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**DECEMBER 2021**

**PARISHES OF PILTON, CROSCOMBE, NORTH WOOTTON AND DINDER**

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All material in Word, please, and not in boxes.

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**JANUARY ROUNDABOUT DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIAL IS**

**MONDAY 6th DECEMBER 9.00am**

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The second I start writing December’s rotas, or this ramble, I immediately start singing Christmas Carols in my head. Last year I really missed the opportunity to go to our traditional Village Carol Services and I am hoping we can make up for it this year.

There is something wonderful about all being together and singing the carols most of us learned as children. I wonder what your favourite carol is. I think we are spoiled for choice although there is something about “O Little Town of Bethlehem”, especially the line ‘the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight’. The story goes that the author Philip Brooks was on a pilgrimage to Bethlehem in 1865 and, travelling between Jerusalem and Bethlehem on Christmas Eve, he went past the field where the Shepherds were said to have seen the Star. That inspired him to write the lyrics we still sing today.

Each of the Christmas Carols has a story attached to it, and I find these stories fascinating. I hope, like me, the carols can transport you to a different place, a place of hope. A reminder that, although many things around us have changed, some things are unchanged. There is hope and light in this world.

When I was growing up my father used to play Carols from Kings first thing on Christmas morning to get us up - I admit that was in my teenage years, I don’t think I needed much encouragement to get up before then. It strikes me that this was a wonderful way to begin Christmas Morning and I can still hear their versions of the carols in my head today, especially the first line of “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”.

I hope whatever you do this Christmas you will also find comfort and hope in the old familiar carols. Maybe you will join us for one of the services and do let me know your favourite Carol.

Whatever you do this Christmas Sue and I wish you a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

*Rev. Chris*

**CHURCH SERVICES**

Details of all our Christmas services are in this magazine. Please note there will be no actual services on Boxing Day in our Churches, although there will be an Online service.

***Please note that if the Church is crowded we strongly encourage you to wear a mask at least when singing.***

**PRAYER FOCUS**

Life is much more normal for some people but we know that there are still many people suffering from Covid and its effects. We wonder what Christmas 2021 will be like but the story will be the same. Light and love came into the world with the birth of the Christ child in Bethlehem. We pray that in our own celebrations we may know the gifts of love and peace in our hearts.

**PSALMS**

This month’s Psalms include personal praise to God from Zechariah, father of John the Baptist, and Mary, the mother of Jesus as well as praise from the psalmists themselves.

The psalms or canticles that can be read on Sundays in December are:

5th December Benedictus

12th December Isaiah 12: 2-end

19th December Magnificat

24th December Psalm 98

25th December Psalm 96

26th December Psalm 148

**BIBLE READINGS**

5th December Malachi 3: 1-4 Luke 3: 1-6

12th December Zephaniah 3: 14-end Luke 3: 7-18

19th December Micah 5: 2-5a Luke 1: 39-45

24th December Isaiah 52: 7-10 John 1: 1-14

25th December Isaiah 9: 2-7 Luke 2: 1-14

26th December Colossians 3: 12-17 Luke 2: 41-end

**BENEFICE BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

We are now meeting in person at 10.30am every other Monday in North Wootton. If you would like to join us, please do. Contact Rev. Chris for details (her contact details are on the inside front cover of this magazine). Please note there will be no group on 27th December.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**St John the Baptist, Pilton**

19th December 6.00pm Village Carol Service

**At the Methodist Church**

5.30pm Handbell Ringing

**24th December – *Christmas Eve***

11.30pm Midnight Communion

**25th December – *Christmas Day***

11.00am Christmas Family Service

**St Mary the Virgin, Croscombe**

19th December 4.00pm Carol Service

**25th December – *Christmas Day***

11.00am Christmas Family Communion

**St Peter’s, North Wootton**

19th December 6.30pm Outdoor Carol Service

(weather permitting)

**24th December – *Christmas Eve***

6.30pm Christmas Eve Communion

**25th December – *Christmas Day***

11.00am Christmas Family Service

**St Michael and All Angels, Dinder**

**24th December – *Christmas Eve***

4.00pm Carol Service

**25th December – *Christmas Day***

9.30am Christmas Day Communion

Please join us to celebrate Christmas at these special services. If you are unable to come and would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Rev. Christine Butler on 899061 or ask any minister or Churchwarden.

**ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS**

You can find information about services at [www.stmichaelshepton.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelshepton.co.uk)

A weekly bulletin is available and includes details for the Roman Catholic churches of St Michael’s Shepton Mallet, St Joseph and St Teresa’s Wells and St Mary’s Glastonbury.

**ABOUT PEOPLE**

We welcome new people to our villages and hope that you settle happily in your new homes and in our local communities and that you will soon be able to enjoy the groups and events that make up village life and help you to be part of life here.

As more activities start up again, we look forward to meeting at village events, catching up with old friends and making new ones. Lots of people benefited from the support received during the last two years and hope that that continues in the days to come.

We send our good wishes and prayers to anyone who is unwell whether you are at home or in hospital. We remember those receiving treatment, those awaiting the results of tests and the families and friends who care for needy people.

**Weddings**

Congratulations to **Mr and Mrs Ollie and Sarah Brown** (Née Maile) who were married in St John the Baptist’s Church, Pilton on 13th November.

**Funerals**

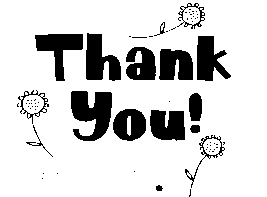
Our thoughts and prayers go to the families and friends of:

**Gerald (Eddie) Fereday** who was cremated on 26th October at Mendip Crematorium.

**Sarah Rice** who was buried in Dinder Churchyard on 3rd November.

**Geoffrey Clarke** whose funeral was held in Dinder Church on 8th November

We are sad to report the death of **Theresa Davis** of Croscombe.

**The Roundabout Team** would like to thank everyone who supports the magazine. We wish our readers, contributors, advertisers and printers a very happy Christmas and send you our best wishes for 2022. **Please note the early deadline for January material**

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**WHAT’S ON IN CROSCOMBE**

**December**

3rd Trio Paradis Café Concert, Village Hall 10.30am

4th Croscombe Frolics, ‘Sleighing at the Pole’, Murder Mystery,

Croscombe Village Hall 7.30pm

11th Christmas Market, Village Hall 11.00am – 1.00pm

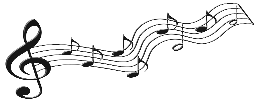
13th OAPs Christmas Dinner, Village Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm

19th Carol Service, St Mary’s Church 4.00pm

25th Christmas Family Communion, St Mary’s Church 11.00am

31st New Year’s Eve Party, Village Hall 7.30pm

**TRIO PARADIS CAFE CONCERT**



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Trio Paradis’ first Café Concert at Croscombe Village Hall was a lovely occasion with fabulous home-made cakes as well as beautiful music by Russian composers and uplifting autumnal poems selected and read for us by Jim Scott. Huge thanks to everyone who contributed and the trio are very much looking forward to next month! There are photos on our Facebook page @trioparadisbath.

The series continues on Friday, 3rd December at 10.30am - free entry with a retiring collection. Music includes some Baroque favourites by Handel, Purcell and Vivaldi, together with 19th and 20th century pieces by Tchaikovsky, Martinu and others, with some well-known Christmas carols and popular songs. We are still taking ‘requests’ - email [trioparadis@icloud.com](mailto:trioparadis@icloud.com)

Concerts will resume in February as we take a break in January. See January’s Roundabout magazine or visit [http://www.trioparadis.com](http://www.trioparadis.com/) for our spring programmes and any updates of day or time.

*Jacquelyn, Lisa and Linda*

For more information email[*trioparadis@icloud.com*](mailto:trioparadis@icloud.com)*.*

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*Contact Lyn Manvill 343833.*

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**‘SLEIGHING AT THE POLE’**

**A festive Murder Mystery!**

Saturday 4th December 7.30pm

at Croscombe Village Hall.

A hot supper and dessert are included.

£15pp plus booking fee.

Tables of 6. For more information and individual tickets (on-sale from

1st November) visit www.fb.me/e/2Fz75KP50

Licensed bar. Show not suitable for children.

For further information contact Richard Cronin 01749 939485.

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**CROSCOMBE CHRISTMAS MARKET**

**Saturday 11th December 11.00am – 1.00pm**

**Croscombe Village Hall.**

We are really excited to welcome everyone this year. We have over 25 stalls of local food and produce, wine, arts and crafts, photography, Christmas decorations, stocking fillers, gifts, mulled wine, as well as Indian Head Massage and much more. As always there will be refreshments and a raffle. Don't miss Santa who will arrive at 12:00noon for the kids! All proceeds go to the Croscombe Village School Playground Project.

For more details please contact Candy Stanley 07970640842 or updates on <https://www.instagram.com/croscombevillagemarket/>

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Croscombe OAP and Children’s Fund wish to invite all Croscombe OAP’s (Men 65, Ladies 60 and their spouses) to the Christmas Dinner on Monday 13th December, 7pm for 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

For anyone who hasn’t been before, or is new to the village, this has been a tradition for many years and we provide a three-course Christmas dinner, drinks and musical entertainment…..all free.

Please book by phoning Imelda 343788 or Sheila 343068. Please leave a message if no reply, stating any dietary requirements.

*Alison Hodges*



**CROSCOMBE’S NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY**

We are delighted to let you know that there will be a New Year’s Eve party in the Village Hall. As we have all had a difficult couple of years, the Village Hall Committee has generously offered to cover the cost of the DJ.

The party will be FREE, ticket only (limited to 150) 7.30pm - 12.15am.

Bring your own food and drink (not a sharing table as in other years).

Accompanied children welcome. Raffle.

Tickets will be available from 1st November, but please feel free to order

yours now from Sarah Cowell or Alison Hodges.

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**CROSCOMBE, DINDER AND DULCOTE**

The Poppy Appeal in Croscombe, Dinder and Dulcote this year raised £1014 – the biggest sum for several years. Thank you, as ever, to the George Inn and The Cross who have collection boxes and to the volunteer house to house collectors who give up their time every year – not least Annie Wallace, who is now ‘handing in her tin’ after an amazing 34 years! And, of course, a special thanks to all of you in the villages who welcome their visit and give so generously.

*Jenny Mitchell* Local Poppy Appeal Organiser

**CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Thank you to all the  various Hall users, who have continued to support the Hall during the last 21 months.

The next Coffee morning will on 22nd January from 10.00am-12.00pm  
**100 club winners for October** were:

£25 Rachel Speed £15 Lisa Western.

We look forward to seeing you at the New Year’s Eve Party which is kindly being organised by Alison Hodges and Sarah Cowell.  
In the meantime, we wish you all a Happy and Healthy Christmas and Stay Safe.

*Sheila Wilkins* (Chairman)

**DECEMBER EVENTS AT OUR VILLAGE PUBS AND CLUBS**

**PILTON WORKING MEN’S CLUB (890162)**

[piltonvh@gmail.com](mailto:piltonvh@gmail.com)

**Pilton Club**

Tuesdays -Thursdays 7.00-10.00pm

Friday 6.00-10.00pm – Food served 6.00-8.00pm

Saturday 7.00 -10.00pm - Sunday 12.00noon – 4.00pm

Sunday Carvery 12.00noon – 2.00pm

Eat in or take away

**Sunday 5th Christmas Bingo**: doors open 7.00pm, eyes down 7.30pm

**Christmas Eve – Killer Skittles and Buffet** £5pp 7.00pm onwards

**New Year’s Eve – Sladest with special guest DJ Patmandu**

8.00pm ’til late – Advance tickets £5, on the door £7

**THE GEORGE INN, CROSCOMBE (342306)**

[www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk](http://www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk)

For December opening hours see the website

5pm-9pm Monday – Thursday 5pm-10pm Friday and Saturday

Closed Sunday evening.

Take away or eat at the pub is available daily until 1 hour before closing times and include:

Curry on Thursday

Fish and Chips Any time

Pizza Saturday Night.

Call to order in advance please 342306 or 07892 699297

Village Shop – open daily 8.00am – 2.00pm

**PILTON NEW ROOM**

**COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP**

(Next to the Pre-school and Chapel)

Managed and run entirely by volunteers

This month we will be open from

**Monday to Saturday**

**10.00am to 12.30pm**

**But closed December 23rd – 27th**

If you are interested in joining our

team of volunteers please call

Philip or Gill on 890468

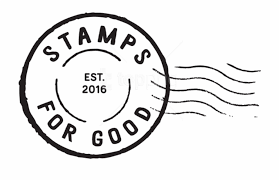
**WHAT’S ON IN DINDER AND DULCOTE**

**December**

12th Decorating the Christmas Tree, St Michael’s Church 3.00pm

24th Village Carol Service, St Michael’s Church 4.00pm

25th Christmas Day Communion, St Michael’s Church 9.30am



**POSTAGE STAMPS**

I am still collecting postage stamps for the charities (mainly RSPB at the present time). They can be left at my house - Livadia, Fayre Way, Croscombe. Charities are always grateful for donations. Many thanks for those received recently. *Janet Dowding*

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**Online Talks for The Arts Society Mendip**

7th December

**Glad Tidings: The Story of the Annunciation**. Imogen Corrigan describes its symbolism with 4-16th Century images to The Arts Society Mendip on 7th December at 11.00am, in Croscombe Village Hall (and simultaneously via Zoom-links will be sent to all members). Guests welcome, on request to [tasmendip.comm@gmail.com.](mailto:tasmendip.comm@gmail.com.) A guest donation of £6 will be requested**.**

**MATERIAL FOR ROUNDABOUT**

The Roundabout Team usually put the magazine together on the third Monday of the month but please note **the early deadline for January 2022 is Monday 6th December at 9.00am.**

**SMALL ADS**

**Chantry Construction: stone walling, drives, block paving, patios,** extensions, mini–digger and driver. Contact Paul Merrett 01373 836787 or 07855343388.

**Daniel’s garden maintenance.** Lawns cut, seeded, turfed. Hedges cut, garden clearance, Patio-laying, jet-washing, fencing plus fence painting. Weeding. Call Daniel 672832 or 07936583986

**Daniel’s property maintenance** Roof repairs. Gutters cleaned, repaired and renewed Interior and exterior painting and much more.   
Call Reg 672832 mob 07518116140

**Give your garden a treat. 2 year old well-rotted horse manure** sold by sack or load. 100% organic. Contact 890582.

**Chimney Clean:** Chimney sweep, clean and efficient service est. 1985. Please ring Colin on 07596 534861.

**J.D. Waste.**  House clearance.  Rubbish clearance. Garage Clearance.

Call 07919 584737 or 07961 892014.

**Domestic Cleaning Services.** For references and details please call 01749 689099 or email [pattinson321@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pattinson321@yahoo.co.uk)

**JM Building** for all general building needs and property maintenance. All building work, natural stone work, patios, tiling, decorating. 25 years’ experience, free quotations. References available. 07546589825

**West Country Gardening and Landscape Services** for all types of tree, hedge, shrub and garden work. We also do one off garden tidying. Licensed waste carrier. 01458 210237. 07961 986871

**Chiropractor,** Dr Ben Bullard D.C. clinic in Pylle. All ages, and all types of pain treated. Book online [***portmanhousechiropractic.co.uk***](http://portmanhousechiropractic.co.uk)or call 01749 681656

**Mendip Window Cleaning** - Services we provide include: Domestic and commercial window cleaning, Fascia and soffit cleaning,  Jet pressure washing, Conservatories, Solar Panel cleaning.

Call Matt on 07850 596217

**Christmas Trees** (Nordman’s non-drop) Norway spruce and holly wreaths on sale from the middle of the month at 2, Abbots Way, Pilton 890952.

**End of Year** Preloved and Upcycled Sale and Giveaway, Croscombe. Bag a Bargain! Invest in a Collectible! Visit [www.4sale4free.co.uk](https://www.4sale4free.co.uk/) or call Ann on 07957 608 735.

**PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITES**

[www.piltonparishcouncil.org](http://www.piltonparishcouncil.org)

[www.croscombeparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.croscombeparishcouncil.co.uk)

**WHAT’S ON IN PILTON**

**December**

1st Happy Circle, Bingo, PWMC 2.15pm

1st Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm

13th History Group, PWMC 7.30pm

15th Happy Circle Christmas Lunch, Village Hall

15th Jubilee Meeting, Village Hall (see page 14 for details)

19th Children’s Christmas Party, Village Hall 2.00 – 4.30pm

19th Village Carol Service, Handbells, Methodist Church 5.30pm

24th Midnight Communion, Parish Church 11.30pm

25th Christmas Family Service, Parish Church 11.00am

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**PILTON VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP**

**Roman Life in Somerset**

Pilton Village History Group are looking forward to welcoming Mr John Smith to our meeting on Monday 13th December at 7.30pm, in the Club Room at Pilton Village Hall.

Mr Smith has studied archaeology for around 50 years and is also currently a volunteer at Ilchester Museum.

His talk will explain how the Romans changed so many things for the better when they arrived in Somerset, and left so many traces behind them, including things that we take for granted nowadays.  
It will cover building and their construction, the items within our homes, our foods and diet, housing and clothing, all illustrated with items brought by our speaker.

It promises to be an entertaining and very interesting meeting and will be followed by festive refreshments.

\*\*\* Please note that at the speaker's request, this will be an 'in person' only meeting (no zoom or recording).

We ask that you do not attend if you have any COVID-19 symptoms or have had a contact with an infected person. Please also do a lateral flow test before attending.

*Chris King*  
Pilton Village History Group 890357

**PLATINUM JUBILEE WEEKEND**

The first weekend of June 2022 sees an extra Bank Holiday (on Friday 3rd June) to mark the remarkable longevity of the Queen’s reign, longer than any other sovereign in history.  If interested in making things happen in Pilton over this time – whether it’s lighting beacons (Thursday 2nd), a church service or the fun of a Big Lunch for all ages on the Sunday (5th) or other entertainments -  please come along to a first planning meeting to throw some ideas around in the early evening of Wednesday 15th December at the Perridge Room, Pilton Village Hall.

Exact time to be confirmed, either 6.00pm or 730 pm : all depends on who’s involved but **please register interest (and say which time best) by phoning Jenny on 01749 890465 or email**[**jennydegex@btinternet.com**](mailto:jennydegex@btinternet.com)**.**  Various village organisations and Trusts will be represented but we hope *not* to have too many meetings, although time is galloping and it will soon only be six months’ away, so we will need a couple to kickstart things!  Another good chance for a village get-together….

**PILTON PEOPLE BOOK**

As part of the Jubilee celebrations, we’ve decided to go ahead with the update of the book PILTON PEOPLE covering 2012-2022.  However, it won’t be published and available until *after* the above events, so that photos of these can be included.  We hope to launch it at **Pilton Show** in early September.  Please could anyone who wishes to write about local events, or villagers they miss, or has memorable and relevant photos, contact Jenny (see above) by 1st January latest, so that we can start planning properly.  Final design deadline for submissions will be 1st April (suitably All Fools’ Day).

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**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

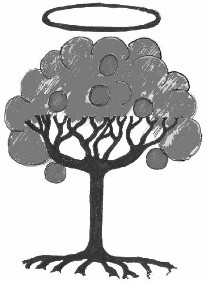
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**Sunday 19th December – 2.00 – 4.30pm**

**Pilton Village Hall**

Call Audrey on 899307 or Tracey on 890365 for further information

Gifts should be wrapped and clearly labelled



**BUY LOCAL!**

Fresh pressed and pasteurised **APPLE JUICE** from Pilton's own GABRIEL'S ORCHARD.

Now available to buy for yourself to enjoy or would make

good Christmas Gifts!

Made from Somerset Heritage Varieties, grown and produced in Pilton. Almost zero food miles!!

£2.40 for 75cl bottle or £2/bottle if you buy 6!

Phone 890009 or 890357, and collect from The New House, Pylle Road, Pilton [jk.pilton@btinternet.com](mailto:jk.pilton@btinternet.com)

*Joe King*

**NEW ROOM COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP DONATIONS**

Every six months the volunteers who run the Coffee Shop decide the distribution of the profits.

Last month we donated £250 to the Parish Church and £250 to the Village Hall towards the maintenance of both buildings. We also donated £200 to the Allotment Association towards their cost of establishing the Allotment ground with the Land Registry.

**Thanks to everyone who support the Coffee Shop.**

We will be closed from December 23rd to December 27th but hope to open between Christmas and including New Year’s Day

**PILTON PARISH COUNCIL**

would like to wish you a Very Merry Christmas

and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



**The Glory and Decline of**

**TREES**

A forest of carefully-designed, carefully thought-out, beautiful trees rustled into the Chapel Pre-School Room on Thursday, October 28th . It was a co-operation between the Art Group and the Writing Group here in the village, with valued contributions from independent local artists and craftspeople. Paintings, photographs, poems, prose, sculpture from a variety of hands – professional and amateur, old and young, accomplished and aspirational – all combined to delight all who took part and all who visited the exhibition. Everybody left with a heightened awareness of the part trees play in our life and will continue to do, if only nature is given a chance.

So successful was this exhibition that it has already been decided to stage another next spring. Will the trees return? Will there be another theme? Find out next spring – date to be announced here in due course.

One permanent souvenir has resulted – a thought-provoking little anthology of the writings from the exhibition. It is available for a modest price from the Pilton Co-Op and from the New Room coffee shop at the Chapel. *Leena Butler*

**HARRIET SANDYS  
Exotic Gifts from around the World**

Oriental carpets and Kilims, cushions, tribal jewellery, kantha jackets, Indian block print bedcovers and tablecloths, felt slippers, cotton nightdresses and dressing gowns and lots more!

**OPEN DAYS CHRISTMAS 2021**

**Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th December 2-5pm**

**Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th December 2-5pm**

**Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th December 2-5pm**

If you would rather visit on a weekday, the Barn is open by appointment.

Manor House Barn, West Compton, Shepton Mallet BA4 4PB Tel: 01749 890 582

Email: [harrietsandys@freeolamail.com](mailto:harrietsandys@freeolamail.com)

website: www.sandysorientalcarpets.co.uk

**‘Greet 2022 With A Smile’**

First week in January bring your funnies, Christmas and otherwise, to the New Room Coffee Shop (by Methodist Chapel) and share the fun.  PC, non-crude only please!  Look for more details in January Roundabout. *Mike and Fiona Case*

Circle

Description automatically generated with medium confidence**CROSCOMBE SCHOOL**

November arrived bringing much chillier temperatures and the seasonal celebrations that come with it. The 5th of November meant lots of pupils celebrated bonfire night by watching brightly lit fireworks displays around the local area. At school, there were lots of fun activities for the children to do, such as recreating fireworks using various arts and crafts resources. On the 11th November, we marked Remembrance Day. The children supported the British Legion Poppy Appeal by donating towards this great cause. They also discussed the importance of the special day and held a minute’s silence to remember all the lives lost in conflicts.

Friday 19th November was Children in Need Day. This called for more celebration at the school with the children taking part in Fancy Dress Friday. As the month came to an end, the excitement for Christmas has grown and planning for fun festivities are well underway!

For more updates on what we are up to look at our website [www.croscombestokefederation.co.uk](http://www.croscombestokefederation.co.uk)

*Millie Hole*

**Finance expertise required** - with the retirement of the current Chair of the Finance Committee in January, the school is seeking to appoint a new Governor with financial expertise who would take on the role of Committee Chair after a suitable induction period. Time commitment is approximately one to two meetings a month and termly visits to school to meet the finance team. If you are interested, please contact the school office on 01749 343114 to arrange to speak to a current Governor for further information.



**Parishes of Pilton, Croscombe, North Wootton and Dinder**

Phone codes 01749 and addresses in each village unless specified.

**PILTON PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**Churchwardens**:

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Mrs Sheila West, Staddlestones, Mount Pleasant BA4 4BL 890448

**PCC Treasurer**:

Mr Paul Warry, Sharomayn, Westholme Road BA4 4EB 890434

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Miss Vanessa Coode, Glengarth, Conduit Square BA4 4DZ 899667

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**PILTON METHODIST CHURCH**

**Minister:** Rev.Tina Swire. Glaswell House, Coxley, BA5 1RQ

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**PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**

Services at 10.30am followed by coffee in the New Room

Except the Carol Service on 19th

5th December     Gwyneth Phillips

12th December   Revd David Parker

19th December    Village Service 5.30pm Handbell ringing

6.00pm Carol Service

26th December    No service

**ONLINE SERVICES**

If you do not receive these at present and would like to, please email [rector.pcnd@gmail.com](mailto:Rector.pcnd@gmail.com) Services can also be found at “A Church Near You/Pilton St John the Baptist”

**PARISH CHURCH SERVICES – DECEMBER 2021**

**5th December Advent 2**

9.30am Holy Communion Dinder

11.00am Morning Service Pilton

11.00am Holy Communion North Wootton

**12th December Advent 3**

9.30am Holy Communion Pilton

11.00am Holy Communion Croscombe

**19th December Advent 4**

11.00am Holy Communion Dinder 4.00pm Carol Service Croscombe

6.00pm Village Carol Service, Methodist Church Pilton

Preceded by Handbell Ringing at 5.30pm

6.30pm Carol Service North Wootton

(weather permitting outdoors)

**24th December Christmas Eve**

4.00pm Carol Service Dinder

6.30pm Christmas Eve Communion North Wootton

11.30pm Midnight Communion Pilton

**25th December Christmas Day**

9.30am Christmas Communion Dinder

11.00am Christmas Family Service Pilton

11.00am Christmas Family Communion Croscombe

11.00am Christmas Family Service North Wootton

**26th December Christmas 1**

An Online Service will be available but No Servicesin our churches.

~~but~~ There will be services at Wells Cathedral (wellscathedral.org.uk/worship-and-music)