

THE
ROUNDAABOUT
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

*"January is here, with eyes that keenly glow,
A frost-mailed warrior
striding a shadowy steed of snow."*

Edgar Fawcett.



JANUARY 2024

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HOPE IN DEED

I'd love to be writing a sunny New Year's article reflecting a boundless global optimism about the future. Yet the reality is very different. War in Ukraine drags on and tensions in the Middle East remain dangerous. The cost-of-living crisis continues, and many are finding things tough. Pessimism rather than optimism is the order of our day.

In such circumstances, where can hope be found? For Christians, confidence and assurance rest in the promise of the future that God has in store for us. In the Bible, God says: 'See, I am making all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end' (Revelation 21: 5-6). Christian hope is that, whatever may be happening to us now, God has a very different and favourable future in store for us.

Critically, the point of such hope is not just to enable us to say 'Well don't worry about present circumstances. It's all going to be all right eventually.' Hope's purpose is to shape how we live and what we do now. It's to enable us to live out the words of the old Christian Aid poster that said, 'We believe in life before death'.

Towards the end of last year, I had the privilege of visiting a number of the deaneries of our diocese. On those visits I heard at first-hand how through the work of our parishes, schools and chaplaincies, Christian hope translates into practical action for good amongst the everyday lives of local communities. We are offering debt counselling and food banks, support for families and care of the lonely and isolated. All these and many more were amazing examples of how we can join with God to 'make all things new' right here, right now.

So, as we start a new year, please can I encourage us all not to stare into our glasses, lamenting their being half full? Rather, through how we live and what we do, let us fill them with the new wine of God's kingdom – overflowing to the brim. For that is hope in deed.

+Bishop Michael

PRAYER FOCUS

As January begins, we can look back on events over the last year with a mixture of joy and sadness. We pray for peace in the world's troubled areas, both those in conflicts and those with domestic problems affecting the lives of their peoples.

PSALMS

The Psalms for January Sundays speak of God's pervasive presence, His deep knowledge of each of us and, by His grace, the blessing and gifts we receive.

7 th January	Psalm 72
14 th January	Psalm 139: 1-9
21 st January	Psalm 128
28 th January	Psalm 24: 7-end

BIBLE READINGS

7 th January	Isaiah 60:1-6	Matthew 2:1-12
14 th January	1 Samuel 3:1-10	John 1:43-end
21 st January	Genesis 14: 17-20	John 2: 1-11
28 th January	Malachi 3: 1-5	Luke 2: 22-40

BENEFACTURE STUDY GROUP continues to meet fortnightly in North Wootton on a Monday morning at 10.30am. Anyone is welcome to join us. For more details, please email rector.pcnd@gmail.com

PUZZLING QUESTIONS GROUP meets in the New Room Coffee Shop, Pilton at 2.30pm. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 9th January when we will be thinking about "Love and Joy". Please do come and join us.

DURING THE VACANCY when there is no Rector...

... church life will go on.

For any enquiries you can contact the Churchwardens in your own parish or Susan Green. Their contact details are advertised every month in the magazines.

You can also send any emails to rector.pcnd@gmail.com

These messages will be forwarded to someone to deal with.

OUR PARISH CHURCHES

The churches of Pilton, Croscombe and North Wootton are beginning to work more closely with the churches of the Fosse Trinity Benefice (Ditcheat with Alhampton, East Pennard and Pylle). Everyone will be very welcome to visit any of the churches and attend any of the services.

The Churchwardens

ONLINE SERVICES

A weekly service with hymns and a sermon is available from the Church of England website.

Please Google:

**CofE online services,
Click on weekly service. There is no need to sign up.
Scroll down and click on the picture for the service.**

ABOUT PEOPLE

We welcome new people to our villages and hope that you settle happily in your new homes 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.

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.

Deaths

We are sad to report the death of **Philip Watch**, formerly of Pilton. His funeral service is scheduled for Monday 18th December in Pilton Parish Church.

WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

January

8 th	Film Night. Village Hall	7.00pm for 7.30pm
	"Oppenheimer". (Cert. 12).	
9 th	Women's Group. Meeting at 3 Bennett's Close	2.00pm
9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th	Sequence Dancing. Village Hall	8.00pm
18 th	Senior Citizens' Club. Village Hall	2.15pm
	John and the General: 1960s music	
25 th	Friends of St Mary's Church Music Afternoon	3.00pm

CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL FILM NIGHT

"Oppenheimer" Certificate 12.

2023 film by Christopher Nolan based on the life of American physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer.

Monday 8th January. 7.30pm

Croscombe Village Hall.

Admission £7.00 Doors open 7.00pm

Bar available.

CROSCOMBE SENIOR CITIZENS

We have not had our December meeting yet. It is to be a Christmas lunch at our local Cross supplied by Terri. If the other meals are to go by, I know we will have a super lunch and a very atmospheric festive time.

Our first meeting for the new year is on 18th January, 2024 in the Village Hall at 2.15pm. We are to be entertained by John and the General with 1960's music. He is very good, and I know a good time will be had by all who attend.

I would like to thank everyone for their help and support in 2023 and look forward to good and enjoyable times this year.

Lyn Manvill 07780 661327

CROSCOMBE WOMEN'S GROUP

On 28th November we had a Christmas lunch in the Cross supplied by Terri. As always, the food was delicious, atmosphere very festive and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Our first meeting in 2024 is 9th January at 2 pm, to be held at 3 Bennetts Close. The idea is to have a cosy feeling so members, and any new members out there, can decide where we go from here, what they want from the meetings and general ideas, please.

I would like to thank everyone for their help and support in 2023 and look forward to happy times in this year.

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THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S, CROSCOMBE, MUSIC AFTERNOON

Our first musical appreciation session of 2024 is on **Thursday 25th January** in the Church Room. The music starts at 3.00 pm and the programme will be Mahler's Symphony No 6. Short programme notes are provided.

The music lasts for about an hour followed by a cuppa and a chat. New 'listeners' will be made very welcome.

Entrance £3 - free for Friends of St Mary's. Donations towards the cost of church maintenance gratefully received. Contact Terry (345139) or Jenny (345405) for more details or if you are hoping to come.

AN EVENING OF FESTIVE FRIVOLITY

Thank you to all who so generously and enthusiastically supported our Festive Frivolities evening. The event raised an amazing £2700 which will be divided between funding for our village playground goalposts and *PROMISEworks*, the local charity which provides mentoring to vulnerable and disadvantaged young people. *The Dream Team*

CROSCOMBE AND DINDER FROLICS present

FRANKENSTEIN – The Panto

Crocombe Village Hall

Thursday 15th, Friday 16th and Saturday 17th February

All performances 7.30pm

Tickets and further details to follow in February

CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you for all who completed the Parish Council questionnaire. The results are now on the Parish Council website so please do log on to croscombeparishcouncil@co.uk

The website has a range of information and support materials so please do utilise it as much as possible.

If you have any further ideas that you feel will enhance village life, then please contact myself or any councillor with your ideas. Email addresses are on the website. My phone number is 07585507728.

All of us on the Council wish you a happy and prosperous 2024.

Hilary Shergold Chairman

WHAT'S ON IN DINDER



BARN DANCE FOR BURNS NIGHT

27th January in the Village Hall

2 course supper. Cash/card bar.

Advance ticket purchase essential.

FOSSEWAY GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday January 9th

Talk by Les Cloutman on 'Wildlife friendly gardening.'

7.30pm Pylle Village Hall.

Visitors welcome

Details: 07772008594



SEQUENCE DANCING

We meet on Tuesdays at 8.00pm in Croscombe Village Hall.

Any new members will be more than welcome. If you do not know how to sequence dance, we will be more than happy

to teach you. Please come and join us.

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POSTAGE STAMPS I am still collecting postage stamps - used, unused, U.K. and foreign - for the charities (RSPB at present). 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

WHAT'S ON IN PILTON

January

3 rd Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7.00pm
8 th History Group, Village Hall 'Unsung Women in Pilton' Helen Pugh	7.30pm
9 th Puzzling Questions, New Room Coffee Shop	2.30pm
17 th Happy Circle, Village Hall	2.15pm
31 st Happy Circle, Village Hall	2.15pm



THE PILTON VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

Monday 8th January at 7.30pm in Pilton Village Hall

Helen Pugh will be talking about her latest book,
"Unsung Women in Somerset".

The book explores real-life and legendary women who were born in, lived in or visited Somerset. Starting in the pre-Roman era, it goes right through to modern times. Readers meet most women through a short story, followed by historical notes about the woman.

As well as broadly outlining life for historical women in Somerset, Helen's talk will particularly highlight women in our local area: Pilton, Baltonsborough, Glastonbury and Shepton Mallet. These women include a queen who convinced her husband to abdicate, a sheriff, witches, and a suffragette. The talk will begin in Anglo-Saxon times, and pass through Norman, Medieval and Stuart times before ending in the early 20th century.

Helen grew up in Chilcompton, went to the Royal High School in Bath and then attended the University of Bristol (only just over the border!). Helen gained a Bachelor's in Spanish and Italian, which included many units on history and literature, equipping her with useful skills for future writing projects.

She lived in Shepton Mallet with her family for 4 years before moving to Midsomer Norton.

Christine King (890357 / 07799 530666)

PILTON SHOW COMMITTEE

The Grants Committee of Pilton Show at their meeting allocated grants to local organisations as follows:

Allotments Association	£200
Art Group	£100
Community Minibus	£200
Football Club	£100
Happy Circle	£400
History Group	£1,000
Parish Church	£850
Playing Fields Trust	£1,000
Pre-School	£900
Roundabout Magazine	£300
Tithe Barn Trust	£1,000
West Pennard Primary School	£1,000

Paul Warry - Pilton Show Treasurer

PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Dog poo A gentle reminder that your dog's deposits are your responsibility to pick up and take home. There are harmful bacteria in dog poo that can cause illness in people, cattle and sheep, so it is unacceptable to the farmer if you do not pick it up while walking in their fields. Not only is it right and proper that you pick it up, it is also an offence punishable by a hefty fine, if you do not.

Drains If you find a blocked drain, please will you report it to: chair@piltonparishcouncil.org. You can also report blocked drains that need specialist attention and we will add these to our list for Somerset Council's attention. Please specify, what you're reporting. Using the 'What Three Words' app would give us an accurate location, or your best description of the location will do.

3 Hot Topics

Reminder to send your hot topics for what you would like to see changed/improved in the parish to clerk@piltonparishcouncil.org.

Litter pick

The next village litter pick is 24th February, meeting at the village hall car park at 9 o'clock. We will provide hi viz, gloves, pickers and bags, thanks to GFEL. It would be wonderful if you could come along and share in the community spirit.

Lastly the Parish Council would like to wish you a very Happy New Year.

www.piltonparishcouncil.org

PILTON VILLAGE TRUST 200 Club Draw for DECEMBER

1st Prize £30 - Rachel Rogers

2nd Prize £10 - Gill Eavis

3rd Prize £5 - Claire Connock

Carrie Hemmings

FREE - native tree seedlings, various types and sizes.

As a hobby, I grow native trees from seed or from 'volunteers', and then offer them free to good homes. If you would like any of the following, contact me (details below), giving an idea of any in which you are interested, and what they would be used for... community project, field border, in memory of someone, or in your own garden etc... I will give a few days for replies, then be in touch...

Hazel (some bare-rooted, some potted) – lots!

Horse Chestnut; Walnut – one only; Silver Birch

Sycamore – one only; Ash

Joe King 890357 jk.pilton@btinternet.com

FREE - lots of Jerusalem Artichokes for either eating (absolutely delicious when roasted!) or for planting NOW! Easy to cook, and very easy and trouble-free to grow, just plant some now, let them grow, and dig them up and eat them from about November! They grow really well and we love them, we just can't keep up with eating them quickly enough!

Chris and Joe King 890357 ck.pilton@btinternet.com



USED POSTAGE STAMPS

I am collecting used stamps for the British Hedgehog Preservation Society so if you have any, they can be dropped off at Meadow Lea, Shutwell Lane, Pilton BA4 4DY. Thank you in advance.

Felicity Samuels

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VILLAGE VENUES

The Crown, Pilton, 890300, info@thecrownpilton.com

Pilton Club, 890162, www.piltonclub.com piltonvh@gmail.com

Pilton Community Coffee Shop, Top Street, BA4 4DU

Pilton Village Hall, 890162, piltonvh@gmail.com

Pilton Playing Field Pavilion, 899125

The George Inn, Croscombe, 342306, www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk
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The Cross, Croscombe, 343352, www.cross-croscombe.co.uk

Croscombe Village Hall, www.croscombevillagehall.org.uk
346445 (9-5 Mon-Fri)

Dinder Village Hall

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITES

www.piltonparishcouncil.org
www.croscombeparishcouncil.co.uk

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www.stmaryscrocombechurch.org

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PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

7 th January	Lois Emm
14 th January	Rev Robert Channon
21 st January	COVENANT SERVICE Rev David Coppard
28 th January	Bethan Foister

All services at the Chapel begin 10.30am

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

JANUARY 2024

7th January Epiphany

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion Dinder

14th January Epiphany 2

9.30am Holy Communion Pilton

11.00am Holy Communion Croscombe

11.00am Holy Communion North Wootton

21st January Epiphany 3

9.30am Holy Communion North Wootton

10.30am PCWT Covenant Service, at the Chapel Pilton

11.00am Holy Communion Dinder

28th January Presentation of Christ in the Temple

9.30am Holy Communion Pilton

11.00am Holy Communion Croscombe

11.00am Morning Service North Wootton

4th February 2 before Lent

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion Croscombe