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## CHURCHES IN THE UPPER WYLYE VALLEY (Tytherington)



The church of St James, Tytherington was built in the early 12th century and is reputed to be the oldest in Wiltshire.

Between 1139 – 1147, Empress Matilda, daughter of Henry I, had a residence in Heytesbury and endowed twenty eight acres of land at Tytherington, to the church, common pasture for cattle and horses - together with a manor or dwelling for two chaplains to serve St James' church.

The bell, set in an open cot, in the west gable, is thought to have been cast by William Cor of Aldebourne, and is the oldest in the county.

The small rose window in the north side of the nave is early twelfth century. Part of the church was restored in 1891 for one tenth of the cost today and again in 1957, when, after work was carried out, the church was declared redundant by diocesan authorities who wanted to close it down. The people of Tytherington rejected this decision and the church remained open.

One hundred years ago the population of the village was 140 – today it is approximately 50, and once again, the people have decided they want to keep their church and have accepted responsibility for the work of restoration, and for total upkeep of the church and its ground.



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# THE DIARY

Please let Robin know of any Social Dates you have so they can be included in the diary. We deliver this magazine door to door to all our ten villages, and the editorial team would love to have a greater overview of what is going on in the villages.

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## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Monday 5th March

Paul Boissier - CEO The RNLI

'Saving Lives at Sea - The RNLI: Current successes & challenges and its future'  
Charity - RNLI

Vice Admiral Paul Boissier joined the RNLI in 2009 after a successful career in the Royal Navy involving command of both submarines and latterly surface ships, before promotion to roles as the Chief of Fleet Support and latterly as Deputy Commander in Chief Fleet. He is responsible not only for the day to day running of the 238 lifeboat stations around the coast of the UK and Ireland, with running costs of over £177m, but also for the considerable international dimension to the RNLI's work, including the development of future classes of lifeboat.

## THE WOOLSTORE THEATRE

Friday 23rd March

in aid of The Soldiers' Charity -  
The Army Benevolent Fund

Bar Opens at 7pm, talk begins at 7.30pm

## THE REALITIES OF WAR- THE FALKLANDS

Mark Aston joined the Army as a Boy Soldier in 1964 serving in 1st Bn Glosters from 1966. Served 4 by 4-month tours and a resident battalion tour in Derry and the Lower Falls in Belfast. Passed SAS Selection in 1978. Served further tours in Northern Ireland. Took part in Op Corporate (whole South Atlantic Operation) in 1982. Chief Instructor at the International Long- Range Reconnaissance Patrol School and Infantry Recce Division at School of Infantry. Discharged in 2003. Civil Servant with Infantry Trials and Development Unit until 2013.



## PRAYER GROUP

We meet weekly.

If you have any prayer requests, please call Anne on 840339.

## POPPY AWARD PRESENTATIONS

The 2017 British Legion Poppy Collection saw 5 collectors from the Heytesbury, Knook, Tytherington area earn Awards for Long Service to the Poppy Appeal. Mrs Mary Phillips, the area Poppy Organiser, has recently been pleased to present Heytesbury CofE Primary School with a 30 year Certificate; Mr George Mitchell with a 15 year tie tack and Miss Sarah Buttenshaw, Mrs Kirsten Geisler and Mrs Denise Williams with 5 year Certificates.

The Poppy Collection is a vital part of the fundraising for the Welfare of Veterans and their families. As the area organiser, I would very much like to give up this year and would like to hear from anyone who would be willing to take over my area. As 18 collectors are already in place, there is no actual door-to-door collecting involved for the organiser. My email contact details can be obtained from the editor,

Robin Culver. (robinwculver@mac.com)

Mary Phillips

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friends of Heytesbury,  
Knook & Tytherington Churches  
Heytesbury Church, 11th April 2018  
at 6pm

Honorary Treasurer required  
for the Friends of Heytesbury, Knook & Tytherington Churches from April 2018 due to the current incumbent retiring.

Replies to Peter Andrews 01985 840517

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION HEYTESBURY BRANCH

Our next meeting will be held on 28th March 2018 in the Residents' Hall of the Hospital of St John and will be a talk by Geoff Taylor about his life in the Police Force.

Visitors always welcome.

## THANK YOU

The Salisbury Ukulele Band concert at the Woolstore Theatre for The Wylve Valley Disabled Children's Charity on 27th January raised £675 (Box Office £460.50, Raffle £164.50, Donation £50) towards the summer camp at Punchbowl Farm. Thanks to everyone who attended and to all who provided food.

## ST JOHN'S SOCIAL EVENTS

Wednesday 14th March

Coffee morning 11am to Noon  
we are collecting for two local charities  
this year: The Link and MS Society.

## ANZAC COMMEMORATIONS 2018

ANZAC Day will be commemorated by a Service in the Codford St Mary Cemetery at 06.30am on Wednesday 25th April 2018. Everyone is welcome; park in the High Street only and walk up to Cemetery, there will be off-road overflow space available in the paddock at No 55, which will be signposted.

Arrangements for the Gunfire Breakfast will be published in April 2018.

**WILLIAM HOGARTH**  
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# MINISTRY LETTER

## WHAT ARE OUR CHURCHES FOR?

I recently met a gentleman in church whose job takes him to some truly terrible places in our war-torn world. What he experiences makes him almost despair of the goodness of human nature. And although he isn't a regular church attender, the church for him is a symbol of hope; of hope that we humans can be better and can love and care.

Some people think that our churches are all about God, but that is only half the story! They are also places that talk about what it is to be human. They are places where human beings find worth and acceptance, not because they are especially important or likeable, but because they are 'people', 'warts and all' as the phrase goes! Our churches are places that bring hope - seeking the best in us and for us; they encourage us to be people who are compassionate and considerate. They are places that remind us that the best life is one lived in the service of others, giving up what we want for what others need.

Our churches stand out in our villages as places where a different conversation can be had about who we are.

This is possible because at the

heart of the Christian faith is an affirmation that every person is created by God. Everyone. Each of us is uniquely special. All men and women are equal before God and everyone has the potential to offer the world something truly astonishing! Jesus, our teacher, said this time and again in words and actions, as he lived his life of peace and grace.

As the gentleman mentioned above was suggesting, this potential is not always fulfilled and human beings can be deeply flawed. They can be sad and broken and our churches can help to bring about change. We have prayers of confession and forgiveness, we have the possibility of a new start, and, as we are forgiven, so we can forgive others. They allow time and space for reflection and for making the right choices and the realisation that we can make a fresh start, again and again.

As I leave this valley to move back home to the Isle of Wight, I see the church in each village as this precious symbol and

I hope that everyone will continue to feel welcomed, loved and appreciated as they enter them. I hope that they will remain places for public and private mourning, for joyful celebration and community cohesion. I hope that they will stay places that remind you all that life is a blessed gift, a gift given by God to us ALL.

God Bless

Rev Ali x

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Then they took the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, others greenery which they had cut in the fields. And those who went in front and those who followed were all shouting 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! ... Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

*Contributed by Robin Hungerford*

## ECO CHURCH – A new survey

Some of the churches in the Team have been working towards achieving an Eco Church Award. However, some aspects of the survey are not user friendly when applied to rural churches, many of which are listed buildings where double glazing stained glass or putting solar panels on the roof might be a tad unrealistic!

The good news is that we are promised a new survey format from 31st January 2018 which we hope will be more empathic towards rural churches. The new survey format will take account of listed building status and of the different demographics of churches, as well as recognizing a variety of church styles.

We hope that more of the churches in the team will now be encouraged to follow the path of caring for God's earth.



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# THE TIME HAS COME TO SAY GOODBYE

Ali Morley, our Priest-in-Charge, will be leaving us this month. Although she has only been with us a brief time, she has inspired us with her zest for life and care for those around her. Many of you have contributed your reflections on her ministry . . .

“Ali is both one of the friendliest and most enthusiastic people I know, but perversely she is also quite scary. The friendliness and enthusiasm are obvious. The scariness comes from her ability to encourage introspection that can sometimes make people really quite uncomfortable - mainly because she makes it clear that introspection is all very well, but importantly it needs to be followed by action! A founder of the Progressive Christianity Movement, Bishop John Spong, describes the God that he has met in Jesus as calling him to live fully, love wastefully and to be all that he can be. He states that when he does all these things he is able to make God visible and real for others. Ali appears to live by this too and her infectious enthusiasm encourages others to do the same. In her short time in the Upper Wyllye Valley, she has been instrumental in starting or guiding a number of individual and collective journeys that will continue to challenge us to aim higher long after she has gone.” RJ

“Right from the moment I heard her first sermon I knew that here we had found a very gifted and determined priest, whose impact on me personally (let alone her impact on others in the valley who would hear her) would be profound. Her mind, as she showed us her thought processes, ranged widely over a challenging series of sources and connections. While being truly bible-based, her reading had shown her how to link Christian ideas with those of other profound thinkers whose truths we need to hear, and to reveal interpretations which made one think hard. She is, as I soon discovered, relaxed and yet rigorous, and I cannot recall a time in my life when I've so looked forward to a priest climbing into the pulpit. I will personally miss her influence and her attitudes profoundly. She has also been wholly supportive of the PCC, as we explored ideas on re-ordering, while challenging us to combine caution with innovation. We wish her every joy in her new position on the Isle of Wight.” AB

“I found Ali to be a breath of fresh air, not afraid to say what she believed in; someone who enthuses in many directions. It was a real pleasure getting to know her and I am sad she is leaving.” VE

“Ali Morley's time as Rector here was short, but she has left us a positive and lasting legacy. As a countrywoman, she had a natural empathy with her constituency and thereby an insight into rural ministry. She laid her theological credentials out clearly so everyone could understand the bases on which she practiced her faith, led her team and ministered to her congregations. She expressed a leaning toward a Broad Church - one that firmly insists that 'the essence of Christianity lies not in doctrine, but in a Christian character' and it was refreshing to meet a priest who was so open and honest about her beliefs. People knew 'where she was coming from' and no-one could argue when she reminded us that the teachings of Christ are available to everybody, that Anglican churches are rooted in Common Worship and that the Creed is the centre of our faith. Above all, she encouraged us to enjoy what we do. Enjoyment is contagious and joy is a gift from God - and she used that gift unsparingly.

We are going to miss the clarity of her vision in a world where so much is misty at best and confused at least; we will miss her energy and strength, her integrity and her commitment; we will miss the challenges she set us and the

questions she posed; we will miss her openness, the perspicuity of her sermons and her obvious love for us and the valley where we live. We wish her well and send her on her journey with a bouquet of our love and our heartfelt thanks.” DS



“How can I sum up my memories of Ali? She was challenging, inspiring, puzzling, funny, idiosyncratic, sometimes infuriating and so full of energy that I felt tired just watching her. When Ali arrived, she was so different to John Tomlinson, who was loved by so many of us that the explosive energy that Ali brings to all that she does was a bit of a shock to the system. She brightened up the lives of many of us, she lit the blue touch paper on many projects and now she rides off to pastures new. How will we cope without her? What is certain, is that Ali Morley will be a hard act to follow.” PH

Ali we send you across the sea with our warmest wishes and God's blessing.

Rev Cliff Stride  
Team Vicar Upper Wyllye Valley Team

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# DANGEROUS DOGS

Few dog owners believe their own dog can be dangerous. How often when you are pinned to the bridge parapet or the churchyard wall do you hear an owner explaining, "He's only playing; nothing to worry about," as the dog takes another fragment of your trousers in its teeth with the next step, in your imagination anyway, being a chunk out of your leg. It is either that or your 'kind, gentle little darling' is rolled over and 'bullied' by a large, exuberant and slavering hound. None of this is funny, of course, and even if no personal injury is done a certain amount of stress to either dog or owner or both is invariably experienced.

It should go without saying that being a dog owner is just as responsible a job as being the parent of children. Most people wouldn't allow their children to defecate on the pavement or footpath and if they fight in the playground, the school sends them home.

Why is it that it seems OK for dogs to do any of these things? The law is clear on such things.

Your dog is considered dangerously out of control if it:

- injures someone or
- it makes someone worried that it might injure them.

A court could also decide that a dog is dangerously out of control if either of the following apply:

- it attacks someone's animal or
- the owner of an animal thinks they could be injured if they tried to stop your dog attacking their animal.

As a final thought for anyone who thinks this doesn't apply to them, a farmer is allowed to kill your dog if it is worrying his livestock - and it will only do this, if it is out of control. This is all food for thought, perhaps?

## PLACES TO VISIT ... without breaking the bank

Scratchbury, Battlesbury and Middle Hill are well known to us all in the Wylde Valley and many of us regularly walk these hills, marvelling at their beauty and, perhaps, realizing how lucky we are to have them so near.

We have often walked these hills using the same route each time but, for once, we started from the village of Bishopstrow. What a gem of a village to explore, once you escape from the main thoroughfare of Bishopstrow Road. We started our walk by strolling down Church Lane, passing the recreation ground, turning left past St Aldhem's Church and The Old Rectory, following the footpath, crossing the River Wylde and up to the B3414. From here, if you want to walk the hills, turn left, then right up the footpath past Home Farm B&B.

Alternatively, if you just want to explore the village, turn right, walking along the road for about 300yds, then turn right down Mill Lane, crossing a few little bridges and winding your way back through the recreation ground and the Church.

If you are using the car, please park off the main village street. If you would like some more information on how to combine the stroll through the village with walking the hills, we recommend "A Boot Up Salisbury Plain", by Rodney Legg, halsgrove.com, £4.99.

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## AROUND THE APIARY

Here we are in January and the start of a new beekeeping season. At the moment, I am checking that they have enough food to keep them going. If not, then I give them some fondant. As we get later into this month, the queens will start to lay eggs and, as the weather warms up, bees will be flying, collecting pollen and nectar from willow catkins, hazel catkins and then snowdrops and crocus flowers.

Then, the queens' egg laying will increase from a few hundred eggs per day to anything up to 2,000 per day in late spring. The colonies will grow, from a few thousand that went through winter, up to 60,000 very quickly so they will be ready for the honey flow and hopefully they will store lots of honey.

I am writing this series of articles for two reasons: one is to point out how incredible honeybees are and how much we need them to enhance our lives with beautiful flowers and fruits but also many vegetables and, of course, seeds to plant for next year's vegetables. Without pollinators, the whole cycle breaks down and we will not be able to feed our existing population - what then?

In the 900sq mile Hanyuan County of China, pear tree pollination is carried out by hand, using chicken feathers on the end of a stick. The majority of pollinating

insects have been wiped out from over use of pesticides. Meanwhile, the number of bee colonies has fallen by 54% since 1965 (source - The Telegraph). 85% of all the honeybees that farmers rely on for pollination are managed by amateur beekeepers.

The Growing Problem is that the total area of cropland treated with pesticides has increased by 78% in the past 25 years. In the past 6 years, the weight of pesticides applied to crops has increased by over 29%. Winter barley is typically sprayed 8 times per crop, using 17 different pesticides. Virtually no

statistics exist for pesticide use on playing fields, golf courses, domestic gardens or by pest control companies (source - Fera).

As you can see, we are not good at sharing our planet with any other species and it will cost us all in the end, but that's enough gloom for now.

The second reason for this article is hopefully to inspire some of you to take up beekeeping as a hobby. It may get hold of you like a drug as it did me; my wife says she is a bee widow and that all I talk about is bees and how great they are.

*Den Pictor, your local friendly beekeeper*

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## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS 2017

Motives to attend the monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfasts at the Bishopstrow Hotel during the winter months vary; most of the 65 places available are taken by those attracted by the guest speaker, others want to get out and see their friends and a few to indulge in the guilt-ridden orgy of the 'Full English'. Whatever the reason, no-one can question the value for money - £10 buys breakfast, plus half an hour's entertainment by a guest speaker, with £2 of that total being donated to the guest's charity of choice. The speakers have been interesting, thought-provoking and inspiring - and very different, as have their charities.

The season began in October with Nick Jellicoe's talk about how he came to write his book 'Jutland - The Unfinished Battle' which provides a fresh insight into this controversial and misunderstood battle and which historians continue to quarrel over to this day. Through its publication and his involvement in other commemorations of the battle's centenary in 2016, he has sought to ensure that the events and their context are better understood - particularly in regard to his

grandfather, who was unfairly cast in a poor light in many historical accounts. Nick is the grandson of Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, the commander of the British Grand Fleet at Jutland in 1916 - and his charity was Médecins sans Frontières.

In November, Francis Cornish brought impressive credentials to our group (among others, Deputy Private Secretary to the Prince of Wales, Consul-General in Hong Kong at the handover in 1997 and Ambassador to Israel after that) and spoke knowledgeably about the origins of today's rivalries in the Middle East. He wended his way skilfully through the cats' cradle of politics in the Region explaining the history leading up to the present situation - but even he did not foresee Mr Trump's plan just a month later to move the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Mr Cornish's charity was Shelterbox.

December saw an expert exposé of the art of brewing local beers by Robin Appel, a Hampshire-based grain merchant and owner of Warminster Maltings who, together with Head Maltster Chris Garratt, is breathing new

life into the award-winning concern that uses traditional methods to deliver a range of sought-after products, including Maris Otter malted barley - a vital component of good beer. Denis Tones, a Trustee of the Cornerstone charity in Warminster and Robin Appel's nominated charity, also attended.

The New Year of 2018 brings three more diverse spokesmen to entertain Fellowship Breakfasters.

*David Shaw*

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## SPORT: ANGLING AND FOOTBALL

### ANGLING NOTES - FEBRUARY 2018

The weather throughout January has been very variable, and the forecast has not always been accurate. I wanted to fish for rainbows in our lake at Freefolk. By following the forecast before undertaking an hour's drive, I missed two very good days.

Eventually, I went on the 26th. It was quite a good fishing day for January, there was cloud cover but the wind was in the east and the fish were not very obliging. I hooked one good-sized fish but it came unstuck after quite a long fight. I later caught a fish, which was just less

than 5 pounds. It was a really good fish, very silver and with perfect fins and tail. When they are newly stocked, fins and tail are not usually without damage. We think of rainbows, which are often called trout but are really char, as exotics. Unfortunately, they have an eye fluke problem and perhaps other diseases and, as a consequence, they are relatively short lived when stocked into fisheries in this country. In our lakes, this appears to be less than 2 years from stocking. They also have another problem in that having been farmed for many generations their competency to live in the wild is poor. The question is often asked, "Why have

rainbows only established wild populations in two rivers in this country?" These rivers were stocked with wild rainbows from North America or fish which had only been farmed for one generation.

Rainbows, which have been farmed for a number of generations, do not have the competency to establish and breed in the wild. Some do not even have the competency to swim away from predators!

We need a lot of rain in February so let's hope it lives up to its name of February Fill Dyke.

*Robin Mulholland*



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### HEYTESBURY FOOTBALL

Heytesbury have managed to keep playing football in January, despite some heavy pitches and all the rain.

First game back after the Christmas break was a good 5-2 home league win against South Newton and Wishford. This was followed by an away trip to title favourites, Holt. A very close game ended with a 2-1 loss for the Bury.

It was the Knock Out Cup next and a return to Heytesbury for Division 1 Hilperton United. We beat the

same opponents in the A and B Cup in December, but this time the score was reversed Hilperton winning 2-5.

Back to the league and a trip to Bath to play a very good Aces team. A 0-2 win for Heytesbury and a valuable 3 points gained.

More league action and a vital game in our push for promotion, as we entertained third placed Zeals. This turned out to be one of the best performances of the season, as a 7-1 win saw Heytesbury move into second place in the league.

We are looking forward to our next game, as we play Division One leaders Freshford United in the semi final of the A and B Cup.

There are still lots of football matches to come. An automatic promotion spot is still our priority, but as well as the A and B Cup, we also have the Division 2 Cup to play for during March and April, followed by the Hospital Cup in May.

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## TURBO'S TALES (DOG BLOG)

As I was about to send in my piece to the Big Chief (that's the Editor), I thought I ought to explain how this blog came about. To set the scene, I live with a family that normally consists of him and his wife but is occasionally augmented by off-spring and grandchildren.

I learned to write while my aged Great Aunt, Digit, was ailing. Like all good parents, grandparents and godparents (although strictly speaking Digit was none of these to me), she began to coach me in the corner of the kitchen/classroom. Once she realised that her faculties were failing and that her Diaries had never been more popular, simply because no-one could resist her eye for detail and ear for gossip, she set about the task of

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On March 18th at 4pm, "Second Chance" is our subject....we'll make Hot Cross Cookies, design an Easter Garden in a bottle, fashion a Cross necklace from something rather unexpected, and offer 'fizzing prayers'. We hope to see you there. For information call: 850239 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/wvwtfamilies/>

coaching a successor. She died almost two years ago, aged well over 15 which is about 110 in human years and although old, she was a good teacher. I've just found my first effort at a diary entry:

*"i ave bin tolled to rite some stuff by my grate arent Digit telling you wot we ave bin doing recently.. well, the guvnor and his wif ave paynted the room wiv the cumfy sofas where, if i am clever, i can nip off for a crafty kip.. thay dont rarely like paynting but the guvnor says sumwon as to do it and e is not pain out a arm and a leg to ave it dun by a deocrater who will play loud music, eat all the biscits and spil is tea on the carpit."* Digit said,

"One out of ten; see me". As loyal readers know, I have improved!

In these days of political correctness and equal opportunities every writer has to watch his p's and q's but, that said, no-one has yet successfully prosecuted a dog for either libel or slander so I can probably get away with stuff my Guvnor can't.

This is the sixth year of chronicling the interesting life surveyed by us dogs from our bed in the corner of the kitchen; a life summed up by a notice by the back door that says, 'Remember, to the outside world we are normal' but even 'normal' is a matter of opinion.

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# VILLAGE NEWS

## CODFORD

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!  
Codford Thursday Café (9-11am weekly) is now over 8 months old! We would like to thank all our VOLUNTEERS and CUSTOMERS who have made it such a success. During this time we have made donations to the following local worthy causes:  
£200 to  
a local family in need  
£200 to the  
Dorothy House Hospice at Winsley  
£400 towards  
the refurbishment of the Children's Play Area at the Village Hall.  
If you know of any local worthy causes we can consider in future, please let me know. Derek Buckles - 01985 851176

## NORTON BAVANT

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## SHERRINGTON

On certain days Spring looks in at the door and then it is slammed shut. However, it opens ever wider: snowdrops drift over the lane sides, Chester Cottage has its carpet of aconites, there are catkins on the hazel bushes, afternoons lengthen and with the sunburst of daffodils, Spring will be here. Already rooks collect around their nest sites and the cacophony of raucous sound that accompanies building will begin. This year there has been enough rain to fill some winterbournes; perhaps the depleted aquifers may be replenished.

Several years ago, with Nigel's support I had a go at the Pennine Way (got as far as Middleton in Teesdale)! I remember coming down from the moor into Baldersdale. The path passed one of those farmsteads that seems to grow out of the harsh ground. It is now a visitor centre but was the home of a most remarkable

## HEYTESBURY OPEN PLACE (HOP) CHURCH PROJECT

The roofers have been working hard, since the Christmas break, and the nave roof looks very smart with its new slates. Now they are working on the roofs of the two side aisles. Most of the slates that people have signed are now in place on the south side of the nave roof. However, you can continue to sign slates for posterity as they will all be installed eventually.

Heytesbury PCC are very grateful to Henry Collins of Codford for donating a considerable amount of wood chippings to make the footpath non-slippery and, despite all the bad weather, the path has remained safe.

Craftsmen are now working in the interior of the chancel and a screen has

been erected to try and prevent dust infiltrating the rest of the church. The chancel is not open to the public, for health & safety reasons, whilst the floor tiles, masonry, stained glass and paintwork are all restored. However, the nave remains open in daylight hours, although it is not as tidy, or as clean as we would wish! There are still books for sale so do come and browse.

Several events are being planned in aid of the church and the repairs. The first of these will be the annual Easter Duck Race on Saturday 31st March. Tickets are available from the Heytesbury Post Office and Stores. Do buy in advance to save queuing on the day. More detailed information of all events and the HOP project is available on the website: [www.heytesburychurch.org](http://www.heytesburychurch.org) SB

## HEYTESBURY DUCK RACE 2018



**EASTER SATURDAY 31ST MARCH 2018**  
**12 NOON - RACE STARTS**

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woman, Hannah Hauxwell. I recall a documentary made of her life "Too Long a Winter". Aged 34, she inherited the family farm and lived a life of unrelenting hardship surviving the Pennine winters with no electricity, running water and dependent on a log fire. She lugged bales of hay for her small herd of cattle, logs for the fire and water for all household needs. Despite all of this, she retained a gentle dignity, a smiling face and a wonderfully soft voice.

After the programme, Hannah became something of a celebrity, when the term meant something, and attended the Woman of the Year event at the Savoy, guest of honour no less! I remember her walking up the track to the taxi, changing into shoes and dropping her wellingtons into a bin for her return. She remained astonished that people found her of interest and despite trips abroad and attending a royal Garden Party, quietly returned to her life of privation.

The other day I happened to see her obituary. It pleased me to read that eventually, though with regret, she sold her farm and went to live in Cotherstone, a village nearby where she had electric light, running water, a flushing lavatory and a washing machine. The latter remained unused as she washed everything by hand as she had always done!

I cannot take credit for the very interesting article about the little church. It was in fact researched by Henrietta Vere Nicholl (née Breakwell) as information for the guests attending the christening of daughter Grace.

Sadly, Elizabeth Pratt has died, aged 94. For many years she and husband Gerald lived in Sherrington. When Gerald died, Elizabeth moved to Codford but retained a connection with Sherrington through the church and membership of our little book group. We shall miss her ready humour and sharp mind.

# UPPER WYLYE VALLEY TEAM

## JESUS THE GAME CHANGER

This year's Lent course takes a look at the values that western democracies are built on, how the life and teaching of Jesus changed the world, and why it matters.

**Mondays** – Codford Vicarage 6.30 p.m.  
contact Clifford Stride (850941)

**Wednesdays** – Heytesbury 7.30 p.m.  
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**Thursdays** – Upton Lovell 7.30 p.m.  
contact Richard Southwell (850252)

Week 1 – Jesus

Week 2 – Forgiveness

Week 3 – Care

Week 4 – Education and health

Week 5 – Wealth

## EVENSONG DURING LENT

at 6 p.m. according to the  
**Book of Common Prayer**  
with music and time for reflection

**Tytherington** Sunday 4 March

**Upton Lovell** Sunday 11 March

**Heytesbury** Sunday 25 March

### ALISON MORLEY'S FINAL SERVICE

**Sutton Veny** Sunday 18 March

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**Lady Priscilla Jardine Paterson**  
6th February

*May they rest in the peace  
and light of Christ*

*Please contact the Ministry Team to make  
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and Dedication after a Civil Marriage.*

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## CHARITY LUNCHEONS

**FRIDAYS IN LENT** 12.30 – 1.30 p.m.  
RESIDENT'S HALL, ST JOHN'S HEYTESBURY  
and **MONDAY 19 MARCH**  
UPTON LOVELL VILLAGE HALL

### MESSY CHURCH IN

**CODFORD VILLAGE HALL (4.00 – 6.00 p.m.)**  
**SUNDAY 18 MARCH**  
*Information from Fincie Abbott 850239*

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

RESIDENT'S HALL, ST JOHN'S HEYTESBURY  
**FRIDAY 2 MARCH**  
STARTING WITH LUNCH AT 12.30  
*Information from Sue Bray 850702*

### LENTEN (SPECIAL) WALK

**SATURDAY 17 MARCH 1030 - 1230(151)**  
starting from Sutton Veny church after coffee  
ending at the Woolpack  
*Information from Richard Jackson 840899*

## MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICES

**11 MARCH**  
CODFORD ST PETER 9.30  
SUTTON VENY 10.00  
CODFORD ST MARY 11.00  
UPTON LOVELL 6.00 PM

## HOLY WEEK 2018

Monday 26 March **Compline** 7.00 p.m. **Knock**  
Tuesday 27 March **Compline** 7.00 Tytherington  
Wednesday 28 March **Compline** 7.00pm Sherrington

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

**29 MARCH AT 6.00 p.m.** Codford St Peter  
Team Communion with Agape meal

## GOOD FRIDAY

**30 MARCH**  
**An Hour before the Cross**  
12 noon Codford St Mary  
**The Last Hour** 2.00 p.m. Upton Lovell  
**The Last Hour** 2.00 p.m. Norton Bavant

## ST JOHN'S LENT COURSE

Will be on  
WEDNESDAYS AT 11AM TO NOON  
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We, The Family Service Team have changed our service name to Sunday Worship. We want to be more inclusive for everyone who likes an informal service.

Our service is no longer than 40 minutes with singing and worship suitable for all ages and with a special activity for the children.

We would like to welcome more adults. We have a simple liturgy with a short, meaningful talk and a time for prayers. Do join us at one of our services throughout the month. We look forward to seeing you!  
*Sue, Roger, Ali and Henry*

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## CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH

Friday 2nd	St John Heytesbury	lunch	Women's World Day of Prayer
4th	Tytherington	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
3rd Sunday of Lent	Codford St Mary	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP with hymns)
	Norton Bavant	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Sutton Veny	10.00am	Sunday Worship
	Upton Lovell	11.00am	Parish Communion <i>choir</i>
	Heytesbury	11.00am	Parish Communion
	Tytherington	6.00pm	Evensong
11th	Boyton	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
MOTHERING SUNDAY	Codford St Peter	9.30am	Mothering Sunday Celebration
	Sutton Veny	10.00am	Mothering Sunday Service
	Codford St Mary	11.00am	Mothering Sunday Parish Communion
	Knook	11.00am	Parish Communion <i>choir</i>
	Upton Lovell	6.00pm	Mothering Sunday Evensong
18th	Heytesbury	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
5th Sunday of Lent	Norton Bavant	9.30am	Parish Communion
PASSION SUNDAY	Codford St Peter	9.30am	Parish Communion
	Upton Lovell	11.00am	Parish Communion and Baptism
	Codford Village Hall	4.00pm	Messy Church
	Sutton Veny	6.00pm	Evensong / Ali's final service <i>choir</i>
25th	Sutton Veny	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
PALM SUNDAY	Codford St Mary	10.00am	Palm Sunday procession
	Codford St Peter	10.30am	Palm Sunday Service
	Heytesbury	10.00am	Palm Sunday Service
	Boyton	11.00am	Parish Communion with confirmation <i>choir</i>
	Heytesbury	6.00pm	Evensong

## HOLY WEEK

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Tuesday 27th	Tytherington	7.00pm	Compline
Wed 28th	Sherrington	7.00pm	Compline
MAUNDY THURSDAY	Codford St Peter	6.00pm	Team Eucharist + Agape meal
GOOD FRIDAY	Codford St Mary	12noon	An Hour Before the Cross
	Norton Bavant	2.00pm	The Last Hour
	Upton Lovell	2.00pm	The Last Hour
1st APRIL	Codford St Peter	6.00am	Sunrise service
EASTER DAY	Tytherington	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Codford St Peter	9.30am	Easter Communion
	Sherrington	9.30am	Easter Communion
	Upton Lovell	9.30am	Easter Communion
	Boyton	11.00am	Easter Communion
	Heytesbury	11.00am	Easter Communion
	Norton Bavant	11.00am	Easter Communion
	Sutton Veny	11.00am	Easter Communion
	Knook	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)

### WEEKDAY SERVICES every week

We welcome you to share in prayers for the Church, the Nation, the World, the Sick, and for others as well as ourselves.

Tuesdays	Tytherington	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesdays	Codford St Peter	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesdays	Codford St Peter	9.00am	Holy Communion
Thursdays	Sherrington	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Fridays	Sutton Veny	8.30am	Morning Prayer

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