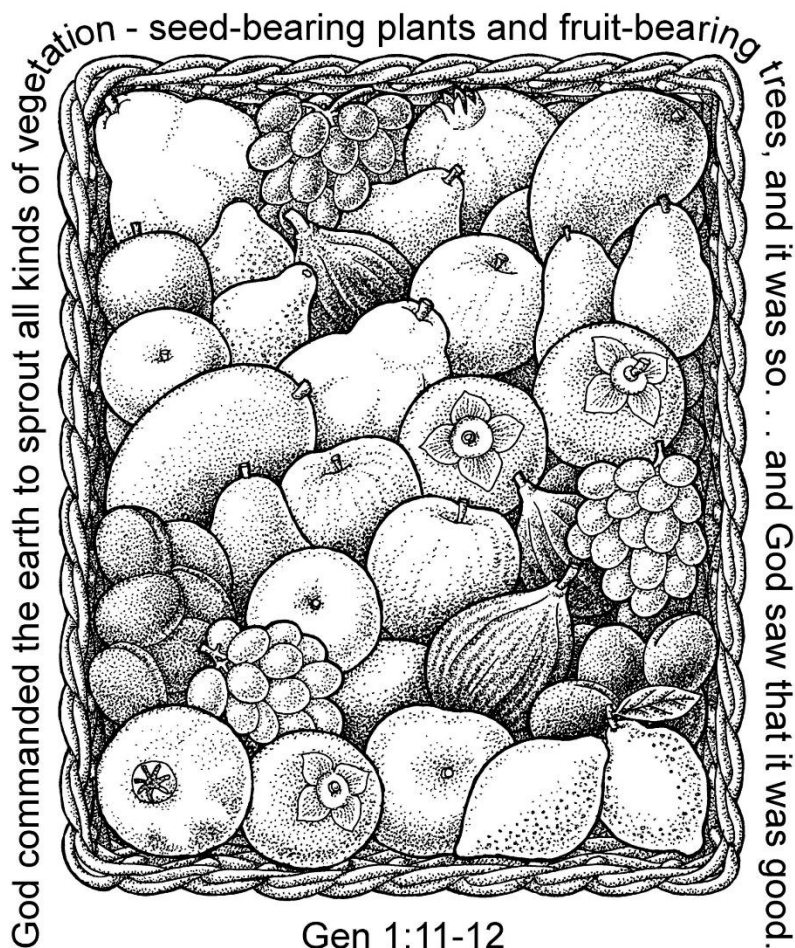
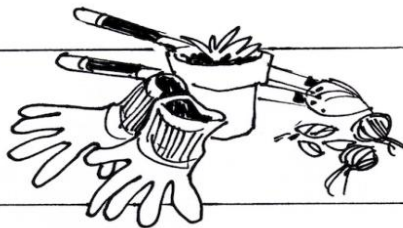


Charlton St. Peter, Rushall & Upavon
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October



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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

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Services 2nd Sunday of each month at 3.30 pm

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The Clergy Letter

It seems like a long time ago already that we were in the scorching heat, desperately searching for shade. Now, as the days grow cooler and darker, perhaps we are already thinking about escaping somewhere warmer—or simply putting another log on the fire, closing the curtains and shutting the world out for a while.

It is instinctive to protect ourselves. When life feels uncertain or difficult, we naturally look for somewhere safe, somewhere where we can feel that everything is going to be alright. We see this human instinct clearly when violence breaks out. Those caught up in conflict understandably search for safety and a place of refuge. And when we see suffering, injustice and corruption in our world, perhaps we can feel the same desire to escape. As Christians, we may even imagine heaven primarily as a place where, after we die, we will finally find rest and peace. But what if our hope is not meant to be an escape from this world?

What if Jesus teaches us to rest in peace here and now, while we are still alive—and to place our hope not in abandoning creation, but in God's promise to renew it?

The New Testament contains God's promise of salvation and eternal life with him after death, but this is not the only focus of the biblical story. From Genesis to Revelation, Scripture tells a much bigger story: God is bringing heaven and earth together, renewing his creation and making all things new.

Jesus teaches us to pray:

"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."
(*Matthew 6:10*)

That is not simply a prayer to escape to somewhere better. It is a prayer that God's good and loving purposes might become reality here, in the world he has created and loves. As Christians, we are therefore called to represent this hope in the world without letting its brokenness corrupt us. We are called to care for creation rather than abandon it, and to love and bless people rather than avoid or judge them. God isn't throwing his creation away. He is making all things new.

I came across a wonderful line on Substack this week from Mark Goering: *"A surprisingly large amount of ministry is just refusing to hurry past the person God has put in front of you."*

I wonder if that is also a helpful description of what it means to live as people of hope. Every person we encounter is worthy of our time and attention. The interruption, the conversation, the person who needs a little longer than we expected—these can become opportunities to put our hope in God's renewal into practice. Because Christian hope is not simply something we hold onto for the future. It is something we are invited to live now. Our hope in God's promised renewal of creation moves us towards people rather than away from them. It encourages us to care for the world rather than give up on it. And it teaches us to discover God's peace not by shutting the world out, but by trusting God in the midst of it. Perhaps God's renewing work is often quieter and slower than we would like: one conversation, one act of kindness, one person at a time. So, as the evenings draw in and we perhaps become a little more tempted to retreat into the warmth and comfort of home, I wonder if we should ask ourselves:

Who might God be inviting you not to hurry past?

God is inviting us to be a part of his renewal work, to reveal his kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Revd Hazel Davis

Church Services at Upavon, Rushall and Charlton St Peter

4 October (18th Sunday after Trinity)

St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Informal Worship

11 October (19th Sunday after Trinity)

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Holy Communion

St Peter's, Charlton, 6.00pm Joint Harvest Service for
Charlton & Upavon

18 October (St Luke)

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

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Café Church

25 October (Bible Sunday)

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Matins

St Peter's, Charlton, 6.00pm Parish Communion



THE ST TIMOTHY FOUNDATION

Towards 100 Benches!

Dear All,

By the time you read this article, Archbishop Samuel will have completed his visit and returned to South Sudan. I hope many of you had the opportunity to meet him and hear first-hand about the remarkable achievements that have taken place in Yambio, of which Nzara is a part, over the past twenty years. We trust that his visit will also bring some clarification and confirmation about the way forward in addressing the current challenges facing the people of South Sudan.

One such challenge is the urgent need for 100 school benches. Many classrooms are now oversubscribed, resulting in large numbers of children having to stand at the back during lessons. This appeal is in addition to our regular fundraising efforts to support teachers' salaries. If you could help us reach our target of 100 benches by Christmas, it would be a wonderful gift to the children. The total cost is £3,000.

Thank you to everyone who attended the "Hymns and Pimms" afternoon in Woodborough, and especially to Hazel for so generously hosting the event. There was plenty of enthusiasm, spirited singing, and much enjoyment as the Pimms flowed. Cream teas were served, and our St Timothy Honey and Preserves almost sold out. We are very grateful to all who came and supported us.

Our thanks also go to everyone who visited Falkner's Cottage in North Newnton for the NGS Open Day. It was another delightful and extremely busy occasion, with tea, coffee, cake, honey, and preserves all proving very popular. Visitors travelled from far and wide to attend, and if you were among them, please accept our sincere thanks for your support.

Finally, thank you to all those who have donated surplus fruit for the making of St Timothy jams, chutneys, and jellies. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, particularly as our preserve stocks had become very low. If anyone still has surplus fruit of any kind, I would be delighted to hear from you.

There will be more news of future events next month. October and November are generally quieter months for us as we prepare for the Burbage Christmas Fayre and our Christmas Wreath-Making event.

With all good wishes,

Ann

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Rushall & Charlton St Peter Village Hall

We have a modern bright hall with under floor heating, a large, fitted kitchen, off-street parking and **Wi-Fi**. are a few afternoon and evening sessions available to book for your children's party or special occasion in the next month, we also have a few regular spots for groups so please get in touch - contact details below.

The next coffee mornings are:

Saturday 3rd Oct, Saturday 7th Nov & Saturday 5th Dec

10am-12 noon

All Welcome

Future Events

Saturday 24th October – Curry and Quiz (booking essential)

Thursday 17th Dec – Christmas Bingo

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

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CHARLTON ST PETER 100 CLUB

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

Our August 100 Club Draw took place at the end of August. Congratulations to the lucky winners:

£100	R. Giles (Pewsey) No.60
£50	J. Dixon (Charlton) No.91
£50	Rushall and Charlton Village Hall No.40
£25	T. Kirby (Charlton) No.94
£25	T. Fowle (Charlton) No.19

Our September 100 Club Draw will take place at our service on Sunday 27th September at 6pm and the winners will be 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 Alma Fowle 07503 998979.

Sunday@6

Sunday October 4th at 6pm, St John's Church, Pewsey

Celebrating Creation

Please join with us to celebrate the wonders of the natural world and consider our role in helping to care for the environment, both locally and globally.

Our speaker is the Rev. Lorna Johnson,

Salisbury Diocese Climate Action leader



The Arts Society – Pewsey Vale

The Arts Society - Pewsey Vale will hold their October lecture on Tuesday 6th in the Bouverie Hall, Pewsey, at the usual time of 2.30pm.

Christopher Bradley will speak on **Libya Uncovered - Magnificent Leptis Magna, Sabratha & Cyrene.**

Ancient rock paintings deep in the Sahara show the artistic skills of semi-nomadic traders 10,000 years ago. It was under the powerful Roman Empire that Leptis Magna was the greatest city in Africa, when local leader Septimius Severus became emperor. Many private villas have only recently been uncovered, showing that the 3rd century AD was the golden age of the finest examples of Roman mosaics and art. The arrival of Islam brought new forms of mosaics, Ottoman-influenced mosques and ornate houses inside the old city of Tripoli.

Christopher Bradley is an expert in the history and culture of the Middle East and North Africa. As a professional tour guide and lecturer he has led groups throughout the Middle East and Asia. He writes extensively on Arabia. As a film producer and cameraman he has made documentaries for the BBC, National Geographic TV and Channel 4.

Doors open from 2.00pm and refreshments are available. Visitors are always welcome - £7 on the door, card or cash.

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. Upavon Parish Council: Community Notices

Upavon Parish Council Meeting

Please note that our final formal meeting of the year will take place on **Wednesday 18th November, 7:00pm** at the Village Hall. Residents are welcome to attend. Dates for next year's council meetings will be advertised in due course.

. Upavon Parish Council: Community Notices

Monthly Drop-In Sessions Upavon Parish Council invites all residents to join local councillors for our monthly informal drop-in sessions. These sessions offer a relaxed space to discuss village matters, share suggestions, ask questions, or simply connect with your community. Complimentary tea and coffee will be provided.

- **When:** Saturdays, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
- **Where:** The Ship Inn
- **Remaining 2026 Dates:** 10th October & 14th November (Please note: No session in December. 2027 dates will be published later this year).

Remembrance Sunday Lunch

- **Date:** Sunday 8th November
- **Venue:** The Ship Inn

With the kind support of The Ship Inn as our venue host, Upavon Parish Council will be hosting this year's Remembrance Sunday Lunch. Tickets will be available to purchase at the Village Shop shortly, with further event details to follow. We look forward to seeing you there!

BOOM! Yorkshire Puddings

Ingredients

-  3 large eggs
-  125g plain flour
-  150ml milk
-  ½ teaspoon salt
-  Beef dripping

Method

1. **Make the batter:**
Crack the eggs into a bowl and gently whisk together with the flour, milk and salt until smooth.
2. **Get the tin smoking hot:**
Add approximately 1/2 **teaspoon of beef dripping** to each section of a large muffin tin (or adjust accordingly for a smaller tin).
3. **Heat it up:**
Place the tin in the oven at **220°C** and allow the dripping to get seriously hot for at least **20 minutes**.
4. **The magic moment:**
Carefully remove the hot tin and quickly pour in the Yorkshire pudding batter.
5. **Bake:**
Return to the oven and cook for approximately **21 minutes**, until beautifully risen, golden and crispy.

BOOM!

Perfect Yorkshire puddings – crispy on the outside, fluffy in the middle and ready to steal the show!

Serve alongside a proper roast dinner... or however you fancy!

‘Tag’

Alan Benson
Wildlife Photographer
Photographic
Exhibition and Sale
Saturday 24th October



10AM to 4pm
Bouverie Hall Pewsey
All very Welcome

SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER 2026



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Rushall Village Hall
SN9 6EN

Good Luck
and have fun!

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Bouverie Hall, Pewsey

Sat 10 Oct 2026 2.00 - 4.00pm



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Tuesday 13th October 2026

Raffle, Bring and buy plant stall
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Dear Neighbours



We need your help please!

Free prize draw to win £100

Hilcott Village Hall



To ensure that Barnard Meadow and Hilcott Village Hall are developed to benefit the whole community, we need to know what you think, in just a few minutes.

Please complete this survey, and include your details to enter the free prize draw for an incredible £100 gift voucher!

The closing date is 24/10/2026. Thank you

<https://www.hilcottvillagehall.uk/survey>

Registered Charity Number: 285257



Do you need help getting to medical appointments?

URC Link is a charity that provides transport for people living in the Upavon, Rushall, Charlton St Peter areas to get to their medical appointments and to make other essential trips.

All our drivers are volunteers who use their own vehicles.

On each journey you can make an anonymous, voluntary contribution towards driver costs.



If we can help, please contact us on our dedicated number - **07501 004349.**



Upavon, Rushall and Charlton Link



Are you interested in becoming a volunteer LINK driver?

URC LINK is a group of local volunteers offering transport and good neighbour services to people living in Upavon, Rushall, Charlton St Peter and the surrounding areas.



The service is available to any adult who has difficulty getting to medical appointments and other activities when they are unable to drive themselves or use public transport.

We are funded by donations and drivers are reimbursed at 55p per mile with free hospital parking permits. Individual drivers choose the journey requests they accept and the frequency with which they accept them.

What should you do if you think you can help?

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer Link driver, even only occasionally, please get in touch by calling our dedicated number - **07501 004349** and ask to speak with the URC Link Secretary, who will be happy to provide more information and discuss next steps with you.

An Opportunity to Regularly Pray Together

Prayer is the foundation of God's grace moving among us, building a spiritual life, fostering a connection with God and enabling compassionate responses to all that is going on around us in the world, and among those we care for in our communities. You are welcome to come and join us fortnightly to pray at

St John the Baptist Church
on **Wednesdays, 5-6pm**



Month	Wednesdays
April	1 st 15 th 29 th
May	13 th 27 th
June	10 th 24 th
July	8 th 22 nd
August	5 th 19 th
September	2 nd 16 th 30 th
October	14 th 28 th
November	11 th 25 th
December	9 th 23 rd



In addition, we are running regular prayer drives around Pewsey and the surrounding villages on Tuesday mornings every fortnight (alternating with the Wednesday prayer meetings).

The prayer drivers stop at the village churches to pray. If you would like to join the prayer drivers when they are at your local village church to pray, please contact the church office team.office@valeofpewsey.org

Philippians 4: 6-7

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Historical Families of Rushall. (part 1)

The history of Rushall, Wiltshire, is closely associated with a succession of influential landowning families whose ownership of the manor reflected the changing political and social history of England. From the Anglo-Saxon period to the nineteenth century, these families shaped the village's economy, church, and landscape.

Before the Norman Conquest of 1066, Rushall formed part of the estates of Gytha, widow of Earl Godwin and mother of King Harold II. Following William the Conqueror's victory at Hastings, the manor was confiscated by the Crown and granted to the Benedictine Abbey of St. Wandrille de Fontenelle in Normandy. By the time of the Domesday Book in 1086, Rushall was recorded as a substantial settlement with a church and more than one hundred households, demonstrating its importance within the Vale of Pewsey.

During the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, the manor passed to the de Aunay (Daunay) family. They held Rushall for several generations and were responsible for exercising manorial authority and presenting clergy to the parish church of St Matthew. Although relatively little documentary evidence survives concerning individual members of the family, they established the medieval pattern of estate management that continued for centuries.

By 1404, the manor had come into the possession of the powerful Hungerford family. Sir Walter Hungerford, later the first Lord Hungerford, was one of the leading soldiers and statesmen of the reigns of Henry IV and Henry V, serving at the Battle of Agincourt in 1415. The Hungerfords were among Wiltshire's greatest landowners, with estates stretching across southern England, and Rushall remained part of their holdings until 1548–49, when financial pressures forced the sale of several family estates.