men

Saturday 8th June 2024 2.30pm-5pm

At Fairacre, North Newnton, SN9 6JT

Tickets: £17.50 per person
www.sttimothy.org.uk

MENU

Citrus Cured Salmon on Rye Bread

Sandwiches

Coronation Chicken

Ham and Cheese

Creamy Egg and Cress

Tuna Mayonnaise

Scones with Whipped Cream and Strawberry Jam

Lemon Posset

Raspberry and Blueberry Tart

Hazelnut and Chocolate Macaron

Spicy Ginger Cake

Coffee and Walnut Cake

Choice of Teas: Breakfast, Green, Darjeeling,
Earl Grey, Lady Grey, Strawberry and Raspberry

or

Fresh Coffee

The Pewsey Vale Arts Society

The Arts Society - Pewsey Vale will hold their May lecture on Tuesday 7th May at 2.30pm in the Bouverie Hall. The lecture is entitled, "**A Window into Russia: A History of the Hermitage Museum**," by Dr Rosamund Bartlett.

The lecture charts the history of one of the world's largest museums, from its foundation in 1751, through to the 21st century. From Catherine the Great and other Tsars' voracious appetites for collecting, plus the addition of priceless collections acquired after the 1917 October Revolution, the museum's eventful history provides a revealing window into the peculiarities of Imperial and Soviet Russia.

Rosamund Bartlett is a writer, scholar, lecturer, cultural historian and translator specialising in Russian Literature. She has written biographies of both Tolstoy and Chekhov, has translated Anna Karenina and is a Trustee of The Anton Chekov Foundation. She lectures regularly on Russian art.

The Arts Society - Pewsey Vale will hold their June lecture on Tuesday 4th June in the Bouverie Hall. The lecture is entitled, "**Off the Record: Album Cover Art 1950 - 2000**". The speaker is Rupert Dickens.

Some of the most iconic images of the 20th century were created, not for galleries, or private patrons, but for record sleeves. The zebra crossing immortalised on the cover of the Beatles' "Abbey Road" album has become a place of pilgrimage. This talk will explore the art of the album cover and reveal the close connections between visual and musical creativity, in this vibrant period of popular culture. Album covers have been designed by artists such as Andy Warhol, Peter Blake, Yoko Ono and a host of other artists and designers.

Rupert Dickens is an art historian with a special interest in European 16th and 17th century painting. He is an accredited lecturer for The Arts Society and works at the Wallace Collection as a guide, conducting public and private tours and lecturing on aspects of the collection. He also accompanies groups on art-themed tours to the Netherlands, Belgium, France and Italy.

Doors open at 2.00pm for refreshments and non-members are very welcome for the price of £7 on the door. The lecture begins at 2.30pm and usually lasts an hour.

CHARLTON ST PETER 100 CLUB

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

Our March 100 Club Draw took place after our Service on Sunday 24th March at 6pm.

Congratulations to the lucky winners:-

£100 L. Digby-Bell (Charlton) No.36
£50 C. Lacey (Charlton) No.13
£50 C. O'Neill (Charlton) No.8
£25 B. Stygal (Charlton) No.2
£25 H. Mansell (Manningford) No.54

Our April 100 Club Draw will take place after our service on Sunday 28th April 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.



Pewsey Vale u3a has a wide variety of activities for our retirement. We've already told you a bit about our physical activities and our language based groups. But perhaps more creative pursuits appeal to you more? We have card making, knitting & crochet, patchwork and needlework, photography and art. These tend to be small groups which fill up very quickly, but we'll be happy to get you together with other like minded folk to form new groups, so do get in touch. You don't have to be an expert.

Once again, see our web site <https://pewsey.u3asite.uk/> or you can phone us on 07434 710161. Do get in touch.



THE VALE OF PEWSEY TEAM – YOUTH EVENTS

It's been a very busy time recently for the Young People. They helped perform the amazing passion play on Good Friday. Then 17 of us went on a climbing wall trip, even enjoying home cooked pizzas and hot chocolate afterwards.



From now on, to help school transition, all our events are OPEN to anyone in top year of Primary School. The programme currently planned for May is below.

Friday 3 May 7-9 pm Youth Chill out at Vale [Campus Sports Centre](#)

Sunday 5 May 6 pm Sunday@6 [relaxed, informal service in St John's Pewsey]

Friday 10 May 7-9 pm Youth Chill out at Vale Campus Sports Centre

Sunday 12 May 4-6 pm Youth Group meets for food, fun, a message in St John's Pewsey

Fridays 17 & 24 May 7-9 pm Youth Chill out at Vale Campus Sports Centre

Saturday 25 May about 11.30 am Trip to Westbury for Canoeing. about £20 each.

Sunday 26 May 4-6 pm Muddy Church usually at St John's Pewsey [no youth group after]

Friday 31 May 7-9 pm Youth Chill out at Vale Campus Sports Centre

- We encourage young people to bring friends along to any event.
- We always need parental consent and contact details.
- All leaders are DBS checked and safeguarding trained.
- Youth events are NOW OPEN to anyone in top year of Primary School.
- If you cannot find the details you can always check out -
- Email us on youth@valeofpewsey.org
- WhatsApp message us on 447941388852 <https://wa.me/447941388852>
- Sign up for youth events email updates via >
<https://www.valeofpewsey.org/what-we-do/youth-children-and-families/>
- Latest messenger <https://www.valeofpewsey.org/news/church-news/messenger/>

Nurture Nature: May 2024

With the Middle East wars prominent in World News, Foreign Secretaries come to mind. Many of us in our history lessons at school will remember the now famous quote of Sir Edward Grey in August 1914 at the pending outbreak of the Great War. On 3rd August, having explained cogently in Parliament why Great Britain had to go to war with Germany he returned to the Foreign Office. At dusk he could see from his desk the lamp man igniting the lamps in St James's Park. He remarked to his secretary 'The lamps are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime'.

However, as well as holding a high State office he was a countryman at heart, and a great lover of Nature and an eminent ornithologist, studying robins when up at Oxford and elsewhere, and stone curlews on the family estate in Northumberland. He fed the birds at all the properties he was associated with as well as closer studies of wild fowl whilst at his beloved fishing cottage in Hampshire.

Whilst Foreign Secretary he meticulously studied the flora and fauna of St James's Park. One morning the water bailiff took Grey to see a Little Grebe's newly hatched brood. Mother Dabchick, rather concerned at the presence of humans, clucked to her chicks, which paddled over to her and all got onto her back and under her wings, and with them thus concealed she swam away to the safety of the reeds.

So, it was as an ornithologist of some standing that Grey should also be remembered as he had a 'Special Relationship' with Nature and wrote about such knowledgeable and charmingly. Our connection with Grey of 110 years ago, when Great Britain was at the height of her industrial power, the world's population was billions less than now and global warming would have appeared gobbledegookish with thoughts backwards in time to the then little studied Planet's hot and cold periods over millions of years. Why, it is robins!

Some residents have noticed a decline in the number of these iconic birds over the recent winter of extreme inclement weather, freezing periods but mainly due to excessive rainfall resulting in flooded habitats and environments,

thereby reducing food sources and shelter over prolonged periods. More wind storms than usual wiping out early nesters and ever changing climate patterns - all have made real inroads in bird and wildlife numbers pretty well over all continents, Thereby, it is our duty to do all we can to protect, help and regenerate our environment for wildlife. Let's hope the migrant numbers will be better this year, and the dawn choruses stronger. To assist in identifying and aiding songbirds www.songbird-survival.org.uk is a useful source.

NOTE: It may be of interest to know that Sir Edward Grey was the first British politician to establish the 'special relationship' with the United States. With the help of a songbird common to both Britain and the US, whilst on a walk with the former President of the US, Theodore Roosevelt, in the New Forest. Roosevelt heard a bird song which he recognised as the bird was also a resident in his country. The bird – the tiny Gold Crested Wren! Let's trust that this 'special relationship' remains strong in helping to solve the current difficulties in the world.

Otis Tarda

