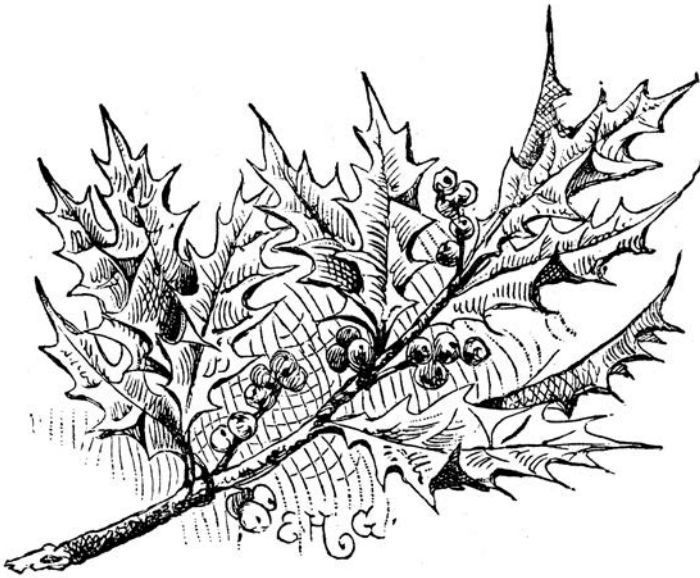




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Freshford Memorial Hall
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SUBMISSIONS FOR NEXT MONTH,
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6TH DECEMBER 2018

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Welcome from Revd Mike Taylor



Dear friends,

As I sit in my study writing this the sun is shining after a very frosty start to the day. The hour has changed yet again, the days are getting shorter and winter is certainly on its way. But now we enter December and the start of the mad rush to Christmas. For many it will mean a lot of spending, a lot of planning and hopefully time together as families over the season.

The very first Christmas was such a contrast to ours today. A quiet moment in a small stable, unnoticed by the crowd gathered to register in Bethlehem that they were of the family line of David. Bethlehem was an unimportant backwater except for its illustrious ancestor. Yet it became the centre of attention in this small stable somewhere behind the crowds in Bethlehem. The arrival of any celebrity or a royal – as we saw recently – comes with a great deal of planning and security and it is usual to specially invite guests. I guess there were only especially invited guests as the wise men came at the invitation of God in the signs that they saw and

“ *The greatest came to live among those who looked to them for help and healing and purpose* ”

interpreted. The shepherds came because of the invitation of the angels, but neither Mary nor Joseph had sent out any invitations. The place was not prepared, no room had been booked, no midwife, no security for the advent of God as man! Yet that is our story this and every Christmas. God becomes man and walks, lives, heals, ministers, shows compassion and tells us about the way back to God. Where are the overspending, the fuss, the last minute panic and the family arguments? It was quiet and without pomp or seeming preparation and yet the event had been prophesied over 500 years before with some more recent prophesies also explaining where this event would take place and what it would signify.

So God ‘came down’, one of those extreme moments in time where the greatest came to live among those who looked to them for help and healing and purpose – and so few even noticed. He came for those who had eyes to see and a desire to meet with him. What a mixture of these folk there were: the blind, the paralysed, the hungry, the

“ *The very first Christmas was such a contrast to ours today* ”

widowed, the leper, the tax collector, the zealot, the fishermen, the Roman soldier, the synagogue ruler and so on. It sounds quite a random assortment of people yet it was those who sought him

and found him as well as those whose life it was to pass on that encounter to others such as the disciples. Many things have changed but some have not! The message remains the same and only a few will look for it among the Christmas packaging again this Christmas.

Will you look for him?

Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Revd Mike Taylor
vicarmike@gmail.com
(Day-off Fridays)

“ *The message remains the same and only a few will look for it among the Christmas packaging again this Christmas.* ”

Where are our Parish Churches?

St Peter's, Freshford - BA2 7TX

St Mary's, Limpley Stoke - BA2 7GH

St John's, Hinton Charterhouse - BA2 7TJ

The Old Bakery (Church rooms), Freshford - BA2 7WF



From the Registers

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Marion Page whose ashes were buried in St Peter's church yard on 30th October and our thoughts are with her husband, Canon Page.

(Note: Register items published in this Magazine include events up to 8th November 2018, which is when this Magazine edition was compiled. Events after this date will be published in the next edition.)

Message from the Cykowski Family

We would like to thank all our friends for their many letters and cards of love. We are so grateful for the ongoing support at this saddest of times.

With love from us all

Chris Cykowski



Prayer trees at Christmas

Each of our three churches will have a 'prayer tree' inside or nearby the church together with tags and pens for you to write either a name in memory of someone no longer with you, who you wish to remember, or indeed a prayer you want to offer to God. Please go as many times as you wish and place your requests, or memories, on the trees. As you do this you are offering them up to God and we will remember the trees and echo your prayers in church over Christmas time.



Revd Mike Taylor

December Parish Calendar

Date	Event	
2nd	First Sunday of Advent	
18th	Freshford School Christmas Service	9.15am, St Peter's Church
21st	BANES and Wiltshire Schools	Term 2 ends
21st	Winter Solstice	Winter Begins
24th	Christmas Eve (Monday)	
25th	Christmas Day (Tuesday)	Public Holiday
26th	Boxing Day (Wednesday)	Bank Holiday
31st	New Year's Eve (Monday)	
1st Jan	New Year's Day (Tuesday)	Public Holiday

A full list of all church services this month can be found on the rear cover of this magazine, on the notice boards of each church as well as on the Parish Church website <http://flshc.co.uk/>

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HINTON CHARTERHOUSE VILLAGE FETE

Planners and helpers desperately needed!

Help preserve and make our village fete the best around. We need all sorts of helpers to plan and arrange it – no special skills required.

We have occasional and fun meetings in the pub, and all the proceeds go to charities in the village. Without it they would struggle to keep going, so please come and get involved or this wonderful and historic event may disappear forever.

Our first meeting will be on Tuesday 22nd January at 8.00pm for 8.30pm start, at the Stag.

Contact Mark Baines – 01225 72233/ 07860 799426/ mark@mar-com.net

In Our Community This Month



COFFEE

WEEKLY MORNING COFFEE

At The Old Bakery, Freshford Mondays 10.30am - 12.00noon. All welcome.

COFFEE & CHAT

Coffee and Chat will return in January, more details in the next edition.

LUNCH CLUBS

“GALLERIES GOLDEN GOURMETS”

For Retired People of Freshford and Limpley Stoke Meeting @ The Galleries Café

Wednesday 12th December (Second Wednesday of the month) 12.30pm Booking essential by the prior Monday.

OVER 60'S LUNCH

Meet at 12.15pm for 12.30pm start on Wednesday 19th December (Third Wednesday of the month) at

‘THE STAG’ , HINTON CHARTERHOUSE

If unable to make the lunch date then please inform Caroline or Mavis by the previous Tuesday.

Contact Caroline Banks (01225 722758) or Mavis Bennett (01225 722247)

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Magazine Submissions

NEW! DATES FOR 2019

We always welcome new contributions to the Parish Magazine.
Please email ghika@btinternet.com

Final Submission Dates:

Magazine Month	Submission Date	Magazine Month	Submission Date
January 2019	6th December 2018	February	10th January
March	7th February	April	7th March
May	11th April	June	9th May
July	13th June	August	11th July
September	8th August	October	12th September
November	10th October	December	7th November
January 2020	5th December		

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Hinton Charterhouse Entries: Mavis Bennett (01225 722247)
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COFFEE MORNING

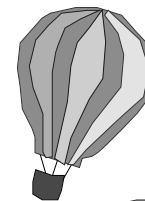
**8TH DECEMBER 2018
HINTON CHARTERHOUSE MEMORIAL HALL
10.00am - 12.00pm**

Come and enjoy a cup of coffee, meet friends & browse the
Cake, Bring & Buy & Produce stalls.
Contributions to the stalls welcome.



Contact: Liz 722520 or Sallie 722615

PARISH PLAY GROUPS



HINTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

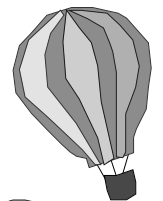
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Forty Years Ago this Month - December 1978

LEN LAMBERT

Len Lambert recalls the events he recorded in his diary for this month:

- Severe frost heralded the start of the month with a cold East, South East wind
- The Pools Panel sat for the first time in the season on the 2nd: Conditions then started to warm up
- Mrs Golda Meir, Israel's former Prime Minister died on the 8th
- The first heavy snowfall fell on hard ground in the South West on the 20th
- BBC TV screens were blacked out on the 21st: No TV just one Radio station: back to normal by 3.00pm on the 23rd
- Blizzards covered the whole of the British Isles by the end of the month
- On the last day of 1978 North East gales blew the snow off the fields: Devon and Cornwall were cut off by drifts and temperatures plummeted to 18°F with a bitter North East wind.

DECEMBER 1978 WAS ALSO MEMORABLE FOR:

- Menachem Begin, Prime Minister of Israel and the President of Egypt, Anwar Sadat being jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize on 10th
- Spain becoming a democracy after 40 years of dictatorship on 27th
- And Mary's Boy Child by Boney M topping the charts on 3rd and remaining there for four weeks.

Happy Christmas to all!



15th Bath (Freshford) Scouts



Were you a Cub, Scout, Brownie or Guide when you were younger? Did it play an important part in your childhood experiences? If so, you will have fond memories of the camps, adventures and activities that may have shaped the person you are today. I know this is true for me, and I'm passionate about passing on the benefits of Scouting to the younger generation.

So I wanted to start this month's message with a prompt to all of you upon whom Scouting left a mark. Think about the adults who were your leaders, who put time in to pass on skills and run activities for you. I am guessing they were committed and enthusiastic, willing to give some of their time and energy to help you learn and grow.

Do you think you could play a similar role for the current younger generation? We are always looking for adults to help us deliver great experiences to our boys

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Could you do the same? If so, pass it on.

and girls. We have a great team, but could be better and more ambitious with more adult help. It needn't involve a huge time commitment – we would welcome volunteers to run one-off activities as well as to make more regular contributions.

Please think about those who helped you enjoy Scouting as a child. Could you do the same? If so, pass it on.

We have had a vibrant half term of activities. The highlight for me was our moving-on ceremony where some of our Beavers, Cubs and our new Scouts 'jumped' (literally) from one section into their new section. This was particularly important as it marked the launch of our new Scout Troop for those from 10.5 to 14 years old. The Scouts have been working hard on navigation, familiarising themselves with OS maps, pacing and general orientation of the ground to prepare for some night walks. The Beaver and Cub sections have enjoyed energetic activities like fencing, creative activities like making Christmas cards and sushi, and practical tasks like learning to change a plug, some DIY skills and – of course – learning some knots!

Do get in touch if, as an adult or young person, you want to join the adventure: freshfordgsl@outlook.com

Yours in scouting,

Sam

GSL 15th Bath (Freshford) Scout Group

Freshford & District Horticultural Society



NEIL LOVESEY:

Twelve months of colour

WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2018

7.30PM

FRESHFORD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

Neil Lovesey, who owns Picket Lane Nursery in South Perrott near Yeovil is a registered speaker with the RHS.

In the Nursery it is necessary to be able to extend the flowering period of the plants to make them look their best for as long as possible. In this talk Neil will give us many tips and processes to enable us to get the very best out of our gardens throughout the year, be it a window box or an acre.

As this is the last talk of the year, it will include a social time with wine and nibbles.

MEMBERS FREE | VISITORS £3.00 | EVERYONE WELCOME

The Royal British Legion Freshford Branch

CHRIS OSBORNE Membership Secretary (01225 867566)



COMMEMORATING THE END OF WORLD WAR ONE

THE ROLL OF HONOUR OF FRESHFORD AND LIMPLEY STOKE IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER 1914 - 1918

1914

Private Edward Comber, Private Arthur Frederick Charles Weston.

1915

Private Frederick John Perrett, Private William Smith, Gunner William Taylor.

1916

Major William Augustus Spencer Edwards, Staff Sergeant Frank Roderick Hadley, Private Joseph Henry Rose, Private Ernest Albert Rouse, Private Clement Knight, Lance Corporal William Alfred Ambrose Morris, Acting Bombardier Edward George Bath.

1917

Private Walter Lewin Male, Private Edward James Care, Private Ernest William Carter, Private George Everleigh Longman, Gunner Arthur Sharpe, Private Roy Douglas Male.

1918

Private Charles Vaughan Rose, Private Percy Harry Doel, Captain Wilfred Roderick Powell, Captain Ernest William Marshall MC, Lance Corporal Robert Edward Turner.

To be added are Samuel William Hadley and Charles Smith. Two Soldiers from our villages whose records have never been found, also that of Edgar Lintern whose death during the War was made known to the Branch during the commemoration period 2014/2018.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR OF HINTON CHARTERHOUSE 1914 - 1918

Major Harry Miles, Lance Corporal Vincent Andrews, William Allen, Frederick Hopkins, Thomas Pollard, William Rummings, William Yeatman, Captain A.W. Robertson-Glasgow, Lance Corporal Henry Cooper, Frank Baigent, John Orchard, William Pritchard, Frank Shipsey, and William Pollard

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HINTON CHARTERHOUSE PARISH PLAN



Hinton Windmill c1900



High Street c2015

Parish Plan Questionnaire Results

A big thank you to everyone who took time to complete the Parish Plan questionnaire. Responses were received from 38% of households, which compares favorably with similar surveys. It's clear from the responses that there is no shortage of constructive ideas on how to make the community more vibrant and inclusive.

Headline results are available on the Parish Council website at:

hintoncharterhousepc.org.uk

Full results will be available by the end of December.

**Next Parish Plan meeting:
Wednesday 9th January 2019**

There will be a public meeting in the Memorial Hall to discuss the survey results and the way forward at 7.30pm on 9th January 2019.

Thank you for your support.

Parish Plan Working Group on behalf of Hinton Charterhouse Parish Council.

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Freshford Pre-School

CELEBRATIONS AND GENEROSITY

As we finished the first half term of this academic year, it was lovely for the children to perform the Harvest celebration songs they enjoyed practising so much to their families. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of families with the kind donations to the Genesis Trust Foodbank in Bath, and by the number of families able to join us to watch the wonderful singing by the children.



NATURAL ART AND OUTDOOR LEARNING

Many activities supported the children's development in all areas of learning, in fun and engaging ways. We were able to utilise the outdoor environment, which lent itself to exploring the natural resources available. Natural art



pictures were created, with children noticing the differences in leaves and why this is happening – providing discussions around the changing of the seasons. Potions were invented, after the children were excited to drink the first hot chocolates of this year from the Kelly Kettle during our Forest adventures. This was in preparation for our weekly Forest School walks after half term, where the children will explore the local village, visiting different areas each week. Whilst thinking about Halloween, the children developed their fine motor skills, having fun hammering golf tees into pumpkins. It was great to see how proud they all were of their achievements.

GET UP AND GO

Our new topic for this coming term is 'Get up and Go!'. The children have been curious about different transportation methods, especially with rockets and boats, and so we feel this lends itself to further discoveries around moving and travelling, alongside being able to celebrate the different festivals

Freshford Pre-School
Explore, create, discover



and events happening in the lead up to Christmas. We are all looking forward to seeing where the children's imaginations take this open ended topic. Next term we are venturing

out on our first outing to Bath which is set to be enjoyable for all. Yoga will be an experience for families as well as the children, with Pre-School hosting their first parent workshop! We are excited to be able to showcase the wonderful experiences on offer in this way, and hope this supports families with their children's learning and development.



Debbie Giles

“ Natural art pictures were created, with children noticing the differences in leaves and why this is happening ”



LOCAL EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY?

TELL US WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP,
EMAIL THE EDITOR: ghika@btinternet.com

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Saturday 8 December 2018

11.00am St Nicholas Church

Bathampton BA2 6TU

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Local Start-up Businesses

Claire Paccalin is a Pet Portrait and Wildlife artist who has recently launched her business Claire Alice Designs. She takes great pleasure in that moment of revealing her paintings of beloved pets to their owners: her aim being to not only portray an accurate illustration of the pet, but to capture the essence of its character and expression at a point in time.

The idea for the business grew from her experiences during her year out travelling in Australia, watercolours stashed in her backpack: she would thank the dog owners she stayed with by presenting them with a portrait of their pets. On returning to the UK she accepted pet portrait commissions. Now, living with her grandparents in Limpley Stoke she is inspired by the incredibly rich fauna and flora on her doorstep.

You can see Claire's work on sale in the Galleries Shop in Freshford or visit her website www.clairealicedesigns.com we particularly liked The 12 Dogs of Christmas cards. Last year Claire challenged herself to paint a picture a day during the twelve days leading up to Christmas and this is the result:

Claire Alice DESIGNS
PET PORTRAIT AND WILDLIFE ARTIST



Four Collies Begging

We like to support local start-up businesses in the parish. Please contact the Editor, Ghika Savva-Coyle by email at ghika@btinternet.com if you would like to be featured.

Christmas Services



All are welcome to attend our Christmas services over the festive period.

Church	Service
Sunday 2nd December	
6.00pm St Peter's, Freshford	Advent Celtic Service of Light
Sunday 9th	
5.00pm St Mary's, Limpley Stoke	Carol Service
Sunday 16th	
6.00pm St John's, Hinton Charterhouse	Carol Service
Sunday 23rd	
10.30am St John's, Hinton Charterhouse	Pop up Nativity, followed by short informal communion
6.00pm St Peter's, Freshford	Carol Service
Monday 24th: Christmas Eve	
4.00pm St Mary's, Limpley Stoke	Christingle
Tuesday 25th: Christmas Day	
9.30am St Mary's, Limpley Stoke	Christmas Communion
11.00am St Peter's, Freshford	Christmas Morning Service

Please note that all evening services at St Mary's Church in Limpley Stoke will be held at 5.00pm over the winter until the clocks go back in the Spring.

St Peter's Christmas Orchestra

As always, the Orchestra will accompany the carols on Christmas morning at 11.00am. Players of any orchestral instrument are welcome. Come to the church by 10.30am, to allow for arranging seats and tuning. Coats and instrument cases should be left under the Tower. Enquiries to: Roger Paine, tel **01225 723391**.

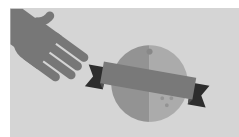
How to make a Christingle



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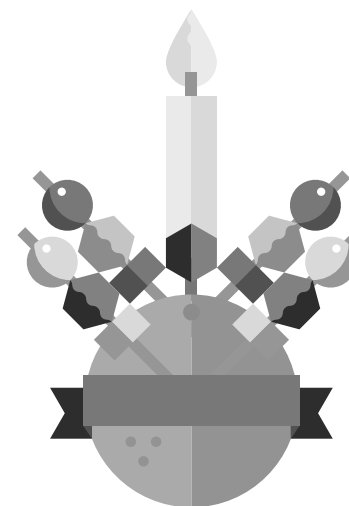
2 Encourage everyone to wash their hands before handling the sweets and fruit.



3 Take an orange and fasten a piece of red sticky tape around the middle.



4 Cut a small cross in the top of the orange and lay a square of silver foil (75mm or 3 inches square) over it.



Store your Christingles upright in a cool place. Don't make them too far in advance as they don't keep for long.



5 Place a candle on top of the foil and wedge it firmly into the orange (the foil should catch the hot wax as it drips).



6 Load four cocktail sticks with a mixture of dried fruits or sweets so that the points are covered, and insert around the base of the orange.

Christingle

The Children's Society

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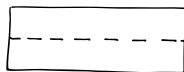
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You will need:

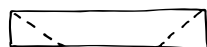
- A pencil, ruler and scissors OR a paper trimmer/guillotine
- Paper in the colours and patterns of your choice, about 1xA5 size piece per decoration; try wrapping paper or the free papers that come in craft magazines. I find slightly thicker, matt paper holds together better
- A dab of PVA glue
- A sewing needle
- Small piece of embroidery thread for hanging.

To make the decorations:

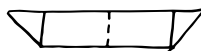
1. Cut 8 rectangles from your paper, each 8cm x 4cm. This is easiest on a trimmer/guillotine, but if you don't have one, draw the rectangles with a ruler and pencil and cut them out with scissors.
2. Fold each rectangle in half lengthwise, so you have a long thin strip with the pattern on the outside.



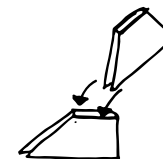
3. With the long open edge at the bottom, diagonally fold the left and right bottom corners up to meet the folded edge of the rectangle.



4. Fold in half so the diagonal folds meet on the inside. Repeat steps 1-4 with the remaining 7 rectangles.



5. This is the trickier bit. Take two of the folded pieces and hold them with the longest edge at the bottom (so they look like shoes facing in the same direction). Look at the top of one of the 'shoes' and you will see 2 outer slots, and a gap in the middle. Slide the two long points of the other piece (the 'toes' of the 'shoes') into the two outer slots and gently push them in as far as they will go. Be careful here because it's easy to overlook the two slots at the top; you may need to gently squeeze the paper pieces to see the openings more clearly.



6. Repeat step 5, until all the paper pieces are fitted together to create a wreath. Secure the paper pieces together with a few dabs of PVA glue if needed.
7. Using the needle, attach some embroidery thread to one of the wreath corners and tie a loop to hang your decoration.

Tip: You can make the decorations larger or smaller; just make sure the lengths of your rectangles are double the width.

This is the first in a new feature on arts and crafts created by parishioners. To feature your own patterns and ideas please contact the Editor, Ghika Savva-Coyle by email at ghika@btinternet.com

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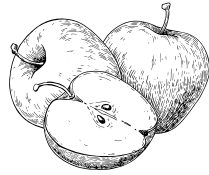
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Recipe of the month

MAUREEN WHITE

APPLE AND MINCEMEAT CRUMBLE

The addition of mincemeat to this traditional recipe makes it a tasty seasonal treat.



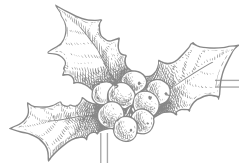
Ingredients

- 1lb/450g dessert apples
- 1lb/450g good quality mincemeat
- Grated rind and squeezed juice of 1 medium orange
- 6oz/150g flour
- 4oz/100g butter
- 3oz/75g light brown sugar
- 2oz/50g ground almonds

3. Tip into an ovenproof serving dish
4. Put the flour, butter, sugar and ground almonds into a food processor and whizz until the mixture resembles rough crumbs
5. Turn out into a bowl, drizzle over a dessertspoon of water, and stir until some of the crumbs stick together
6. Cook in a hot oven (400° F/200° C/ Gas Mark 6) for 25-30 minutes until crisp on top.

Method

1. Peel and thinly slice the apples
2. Toss with the orange zest and juice, and stir in the mincemeat



*“Chill December
brings the sleet,
Blazing fire, and
Christmas treat.”*

Sara Coleridge

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A Message from the Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton

GOD WITH US

Well, we are into the frantic pressie-buying month of December now. The American 'Black Friday' tradition appears to be firmly a part of our own pattern and has brought the search for the perfect Christmas present yet earlier in our calendar. Parish and school Christmas Fayres offer us home-made, Fairtrade, recycled and singular alternatives. And increasingly the inequalities within our economy become more apparent as people risk debt to bring a smile to their child's face.

“ *No presents required, just your presence!* ”

When I was a parish priest we found that many of our single parents felt trapped by the pressure of keeping up with those around them. We tried to introduce a maximum spend for all our congregational and family present buying in order to bring some parity. It wasn't easy!

I'm reminded at this time of year of the line that we are seeing more frequently, accompanying invitations to weddings and birthday parties: 'No presents required, just your presence!'

It makes me think about what Christmas really means. During this time of preparation and waiting for the big

day to arrive, many of us will sing the words of that Advent hymn, 'O come, O come, Emmanuel', a 12th century hymn that invites God to fulfil his prophecy to his people. Will we really take in those words?

'Emmanuel' means 'God with us', such an important and comforting phrase in these times of uncertainty and anxiety, as we wonder what the New Year will bring.

Christmas we know is a time when people can feel lonely, disappointed, stressed. There are reputedly more suicides and marriage breakdowns during the course of this holiday period. One of the best Christmas presents we can offer then must surely be that of hospitality, a listening ear and simply our 'presence' among those who feel forgotten, rejected or overlooked.

In so doing we will find God's own present to us this Christmas, as in any and all other Christmases, His presence. The God to whom 'every animal of the forest and the cattle on a thousand hills, belongs' (Psalm 50) has given us the best present of all - **He is with us.**

*The Right Revd
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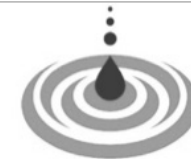
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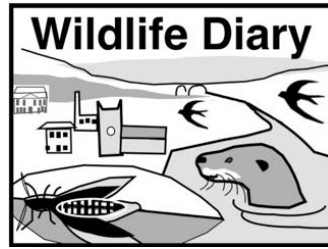
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Wildlife Diary

SILENT SPRING?

Silent Spring was the title of prophetic book written by Rachel Carson and published in 1962. It kick started many wildlife conservation efforts worldwide. This year some 56 years on a major report produced by WWF (www.wwf.org.uk/updates/living-planet-report-2018) involving 59 scientists from across the globe is warning that humanity has wiped out 60% of mammals, birds, fish and reptiles since 1970. This annihilation of wildlife is now an emergency that threatens civilisation itself. The report claims that the vast and growing consumption of food and resources (www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/jul/23/earths-resources-consumed-in-ever-greater-destructive-volumes) by the global population is destroying the web of life, billions of years in the making, upon which human society ultimately depends for clean air, water and everything else.

“ We ourselves cannot fix all the problems across the globe, but we can set an example of a community that is seeking to thoughtfully do our bit.



We ourselves cannot fix all the problems across the globe, but we can set an example of a community that is seeking to thoughtfully do our bit.

In section 4.2.03 of the Freshford and Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Plan for 2014 - 2039 we are formally recognised as follows: 'A voluntary community Environment Group has been established with a remit to advise upon, and promote, biodiversity and environment related issues related to the parishes (see www.flewg.weebly.com).'

So do we have a master plan? Back when we started we decided to prepare a Five Year Biodiversity Plan as a starter. You can see more details on our website. We also had a Soviet era Union styled poster to stir our fellow comrades to action. A particular essential ingredient evident in progressing our goals is that of collaboration. We have aimed to always try and understand the concerns and drivers for other organisations and where possible find common cause to improve biodiversity.

“ Humankind is responsible for so much damage to our environment. Let's all make a New Year resolution to make a difference.

Examples of this approach include working with:

- The William Herschel Society Bath on a film to promote the protection of dark skies,
- A Bristol swift expert plus Freshford School and many village households to both protect and increase the local swift population.
- Reading University, the Brownies and Freshford School in promoting concern about Hedgehogs.
- Owl expert and broadcaster Chris Sperring MBE on raising awareness about owls by running Owl Prowls at Friary.
- The Magnificent Meadows programme and local field owners to build up local wildflower meadows.

Of course we must not forget our local church Parish Magazine, the Freshford Bulletin and Sheena at the Limpley Stoke Newsletter to disseminate our propaganda, also our parish councils, and FLISCA who have funded some of the work. Long may this collaborative approach continue.

So as we look ahead to 2019 there are already some further collaborations being pencilled in: First off the blocks will be an OWL SUMMIT in January (date to be finalised) in partnership with groups from Limpley Stoke, Freshford, Westwood, Friary/Hinton. Chris Sperring will be the expert and advisor and speaker. We aim to share best practice and consult together to identify actions to help ensure the sustainability and enhancement of our own owl populations here. Local land owners including Stephen and Gitte Dawson, and Beeswax Dyson and Penny Williamson are involved in this initiative. More will be invited.

Humankind is responsible for so much damage to our environment. Let's all make a New Year resolution to make a difference.

Happy Christmas and good will to all of creation.

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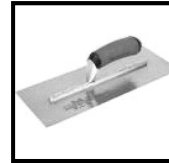
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Book review: The Wife Between Us

BY GREER HENDRICKS & SARAH PEKKANEN

If you enjoyed “The Girl on the Train” OR “Gone Girl” – this could be the next read for you, though I must admit this is not quite as well written as those two novels.

One woman, a spurned ex-wife is watching another younger woman – her replacement... The thriller passes back and forth between the two women’s lives and there is an overhanging threat of retribution and marital violence. I cannot really tell you any more of the plot-line without

risking revealing some incredible spoilers. But during reading, I enjoyed questioning the narrators, and trying to second guess the characters to find the twists. The characters are well drawn in the main, and the book enters dark areas, but I am not completely convinced by the neat ending. Indeed, there are very mixed reviews online about the ending.



Rumour has it, Steven Spielberg has snapped up the film rights to this book – so it will be interesting to see what adaptations he makes to the plotline. He is a great story teller so I am sure he will be able to improve on some of the inconsistencies for the film audience.

We did all read this book in our book group – not always a given! The conclusion was that it was good light reading – but we are now ready for something a bit more challenging.

Nicola Smith

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MON 3rd	COFFEE TIME	10.30am - 12.00noon at The Old Bakery, Freshford. All welcome.
	LIMPLEY STOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	7.00pm in Limpley Stoke Village Hall. Chairman: Peter Wyatt, 01225 723443. Visitors welcome.
TUE 4th	FRESHFORD ART GROUP	9.45am - 12.15pm, meet in Limpley Stoke Village Hall. Contact Ann Chapman 01225 866861.
WED 5th	HINTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP	10.30am - 12.00noon, Memorial Hall, Hinton Charterhouse.
	ALPHA COURSE	7.00pm, Rose and Crown in Hinton Charterhouse, meal followed by a 30-minute talk, and small group discussion exploring life's essential questions. Email vicarmike@gmail.com for more information.
	FRESHFORD & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY	Twelve Months of Colour, Neil Lovesey, 7.30pm, Freshford Village Memorial Hall.
THU 6th	MAGAZINE SUBMISSION DEADLINE (COPY FOR JANUARY EDITION)	
	PILATES	9.00am - 11.00am, Memorial Hall, Hinton Charterhouse. All abilities welcome. Contact Lindsey 01225 635830.
	FRESHFORD AND LIMPLEY STOKE BABY & TODDLER GROUP	10.00am - 11.30am, The Old Bakery, Freshford every Thursday.
	BANES MOBILE LIBRARY	11.15am - 1.20pm Freshford Village Memorial Hall, 2.35pm - 3.00pm Cricket Club Car Park, Hinton Charterhouse.
	HINTON ART GROUP	2.00pm - 4.00pm, Memorial Hall, Hinton Charterhouse. All abilities welcome. Contact Viv Jackson 01225 723578.
FRI 7th	PILATES	9.00am - 10.00am, Memorial Hall, Hinton Charterhouse. All abilities welcome. Contact Lindsey 01225 635830

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MON 10th	COFFEE TIME	10.30am - 12.00noon at The Old Bakery, Freshford. All welcome.
	FRESHFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	7.00pm - 9.00pm, Freshford Village Memorial Hall.
TUE 11th	FRESHFORD ART GROUP	9.45am - 12.15pm, meet in Limpley Stoke Village Hall. Contact Ann Chapman 01225 866861.
WED 12th	HINTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP	10.30am - 12.00noon, Memorial Hall, Hinton Charterhouse.
	GALLERIES GOLDEN GOURMETS	for Retired People of Freshford and Limpley Stoke Meeting @ The Galleries Café at 12.30pm. Booking essential by the prior Monday.
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TUE 18th	FRESHFORD ART GROUP	9.45am - 12.15pm, meet in Limpley Stoke Village Hall. Contact Ann Chapman 01225 866861.
	HINTON CHARTERHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL	8.00pm, Memorial Hall, Hinton Charterhouse.
WED 19th	HINTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP	10.30am - 12.00noon, Memorial Hall, Hinton Charterhouse.
	OVER 60S LUNCH CLUB HINTON CHARTERHOUSE	12.15pm for 12.30pm, meet in the Stag Inn. Contact Caroline Banks 01225 722758 or Mavis Bennett 01225 722247 by the prior Tuesday if unable to make the lunch date.

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THU 20th	PILATES	9.00am - 11.00am, Memorial Hall, Hinton Charterhouse. All abilities welcome. Contact Lindsey 01225 635830.
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MON 31st	COFFEE TIME	10.30am - 12.00noon at The Old Bakery, Freshford. All welcome.

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December Services 2018



	Church	Service
Sunday 2nd December - Advent 1		
10.30am	St John's, Hinton Charterhouse	Parish Communion
6.00pm	St Peter's, Freshford	Advent Celtic Service of Light
Sunday 9th - Advent 2		
10.30am	St Peter's, Freshford	Informal Communion and Baptism
5.00pm	St Mary's, Limpley Stoke	Carol Service
Sunday 16th - Advent 3		
10.30am	St Mary's, Limpley Stoke	Parish Communion
6.00pm	St John's, Hinton Charterhouse	Carol Service
Sunday 23rd - Advent 4		
10.30am	St John's, Hinton Charterhouse	Pop up Nativity, followed by short informal communion
6.00pm	St Peter's, Freshford	Carol Service
Monday 24th - Christmas Eve		
4.00pm	St Mary's, Limpley Stoke	Christingle
Tuesday 25th - Christmas Day		
9.30am	St Mary's, Limpley Stoke	Christmas Communion
11.00am	St Peter's, Freshford	Christmas Morning Service
Sunday 30th		
10.30am	The Old Bakery, Freshford	Café Church

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