

PUBLIC NOTICES FEBRUARY 2021

MONDAY BINS KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS.

The next dates for all bins are Monday 8th February and Monday 22nd February

Please put all bins and bags out by 7.00am. The Waste Hotline is 01285 623123.

https://publica.force.com/sfsites/c/resource/CDC_Calendars/Mon_2.pdf

Please note that the situation on these may change at any time.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Office is currently closed please e-mail

Willerseyparishcouncil@btconnect.com

WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL

Currently closed. Result of Hall refurbishment and Coronavirus outbreak.

METHODIST COMMUNITY ROOM HIRE

Currently closed. Tel: Penny Ingles 01386 853306.

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National Rail Enquiries 08457 48 49 50 or 03457 48 49 50

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Pulhams Coaches to Cheltenham 01451 820369 for route 606

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Thames Water - Water Supply – 0800 980 8800

Police – Telephone 101 www.gloucestershire.police.uk

Emergency 999.

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PASTORAL LETTER

February 2021

The day before writing this, I had the privilege of officiating at a funeral service. The person who died had a profound faith that became ever clearer the more I heard of his life and especially when I learned of the hymns that he had chosen for his funeral service. All four spoke powerfully and to such an extent that, at one point in the service, I heard myself encouraging those present to take away with them the orders of service so that they could re-read the words of hymns and so learn more about the reality of their loved-one's faith. The tunes that accompanied each hymn were both fitting and splendid.

This all set me thinking about the importance of music in my life. My tastes are, at best, 'eclectic' and range from classical (especially anything by Mozart), to music performed by brass/military bands, to rock ballads and, of course, most especially to hymns and English choral music. One of my 'go-to' pieces of late has been Hubert Parry's, *I was glad*, the very thought of which exhilarates and refreshes my soul. More than that, though, it transports me back to a memorable service in Ely Cathedral that I was privileged to be a part of. The power of music to speak to our innermost being never ceases to amaze me. Oliver Sacks, Professor of Neurology and the New York University School of Medicine writes,

'Music can lift us out of depression or move us to tears – it is a remedy, a tonic, orange juice for the ear...Music is not a luxury, but a necessity.'

The Book of Psalms, sometimes referred to as the 'hymn book' of God's people, reminds us of the place of music in worship. As Psalm 150 puts it,

.Alleluia.

O praise God in his holiness;
praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts;
praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him with the blast of the trumpet;
praise him upon the harp and lyre.

Praise him with timbrel and dances;
praise him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise him with ringing cymbals;
praise him with the clashing cymbals.

Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord.

Alleluia.'

Sometimes, praising God doesn't feel an easy or natural thing to do, especially in the current climate but God is always ready to listen and to receive and accept our praise, however feeble it may sometimes feel and be. I wonder if music is a blessing to you? Do you, I wonder, have a piece, or some pieces, of music that are special for you – pieces of music that

transport you to a special place, or remind you of a special event, or that bring you closer to the heart of God? If so, I encourage you, in this enforced time of being around the house more, to revisit them.

With love and prayers, Scott

Rev Scott Watts
Team Vicar

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Broadway Embroidery Group

Just a reminder in these difficult times that the group continues to email each other with updates of work in progress or completed projects. The enforced 'stay at home' is doing wonders for the unfinished projects. Very satisfying when a piece of work is complete.

When we finally get together as a working group, we hope to use the Parlour Room in the Lifford Hall in Broadway. It is a very light room and spacious, so social distancing will not be a problem. For any information regarding the group please contact either:
Penny Ingles 01386 853306
or Gillian Beale 01386852958

New members will be made very welcome.

WILLERSEY METHODISTS – FEBRUARY 2021

JANUARY 2021– is that a relief?that we are at last out of what our Queen would call our Annus Horribilis? Or are we? Just when we think we are, something happens to assure us, we're not out of it! We have had a few get-togethers in Church over the Christmas season. Not many folk and all spaced out, and, of course, no hymns or carols! Roll on next Christmas when we can sing in the streets if we wish! I wonder if – for the first time since 1918 – the angels from the realms of glory noticed we weren't singing!

The village has got a lot of people out and around with dogs from the new houses and we're beginning to say 'Hello' etc and that's good. We want our village to stay a friendly place. It'll be good to get back to our Friday's knitting mornings. However, that still looks a long way off. Our congregation are beginning to get to know the people from our area of the Worcester Circuit. We have zoom meetings so that at least when we get to mix again we'll have some idea who people are. We are also working together with the URC (United Reformed Church, Broadway) so that we might support each other. The Job Description is being worked on to appoint a new Circuit Worker to cover Evesham, Broadway and Willersey. Times are changing!

Zoom meetings are now becoming popular aren't they? We had a couple of these over Christmas for the family. It really is totally different to speaking on the phone to individuals. We would recommend it.

Well I hope we shall all have a much better new year than last and I'm sure everyone else does too.

Who's going to be first to spot a snowdrop? I haven't got one yet in the garden!

Penny (Ingles) 85330

WILLERSEY METHODIST CHURCH

The Church is open for private prayer on Sunday mornings.

Sunday Services at 10.30 am.

Fridays are Community Days at 10.30 am

Children's Corner Suduko Solution

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Willersey Covid-19 Community Support Group

If you are housebound, in isolation and require assistance during this difficult time, please call our numbers below, where your call will be directed to a local volunteer in the Parish.

Anthony Lishman on 07595 348506 or

Robert McNeil-Wilson on 07979 590826

leaving a message, if necessary, including

your name, address and phone number

and we will respond rapidly.

For medical assistance still call 111 or for emergencies 999.

Advance Request

Will you be dividing your Snowdrops after flowering and whilst they are 'in the green' next year? I would like some to plant down Church Street and Blind Lane. If you could spare a few please contact Sandra Spensley.

Bell ringing, like much of village life, has been affected by the pandemic, but hopefully vaccination and changed tier arrangements will see all six Willersey church bells ringing out by spring time.

But the ringers have not been idle. Cheerful but socially distanced handbell ringing has enabled us to keep our hand in by practising ringing sequences; as well as outdoor handbell ringing to welcome those attending services on a Sunday before tier 4 arrived.

Handbell ringing was once a common feature of learning ringing patterns before ringing the church bells, as the photograph above records; with this village gathering dating from the turn of the 19th century. We're delighted to say that today many of the current dozen or so Willersey ringers are ladies, unlike the stern gathering of men in the photograph. It is believed that Rose Cottage is the property in the background, although to date we have not been able to put any names to the people. It would be splendid if any Willersey residents could shed any light as to the ringers captured in the photograph.

On behalf of Willersey bell ringers: bob.topp@btinternet.com

Parish Council News

The following has been contributed by Mike Robinson a newcomer from Ingles Court – Welcome Mike and thank you.

Doctors Fun Quiz (All the answers are Dr's)

1. James Bond's 1st Film opponent _____
2. Travels Universe in Phone Box _____
3. British Footwear Manufacturer _____
4. Kept his Scottish Casebook _____
5. Fell in a puddle _____
6. 1st heart transplant surgeon _____
7. The other side of Mr Hyde _____
8. Orthopaedic Shoe Manufacturer _____
9. Peter Sellers 1964 film character _____
10. Discovered Penicillin _____
11. "Hawkeye's" best mate! _____
12. African Explorer _____
13. Communicated with animals _____
14. Sherlock's assistant _____
15. Cornish village GP _____
16. Ran 1st 4 minutes mile _____
17. Ladies personal toiletries _____
18. Carbonated soft drink _____
19. Baby care author _____
20. Set up children's care home _____
21. Fictional US TV medic (70's) _____
22. Pre-WW1 Russian lover (film) _____
23. US 1970's Pop Group Singer _____
24. Antiseptic surgery pioneer _____
25. Founder of The S.D.P. _____

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More to come to brighten Covid days

After several complaints to Severn Trent, a major investigation into the failure of the sewage system to cope with the frequent heavy rainfalls has started and will last at least a year. Problems include overflows in Collin Lane, Blind Lane & Badsey Lane but if any residents can contribute additional information please contact the Council.

Thankyou!

There are many residents who have contributed to village life over the past year but the Council would especially like to thank:

- Ken & Sandra Spensley for their landscaping and gardening work in Church St. and elsewhere.
- Liz Ward for her care of the ducks who are thriving once more.
- The Bell for their help with the electricity supply to the Tree of Light.

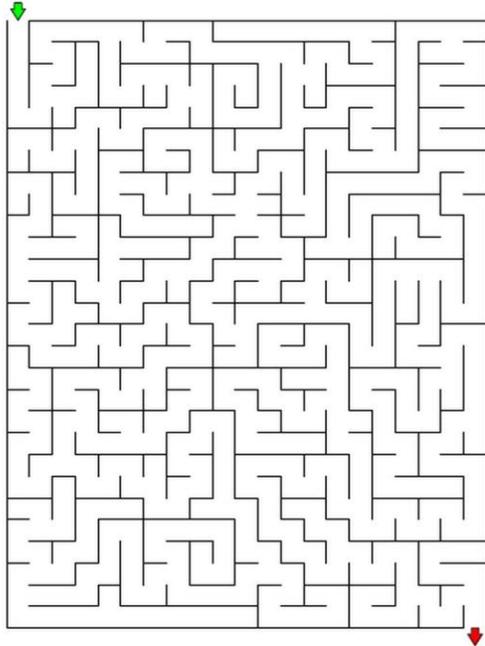
Willow Green Houses

As reported in the December magazine Newlands have submitted (December 18th) their planning application for building 40 houses between the existing development and the disused railway line. The Parish Council successfully opposed their previous application and it was also rejected at appeal. They are also opposing this further application. You may follow the progress of this application and comment on it via the following link.

<https://publicaccess.cotswold.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=QLIZPOFIMWH00>

Children's Corner

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The Nativity Trail

A huge thank you to everyone who kindly loaned a window to one of the animals in the village Nativity Trail. Hopefully it was not too intrusive as little faces peered into windows at various times of the day. A special mention to Heather from Jordon's Close who knitted the majority of the animals. It has been encouraging to receive many favourable comments regarding this event. Apologies to those families fairly new to Willersey who had difficulty trying to locate where certain houses were. Another time a map will be helpful.

Finally thank you to everyone who spent time in the fresh air hunting for the animals. A little confusing when the cat and flamingo were positioned in gardens.

The following children returned their forms and will be receiving a prize in the not too distant future (shops being closed makes it difficult to select the gifts) we will not forget.

Carys Arthey
Caleb Arthey

Alfie Roberts
Eva James

Toby Lowther
Poppy Barker

For details of locations/animals they are posted on www.willersey.org

Nature Box - Sparrowhawk



I watched the sparrowhawk as it sped through the garden, flushing a great tit which then zigzagged skywards to escape with the hawk in hot pursuit, until the tit was plucked unerringly out of the sky and the sparrowhawk floated gently to the ground and out of sight.

But there are no good guys and no bad guys in nature. The spider traps and eats the honey bee; the wren catches the spider to feed its young; the hedgehog finds and munches the baby wrens; and the hedgehog can sometimes be supper for the badger. And more often than not sparrowhawk attacks end in failure. So let's cut the sparrowhawk some slack as it too has to eat and will soon have young to feed; and on average a sparrowhawk will only survive for just over two years, often perishing through lack of food.

If you haven't noticed a sparrowhawk before look out for a sleek chiefly grey/brown bird speeding at hedge height - blink and you'll miss it; or when they are prospecting for prey much higher up with a repeated flap, flap, flap and glide pattern of flight.

Yes, it might seem cruel as it pins another bird to the ground, plucks feathers and sometimes even starts to eat raw meat before the prey has been killed. But that's all part of nature. If every baby bird survived to breed next year we'd pretty soon be knee deep in them. Remember, listen carefully and you'll even hear worms screaming as they're tugged from the earth and swallowed whole by our cherished resident garden blackbird. Well, never let the truth spoil a good story.

If you'd like to contribute to Nature Box or report interesting local sightings please speak to or email Bob Topp at bob.topp@btinternet.com

February

Bright purple, blue and yellow crocus
splashed artistically with streaks of orange,
red and maroon
grow in their innocence
between burnished stones, ferns and grey pebbles
at the base of the wishing well.
These vibrant jesters of the month
dressed in their harlequin costumes
bestow on sleepy people
a sense of lively awakening.



Way up above the crocus
The branches of jasmine and forsythia
Compliment the unique landscape canvas.
The delicate forsythia flowers

are daintily arranged in clusters
along moss edged twigs.
Early morning sunshine
reflects rainbow colours in droplets of moisture
on twigs and branches
so ensuring that beauty in nature



is acknowledged in every conceivable manner.

And new buds pause expectantly
on all sorts of trees,
they awaiting their own turn
to enhance the world.
Leaves oval, leaves smooth and round,
and leaves serrated will appear.....
.... Leaves just so many and various
which will be tiny miracles,
each and every one, in their own special way.



Ruth Dawson

I am sorry but we there will not be a Family Service for a while,
but we hope to see you again soon and in the meantime please
stay safe.

Willersey Snooker Club Re-opening Update

Members are advised that, owing to ongoing Covid-19
restrictions, the Snooker Room cannot yet re-open.

Re-opening will only happen in line with Government
guidelines and consultation with the Village Hall Committee.

This will not be before the whole Village Hall can resume its
activities.

THE MARCH 2021 CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS

Copy for the next news must be received by Wednesday
17th February 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. 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*

**For later updates to any Church and Village News do look
on our: Willersey Cotswolds Facebook page or on
www.willersey.org**



Welcome to Ben Gnome he has been making his way round the village for a while now, providing a smile and a distraction to these dark days of Covid.

So, a thank you to someone out there who set him off on his journey.

Family Service

It was lovely to hear a choir albeit small sing the Advent carols at our December Family Service. This service was taken by Fr. Kevin who with Charlotte his wife sang our carols. We were in the season of Advent, so our service started with a short introduction and the lighting of the Advent candle. We are so pleased that so many of the congregation came to join us. Fr. Kevin's chat was all about guilt and conscience and how do we square these two things in our lives. We ended the service with a piece of sacred music, it was a quiet and inspiring end to this service.

Christingle Service

What and how do we do Christingle this year? The Question posed to us as a team, but as always we found the answer. We would do the service as normal, except we would change the way the Christingles were given out, so we started with a pumpkin for the orange with a red sash around it and four sticks with substitute fruits and sweets. Scot used this to illustrate the meanings of all parts of the pumpkin/orange and to ask us about the various meanings, and instead of real oranges the children were given a bag with a cardboard orange, ribbon cocktail sticks and shapes for the fruits of the earth and Scot asked the children to take the bags home and make up their own Christingle and then hang it on their Christmas tree as a reminder about service and its' meaning. Although not as we intended it was a happy and joyful service a good start to Christmas. *Cont.*



WITH OPTIMISM

We join 2021 in the same way that we left 2020, in lockdown. However we look to 2021 with optimism that we can all resume our busy lives once again, with the WI cogs well and truly turning. We will catch up on all the missed events, the missed meetings and missed friends.

The Walking Train, which Linda organised, got off to a good start but is currently 'running late' due to restrictions or maybe leaves on the line! This will get going again once we get the 'green light'. We have a full programme of interesting speakers and events waiting for us this year. Topics include 'Life as a Hospital Chaplain', The History of the WI, Witching Stories, 'from Tailoring to Auctioneering' to name a few. We are hopeful that many will go ahead.

The WI always has a plan but as we all know 'the best-laid plans of mice and men'.... Our plan is to have a Celebration/Knees Up at the end of lockdown and then it will be 'business as usual'.

Keep on Keeping On

The **WI February Meeting** would have been Diane Bennett, Caring Hands, 'The Lighthouse Project'

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The Fish Supper at The Bell is becoming a moveable feast. We will keep you all updated via the WI Newsletter

If anyone who is not a member but wishes to have any details of our activities please contact Mal 858351 or Lizzie 853443

Parish Councillor Vacancies

The Parish Council is the first tier of local government and is financed by part of the council tax. It consists of 9 residents who either take decisions or must be consulted on most matters that affect the village. It is supported by a Clerk whose office is in the village hall.

Councillors are either elected or co-opted onto the council and the council now wishes to co-opt 2 further members. Duties will be to attend the monthly council meeting and help take decisions on a variety of issues including planning applications, highway matters and upkeep of the village.

The Council owns and administers the village greens, recreation ground, the village quarry, Pool Orchard and the cemetery.

Last year the council rebuilt the village hall and next year plans include renovating the recreation ground and Pool Orchard and, following archaeological investigation, to extend the cemetery.

Councillors should be team players and willing to participate via email, telephone and face to face on a regular basis.

Full support will be available to bring new councillors up to speed.

If you would like to know more please contact the Clerk.

Kevin O'Donoghue.

email: willerseyparishcouncil@btconnect.com

tel: 01386 853635

MY BROTHER - JOHN GRAHAM INGLES

I am likening John's life to the Road from Ninds Farm Buildings, Badsey Lane, to St Peter's Church.

He left his home down Badsey Lane in November, carried on a trailer, being towed by his cousin's son, Donald, on his tractor. He would pass land known as Gibbs' on his left, Daniel's (pronounced Dannuls' and the house he and Doreen built in the early 60s, in part of a field known as Litt. On both sides of the lane the elm trees would have dominated the landscape – then, suddenly, they have all gone; even the ones by the council houses (built between the first and second world wars) and the Pike.

Next came the railway bridge and 'Halt', where John would have caught the train to Cheltenham (or the other way to London). John cleared under the bridge many a time during his life. Then came the Bottom Green which was the site for Willersey Wake – always at the end of June – always alongside the strawberry season – when we could all earn extra money!

Ninds Farm Buildings he knew well having lived and worked there with Mum, Dad, (Ann, their daughter who died at 5 years old) David, Jane and me – and, for a while, with Granny Ingles! The land behind the farm had been Orchard (Ley Orchard).

(Compulsory purchased for housing after the Second World War). When Doreen and John got married, they lived, at first, in the tiny cottage next to Peter Taylor's and moved on to Ninds Farm Cottage on Church Street quite soon. They were there for Simon's and Rachel's birth until at Christmas 1962 they moved down to their new house by the farm buildings in Badsey Lane.

To carry on John's journey to his 'rest' we turn the corner into Church Lane. Noting the Pond where all the village children played and it was obligatory to fall in! During John's life the Lane turned from a busy street of 4 shops to, now, none! The School is still in Church Lane and Miss Beak was still there for John's children and Richard's – the Infants!

Eventually we come up to the Church of St Peter's where John was buried in a grave not far from his sister, Jane, brother David and within a short distance of his parents and grand parents. A very fitting place for his rest.

'You are no longer with us but your memory will live on.'

Richard (Ingles)

Seniors' Christmas Hampers -Thank You



Nature Box Extra December/ January Sightings



"It's growing cold. Winter is putting footsteps in the meadow."

Roman Payne

Recent interesting village observations include lots of reports of great spotted and green woodpeckers (Stuart & Joyce, Moira, Sarah...); a pair of colourful jays (Tom); blackcaps and bullfinches (Alan, Mike, Debbie & Richard); grey wagtail (Glennys); roosting tawny owl (Pete); gruff-voiced ravens (Ella); a little owl (Robert & Helen); Long-tailed tits (Nev); treecreeper (Ann); goldcrest (Jenny & Rex); lots of red kite sightings; and an unusually pigmented black and white probable house sparrow (Gary).

Freshwater shrimps (Don & Meg) have been noted in a village water course, which along with the crayfish reported earlier might just be a good indicator of water quality.

Look out for raucous ring-necked parakeets which have again been spotted close to the village. A touch of the exotic coming this way.

Bob Topp

Thank you to our advertisers who are supporting the Willersey News. If you wish to advertise in our magazine please contact Alan Gittings (01 386 858601 or agittings@talk21.com)

Sadly, this year due to the pandemic, we were unable to have our Seniors Christmas Lunch, which is normally attended by regular members and supporters.

However, not to be daunted, members of the W I, arrived at our door (on the day we would normally have had lunch), with a lovely hamper containing all manner of goodies, including a tree decoration. What a wonderful surprise!

On behalf of all the Seniors, I would like to thank the W I for all their hard work in gathering and delivering these items to us. It was much appreciated by all and shows that we still have a lovely community spirit in our lovely village

Valerie Townsend

Rosie & Clive want to thank the WI for their hard work. The Hampers delivery came as a big surprise.

Thank you all very much.

Clive Shackleton

Doctors Fun Quiz Answers

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| 1 | <i>Dr No</i> | 14 | <i>Dr Watson</i> |
| 2 | <i>Dr Who</i> | 15 | <i>Dr Martin</i> |
| 3 | <i>Doc. Martens</i> | 16 | <i>Roger Bannister</i> |
| 4 | <i>Dr Finlay</i> | 17 | <i>Dr Whites</i> |
| 5 | <i>Dr Foster</i> | 18 | <i>Dr Pepper</i> |
| 6 | <i>Christian Barnard</i> | 19 | <i>Benjamin Spock</i> |
| 7 | <i>Dr Jekyll</i> | 20 | <i>Dr Barnado</i> |
| 8 | <i>Dr Scholl</i> | 21 | <i>Dr Kildare</i> |
| 9 | <i>Dr Strangelove</i> | 22 | <i>Dr Zhivago</i> |
| 10 | <i>Alexander Fleming</i> | 23 | <i>Dr Hook</i> |
| 11 | <i>B.J. or Trapper</i> | 24 | <i>Joseph Lister</i> |
| 12 | <i>Dr Livingstone</i> | 25 | <i>David Owen</i> |
| 13 | <i>Dr Doolittle</i> | | |

Recent Events and Services at Saint Peter's

Saint Peter's remained open to parishioners, daily, throughout the past three months with Sunday and Wednesday services continuing every week. Special services for Christmas included Christingle on Christmas Eve and Holy Communion on Christmas Morning.

The Parish commemorated the 100th anniversary of the dedication of its War Memorial earlier, in November, on Remembrance Sunday. This moving service of rededication of the Memorial Cross included a few prayers from the original Service of Dedication in 1920. This was followed immediately by our Act of Remembrance and was well-attended, with over seventy people present in a well-coordinated, 'safely-distanced' gathering. If you were unable to attend but would like a copy of the 100th Anniversary order of service, contact Robert McNeil-Wilson, Churchwarden.

January's Family Service fell on the second Sunday of Epiphany and focused on the extraordinary visitation of the baby Jesus by the Three Wise Men. Saint Matthew's Gospel tells us that the wise men were scholars of the Bible who had looked at all the prophecies of the coming Messiah. A most remarkable Old Testament prophecy in the book of Daniel predicted that 483 years would pass from the time of the decree to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem until "Messiah the Prince" would come (Daniel 9:25). This meant that the clock began ticking in 457 B.C., when Persian ruler Artaxerxes I issued the decree to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem (Ezra 9:9). Adding one year for passing from B.C. to A.D. brings us to A.D. 27, an accurate date for when Jesus began his ministry.

The story of the Three Wise Men contains a number of important lessons:

- The Bible foretold Jesus' coming as Messiah accurately and in detail.
- **With the Three Wise Men being the first people to kneel before Jesus, the first people to recognise him as God were gentiles.**
- The three gifts they brought tell us that they understood the essential nature of Jesus; the gold indicating that He is our King and the incense that He is both priest and God. Myrrh was used to anoint the bodies of the dead, so this gift recognised that He was also human and pointed to the significance of His death and Resurrection.
- The Wise Men and their gifts came from different nations, showing that God calls all peoples to him.

At the end of 2020, with all the restrictions and impacts of the response to the Covid virus, we were granted something special: it was only the third time since Christ's birth that Jupiter and Saturn came into conjunction to create the Star of Bethlehem. If you stood in Church Street, the same star that guided the Wise Men to find Jesus could be seen in the night skies in the west, over our village's duckpond, for the as few days up to Christmas day. We should take the appearance of that star to guide us to find Jesus in this new year.

Saint Peter's Church Services in February

Sunday	7	10am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	14	10am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	21	11am	Family Service
Sunday	28	10am	Morning Prayer

Mid-week Holy Communion or Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) Services, every Wednesday at 11:00 am.

Saint Peter's Church is open, every day. Please go in to pray, be in the presence of God or just enjoy the peace and tranquillity of our beautiful church which has been there for our parishioners for centuries, especially in the most challenging times. Thank you to our team on the unlocking & locking roster: Gillian, Jennie, Elizabeth, Tom and Liz.



<http://grumball.com>

Worship via Skype or Zoom with Revd Scott and/or Kevin. The latest details will be on www.grumball.com

Please see further details on the web <http://www.willersey.org/stpeter.htm> with a link and service sheet from

St Peter's Church Cleaning

Week ending

February 6th and 13th

February 20th and 27th

Sandy Barnes and Elizabeth Milnes-James

Lisa and Flick Markham

Brass Cleaning

Week ending

February 6th and 13th

February 20th and 27th

Gillian Beale

Jennie and Peter Bond

Thank you again for giving your time to cleaning our church and making it welcoming to visitors.

It is very much appreciated. The key to the vestry for cleaning materials can be obtained from "the Bell" or Gillian Beale 01386 852958. Thank you everyone for sparing your time.