

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 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

Weekday mass 10.00 am; Vigil Mass 6.00 pm Saturdays; Mass 11.00am Sundays

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Pewsey Methodist Church, Sunday services 10.30am

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Services 2nd Sunday of each month at 3.30 pm

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The Clergy Letter

“The joy of the Lord is your strength.” Nehemiah 8v10

On a daily basis in our world and in the news, we are confronted with man’s inhumanity to man. In the light of complex global problems, it is hardly surprising that so many people struggle with an overwhelming sense of anxiety or despair; wondering where or even if peace and joy are to be found.

The book of Nehemiah recounts a significant occasion on which God’s people came together to turn to back to him in worship and sorrow for their shortcomings. They had been struggling in the face of both internal and external pressures. Yet God in his faithfulness was restoring this community in spite of overwhelming odds.

As they gathered they rejoiced in recounting God’s promises and delighted in his presence. They realised that true peace and joy was not to be found in ideal circumstances or material prosperity but in the Lord. The message of Nehemiah is equally relevant to us today in a world in desperate need of the assurance of God’s mercy and love.

Are you longing to find that peace and joy in your life?

I wholeheartedly commend an evening of entertainment and joy with Jonathan Veira beginning at 7pm on Saturday 23rd November at St John the Baptist Church, Pewsey.

“It is rare these days to find someone who can sing absolutely beautifully, entertain and make people of all ages laugh. In his hugely popular one man show, Jonathan Veira has established a reputation for just this.

He sings songs of great diversity to an incredibly high standard; engaging everyone.

His anecdotal stories have people rocking with laughter.

His easy, natural conversational style of sharing his faith journey combined with superb music and riotous anecdotes is enthralling, engaging and inspiring. He draws you in, and before long you feel as if he is singing and talking just for you.

This is not just a concert – it feels like time spent with a good friend.”

Tickets cost £10 and can be purchased via the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-with-jonathan-veira-show-tickets-1033671458157>

If you would like more details then please get in touch with me:

Tel: 01672 564265; Email: markwindsor923@btinternet.com

Rev Mark Windsor

Church Services at Upavon, Rushall and Charlton St Peter

3 November (All Saints/All Souls)

St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Informal Worship

St Mary's, Upavon, 4.00pm All Souls

10 November (Remembrance Sunday)

St Mary's, Upavon, 10.30am Remembrance

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

17 November (2nd Sunday before Advent)

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

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Parish Communion

24 November (Christ the King)

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Matins BCP

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

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

Doreen Jones Funeral at West Wiltshire Crematorium on 16th September

Maurizia Quarta Funeral at St John the Baptist, Pewsey on 3rd October

Baptisms

Edward Ralph Whiting was baptised at St Nicholas, Huish on 1st August 2024

THE ST TIMOTHY FOUNDATION

Dear All

Another month has passed and we are getting ready for a final push to raise funds for next year's contribution towards education in Nzara ad Yambio in South Sudan.

Since I last wrote we have had a Quiz evening in Upavon which was great fun and very well attended. A good time was had by all. Thanks must go to Amanda and Shaun Bausor who did all the work to arrange the event and sell tickets. This was followed up by the annual Skittles evening in Pewsey, organised by Mike Mason. Thank you to all who came, even though there was a last minute change of date to Friday 4th October!

As we look towards November and December I am pleased to say we have all our characters allocated for the St Andrew's Day Murder Mystery. However, if you would like to register for a Murder Mystery in 2025 then do go onto the St Timothy website and register your details so that we can contact you in good time for the next one.

A new event this year is a Christmas Wreath Making Workshop. This will be held on Thursday, 12 th December in the Education Centre at The Heritage Centre in Pewsey. It will begin at 9.30 am and will end with a buffet lunch. All the materials and lunch are included for a price of £40 but please do bring your own secateurs. Please see the separate advertisement in this magazine for further details.

As we approach Christmas we will also be taking part in some of the Christmas Fayres in the area. In particular we will be at the Burbage Christmas Tree Sale from the 7 th to 8 th December. We will have Christmas decorations, gifts, preserves and a few indoor plants for sale.

So, lots going on! Please do let me know if you would like to be involved in any way. Everyone's contribution is always very welcome – every bit counts and is valued and goes to support the people of South Sudan. No contribution is too small!
With all good wishes

Ann (Chair)
The St Timothy Foundation

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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.

NOVEMBER

Sat 2nd Coffee Morning 10am to 12pm

Sat 9th Christmas Fair 2pm to 4.30pm

You may find that unusual Christmas gift or get some ideas to help you celebrate.

Sat 23rd Curry and Quiz Night 7pm.

Following last year's highly successful event you are guaranteed a great evening with delicious curry and a bar.

DECEMBER

Sat 7th Coffee Morning 10am to 12pm

Thu 12th Christmas Bingo 7pm.

Lots of festive fun and prizes

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](#)

Upavon Church Christmas Fair **Sunday 24th November** **2.00 - 4.00 pm**

Join us at St Mary's Church for handmade gifts and crafts, Christmas wreaths, Santa's Grotto, tombola, mulled wine, cakes, carols with Upavon Carol Band, and much more!

St James the Least of All

On why the C of E should never combine parishes

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I suppose it had to come, but combining parishes is now firmly on the agenda for our villages.

I had always wondered what the first Earl of Stowe was trying to prove, building a church here in 1347 to accommodate 800 people when the total population has never exceeded 250. In the short term – which in this village is measured in centuries - it seems to have been to house the tombs of his 13 successors. I now realise it was to make uniting with adjoining parishes in the 21st century more difficult. Clearly the first Earl had formidable foresight. None of our neighbouring churches seem too keen to share their reserves to help maintain our cathedral-sized building.

The threat of the closure of St Herve the Bard has, inevitably, caused outrage – not so much from its regular congregation of three, but from all those in the village who would never think of attending. People do so like to have a church not to go to.

The church of St Bregowine, built by a wealthy parishioner in the 19th century because she did not like the high church practices of the parish church of St Iwig, is refusing to re-unite, even though the two churches stand only 100 yards apart, in a village with a diameter of 300 yards. If only they could get over the trauma of seeing the incumbent putting water in the wine on Easter Day in 1894.

(Although it must be conceded that the Bregowinians were equally affronted that when the daughter church opened in 1895, they found that the Iwigers had provided no brass troughs at the end of the pews for umbrellas. That they have subsequently refused to install them has only compounded the offence.)

Meanwhile St Plegmund is in discussions with the Church of South India as a way of avoiding uniting with anyone. Should it happen, I will be interested to see what travelling expenses the new incumbent claims. It will be difficult to tell when the present incumbent resigns, as he has not been seen at a clerical meeting for the last 30 years. Some of my colleagues suspect he is mythical, that a bloodless coup took place in the 1980s and that the church is now entirely run by the Mothers' Union.

The church of St Maximus of Constantinople in our nearest town has rather grandly offered to take all of our churches under its wing, but as a parishioner has pointed out: how could we possibly consider joining with a parish that fought on the other side at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485.

In the meantime, we will serenely carry on, as we seem to have done for the past six centuries; parish mergers and reductions in numbers of clergy seem to be of less interest than debating the suggestion that we change the brand of coffee served after Services.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

The Arts Society - Pewsey Vale November and December lectures.

The next lecture will be held on Tuesday November 5th at 2.30pm in the Bouverie Hall, Pewsey. Our speaker is Joanna Banham, who will talk on **A Decorative Art: The History of Wallpaper**

Wallpaper is often regarded as the least precious of the decorations produced for the home. Yet the history of wallpaper is a long and fascinating subject, dating back to the 16th century, encompassing a huge range of beautiful patterns. Created both by anonymous hands and some of the best known designers of the 19th and 20th centuries, wallpaper showcases changing styles and tastes across the centuries, from the first black and white patterns, to the fashion for all things Chinese and the designs of William Morris and the Arts & Crafts movement, to the taste for modernist and contemporary design.

Joanna Banham is a freelance curator, lecturer and writer. She has held the posts of Head of Adult Learning at the V&A, Head of Learning and Access at the National Portrait Gallery and Head of Public Programmes at Tate Britain. She is currently curating an exhibition on William Morris and the Arts and Crafts Movement in museums in both Madrid and Barcelona.

Doors open at 2.00pm for refreshments and visitors are always welcome - £7 cash on arrival.

The December lecture of The Arts Society - Pewsey Vale, will be held on Tuesday December 3rd at 2.30pm in the Bouverie Hall, Pewsey. Our speaker is Clive Stewart-Lockhart who will talk on **A Voyage of Discovery: The Paintings of George Raper**.

George Raper was a young midshipman on H.M.S. Sirius, part of the First Fleet to Australia 1788—1792. A chance discovery of a group of unsigned watercolours of exotic birds and flowers, became one of the greatest finds of previously unknown flora and fauna of the Sydney area. This talk explores Raper's four year long voyage, overcoming disease, starvation and shipwreck and his return home, with his exquisite watercolours intact.

Clive Stewart-Lockhart began his career with Sotheby's in Bond Street and held senior management positions with the two leading UK regional auction houses over a period of 38 years. He was a familiar face on Antiques Roadshow for 23 years, and was Chair of the Society of Fine Art Auctioneers. He speaks regularly on a variety of art-related topics, both in the UK and abroad.

Doors open at 2.00pm for refreshments and visitors are always welcome - £7 cash on arrival.

In Aid of Army Benevolent Fund

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2024
12.00 MIDDAY**

The Annual Remembrance Sunday Curry Lunch is again being held
in
ENFORD VILLAGE HALL

NB An alternative main course and/or vegetarian option can be
arranged instead of Curry
Please let us know when you book

To book tickets and for further information please contact:
Tel: 01980 670501
Email: enfordvillagehall@btinternet.com

Book early to avoid disappointment as numbers are limited!
Tickets £25 per person

Catering provided by Emma Harrison
Bar: Wine and Soft Drinks available

Please let us know any dietary requirements and / or
if an alternative main course is required

Cancellations please by Friday 1st November when numbers will
be confirmed to the Caterer

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

- **Sunday 24th November**

Upavon Parish Council

UPC Meeting Dates for 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

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

St Matthew's Church, Rushall

Come Join Us For A Talk By
General Sir Richard Shirreff
On
'Strategic Implications of the Russian War in Ukraine'
Friday, 8th November 2024, 7.00pm

The talk will last for approximately 35 minutes followed by a question and answer session. Refreshments will be available afterwards.

Tickets will cost £15 payable in advance.

Payment Details:

Account Name: PCC Rushall

Account No: 01724895

Sort Code: 30 92 63

Reference for the payment: Your name plus the word 'TALK'

Note! Please advise Sophie Radiguet (sophie@wohanka.org) if you are interested in attending copy to richard@wohanka.org


Sunday 24 November 3pm @ St. John's Pewsey



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

There are well-known health benefits to time spent in nature, but there's also community, thought-provoking topics, a craft activity, hot drinks, yummy snacks and often a fire pit to huddle round at the end!



 The whole route is 1.3 miles, 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.

www.valeofpewsey.org/muddy-church



CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP



Thursday 12 December 09:30 AM

**Education Room, Pewsey Heritage Centre, High St, Pewsey
SN9 5AF**

**Visit www.sttimothy.org.uk or use the QR Code to
book online**

Alternatively, contact Ann Massey on 01980 630256

MAXIMUM 20 ATTENDEES

***COME ALONG AND ENJOY A MORNING OF FUN
AND ACTIVITY LEARNING FROM SALLY HOW TO
MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS WREATH***

***PLEASE BRING SECATEURS. ALL OTHER
MATERIALS AND A BUFFET LUNCH ARE
PROVIDED***

£40

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE ST TIMOTHY
FOUNDATION**

email: info@sttimothy.org.uk





UPAVON VILLAGE HALL

UPCOMING EVENTS

RAISING MONEY FOR CHARITIES

**30
AUG**

BINGO EVENING

Food and game cards included. Cash prizes!

19:00 - 21:30

£10

**27
SEP**

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Coffee and cake

10:00 - 12:00

**9
OCT**

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

How to use a defibrillator

14:30 - 16:00

£5

**23
NOV**

BOARD GAMES EVENING

Refreshments included

19:00 - 22:00


£5

**13
DEC**

CHRISTMAS WELCOME EVENING

Join us for drinks and nibbles, and see our decorated hall

18:00 - 19:30



More details on posters nearer the events or
from upavonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com



****** NEW WI OPENING ******

WHITE HORSE (Rushall)

Rushall & Charlton St. Peter Village Hall

**Every 4th Wednesday of the month
from 7pm – 9pm**

To find out more please contact:

Wi.whitehorse@gmail.com



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ENFORD GARDENING CLUB



Flowers for a Victorian Christmas

Maureen Hinton

Tuesday 12th November 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

SATURDAY 2nd November 2024



Come along to this fun packed evening of light hearted quizzing.



Have up to 6 people in a
team

For tickets contact Paula Baker on
01672 851393/07702 339877
bakerhousehold2@btinternet.com

All proceeds to Hilcott Village Hall & St
James's Church

Ploughman's
Supper

Bring your own
bottle

£10.00 per person

7.00pm – 10.30pm

(Doors open at 6.30pm)

Rushall Village Hall

SN9 6EN

Good Luck
and have fun!

CHARLTON ST PETER 100 CLUB

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

Congratulations to our lucky September 100 Club winners:-

£100 C. Larkin (London) No.57

£50 J. Bottomley (Leics.) No.22

£50 A. Watchorn No.66

£25 J. Giles (Pewsey) No.60

£25 H. Dixon (Hungerford) No.69

Our October 100 Club Draw will take place after our service on Sunday 27th October 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.

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!**

Nurture Nature: November 2024

Following on from jackdaws and rooks in earlier articles are crows, which are highly intelligent, having huge brains – their brain to body ratio is even larger than humans. They mate for life, can remember faces, and have been known to attack humans who've harmed any of their family. They hold funerals when one dies, they'll fashion tools, such as a sharpened stick, they'll bend forked twigs into hooks and use them to scoop larvae and worms from holes in wood. They cache their food and even speak in regional dialects, but sadly they prey on smaller birds, their nestlings and eggs too. They eat frogs and snakes and also snails. There are 99 species of land snails in Britain and Ireland from about 27 families, some of which are common in gardens. In the next issue there'll be info about magpies and jays.

It is rare for birds to attack humans, however, recently an 86 year old pensioner was seriously injured in the French village of Verrieres near the Gorges du Tarn in Aveyron by a 9ft wingspan Griffon Vulture, one of the largest European birds of prey. The LPO, France's bird protection league, reintroduced the species and there are over 850 breeding pairs in Aveyron producing 500 young annually. The local farmers are none too pleased because of increasing attacks on livestock. With the introduction of White Tailed Eagles in Southern England farmers here too are on the lookout for attacks. Some readers might remember Eric Hosking, the famous bird photographer, losing an eye from a tawny owl attack in the 1950s due to getting too close to the nest. He admitted it was his fault.

Many of you will have read about the WWF's (World Wildlife Fund) statement recently that humans are ruining the planet due to over-population (UK now increased to 67 million and growing, the World nearly 9 billion) and overdeveloping and ruining the environment. Destruction of forests in South America and Central Africa are so exploited that they are reaching tipping points and may never recover due to continuing destruction. In the UK the Government has recently announced special Envoys for Nature and Climate. Let us hope that they will make a significant difference to the protection of flora and fauna in the British Isles.

There is a current 'nature emergency' now for butterflies of the British Isles. Species in the danger zone amongst others this century are: Gatekeeper (-32%), the Common Blue (-52%), the Small Tortoiseshell and Green-Veined White (both -65%). The writer saw only one Red Admiral this autumn and no Peacocks all summer. Bat numbers are also down. We must be a force for Climate and Nature, otherwise all could be lost –perhaps we should all book our places on Musk's rocket to Mars!

It's pleasing to see our garden birds in their smart new plumages after moulting. Perky new tails, brighter coloured feathers and more singing to establish their territories. However, there are fewer of them - fewer blackbirds, it's the first time we have no resident ones. Also starlings, house sparrows, greenfinches and goldfinches. Other residents are also reporting declining bird species and numbers in their gardens.

It's the time of year to check bird boxes and hibernaculums (hedgehog boxes) and repair or replace as necessary. Don't forget to plant a tree for prosperity and carbon capture. Remember to check bonfires for hibernating hedgehogs and dormice before 5th November