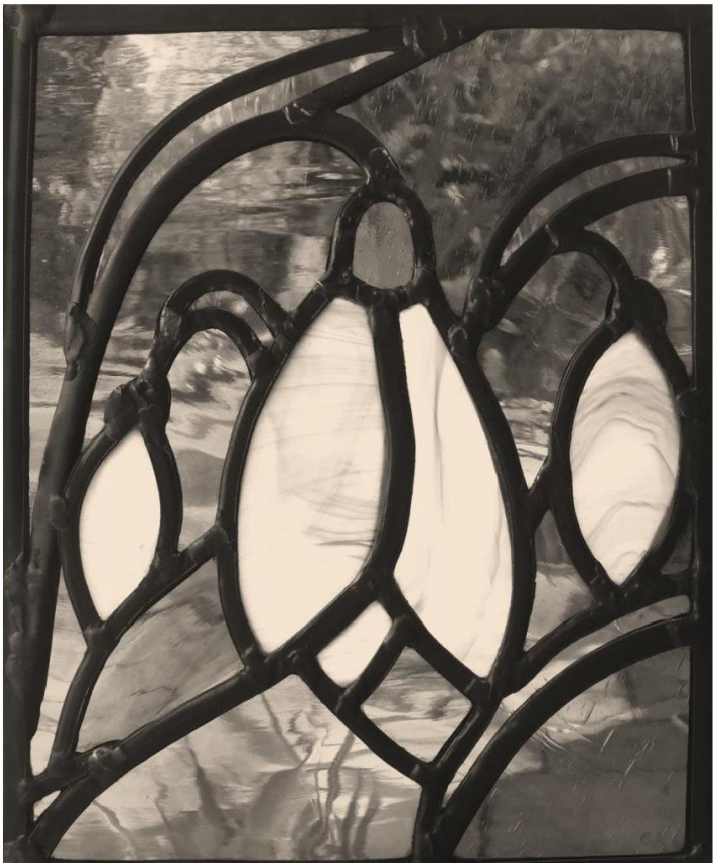
Charlton St. Peter, Rushall & Upavon

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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

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Services 2nd Sunday of each month at 3.30 pm

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The Clergy Letter

If I were to tell you that I knew something you did last year, you might be intrigued or alarmed…

However, you are unlikely to be impressed when I reveal that it is something I did too and in fact we all did – about 8 million times no less! The average person takes around 8,000,000 breaths per year; that is around 22,000 each day. Breathing is absolutely critical for life and yet most of us hardly ever think about it.

The Bible tells us that when God created the first human being, God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and the man became a living being (Genesis 2v7).

At the beginning of this New Year, how can we hope to connect with the one who has given us the very breath of life when we cannot see him?

The author of the book of Hebrews declares that it is in fact God who takes the initiative in reaching out and 'speaking' to us. *"In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son [Jesus]" (Hebrews 1v1-2)*

Most of the time, we are not conscious of our breathing unless we venture to focus on it. Likewise I would suggest we may not generally be conscious of God's presence with us, and nearness to us, unless we venture to focus on him.

In what ways might we listen out for God 'speaking' to us? Hearing God's voice literally and audibly does happen but is a relatively rare occurrence. People usually find they receive guidance from God through times of prayer, silence and Bible reading. Others encounter him by going to church; either at services or by dropping in for a time of private reflection. Another way is through the words and wisdom of others. In the light of this I very much commend the following to you:

This Lent there will be an opportunity to explore other ways God can speak to us in a short series of three talks on Tuesday evenings at Burbage Village Hall at 7:30pm:

- **27th February – Canon Gerald Osborne will explore the way God speaks to us through creation, drawing on his experience as a farmer**
- **12th March - Rev Dr Colin Heber-Percy will show how we can listen to God through music, with his eclectic collection**
- **26th March - Rev Stephen Skinner will discuss listening to God through creating and looking at art.**

Rev Mark Windsor

Church Services at Upavon, Rushall and Charlton St Peter

4 February
St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Informal Worship

11 February
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

14 February (Ash Wednesday)
St Mary's, Upavon, 7.00pm Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes

18 February
St Mary's, Upavon, 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Holy Communion BCP

25 February
St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Matins
St Peter's, Charlton St Peter, 6.00pm Parish Communion

3 March
St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Informal Worship

10 March
St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Parish Communion
St Matthew's Rushall, 11.00am Holy Communion BCP

17 March
St Mary's, Upavon, 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Holy Communion BCP

24 March
St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Matins
St Peter's, Charlton St Peter, 6.00pm Parish Communion

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

Maude Breakspear Funeral on 22nd November at North Wiltshire Crematorium
Sylvia Langford Funeral on 24th November at St Nicholas, Huish
Richard Pearce Funeral on 6th December at Holy Cross, Wilcot
Margaret Giddings Funeral on 15th December at Holy Trinity, Oare
Eva Haddrell Funeral on 28th December at St John the Baptist, Pewsey
Elizabeth Kerr Funeral on 19th January at St Mary, Alton Barnes

THE ST TIMOTHY FOUNDATION

Dear All

Thank you for your support for the Sarsen Songmen Event and the sale of crafts during December. Unfortunately, the leader of the Sarsen Songmen tested positive for Covid on the evening before the Concert and so there was no choice but to cancel. We do hope that we will be able to rearrange the event. Thank you to everyone for their understanding and generosity. I will keep you updated.

When you receive this the Alternative Burns' Night will be over and we will be looking towards Lent. During Lent we have a number of Lent Lunches taking place across the Pewsey Vale Team of Churches in support of The St Timothy Foundation. We do hope you will come to one or more of the lunches and enjoy the soup lunch as well as the company! Please see the advertisement in this magazine for more details!! Your support is so important to the people of Sudan where there is a need for more classrooms and teachers to educate the children that are now on a waiting list! You make a huge difference to their future prospects by helping to provide the youngsters with an education.

With all good wishes

Ann (Chair)
The St Timothy Foundation

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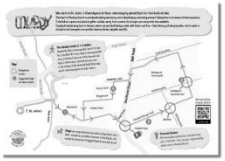


Sunday 25th February 3pm

Meeting at St. John's churchyard – starting at 3pm through the winter to catch the daylight – join us for a relaxed wander and a 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, 0–101! Ending with a hot choc or tea and often 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

THE VALE OF PEWSEY TEAM COMMUNITY EVENT

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!

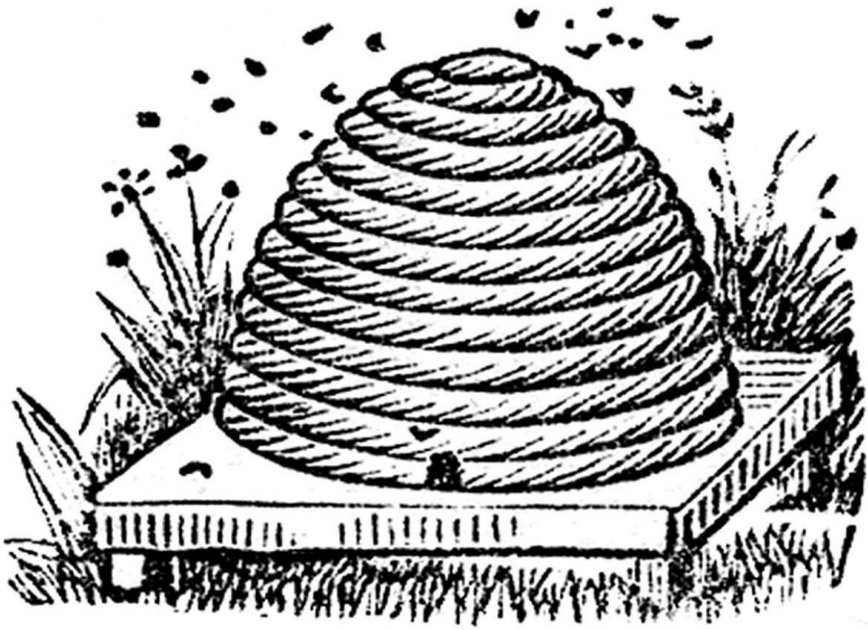
Upavon Village Hall AGM

You are invited to join us for our annual meeting
to be held at the Village hall on Wednesday 6th March at 19:00.

Light refreshments will be offered directly before the meeting.

Any questions then please contact a member of the committee.

ENFORD GARDENING CLUB



Fred Swift - The Wiltshire beekeeper

Tuesday 13th February 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
Monthly Craft Fayre
& Table Top
Sat 17th Feb
2-4pm
Upavon village Hall
Lots of Craft Stalls and Table Tops.
Cancer Research will be there with a
stall & Homemade Cakes, Tea &
Coffee raising vital finds for
Huntingtons
To Book a Stall Email Paula Brown
on curiouscrafts3@gmail


Upavon Spring Craft
Fayre & Table Top
Sat 17th March
2-4pm
Upavon Village
Hall, Andover
Road, Upavon
SN9 6ED
Lots of Craft Stalls and Table Tops. Plant
Stalls & Honey
Cancer Research will be there with a stall
& Homemade Cakes, Tea & Coffee raising
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Netheravon
Monthly Craft Fayre
& Table Top
Sat 3rd Feb
10-1pm
Lots of Craft Stalls and Table Tops.
Cancer Research will be there
with a stall & Homemade Cakes,
Tea & Coffee raising vital finds for
Huntingtons
Free Entry
Phoenix Hall, Netheravon
SP4 9PJ


Netheravon Spring Craft
Fayre & Table Top
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Friends of Netheravon school PTFA

2024 Prize Bingo Dates

Netheravon Phoenix Hall at 2pm

- **Sun 28th January 2024**
- **Sun 25th February 2024**
- **Sun 24th March 2024**
- **Sun 28th April 2024**
- **Sun 26th May 2024**
- **Sun 30th June 2024**
- **Sun 28th July 2024**
- **Sun 25th August 2024**
- **Sun 29th Sept 2024**
- **Sun 27th October 2024**
- **Sun 24th November 2024**

Upavon Lent Lunch

On Wednesday 21st February, there will be a Lent Lunch in Upavon Village Hall, 12.30 to 2.



Do come, and have some lovely hot soup and rolls and butter. Come and meet old friends or make new ones, and forget the flooding troubles of January. Spring is on its way.

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. 6th Jan, 4th Feb, 2nd Mar, 6th Apr

Jan 19th - evening - Family Beetle Drive

Feb 23rd - evening - Pop-Up-Pub

Mar 21st - evening - Bingo

Mar 24th - morning - Easter Egg Hunt

Apr 26th - evening - Plants and Ploughman's (come and buy your garden plants and enjoy a Ploughman's lunch).

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



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU!

With your splendid support and generosity at Christmas time, the Upavon Carol Band and Singers have raised the fantastic sum of £1842.78 for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

This splendid amount is the largest we've raised in the 26 years we've been playing and singing carols in aid of the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

THANK YOU is therefore due to everyone who has supported us by donating so generously to this thoroughly worthwhile cause.

HELPING HANDS NEEDED IN JULIA'S HOUSE CHARITY SHOPS

Are you looking to get out and about and make some new friends? Would you like to support your local community? Are you seeking a fun and busy work experience placement?
Volunteers are being called on to join the Julia's House team and help out at the local charity's high street shops across Wiltshire.
Julia's House is Wiltshire's children's hospice, looking after the most seriously ill children and their families. Helping hands are needed on the tills and behind the scenes, sorting donations in many of the charity's shops, including Chippenham, Devizes, Salisbury, and Warminster.
If you are interested or would like more information, please pop into one of the Julia's House shops, or get in touch with the Julia's House volunteer team at volunteer@juliashouse.org or 01202 644220.

Prospect Hospice: Step into 2024 with charity run

Step into 2024 on a healthy note by joining Prospect Hospice's Spring Run at Stanton Country Park on Sunday 3 March. Whether you're a seasoned athlete or a novice runner, this event has something for everyone, featuring time-chipped 5k and 10k routes. Beyond a celebration of fitness, the run aims to raise funds for Prospect Hospice's crucial end-of-life care services for local people.

The Spring Run is an inclusive event, welcoming participants of all levels. Regardless of whether you're aiming for a personal best or embracing a healthier lifestyle, this event invites you to be a part of a memorable day filled with community spirit.
"We're delighted to bring our Spring Run back to Stanton Park for another year of exciting challenges and community spirit," said Sheryl Crouch, head of income at Prospect Hospice. "This event is not just about running; it's about coming together, pushing boundaries, and making a positive impact on the lives of those in need. Whether you've experienced the hospice's care or just simply want to run and raise funds for a great cause, we welcome you to join us for a day of fun, fitness, and fundraising."

To learn more and register, visit www.prospect-hospice.net/springrun

The Pewsey Vale Arts Society

Lectures are held in the Bouverie Hall, Pewsey at 2.30pm on the first Tuesday of the month. Refreshments are available from 2.00pm. Non-members are welcome - £7 on the door, or enquire about membership!

The Society also offers occasional Study Days and Visits. For further information, please email tas.pewseyvale@gmail.com

Tuesday 6 February 2024

Our lecture is entitled **Britain as Workshop of the World: The Great Exhibition of 1851 and the Establishment of the V&A Museum**, presented by Anna Warrilow. This lecture focuses on the design and impact of the Great Exhibition held at the Crystal Palace and how it generated a need for a 'legacy institution', which led to the establishment of the South Kensington Museum. It explores the significance of the building as a work of art, and discusses the work of William Morris, Frederick Lord Leighton and other influential designers of the Victorian Age.

Anna Warrilow has had substantial experience as a curator at the V&A and has a particular interest in the history of London, which she teaches at undergraduate level. She is a Blue Badge Guide and arranges private tours in London.

Upavon Parish Council

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

Instagram: @upavonparishcouncil

CHARLTON ST PETER 100 CLUB

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

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

£100 B. Stygal (Charlton) No.2
£50 W. Hughes (Carmarthenshire) No.37
£50 J.R. Bottomley (Leics.) No.23
£25 C.J. Oliphant (Charlton) No.45
£25 H. Mansell (Manningford) No.53

Our December Christmas 100 Club Draw took place after our Christmas Eve Service on
Sunday 24 December at 6.30pm. Congratulations to the lucky winners:-

£250 J. Giles (Pewsey) No.61
£50 C. Dixon (Hants) No.82
£50 J. Darby (Charlton) No.74
£25 T. Kirby (Charlton) No.99
£25 N. Golding (Charlton) No.87

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

LENT SOUP LUNCHES

In aid of the people of Nzara, South Sudan

14th February – Ash Wednesday
11.30am short act of worship
followed by soup lunch from 12.00
at The Church Rooms, Church Road, Woodborough, SN9 5PH

Wednesday 21st February – 12.30 – 2, Upavon Village Hall, 11 Andover Road, SN9 6EB

Tuesday 27th February – 12.00, Penymaes, Burbage Road, Easton Royal, SN9 5LT

Thursday 29th February – 12.00, Box Cottage, Beechingstoke, SN9 6HQ

Thursday 7th March – 12.00, Pewsey Tennis Club, SN9 5AQ

Tuesday 12th March – 12.00, Rushall Village Hall, SN9 6EN

Monday 18th March – 12.00, Lawn Farm House, Milton Lilbourne, SN9 5LQ

No charge but donations are welcome for
The St Timothy's Foundation
Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you!

Please call Ann on 01980 630256 if you would like more information

Nurture Nature February 2024

Make what you will of COP28, the Conference of the Parties – however after COP27 it was transformational in mentioning finally the intention to cut emissions, so it transpired that it was better than expected. In a last minute change to the final statement it declared a transitional move away from oil, coal and gas. However, we shall follow carefully to see if the biggest fossil fuel producers, China, Russia, India, the US, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and the Gulf States do start to move away from such, as fossil fuels are the biggest environmental atmospheric polluters. Will we be carbon neutral by 2030?

The BTO (British Trust for Ornithology) has reported that there have been changes to migrant bird patterns – due to habitat loss and climate irregularities. So far this year there appear to be fewer winter migrants such as fieldfares, redwings, bramblings in the area. Of course, there will be regional variations around the country. Conversely, there appears to be more migrational movement of blackbirds. Waxwings could appear should the weather harden in Scandinavia. They love rosehips, such as those on Rosa Fellenberg. We haven't been alerted to local starling murmurations so far this winter. Roosting areas do change, of course, however, this might be a sign of the decline of this hardy species.

Some folk have reported bumblebee activity even on cold days. There are such hardy bee species with yellow rears that visit nectar bearing flowering shrubs such as winter flowering honeysuckle, abelia and mahonia. Often bumblebees will fly into sheds, summerhouses etc when doors are open, and thereby they get trapped and die when such outbuildings are shut up, so please check for bumblebees first. Seabirds especially are still suffering from avian 'flu, and our birds of gardens, fields and woods can be affected. So please keep feeders clean, water in bird baths changed daily, and if you haven't cleaned out and checked bird boxes for damage and repair, please try to do so by the end of the month.

If you know hedgehogs are hibernating in your garden please ensure they are safe from domestic pets. We had a terrier particularly interested in our hedgehog boxes so we had to fence them off with chicken wire, cutting a 15mm x 15mm (6" x 6") ground level opening for the sow and hoglets to use when born.

It is encouraging to read that more parishes are earmarking areas for nurturing nature in their local plans, e.g. planting copses, managing wild flower meadows – so essential for pollination for food production. Worldwide pollinators are threatened as more and more land is lost to development and erosion due to changing climate patterns.

Some topical info – the Asiatic Black Bear, Yampil, rescued from the bombed zoo in Ukraine where most of the animals were killed by Russian bombing, has now arrived at the Five Sisters Zoo in West Lothian to continue his recovery. At the other end of the scale do try to watch two clips on the internet – 'Tidy Mouse in Shed' and 'Man Builds Entire Village For Mouse He Saw In His Sheffield Garden'. Children will be absorbed by these clips. We wondered how walnut halves appeared in unexpected locations around the garden!

Finally, a few words about the spectacular monogamous albatrosses, which lay a single egg every one or two years. The Bycatch kill of these magnificent birds – an estimated 100,000 a year from just high seas fishing fleets. So human activities are threatening to extinction some of the sub species of these majestic birds. No wonder David Attenborough is so concerned about how many species worldwide are declining, and have been ever more rapidly since the 1970s. It is up to us to stem these staggering declines in birds and mammals for the sake of our children and grandchildren.

Happy New Conservation Year

Otis Tarda

ENFORD FILM EVENINGS

Tuesday 27th February

James Bond special – Dr No

This was the Bond film which was given the most votes at the village Christmas Fayre. Although this was Ian Fleming's sixth novel, it was the first film in the series and starred Sean Connery with Ursula Andress, Joseph Wiseman, Jack Lord and of course Lois Maxwell as Miss Moneypenny. The bikini worn by Ursula Andress sent sales of two piece swimwear soaring!

Doors open at 6.30 for 7pm start. Running 1 hour 50 minutes preceded by an introduction by Hugo Vickers.

Tickets £8 to include a glass of wine and nibbles!

Dates for your diary – by request, an Audrey Hepburn film, Charade with Cary Grant on Tuesday March 19th.