# YARNTON Village

News

## DECEMBER 2014

#### We would like to wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas

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#### **CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH**

Mon. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. <i>(and every Monday)</i>
Mon. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. <i>(and every Monday)</i>
Mon. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Book Reading Group, tel. 371656
Mon. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. (and every Monday)
Wed. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's (and every Wednesday)
Wed. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	'Little Sheep' (and every Wednesday in term-time), 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
Wed. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. (and every Wednesday)
Wed. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Beavers, Scout Hut, 4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. (and every Wednesday)
Thur. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers, (and every Thursday in term time),
	Village Hall, 10 a.m.
Thur. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2. p.m.
Fri. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. (and every Friday)
Wed. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.
Thur. 11 <sup>th</sup>	W.I., Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Fri. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Bingo, Village Hall, 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start
Sun. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Concert with Yarnton Band, St. Bartholomew's, 4 p.m.
Thur. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club A.G.M., Village Hall, <b>7 p.m.</b> (members only)
Thur. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2. p.m.
Wed. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Crib Service, St. Bartholomew's, 4 p.m.
Wed. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Midnight Mass, St. Bartholomew's, 11.30 p.m.
Thur. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day Services, St. Bartholomew's, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
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#### **Copy Deadline for January 2015 Issue**

Material for inclusion in the January Newsletter should be received by midday on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Copy should be e-mailed to: <u>ruth@astall.com</u> **and** <u>helen.anderson4@ntlworld.com</u>

#### or delivered to Mrs. Ruth Astall, 19 The Spears, tel. 372637.

The Editorial Committee reserves the right to cut, edit, or omit articles, or refuse advertisements for reasons of space limitation, suitability, etc. Their decision is final and no correspondence can be entered into. Copy date for the February issue is Friday 9th January.

#### Thames Valley Police, Kidlington - November update

Unfortunately we are starting to see an increase in crimes affecting the rural villages across the Kidlington Neighbourhood area. There have been several sheds broken into and garden tools stolen. We have also had heating oil thefts and one burglary. These are the types of crimes that always increase as the clocks change and the nights get longer.

There are several things homeowners can do to reduce their risk of becoming a victim of this crime. Remember: Light It, Lock It, List It.

**Light It**: Passive Infrared Receiver (PIR) outdoor motion detector lights are a good start. There are several versions available, including solar powered PIR and LED versions that will cost next to nothing or even nothing to run. Timer switches and automatic lights are cheap and available from many shops and on line. You can even buy systems that allow you to turn lights on and off via your mobile phone from anywhere in the world. There are lots of other devices available, including small LED boxes that light a room the same way as a TV but without the cost or hazard of leaving a TV on.

Lock It: Remember to always lock doors and windows when out. If you have a double locking system on your doors, ensure you use this, single locking will not prevent entry. Shed alarms and fuel tank alarms can be bought from most hardware stores or online and are easily fitted. CCTV is well worth considering. Although it is often seen as being very expensive and difficult to use, recent improvements in technology have improved camera images and drastically reduced the cost of systems at the same time. Wired systems can be bought from many outlets and start at just over two hundred pounds, with wireless systems not much more. The installation of most units is relatively simple and only requires basic DIY skills. Legislation around private CCTV is not very complicated and I will be happy to explain the law around domestic CCTV installations if anyone would like advice. Once fitted, a CCTV system will reduce your house insurance quotes and in just a few years will have paid for itself. List It: Record the serial numbers of your property and take photographs of valuables. Security marking with a UV pen (Ultra Violet) is simple and UV pens are available free from the Neighbourhood Team. Other systems such as SmartWater or SelectaDNA are also available and often lead to reduced premiums on home insurance. Remember to register your property at <u>http://www.immobilise.com/</u> and to display warning stickers to let potential burglars know your property is marked. Joining a Watch scheme (such as Neighbourhood Watch or Country Watch) is always advised. Full details can be found at https://www.thamesvallevalert.co.uk/ just register for free, and further information can be found at http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/crime-prevention/home-garden-security.htm PC Ian Ledger

Varnton Pre-school's **Christmas Fun Day** Varnton Village Hall **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December** 2:00 – 3:30 pm Festive songs by pre-school children Seasonal refreshments Visit Santa's Grotto Raffle & Tombola Children's Crafts And so much more... All children welcome Bring your parents and grandparents too!

CHRISTMAS BINGO YARNTON VILLAGE HALL FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

> Eyes down 7.30 p.m. (Doors open 7 p.m.)

Light refreshments available Raising funds for public defibrillator *Yarnton Parish Council* 



A very Merry Christmas to all customers in Yarnton, we hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a great New Year's Eve! Our favourite time of the year! A time for fun and festive cheer, a time to wrap up warm and enjoy mulled wine round the fire. You would have seen our festivities in store, from the decorations to the indulgences only Christmas brings. This year we have even **more offers** for you to get into the Christmas spirit! From 3 for 2 on party food to half price party wine, we can help you create your perfect Christmas celebration; from turkeys to sprouts, let us help you with your Christmas lunch. We have it all at Fraser's Budgens; all at a great price too, with **half price wines and champagnes and a great selection of cheeses and meat platters**.

#### Last chance to order your perfect Christmas Lunch

The last date to order your Christmas turkeys is December 8<sup>th</sup>. If you don't already know, we are able to offer our customers the opportunity to order their Christmas lunch from us here at Fraser's Budgens. This is in Partnership with the Meat Joint, and after the success of last year you won't want to miss out. The Meat Joint source only the finest turkeys and geese, they are free range, top quality and traditionally reared in Oxfordshire by renowned farm Peachcroft. You can also order a whole host of other fantastic meats and top quality Christmas food. Make sure you prebook yours by filling out the Christmas order form in store



#### We are open Christmas Day!

On Christmas day we are **open for a limited period (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)** for anything you may have forgotten or need just a little more of. Whether you need that last minute cranberry sauce or batteries for the gift that arrived without them, no need to worry, our staff will be there with a festive cheer to serve you.



#### Yarnton Brass Band

As always the wonderful Yarnton Band will be playing around Christmas time at Fraser's Budgens. The date is to be confirmed so keep an eye out for this in store or on the website. This is always one of the highlights of the festive season so make sure you don't miss out!

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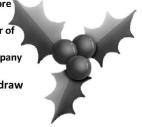
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## Christmas Shov

at the Yarnton Pottery

...only by the form, the pattern, can words or music reach the stillness, as a Chinese jar still moves perpetually in its stillness.

In his poem Burnt Norton, The Four Quartets, T S Eliot describes the physical object transcending the dimension of time, as in dance or music or the balanced poise of a vase. A visit to Andrew Hazelden's pottery showroom is likewise to enter a place which cannot be captured in one dimension such as a photograph. Here the senses are all awakened - the smooth touch of the tin glaze, the ungainly mass of clay yet to be formed, the surprising weight and balance of each piece of work, the glint from the lustre-ware flickering like inner flame, the beautiful calligraphic brushwork combining word and image - all pleasantly enhanced by the homely warmth and smell of the woodburning stove. Whether your visit is on impulse or purposed, you will come away enriched and inspired, and may even have purchased something special to keep for yourself.

Tin-glaze earthenware & lustre-ware by Andrew Hazelden and paintings by Joyce Wicks

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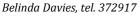
#### Yarnton Amateur Players Family Pantomime – The Emperor's New Clothes 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Yarnton Amateur Players are pleased to announce their forthcoming show – a family pantomime based on a Hans Christian Anderson story. This is a delightfully funny show that tells the story of the clothes-obsessed Emperor Fancypants, and his desire to own the world's most wonderful suit.

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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7.30 p.m. and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.



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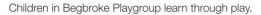


#### **Senior Club**

Richard, Laurence, Kath (Whitcombe) and Brian celebrated their birthdays in October. We gave them our good wishes and sang Happy Birthday. We welcomed Derek Byrne as a new member and we hope he will enjoy our club.

On 9th October we had our Fish 'n' Chip lunch, again cooked by Mark. This was followed by tea/coffee and cakes and an afternoon of the usual games and raffle. On to 16<sup>th</sup> – this was our last outing of the season and was to Wilton and Winchester, on a bright sunny morning. We were unable to reach the A34 as the A44 was clogged with traffic, so Keith our driver went the opposite way towards Bladon, on to Evnsham, Standlake and Abingdon, where the roads were clear. The trees and hedgerows looked glorious in their autumn colours. We had our raffle at Wilton, after which everyone had time for coffee and a look around the shops. Here the weather changed, but we journeyed on past Stonehenge to Winchester, where it rained for about an hour, and then the sun came out for the rest of the day. Many thanks were given to Keith, who drove us home in daylight. It was a very enjoyable last trip, again well supported, so thank you very much to all our travellers, and Happy Christmas to everyone. Iose Green, tel. 375644

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#### Team Vicar: The Reverend Nathan Jarvis, tel. 01865 849352, 26 Church Lane, Yarnton Curate: Rev. Clare Hayns, tel. 01993 810620, email <u>clare@hayns.com</u> Churchwarden: Charlotte Rayner, tel. 01865 849534, 3 Paternoster Court, Yarnton

At last, winter is here!

This might sound like an odd thing to say, especially after such a lovely summer and autumn. The weather has been mild, and we have enjoyed long days of sun and clear sky. I have managed to have quite a few BBQs, something that was impossible the year before. We have been blessed.

I love winter. It is the close of the year. To see things getting ready to hibernate, and the trees shedding their leaves, only points towards something miraculous that happens each spring. I always forget during the winter where I have planted bulbs, and where the hostas are. Only the hellebores give us a show worthy of their exotic names. Winter is the end of the year, and also the very beginning of a new one.

This is my last offering to the magazine this year, as things in my life move on, and in the life of the church; reflecting on what has gone before, and what is to come has been an interesting process.

As a priest, I attend what is called a Ministerial Development Review each year. It is a way of keeping track of how things are, learning from what we have done, and moving forward towards another year in the parish. It is a fascinating experience. At the end of the review, we have to list various things we have done in the parish. The list this year went on and on and on. The reviewer commented on all the wonderful things that happened in Yarnton in 2014.

I personally look back to the big services, to a wonderful Holy Week and Easter, to William Fletcher Day, to our Patronal Festival, to our canal cruise with Andrew the potter, our Palm Sunday procession, our All-Age Services and to fun times socialising and enjoying each other's company. It has been a year to remember! I also reflect on a deeper level, and recognise that the congregation is growing, our baptism numbers are up, our wedding figures are up, and we now have more families joining our community. Far from winding down for the winter, St. Bartholomew's is getting ready to welcome many people through celebration and worship.

As of 10<sup>th</sup> November, I am on Adoption Leave, and my life will get even busier. No rest for me. By this point you may have met William and Adam down the lane, or seen us walking the dogs in the fields. Although I shall still be in the parish, the running of the church and the pastoral charge will be handed over to the rest of the Blenheim Team. You will see several new faces in Yarnton, especially over the Christmas period. You will see more of our curate the Revd. Clare Hayns, and our new member of staff, the Rev. Wendy Wale. Both are very able, and great fun too, so do enjoy them while you have them!

Winter is very much the start of new things for me. Please keep us all in your prayers, and I look forward to seeing you in the village, perhaps at the school gate. *Nathan* 

#### REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

(every week unless otherwise stated) St. Bartholomew's Church, Church Lane, Yarnton. The Church is open every day from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sundays 8 a.m. Holy Communion, B



Sundays8 a.m.Holy Communion, Book of Common<br/>Prayer, at St. Bartholomew's11 a.m.Holy Communion, Common Worship,<br/>at St. Bartholomew's<br/>Coffee after the service.

Weekday Service

Wednesday 9.30 a.m., St. Bartholomew's

#### CHURCH DIARY

For Christmas Services please see poster elsewhere in this issue.



#### WEDDINGS



If you wish to be married in St. Bartholomew's we will be happy to do all

we can to make your day as special as possible. You are advised to contact Canon Adrian Daffern or Revd. Clare Hayns as soon as possible in your planning if you wish to be married in church.

#### BAPTISM



Baptism is the sacrament by which we take the big step in the Christian life into full

membership of the church. Anyone wishing to be baptised, or wanting to have their child baptised at St. Bartholomew's should contact Canon Adrian Daffern or .

Revd. Clare Hayns



## CHRISTMAS AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

## Carol Concert with Yarnton Band Sunday 14th December, 4.00pm

Crib Service Christmas Eve, 4.00pm

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<u>Christmas Day</u> 8.00am BCP 11.00am Sung Eucharist









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A bright star

I am writing this while on our annual November visit to Thornham on the North Norfolk coast. It's always good to have a break when time permits and see new places and things that refresh us. We have been amazed by the weather – so hot on one day it felt like a summer's day – with bees buzzing, and butterflies on wild flowers – were we really in November? Then, the next night a frost – what a shock.

The bird life has been amazing in the back garden of where we stayed – it was full of garden birds, pigeons, 3 pheasants, squirrel and a deer. We also heard and saw large flocks of pink footed geese on migration as winter visitors, along with redwing, fieldfare and starling. One of the things I like most about Norfolk is its amazingly big skies (anyone who has been to Norfolk will know what I mean). I woke one morning about 4 a.m. and looked out of the window, and as there was no light pollution the sky was full of bright stars like we never see in Yarnton – my husband was thrilled to be woken up to have a look! Thinking about stars made me think of Christmas. In the Christmas story there was a bright star over the stable where Jesus was born and three kings followed a bright star to find baby Jesus.

Hopefully we will have our nativity scene lit up in our front garden in Aysgarth Road, so do come and have a look and remember the real meaning of Christmas. Wishing you a Happy Christmas. *Ellen Cocking* 



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From 1<sup>st</sup> December we will be inviting all our patients to complete a short, anonymous feedback form after each visit to our Practice. This is called the Friends and Family Test. Your responses will be frequently reviewed and will help shape our services. They will also be passed on to NHS England.

For more information on the NHS Friends and Family Test, please visit: <u>www.nhs.uk/friendsandfamily</u>

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#### **Glyme Valley Probus Club for Ladies**

More challenges for our brains at our October meeting and on a subject relevant to us all; the subject was the county of Oxfordshire. John Paine came to test our knowledge with photographs of very familiar places but sometimes taken from an unexpected and unusual angle. For example: I wonder how many of us knew which Anglo-Saxon king is remembered in Islip? Sadly, your writer was not in the winning team, but we all agreed this was an excellent and different way to enjoy a meeting. P.S. The answer is Harold.

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#### Yarnton W.I.

**Please note:** There is a change to our advertised speaker for December. Mark Neil is unable to speak to us, but we have been fortunate that Anne Callow has agreed to come at short notice and give a demonstration of 'Flower arranging from supermarket flowers, with a Christmas theme'. This promises to be a very seasonal and enjoyable evening.

There will be punch and mince pies and a raffle. Tea hostesses are Diane Dennis, Margaret Earnshaw and Elaine Elliott. We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.45 p.m. and visitors are always welcome.

A reminder that subscriptions of £36 are due in January. All existing members should have received an envelope from Mary. If for any reason you do not intend to rejoin next year, then please let Mary know (tel. 371721) so that she doesn't keep chasing you for your subscription. *Ruth Astall* 





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**Future Meeting dates:** 10<sup>th</sup> December and 14<sup>th</sup> January in the Village Hall at 6.15 p.m., then every second Wednesday in the month. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

**Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of all Parish Council Meetings are available on the village website once they are approved, www.yarnton-village.org.uk

Parish Council - contact numbers

**Parish Council Chairman** Fred Jones. Tel: 373871

Parish Council Vice-Chairman Brian Newell. Tel: 842253 Parish Council Members:

John Burford. Tel: 849750 Harry Carrier. Tel: 841733 Michael Gibbard. Tel: 849435 Carol Green. Tel: 371355

Anna Isles. Tel: 372895

The above-named were declared elected as Parish Councillors without a contest as from  $5^{th}$  May 2011 for a four-year period. Michael Gibbard was declared elected as District Councillor as from  $5^{th}$  May 2011 for a four-year period.

Co-opted Parish Councillor: 10<sup>th</sup> August 2011: Graham Thompson. Tel: 461479 Co-opted Parish Councillor: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013 Keith Johnston: Tel: 372266 **Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer:** Lynne Whitley. Tel: 378476

#### **District Councillors:**

Michael Gibbard. Tel: 849435 Trevor Stevens. Tel: 451800

County Councillors:

Maurice Billington. Tel: 842235

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Bookings: Tel: 07948 722633 email: <u>varntonvillagehall@gmail.com</u>

Planning Applications:

14/01546/F. Part land to the rear of 52 Church Lane, erection of new dwelling

14/01700/F. 18 Rutten Lane, demolition of existing rear extension and erection of a two-storey rear extension 14/01771/TPO. Yarnton Residential and Nursing home, Rutten Lane, various tree work, trees subject to TPO 9/2007

#### Planning Decisions:

14/01375/F. 7 Aysgarth Road, erection of white PVCu framed roof canopy. Granted 8.10.14

14/01332/TPO. 25 Broadfield Road, Poplar T1, reduce crown by 3 metres. Granted 13.10.14

14/01523/AGD. Worton Farm, open fronted barn (prior approval). Granted 10.10.14

14/01403/F. Yarnton Leisure Buildings, Yarnton Nurseries (Retrospective), removal of 4 precast concrete garage show buildings and replacement, etc. Granted 27.10.14

**Planning Applications/Comments:** Lists of planning applications received by the Parish Council are now being published on the four Parish Council notice boards in the village within a few days of receipt. The notice boards are located outside the Village Hall, by the shops in Spencer Avenue, at the playing field in Rutten Lane and on the grass verge between The Paddocks and Cresswell Close near the bridge. Members of the public can also view and comment on all planning applications via Cherwell District Council's website at <u>www.cherwell.gov.uk</u>.

**Entry to Primary School:** If your child was born on or between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011, you need to apply for a primary school place now. You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school. Closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Apply online at <u>www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions</u> or on paper (forms available from the County Council website or a local school).

**Grants:** Village organisations are reminded that applications for a grant from the Parish Council must be received in writing to the Clerk by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014, and cannot be considered after that date. Applicants must explain why they are making the request, specify the sum they are applying for, enclose their latest statement of accounts, including information on fundraising by themselves during this year, and also confirm that any grant awarded last year was used in the manner applied for. Successful applicants will receive the grant in April 2015.

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**Winter Weather:** The Parish Council would like to remind residents that it is their responsibility to purchase sandbags and salt for their property. The grit bins in the village are filled once each winter by Oxfordshire County Council for use by residents to grit the road near the bin to make life easier for themselves and other motorists on roads where OCC don't grit. This grit is not intended for private individuals to take for their own personal use.

**Parish Council Elections:** An election for all 9 Parish Council seats in Yarnton will take place in May 2015. It is anticipated that nomination papers for residents to nominate people to stand for election will be available in February 2015. As soon as details are available the information will be put on the village noticeboards, the village website and in the Village News. **Compostable Caddy Bin Liners:** Caddy bin liners can still be purchased from the Parish Council Office in the Village Hall on Mondays and Thursdays between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., or will be delivered by arrangement if more convenient and not possible to collect. The price is £3 (three pounds) per roll of 40 liners. Telephone 378476.

**Welcome to Yarnton Booklets:** The booklet can be viewed on the web site <u>www.yarnton-village.org.uk</u> and is available from the Parish Council Office at opening times, and also from the Post Office at Budgens Shop.

**Yarnton Care Committee:** The Care Committee was set up in 1974 to give help where needed to residents of Yarnton. Services provided focus predominantly on older residents and/or those less mobile.

Chairman: Peter Luke, tel. 372932; Secretary: Bernie Connors, tel. 372944, Treasurer: John Appleton, tel. 460496.

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#### **Neighbourhood Watch**

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**Theft of diesel and heating oil** locally has been reported, including the drilling of a car fuel tank to extract the diesel. Vehicles parked outside overnight will unfortunately always be a temptation to the less scrupulous. On behalf of Thames Valley Police and Yarnton Neighbourhood Watch I wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and safe New Year.

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There are no Methodist churches in Yarnton, but you will find one in both Woodstock and Kidlington. Details of our forthcoming services are below, but there are also various midweek activities, details of which can be found on the appropriate website. Everyone is welcome to come and join us at any time.

#### Services in December

#### Woodstock

$7^{th}$	8.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd
		(Holy Communion)
	10.30 a.m.	Ian Leck
$14^{th}$	10.30 a.m.	Simeon Mitchell
21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Junior Church Christmas
		Presentation
	6 p.m.	Carols by Candlelight
$24^{th}$	11.15 p.m.	Midnight Communion
(preceded by mince pies from 10.45 p.m.		
$25^{th}$	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd
		(All-age Christmas worship)
$28^{th}$	10.30 a.m.	Julie Todd

We also have a Junior Church which meets every week at 10.30 a.m. and ranges in age from two to early teens. The first part of the morning is shared with the adults in church before we then go round to the church hall to share in our own activities. We are always delighted to see new members, whether with or without their parents!

We have a Christmas Fun Day on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> December, from 12 noon until 4 p.m. for school age children. For further details, please contact Jonathan. Every Friday we meet at 9.30 a.m. for a short informal time of prayer followed by coffee. On the third Friday of the month, this incorporates a celebration of communion. All welcome!

#### Kidlington

$7^{th}$	10 a.m.	Malcolm Bromhall
$12^{th}$	6.30 p.m.	Christingle Service
$13^{th}$	4.30 p.m.	Messy Church (a time of games,
	-	crafts and informal worship)
$14^{th}$	10 a.m.	Rev. David Bull
		(Holy Communion)
21 <sup>st</sup>	10 a.m.	Simon Blainey
	6 p.m.	Carol Service
$24^{th}$	3.30 p.m.	Crib Service
$25^{th}$	9.30 a.m.	Malcolm Bromhall
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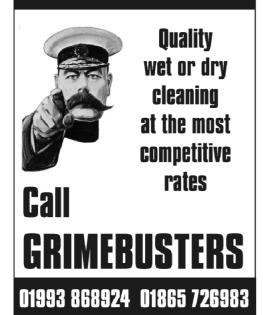


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