

PUBLIC NOTICES December 2019/January 2020

MONDAYS KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS.

The next dates are **Mondays 2nd & 16th December 2019 - 2nd, 14th & 27th January 2020** Please put bins and bags out by 7.00am. The Waste Hotline is 01285 623123. www.cotswold.gov.uk/media/11758330/18.pdf

Green bins for garden and food waste currently go out every week.

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries/find-a-library/mobile-library-service/>

For telephone queries 01452 425048, 01452 426973 or 07795602325 Being curtailed?

WILLERSEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Office is situated at the south western corner of the Village Hall and is open for enquiries and advice on Monday each week from 9.30am-12noon (except Bank Holidays). At all times recorded messages can be left on the phone 01386 853635, or e-mail willerseyparishcouncil@btconnect.com

WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL

To hire the hall please telephone Annie & Bill Payne 01386 858368, or email willerseyhall@btinternet.com Otherwise telephone Jean Harris 01386 858434.

METHODIST COMMUNITY ROOM HIRE – Tel: Penny Ingles 01386 853306.

The MOBILE POST OFFICE visits on Friday at The Bell Inn 12:45/14:45.

Only for Lloyds customers, their Mobile Bank visits Broadway Mon/Fri 13:30 to 15:15 and Wed 9:30 to 11:45. Not with Lloyds? – use Budgens Post Office.

COTSWOLD VOLUNTEERS NORTH

Anybody who wishes to have transport for hospital and medical appointments should ring the CVN Help Centre: 01608 651115. This telephone is manned from 09:30-13:30 hrs Monday to Friday. At other times there is an Answerphone.

Transport charges are 50p a mile (Minimum charge £3.00)

TRAVEL SERVICES TELEPHONE NUMBERS

National Rail Enquiries	08457 48 49 50	or	03457 48 49 50
National Bus Traveline	0871 2002233		
Hedgehog	01386 701666	N. N. Cresswell	01386 48655 for R4
Johnsons		01564 797000	for route 1
Pulhams Coaches		01451 820369	for route 606

Bus timetables for Gloucestershire are at www.easytraveling.org.uk/gcc/ and links on the Willersey website at www.willersey.org/transport.htm#bus

Contact numbers for Breakdown of Services & Police

Electric Power Faults - 0800 328 1111 or 105. Gas Emergency – 0800 111 999
Floodline – 0845 988 1188. Severn Trent. Sewage – 08007 834444
Thames Water - Water Supply – 0800 980 8800
Police – Telephone 101 www.gloucestershire.police.uk Emergency 999.

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PASTORAL LETTER – DECEMBER 2019

Are you feeling Christmassy yet, I wonder? Or, is your heart sinking further and further towards your boots as December 25th draws closer? Are you filled with joyful anticipation of the Season yet, or is it that awful sense of dread that consumes you?

I met someone recently who said how sad they find it that Christmas no longer feels like it did when they were younger. Their comment got me thinking. Why is it that Christmas no longer feels as special for some as once it did? The answer to that question is complex, of course, but, in a nutshell, it may well be something to do with our collective failure to stop and remember what it is that we're actually celebrating! In a year that has seen so much turmoil and unrest in the life of our nation, the *true message of Christmas* is as fresh, delighting, efficacious, life-changing and needed as it ever was. The prophet Isaiah, writing some 700 years before Jesus Christ was born, put it like this:

'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined...

For a child has been born to us, a son given to us; authority rests on his shoulders;

and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.' *Isaiah, Chapter 9, verse 2 & 6 (NRSV)*

This is what we're actually celebrating – the birth of our Saviour and the Saviour of the world, Jesus Christ – and it's the reason why, amongst my busyness, I shall still make time to mark the moment in time that changed the world, my life and the life of every follower of that new-born King of kings, forever. In Christ, our darkness and the darkness of the world around us, is obliterated by his marvellous and radiant light. In Christ, God's own and only Son, we have one rooting for us who is wonderful, mighty, everlasting and the bringer of a peace that is like nothing the world can give.

As well as the many who love Christmas, I know that, for some, it's a time of year that they find downright difficult. Whichever camp you belong to, I invite you to come to a carol service or one of our

Christmas services. Come, just as you are, knowing that you're loved, accepted and welcome. Come, with your joys and sorrows, your hopes and dreams, your pain and brokenness, and discover afresh, or the first time, the height, depth, length and breadth of God's love for you, revealed uniquely in and through his Son, Jesus Christ.

Ros and I both wish you a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

With love, Scott

The Reverend Scott Watts, Team Vicar, The Vicarage, Stratford Road, Honeybourne, Evesham, WR11 7PP Tel: 01386 834946
revscottwatts@yahoo.com

WILLERSEY WEDNESDAY CLUB

Our speaker on 23rd October was David Chatterley, showing us some of his collection of Victorian Brass Needle Cases. At first it seemed that there could not be a lot to say about a packet of needles - but David produced some amazing examples of cases that were made in the Victorian era. There were brass cases in the shape of Hedgehogs, a walnut, clock, wheelbarrow, bird, and many more. The workmanship of these cases was amazing. Some of the needles were so fine and the eyes so tiny one wondered how people managed to thread them, especially as the light would not have been very good. These cases, which would have sold for a few pennies in Victorian times, are now sold for hundreds, sometimes, thousands of pounds.

On 6th November Roger Butler brought sunshine into the hall on a very grey and gloomy day, with his slides of Morocco. We visited Marrakech, Taroudant, The Atlas Mountains and Sahara Desert. Visited the Medinas and markets and isolated villages high in the mountains. It was like a step back into biblical times.

We are looking forward to hearing the children from the village school on 20th November and remembering the Swinging 60's on 4th December. Our meetings will start again on 22nd January, 2020 with Members Day when Roger Batham will talk about the history of the club.

New members will be made very welcome. If you are interested in joining us please ring Marie Dow, 859258 or Jean Baines, 852616.

Willersey's Tree of Light



Every year during the festive season we deck the Jubilee Tree with lights. This tree forms a focal point for many villagers over the Christmas period and reminds us of years past and loved ones now gone. Any monies left after costs will go to local organisations. There is now an opportunity to support this annual festive decoration by sponsoring a light in memory of family or a friend. A voluntary donation of £5 for each person remembered for the year will help the village fund these lovely decorations. If you wish to, the name of your loved one will be recorded in a special Tree of Light Book of Remembrance displayed in Peter Taylor's show room window.

To sponsor a light please, fill a form by 9th December and post this, along with your donation to the Parish Council Office at the Village hall, WR12 7PJ. Please make cheques payable to Willersey Parish Council and mark envelopes 'Tree of Light'. Forms are available from Willersey Stores, The Bell Inn and online at www.willersey.org/treeoflight19.htm

We are tight for space this month so apologies to anyone who has missed out. The following are minimalised entries:

We are still hearing of a number of 'Cold Caller' problems including Fake Charity Collectors - Beware and do not engage with these people..

Stratford Choral Society Concert -Prelude to Christmas' Sat. 14th Dec. Holy Trinity Church at 7.30 more info. Carol Jackson 01386 841440

An alternative to Sat. Nav. perhaps - 'What 3 Words' more info. on the web site.

Charity 'Cotswolds Friends' are looking for more voluntary drivers (50p per mile) contact Joanna Hammond 01608 697006. Full details on Willersey web site.

At long last our Christmas Challenge was revealed by Rose. The project – a patchwork robin made with pentagon templates covered in fabric and then assembled.

An enjoyable morning was spent carefully following Rosie's detailed instruction. We certainly thought we were back at school.!

Next month will be a 'finishing off' session. There will be a display table, so please bring along any completed work you would like to share with the group. Lunch will follow the meeting.

Please remember to visit the United Reform Church in Broadway to view the Christmas Trees. The Church is open during the late-night shopping on Friday 29th November and Friday 6th December. Our tree will be displaying Scandinavian Christmas stockings in blue and white.

Next meeting Thursday 5th December 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. at Broadway Methodist Church Hall.

Any queries contact: Penny Ingles 01386 853306
Gillian Beale 01386 85295



Word Search -can you find them all?

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Christingle Dec 24th at 4 p.m. at St. Peter's



This month's maze puzzle has been transferred to the web site as it needs more space.

Ken Spensley

Please email Pat Heming at office@heming-services.co.uk if you wish to regularly advertise in the Newsletter. For one-off advertisements please contact the editors. As well as paper copies, the newsletter is also published on the internet at www.willersey.org/churchandvillagenews.htm

Signpost Broadway

As Chair of Signpost Broadway, Helen Rushmore says she is “proud to support a charity that has been providing the local community with help and information and a caring, listening ear for over 20 years”.

Founded in 1999 the charity is situated in the very heart of Broadway village at 4, Russell Square next door to the Broadway Parish Council and behind Budgens.

As the Charity name says, the aim of the charity is to ‘signpost’ clients to the most appropriate agencies and information sources. The volunteers provide help and a confidential, listening ear to all who pop in to the office.

The office is manned twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10.00 am to 1pm.

Acting as an information Hub for the community, Signpost offices are used by Age UK on Mondays from 9.30 am to 2 pm; Relate on a Tuesday from 4pm to 8 pm (by appointment only); CAB the last Thursday of the month (by appointment only) and by Broadway and District Cancer Support Group who meet the first Thursday in the month from 3pm to 4pm.

We currently have nine volunteers who give us three hours of their time once a month. We are always on the look-out for more people to join the Team, so if you are interested, please contact us at: **01386 859029** or write to signpostbroadway@btconnect.com and we will be delighted to tell you more about the work we do.

We currently have office space available for anyone interested in holding support or charitable meetings of a non- commercial nature, in return for a small donation towards running costs. If you might be interested please contact: signpostbroadway@btconnect.com

Annual Village Service

What a happy and enjoyable service this Village Sunday turned out to be. It started with the Handbell Ringers, then with Scott at the helm. Our service started with ‘*Bind us together Lord*’, Bill Halling lit a candle and then the pebbles representing the Village organisations were placed by the representatives on the table around the candle.

Our lesson was read by Mike Barnes representing the Golf Society, Scott then spoke of all the organisations and how the village was brought together with the love and kindness they all brought to the village.

Then Footlights sang a beautiful rendition of ‘*Can you feel the love tonight*’ and were loudly applauded at the end. Next came Bill Payne reading a piece from ‘*Cider with Rosie*’ describing a village Party at Slad.

Our prayers were read by Rob from St. Peter’s, Bel for the Village magazine and Pat for the FAST team.

The Community song ‘*Rolling over the Ocean*’ followed with members doing the actions causing laughter and some embarrassment

We concluded with ‘*Lord for the years*’ and the Handbell Ringers ringing another piece of music receiving loud applause at the end.

Our final event for the morning was tea, coffee and cake served by the W.I.

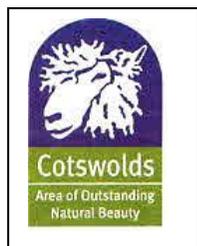
So at the end of the report a big thank you to those who came and helped to make this service such a happy occasion.

See you next month at Family Service Sunday 16th December at St. Peter’s at 11 a.m.

New Event at St. Peter’s Church

St. Peter’s are holding a Christmas Tree Festival for the first time this year. So, come along on Saturday 21st December and enjoy a glass of mulled wine and Festive refreshments with Christmas music.

LOCAL WALKS WITH THE COTSWOLDS VOLUNTARY WARDENS



December 2019

A Short Walk to Rajasthan - Tuesday 17th - Easy

A very gentle stroll to Sezincote House and the option to go to the Horse and Groom for pre-Christmas drink and food. 2 hours: 3.5 miles.

Start: 10.00 am Car Park at Horse and Groom Pub, Bourton-on-the-Hill, on A44 2 miles west of Moreton in Marsh. OS Map ref: SP 173 326.

January 2020

Guiting Power to Kineton - Tuesday 7th January - Moderate

A moderate walk through Cotswold woods, fields and villages. Food and drink available in local pub afterwards. 3 hours: 5.5 miles.

Start: 10.00 am Guiting Power village hall car park (donation). OS Map ref: SP 095 246.

A nice winter walk – Sunday 12th January - Moderate

We leave the valley and ascend the scarp slope, passing historic sites along the way, to enjoy airy views from the Salt Way. We then head towards Hailes before returning to Winchcombe in time for lunch.
3 hours: 6 miles.

Start: 10.00 am Winchcombe Back Lane car park (£1 all day). OS Map ref: SP 024 285.

A Polar Expedition – Monday 20th January - Moderate

A walk through some of the remoter parts of the North Cotswolds, visiting the monument that gives this walk its name and returning through Longborough and past Sezincote House. Please bring a packed lunch. 5.5 hours: 10.5 miles.

Start: 9.30 am Community shop, Blockley. OS Map ref: SP 164 349

PLEASE use appropriate footwear as some walks may be steep and muddy in places. EASY - Length may vary but terrain is mainly flat (level); MODERATE - includes some hills and rough ground. STRENUOUS – may be rough underfoot and ascents and descents may be steep. We welcome guide and hearing dogs - sorry, others not allowed.

Walks are free although we do invite donations to help fund our conservation and improvement work.

The Wardens run a full programme of guided walks throughout the Cotswolds. For more information see www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk or Tel: 01451 862000, also for any changes to arrangements such as due to extreme weather.



Willersey WI November Report November/December Report 2019

AGM's so often see a slump in the numbers but with the invitation to a demonstration from the ladies at BHGS we trawled a good audience.

Mal was re-elected as the President for the coming year, 2020. All the committee agreed to stand, giving us a good balance of long standing 'Village People', WI members and a '*few fresh faced chicks*'. Gi will continue to be part of the committee in a different role but is retiring from the treasurer's job which she has performed valiantly since taking over from our lovely Jean Moore in 2015.

We were reminded that we said a farewell to Val Roberts this year.
Her enthusiasm and no-nonsense advice for us in the WI was always valued.

The annual report was galloped through, followed by Mal's thanks to her committee and all members. Gi gave a detailed account of our finances which are clearly in a healthy state. This is in part due to the increased number of fundraising events we have held over the year and the increase in membership.

Eight shoppers joined the outing to John Lewis and Angie came home with the star prize - a makeover at the John Lewis store. Watch out for the photo shoot.

Eighteen Christmas elves have been meeting to produce items for the Christmas Bazaar and Mal has been rounding up a selection of goodies to sell. Gill reminded members for the Christmas wreath workshop group about their homework! A group have been hijacked to help with refreshments for the Village Church Service and the Christmas Tree Festival in St Peter's Church on the 14/15th December.

Jackie's Christmas Cards in aid of The Cobalt Unit were once again very popular and she has requested any used Christmas cards be delivered to her before the 12th January for upcycling for next year. The business side of the evening over, Rachel and Jan launched into a lively and informative demonstration to enthuse the most reluctant flower arranger. The creative displays were then raffled to some very lucky winners. Jane and Eileen produced a lovely spread for us to enjoy.

We have our annual Christmas Lunch with the Village Seniors on Saturday 7th December, 12.30 for 1.00pm. Carol singing around the Jubilee Tree on Christmas eve at 6.30, will set the scene for the festive period. Mince pies will be gratefully received by Penny to share with the merry revellers.

A DEEP SIGH - following this wordy report!

We look forward to sharing a festive evening at The Childswickham Inn with our WI friends for our final meeting of the year and hope Mary Smith and Adine are fit to join in.

CHRISTMAS OUTING



9th December 6.30 for 7.00

The Childswickham Inn

Remember Your Secret Santa Gift - wrapped and to the value of £5
Birthday Flowers - Mal & Maggie

JANUARY 2020

13th January - Willersey Village Hall - 7.15

'100 years of Kiftsgate Court' - Ann Chambers

An open meeting - £4 for guests

WI Crockery Hire call Mal 858351



Christmas Eve Carol Singing

Please come and join us for the singing of
Christmas Carols around the Jubilee Tree
Christmas Eve starting at 6.30. Minced pies



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and

mulled wine will be served to keep out the cold.

Offers of mince pies to Penny Burch (853837), please. If you don't bake, Morrison's do a lovely mince pie. (Other providers are available!) As previously Willersey Footlights Society will be organising this traditional start to Christmas, with the brass band accompanying our hearty singing of well-known seasonal carols.



Peter and Penny Burch would like to wish all our friends in Willersey a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year. As usual we won't be sending cards but donating to good causes.



Doesn't the year come round quickly? Saturday 21st December is St Thomas's Day - usually thought of as the longest night and shortest day of the year. It has long been a tradition in the North Cotswolds to mark this day with the ringing of the church bells early in the morning. This day was once seen as a prompt to commence Christmas preparations and also a signal that it was the day to give alms to the poor.

So, **come 6.00 am on Saturday 21st** the early risers amongst the bell ringing band will be marking the St Thomas's Day tradition, before sliding off for a full English breakfast to recharge the ringing batteries in readiness for the ringing that will help to celebrate Christmas and the start of a New Year.

Under the skilled guidance of tower captain Robert Chadburn, this autumn has seen much to celebrate. The number of Willersey ringers has risen to 16; a successful training day in November; the local band winning a church bell ringing competition; our new development of hand bell ringing, and the ringing of a quarter peal of our church bells to mark the 90th birthday of Phyllis, one of our longest serving recently retired ringers.



Flood water....

.....to Gareth and Sue from Lowerfield Farm, a big thank you both for the splendid job you did clearing out the debris under the railway bridge. A great job done, and much appreciated by all Willersey Fields residents.

School Staffing

Date Posted	18/11/2019 (Primary)
School	Willersey C of E Primary School
Address	Church street, Willersey, Broadway, Worcs. WR12 7PN 01386 852646
E- MAIL	admin@willersey.gloucs.sch.uk
Web site	www.willerseyschool.org.uk
Post Title (Subject)	Midday Supervisor
Grade	Grade C (9pts 7-11) £13,715 - £15,207 p.a. pro rata
Allowances	(Not Applicable)
Hours	Part Time (5 hours)
Contract	Permanent
Closing date	20/12/2019

We are seeking to appoint a reliable, enthusiastic and committed person to join our school as a Midday Supervisor. The role will involve supervising our children while they eat their lunch (either cooked or packed) and while they play outside (or inside if weather dictates).

You will need to have the ability to work under direction and on your own initiative to provide general lunchtime supervisory support and be a good role model for our children. There is no food preparation or cooking involved in this position.

The post is term time only working 1 hour each weekday from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m. The post is permanent.

Please complete a Gloucestershire County Council application form naming two referees that can be contacted prior to interview.

Application forms are available on the school website:
www.willerseyschool.org.uk - click on 'Our School' then 'Vacancies'

Applicants are asked to send the application form to:

admin@willersey.gloucs.sch.uk

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share the same commitment. This position is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

St Peter's Church Cleaning Rota

Week Ending

December 7th & 14th	Ann Embury and Gillian Beale
December 21st & 28th	Rachael and Poppy Barker
January 4th & 11th th	Annie Payne and Sue Clark
January 18th & 25th	Julia and Colin Burrows

St Peter's Brass Cleaning Rota

Week Ending

December 7th & 14th ^h	Sally and Pat Hemming
December 21st & 28th	Gillian Beale
January 4th & 11th	Ann Tomblin and Janet Parker
January 18th & 25th	Gillian Beale

Please choose either week to do your cleaning. A vestry key allowing access to the cleaning cupboard can be obtained from the Bell Inn or from Gillian Beale (01386 852958).

Village Hall Refurbishment

As many of you know the Village Hall Committee had a survey carried out on the hall in 2016 which highlighted problems with the roof, the external cladding, the lack of insulation and many other areas which need upgrading to make the hall more energy efficient and meet with the latest regulations needed for such buildings.

The intention therefore is to refurbish the building according to the plans that have been displayed in the hall, starting next Easter, using a combination of money due to the village as a result of housing developments and a loan from the Government financed by a modest increase in council tax. Further detailed information about what is proposed will be published in December and a public meeting will be held in January.

Points of Interest from the Parochial Church Council Meeting, 4 November 2019.

There was a vote of thanks to all who participated in the Autumn cleaning session in October. Refurbishment of the Vestry and spot remedial works to the lime washed walls in the interior of the church are in progress. The floor cupboards in the Vestry have been refurbished and stabilised and shelving installed.

Due to the unusually wet Autumn, it has not been possible to undertake the preparation and sowing of the wild flower meadow areas in Saintbury Churchyard in 2019. Some donations have been received and RMW is preparing a grant application to submit to a Diocesan Scheme.

It was agreed that the Saintbury War Memorial will be retained as an ancient monument, given that it has been inspected by a stonemason and found to be stable, and that the inscriptions and names of the Fallen will be displayed in a suitably permanent display within Saint Nicholas' Church, subject to the Churches Conservation Trust's agreement.

There has been an increase in cost of publication of the Village News to cover the increased circulation due to the growth of the village. Ways of working to support these increased costs were agreed.

Saint Peter's Safeguarding Policy has been updated and will be finalised and displayed in the church.

With 2019 being the 175th Anniversary of the founding of Willersey (Church of England Controlled) School, Bishop Rachel has graciously accepted the Churchwarden's invitation to visit our Parish on Tuesday 26 November to bless the School's commemorative mosaic, witness the Christian education our Parish's children receive and lead a service of Holy Communion in the church.

It was agreed that fundraising will need to focus on supporting the increasing costs of keeping Saint Peter's operational. The PCC will take an annual approach, looking at each year's forecast annual income and typical operating costs/outgoings to identify the the figure as the annual target for a managed programme of fund-raising.

Sadly, it had been necessary to postpone the joint quiz with the Methodist Church due to organiser ill-health.

Christmas Tree Festival: Organisations will decorate trees in the church. These will be available for the public to view on 21 December with seasonal refreshments. Also, the Nativity Trail will be taking place again this year.

Weston-sub-Edge News

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Weston rural cinema

Thank you for your support to everyone who comes to enjoy our cinema. We have had some excellent audiences in 2019, our twelfth year of operation. There will be the usual cinema break in December. Information about the January film will be available on the village website when it becomes available.

Weston-sub-Edge Village Hall

Regular activities include:

Seniors coffee morning	–	second Monday of every month at 10.30 a.m.
Keep Fit	–	Mondays at 4.00 p.m.
Equipilates	–	Mondays at 7.00 p.m.
Pilates	–	Tuesdays at 12.45 p.m.
Yoga	–	Tuesdays at 6.45 p.m.
Zumba	–	Wednesdays at 6.15 p.m.
Auction	–	Friday 6 th December and Friday 20 th December

For more information about the hall visit the village website, www.westonsubedge.com. To discuss the potential for a regular booking, to arrange to view the hall or to make a one-off booking contact Chris Rossington on 01386 84931

Welcome to Willersey Booklet

Anyone who has moved into the village over the past few months and has not received a booklet please contact the Parish Council Office on 01386 853635 and they will arrange for you to receive one, or call in to the office when open on Monday mornings between 9.30am-12 noon. The booklet gives details of the many facilities in Willersey and surrounding areas as well as a brief history of Willersey by Maurice Andrews MBE.

Willersey School summary progress reports may be found when available on the Willersey web site.



To all our readers and particularly contributors (who make it all possible) co-editors Bill and Alan wish you a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year

The FEBRUARY 2020 CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS

Copy for the February 2020 **News** must be received by Friday 17th January unless otherwise notified. Please send in any items of interest or notice of forthcoming events. Newsletter creation will start early in the morning of the next day, the 18th Drop them into Willersey Stores, phone Alan 858601 or Bill 858628 or email them to willerseynews@gmail.com. Thank you.

The Church and Village News is now published on the Internet no later than one week after the paper edition is delivered. You can find it at www.willersey.org/churchandvillagenews.htm

Comments on the Newsletter are always welcomed. Please email them to willerseynews@gmail.com or leave them at the Village Stores
For later updates to any Church and Village News do look on our Willersey Cotswolds Facebook page or www.willersey.org.

Nativity Trail

There will be another Nativity Trail around the Village. Forms will be available from the 15th December from St. Peter's Church and Gillean Beale - 'Florizel', Lower Green (01386 852958). Enjoy searching for the shepherds and their sheep plus other characters.. Closing date will be after Christmas . More details on posters around the village



Nature Box



Ever thought about putting up a bird nest box? Well now is a perfect time. Not only are many birds checking out likely sites for next spring, but also looking for a winter weather bolt hole.

If you have been disappointed because a nest box has not been occupied, try moving it. One unused nest box moved last year almost immediately attracted a pair of tits who bred successfully.

Shop bought bird boxes usually come with some advice on the packaging but here are a few tried and tested tips.

- **Consider choosing a box suitable for blue tits or great tits as they are more readily used.**
- **Generally, positioned facing north or east is best.**
- **Definitely not south - too hot, so save for your deckchair!**
- **Place your nest box 2-4 metres off the ground.**
- **Make sure that the birds have a clear flight path to the nest box without any clutter directly in front of the entrance.**
- **Keep away from feeders - visiting birds may disturb nesting.**

Of course, there is no guarantee that your carefully positioned bird box will be used, but when you are successful it's a real treat to watch the nesting activity: nest building, feeding of young and fledging. A brilliant time waster.

And, while most of us aren't looking, young tawny owls are noisily seeking a mate and nest site away from mum and dad.

If you'd like to comment or contribute to Nature Box please email Bob Topp at willerseynaturebox@gmail.com

Services at ST. PETER'S CHURCH Dec 2018 & Jan 2019

N.B. Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) service is celebrated every Wednesday at 11am. Do come along and join us for the service and/or coffee and a chat at 11.30-12.00 noon.

Sidesman, Readers Lesson and Coffee rota for Dec 2018 & Jan 2019

Date	Sidesman	Reader	Refreshments
1st December Advent Sunday	4p.m. (16.00h)	Advent Carol Service	At the Methodist Church
8th December Advent 2	David Kelley HC TL	David Kelley	Pat & Rob Hemming
15th December Advent 3	Bel and Bill Jabelman	FAST Team	
22nd December Advent 4	10.30 a.m.	Carol Service and HC	At Methodist Church
24th December	Bel and Bill Jabelman	FAST Team	4pm Christingle
Midnight	Rob Heming	Tba	11.30 pm
25th December	Penny Burch	Tba HC ML	Christmas Day 9:30 am HC ML
29th December	Joint service		At Methodist Church at 10.30am.
5th January Epiphany	Ken Spensley	Ken Spensley Morning Prayer	Sandra Spensley & Sylvia Schambri
12th January Epiphany 2	David Kelley	David Kelley HC TL	Peter and Penny Burch
19th January Epiphany 3	Bel and Bill Jabelman	FAST Team Family service	
26th January Epiphany 4	Peter Burch	John Busbridge HC ML	Pat & Rob Hemming

If you need to swap please contact someone to take your place.
HC Holy Communion TL Traditional Language ML Modern Language
All FAST Family services start at 11:00am.

All other services start at 9:00am unless otherwise noted.

Please check for changes/additions on the weekly sheet.

For services at the other Vale & Cotswold Edge churches these can be found on the Willersey web site under 'St. Peter's'

THE METHODIST CHURCH - DECEMBER

Well - first of all, a big thank you to everyone for the very kind messages, thoughts, prayers, flowers and cakes we have received in the last few weeks. For over 24 hrs both Richard's and my body fought! Can't believe it! We have both now recovered. Your good will must have filled the skies! THANK YOU FROM BOTH RICHARD AND ME.

Now it's nearly Christmas! Advent starts on the 1st December and that's a Sunday this year. Please join us at the Methodist Church @ 4 pm for a Twilight Service with Advent carols, prayers, mince pies, candles and goodwill. Let's join together (in spite of politicians!!) and remember the real reason for Christmas.

There will also be services as listed in this letter, some Methodists', some St Peter's. Do try and join together as often as we can!

See you soon and remember that Love Came Down at Christmas.

Richard, Penny and the Methodists

Knitting on Fridays will continue until the Friday before and after Christmas week – Hope to be with you before then.

DATES AND TIMES FOR SERVICES

Sunday 1st December 2019 Hilary Johnson – 4 pm Special Advent Service by candlelight with mince pie refreshments at the conclusion

Sunday 8th December, Robin Guard 10.30 am.

Sunday 15th December, Revd Bob Powell 10.30 am

Sunday 22nd Revd Israel Salvanayagam 10.30 am

United Services

Christmas Eve – Christingle Service @ St Peter's

Christmas Day - St Peter's

Sunday 29th Revd Peter Grimwood 10.30 Methodist Church

January 5th Steve Barrett

“ 12th Revd Israel Salvanayagam (with Broadway in Willersey)

“ 19th Alan Cooper

“ 26th Revd Brenda Moreton

All Methodist Services start at 10.30 am

