

# The Villager

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The community newsletter for Mapledurwell, Up Nately, Newnham, Nately Scures & Greywell

Christmas Holiday Messy Church
Thursday 22nd December 2-4.30pm
Greywell Village Hall



All Children of (or linked with) our United Parish are most welcome.

There is no charge.

For more details or to book a place, please email Rhona Blagden at gilesandrhona@greywell.eclipse.co.uk

or speak to Revd Linda

# Christmas Carol Concert, in aid Gene Therapy for Cystic Fibrosis All Saints Parish Church, Odiham, Tuesday 13th December 2016 at 6.30 for 7pm

Following the enormous success of our last eleven Carol Concerts we are delighted to invite you to celebrate this most wonderful of festivals by enjoying an evening of glorious music and seasonal verse in the beautiful setting of All Saints Parish Church in Odiham.

We are thrilled to welcome as our guest reader Laura Main, a highly talented dancer, singer and actor whose performances include Shakespeare on stage, a long-running role as Sister Bernadette (Shelagh Turner) in the TV series, 'Call the Midwife', and in 2015 winning the Children in Need 'Strictly Come Dancing' special. We are also pleased to continue into our twelfth year with the same group of enormously talented musicians singing and playing for us. Everyone will have plenty of opportunity to sing carols as well, and the combined forces guarantee a truly uplifting and memorable occasion. The evening warms up with a pre-concert glass of wine and home-made mince pie.

Tickets, priced £20.00, are available from Tessa Morrish (01256 862475, email:tessamorrish@gmail.com) or Katharine Jane, High Street, Odiham. As this concert has been a sell out in the past, and tickets unavailable on the door, please book in advance to avoid disappointment. All profits from this event will go directly towards the UK Cystic Fibrosis Gene Therapy Consortium.

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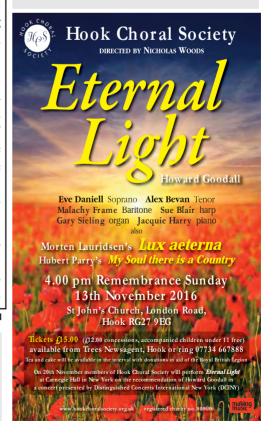
#### **Diary dates**

#### **November**

- 5 Greywell Bonfire Night, 5.30pm
- 9 Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council Meeting, 8pm, Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall
- 11 Up Nately Coffee Morning, Kolkinnon, 11am
- 13 Hook Choral Society, Eternal Light, St John's Church, 4pm
- 18 Public Meeting with Ranil Jayawardena, Greywell Village Hall, 7pm
- 19 Christmas Fayre, Rowan Lodge, 2-5pm
- 19 Greywell Quiz Night, 6.30pm
- 22 Newnham Parish Council Meeting, 7pm, Clubroom
- 27 Basingstoke Choral Society, The Anvil, 7pm

#### **December**

- 3 St Swithuns Christmas Market, 11am-2pm
- Maple & Up Nately Children's Christmas Party, Village Hall, 2.30-4pm
- 3 Greywell Christmas Cafe & Cake Sale, Village Hall, 3-5pm
- 13 Christmas Carol Concert in aid of Gene Therapy for Cystic Fibrosis, All Saints, Odiham
- 14 Greywell Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6pm
- 22 Christmas Holiday Messy Church, Greywell Village Hall, 2-4.30pm





# Mapledurwell & Up Nately

## Next Up Nately Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be at Kolkinnon in Blaegrove Lane on Friday 11th



November, 10-12 noon, we will remember the fallen in the two minutes silence. For more information contact Onnalee on 762273

#### **Internal Auditor**

The role of Internal Auditor to the Parish Council has for many years been undertaken on a voluntary basis by Lynda Heywood. Lynda now has to step down due to work commitments and so...

Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council is seeking a Volunteer Internal Auditor to review the financial governance of the Parish Council for 2016/17 (and onwards). This will require a few hours' commitment (hours to suit) in April / May.

Please contact Robin Best <rj.best@ btinternet.com> if you think you can help or for more information. Thank you.

#### **Farewell and Welcome**

In the last week of September there was a great deal of activity in the village, Hansie, Lucy, Roselie, Marieta and Hannes moved out of number 4 St Stephens Close and on the same day Benet and Harriet Uwala and their two little boys Abraham, 4 and Boaz, 2 moved in.

Meanwhile Steve and Angela Flint and their daughter Harriet moved into the Rectory.

We warmly welcome both families and hope you will be happy here!

#### Dates to remember...

16th December, 6pm, Carols at the Pond

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS Next Parish Council meeting

Wednesday 9th November, 8pm, Village Hall Committee Room. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

#### PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

#### **New Application**

**16/03715/VLA** (6th October) 11 Aspen House, The Hollies, Mapledurwell. Variation of Section 106 agreement to allow sale of property on open market.

#### **Applications Pending**

**T/00346/16/TCA** (8th September) The Farm, Tunworth Road. Two Ornamental Cypress – fell; one mature Cypress – fell; one Ash (close to the house) – fell.

**16/03055/LBC** (22nd August 2016) Slades Bridge, Heather Lane, Up Nately. General repairs – repointing of brickwork, replacement of missing bricks, removal of vegetation, mortaring up of cracks, repainting of pattress plates, repainting of parapet handrail.

#### **Application Withdrawn**

**16/03056/ADV** (17th Oct, reg 22nd August) Unit 1, The Hatch Industrial Park. Display of internally illuminated letter sign to south elevation.

#### **Applications Granted**

**T/00357/16/TCA** (14th Oct reg 13th September) Hillcrest, Tunworth Road Mapledurwell. T1 Blue Atlas Cedar – reduce/reshape by approx 1.5m leaving a finished height of 13m.

**16/02766/HSE** (14th Oct, reg 1st August) Hungry Lodge, Down Lane. Extension to, and conversion of shed to, ancillary accommodation; new window & door to front elevation.

**16/02691/HSE** (14th Oct, reg 25th July) Hungry Lodge. Erection of front porch, single storey front extension, a single storey rear extension and tile hanging to side elevation.

**16/02839/HSE** (28th Sept, reg 3rd August) Am Brunnen, Tunworth Road. Single storey side extension, replacement balcony, and alterations to doors and fenestration.

#### MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY VILLAGE HALL



#### HIRE THE VILLAGE HALL

Contact Caretaker Jayne Norman on 474432 or check out the website at www.mapledurwellvillagehall.com

#### MAPLEDURWELL AND UP NATELY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Good old fashioned party games and a present from under the tree

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 2.30pm to 4pm at the Village Hall

Entrance is by ticket only and, as the Elves would like to prepare a small gift for each child before the party, it is essential that you contact Helen Halstead on 07985 407200 or <a href="mailto:ma



#### POLICE UPDATE



I am extremely pleased to report an absence in reported crime throughout my area of this magazine during October.

We did however have a poaching incident at 5.40pm on October 3rd in the Tunworth Road area of Mapledurwell when a white Vauxhall Astra van DS59 \*\*\* was seen in suspicious circumstances.

Slightly further a field in Upton Grey; overnight of September 30th 2016 a black pick up truck was stolen from outside Upton Grey church between midnight and 8.30am when it was found in Upper Froyal. Between the end of September and early October an Ifor Williams trailer was stolen from outside that village, a registration of HF13 LLC was displayed on the back of it when stolen. If you can help please give me a call direct, as always all calls treated in strictest confidence.

I would however like to make residents aware of the problems that we can experience over Halloween and with this 'Scary Clown' craze where pranksters dress as "creepy clowns" to deliberately scare people. The trend, which originated in America, may seem harmless to some, but has a major impact on some members of the community. Several incidents internationally have also taken a more sinister tone with knives, chainsaws and axes being brandished. With the Halloween period this craze is unlikely to disappear before then. We will proactively deal with any offences relating to people dressed as clowns deliberately seeking to cause harassment, alarm or distress to members of our communities or committing any criminal offences.

I also ask if children are going around houses that they are accompanied by an adult and remember not to call on elderly residents some of whom have no wish to be disturbed in the evenings.

On a personal note may I thank the residents of Newnham for their invitation and company at their recent annual Harvest Supper a wonderful evening and excellent company, thank you. Also in Newnham I carried out speed enforcement in which two motorists have been reported for prosecution and several warned for driving at excess speed. Both I and the speed camera van will be back in the area again soon.

Many thanks as always,

#### Andy

#### **Andrew Reid, Local Constable**

01256 389 050 Mob 07768 776 844 andrew.reid@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

#### **CAMROSE DROP-in CENTRE**

Thank you for the excellent response to our Harvest donations to Camrose, a drop-in centre for the homeless and needy in Basingstoke. It was a pleasure to take in such a variety of tinned and dried foods to support the breakfast and hot lunch that is provided two days a week and certainly apples galore - the apple crumbles should have been plentiful. Apples were also given to May Place House, the 21 bed hostel for the homeless in Basingstoke, which were much appreciated. There appears to be an abundance of apples here in the Village and May Place House would certainly always appreciate any donations, they have more storage space than Camrose, And thank you for the warm clothing for the homeless at Camrose.

Patricia Stubbs.







# Mothers' Non Christian care for families

#### **Christmas Fayre at Rowan Lodge**

North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union and the All Saints Church Knit'n'natterers will be manning a stall at the Christmas Fayre at Rowan Lodge, Newnham on Saturday 19th November from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm. We will have lots of hand-made craft items which will be ideal for Christmas stocking presents. All proceeds will go towards purchasing new materials to allow us to carry on with our work making items for charity. So, please come along and support us.



#### NEW BASINGSTOKE ART CLASS STARTS SOON

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- •Step by step tuition.
- •For beginners to improvers.
- •All painting materials provided.

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# Newnham & Nately Scures

# Newnham Clubroom is for hire



Please visit newnhamclubroom. org.uk for availability, booking and further information.



Still awaiting news from Planning. No news not necessarily bad news...



#### PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

#### **New Application**

**16/03726/HSE** (7th October) Oakfield House, Scures Hill. Erection of a two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, internal alterations and changes to fenestration.

**16/03603/HSE** (28th September) 6 Kingsbridge End, Old School Road, Newnham. Conversion of loft to living accommodation involving construction of hip to gable.

**16/03282/RET** (15th September) Manor Farm, Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Change of use of agricultural land to educational farm and leisure use (Class D1 & D2) with ancillary tea rooms and associated car parking (retrospective).

**16/03383/HSE** (9th September) Thursley, Scures Hill. Erection of carport.

#### **Applications pending**

**16/03302/HSE** (5th September) Cromwells, The Barracks, Newnham. Erection of a 2.4 metre high fence along western boundary to replace existing.

**16/02480/FUL** (27th July) Oakfield Farm Court, Scures Hill. New detached house and garage (amended design to that approved under 13/01460/FUL).

**16/02187/FUL** (16th June) Nately Scures House, Scures Hill. Three x fourbedroomed dwellings and garages including new access onto the A30, and associated landscaping.

**16/01446/HSE and 16/01447/LBC** (23rd May) Newnham Green Farm, Tylney Lane. Two storey side extension and a two storey rear extension, following demolition of parts of existing building.

**16/01315/FUL** (26th April) The Old House At Home, Tylney Lane, Newnham. Change of Use A4 Public House to C3 Residential Dwellinghouse.

**16/00097/OUT** (13th January) Land Adjacent to Oakfield Farmhouse, Scures Hill. Outline planning application for three detached dwellings, including access.

#### **Application granted**

**16/02771/HSE** (27th Sept, reg 2nd August) 6 Kingsbridge End, Old School Road, Newnham. Erection of lean-to side extension.

#### **Application refused**

**16/02772/LDPO** (27th Sept, reg 2nd August) 6 Kingsbridge End. Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed Operation to change hip roof to gable for loft conversion using materials to match. (Reason: no permitted development rights at Kingsbridge End.)

#### Hart Local Plan - Back to the Drawing Board?

The potential planning landscape is changing dramatically in Hart. Final public consultation on the Local Plan, until recently scheduled for end of October to Christmas, has been put back to at least the New Year as housing figures have changed and new sites have been put forward.

The Pyestock site (formerly the National Gas Turbine Establishment) – remaining stubbornly earmarked for a logistics park at the beginning of the year – was subsequently rebranded as Hartland Village. It is now in the frame for a 'green village' of 1,500 dwellings, a new community building, local shops and potentially a new primary school.

At the time of the 'refined housing options' consultation, it was thought that Hart may have to take a quota of up to 3,000 houses from its 'strategic housing market area' partners, Rushmoor and Surrey Heath. It seems both Districts have now confirmed they can fulfil their own housing requirements.

In addition to this large shift in the figures, Hart's 'brownfield-first' policy is seemingly a catalyst for multiple change-of-office-use-to-housing applicators in Hook – and Hart's call for further sites has put more question marks on the map, notably Bell Cornwell's proposal for a 'new village' at Rye Common for up to 1,900 homes.

So...watch this space...and to keep abreast of developments register for email updates from Hook Action Against Overdevelopment at http://hookdevaction.org.uk/











#### **Harvest Supper**

The Newnham & Nately Scures Harvest Supper held on Friday 30 September was another fun and successful event with 48 people attending. Enormous thanks from the VCCs to Linda Dixon for organising the evening, John Broughton for rustling up so many raffle prizes to enjoy from hostelries and other businesses supported by our local communities, Virginia Shuttleworth and Chris Broughton for their beautiful flower arrangements, Nigel and Angela Downes and Monica and Rodney Wardrop for helping to set up and decorate. Thank you too to everybody who was able to come and for their delicious cooking which gave so much choice and variety. Richard Fouracre, St Nicholas' Church Warden. welcomed everyone, and thanked our Special Guests, PC Reid, Rev Linda Scard, and Philippa McSkimming who has recently arrived as Manager of Rowan Lodge. He also welcomed recent new residents in Newnham: Alan and

The Harvest Supper was organised to bring our communities together for an evening of sociability and enjoyment. Well done to everyone for coming and making it happen.

Generous contributions for the raffle came from The Coach & Horses, both Whte Harts, The Y-Knot, The Hatch, Tylney Hall Hotel, Tylney Golf Club, Londis, Mars Drinks, Whitewater Plant Centre, Tesco of Hook, Jeff Ford, Virginia Shuttleworth and the Peck family. Tesco kindly contributed to the dinner. Thank you all so much. By buying raffle tickets and consuming good wine, all present helped raise £300 towards vital repairs to St Nicholas' and St Swithun's.

🌉 Joanna Bell

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# Sweep is now taking bookings for 2017 Sweep is now taking bookings for 2017 Contact for prices (local organisations offered discounts). If you want a true farmyard experience, Sweep can also bring his mini farm with lots of his friends like the chickens and sheep or even the horses. Please contact for further details.

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS Next Parish Council meeting

Tuesday 22nd November, 7pm Clubroom. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

## Kilimanjaro Climb - The Outcome!



Well we all made the summit and down safely again - but it was one hell of a gruelling endurance test for one and all (both young and old) with much very steep trekking (both on ascent and descent) - a daily average of 7 hours for eight days in a row.

On the 6th night we finally left for the summit at midnight (using head torches) - a very steep 6 hour trek in the dark over solidified lava rock flow and stony paths to Uhuru summit and then, after 15 minutes of joyful tears and photographs, another 7 hours of rapid descent to get us quickly away from the extreme altitude.

Speaking for myself, I was suffering from extreme exhaustion (and still am) and I would not have made it but for the wonderful patience and support of Albert, the Tanzanian expedition leader for our group of 12. But we all made it and the sense of achievement is more powerful than the pain - Never again, but we're all so very glad that we did it!

I have to say that all 36 of the Tanzanian porters, guides, cooks, etc. for our group were absolutely fantastic - they had one and only one mission and that was to get us safely to the summit and back down again. They live for the mountain that provides the living for them and their families and are extremely warm, caring and friendly to us tourists.

On our return to the UK the donations to Cancer Research UK stood at a record £2,725.25 (putting us in the top 3% of Just Giving fundraisers for August!). So thank you very much to those that donated and if anyone else would like to contribute, the link again is: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Emma-Hayden6

Now for some rest, good food and general pampering ....

Harry Hayden, Kingsbridge Copse



## Greywell



#### VILLAGE HALL

To hire the Village Hall please contact isabel.pound@hotmail.com or alibarter@aol.com. For Marquee hire (Greywell residents only) contact Debbie Scott; Tel 01256 701624; deborahjscott1@gmail.com

#### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

A warm welcome to all the new residents of Greywell. It has been a busy year with lots of new family's moving into the village. We hope you will all enjoy living in Greywell.

The next Greywell Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 14th December at 6pm in the village hall. Meetings of the council are public and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Villager community newsletter will give you information about future village events.

## Public Meeting with Ranil Jayawardena

You are invited to a public meeting with our local Member of Parliament, Ranil Jayawardena, on Friday 18th November at 7pm in Greywell Village Hall. Ranil was elected last year to represent the people of North East Hampshire and this will be a constituency, not a party political, meeting. He will make a short opening address at which he will talk about life in Westminster as an MP and some of the causes he particularly supports but he wishes specifically to listen to villagers about any concerns that you may have locally or indeed nationally. The Hart District Councillors who cover Greywell will also be present to answer any questions on local matters.

#### St Mary's, Greywell

Special Services in Greywell this month:

In Loving Memory service is at 3pm on Sunday Nov 13th . For those who would like to remember a loved one and light a candle for them.

Christingle is at 4.30pm on Sunday 27th November. Each child will receive a Christingle and monies raised are for The Children's Society

#### PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

#### **Application Granted**

16/02340/LBC | Removal of downstairs WC (not original) and reinstate external door to form original entrance hall. | Old Wharf House Hook Road Greywell Hook RG29 1BT

#### **Application Refused**

16/02273/FUL | Retention of land and two small domestic buildings as part of the curtilage of 8 Dorchester Way. | 8 Dorchester Way Greywell Hook RG29 1BX

#### **Application Decided - Condition Discharged**

15/02342/CON | Discharge of conditions 2- details of internal and external surfaces- 3- window details- 4- details of flue and vents- and 5- landscape protection pursuant to 15/02342/HOU and 15/02343/LBC Removal of existing pool house, partial demolition and rebuild of single storey link; the erection of a first floor extension, and a garden room within the landscaped grounds, with associated internal/external works and landscaping. | Royal Oak House Hook Road Greywell Hook RG29 1BU



Friends and families Welcome.

Financial donations of any size towards the cost of fireworks would be hugely appreciated.

Please give your contribution to Joy MacAndrew at the Old Chapel, Deptford Lane or Giles Blagden at 3 Dorchester Way before the 26th October – Cheques to Greywell Village Hall.

#### Christmas Café and Cake Sale Greywell Village Hall, Sat 3rd December 3pm - 5pm

Please come along to The Village Hall on Saturday 3rd December to enjoy a cup of tea, cakes and festive treats. Cake Stall, Book Stall, Tombola and 'pocket money' games and lucky dip for children. All welcome. Please contact R Blagden on 07799 813821 if you would like transport to or from the Village Hall.

Proceeds in aid of St Mary's Church, Greywell.

Donations of books and items for the tombola gratefully received any time in November. Please deliver to Rhona Blagden, (3 Dorchester Way - can be left in front of garage if not in)

Donations of cakes for cake stall also welcome on the day. Deliver to Village Hall any time from 2pm onwards on Saturday 3rd Dec.

#### QUIZ Saturday 19th Nov

Doors open at 6.30pm (question will finish at 10.pm).

Cash bar and light supper.

£25.00 (inc supper) per team of 4 or let us know if you wish to join a table. Please reserve your place with Joy MacAndrew joymacandrew@googlemail.com

or Giles Blagden g.blagden@hicksbaker.co.uk



#### Hart to Home By Clir. John Kennett

This edition has to be written early and by the time you read this further details on the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) will have been emerged. But yesterday we heard that, after spirited objection by Hart to any overflow from Rushmoor, that Council has now found it can find enough land for its own housing needs.

This means that our Local Plan needs to find land for 1,500 fewer houses than previously thought. This is very good news and, in addition to easing pressure generally, means that there is no need for 'Winchfield NewTown'

Government rules mean that the spatial strategy, which justifies the number of houses in the Local Plan will have to be re-written to take account of the changed need for infrastructure. The evidence based justification for 3,500 houses is not the same as the one for 2,000. If this is not done then a property developer can easily challenge the basis of the Plan with the Government Inspector and it could be rejected. This means the public consultation will not now start until January.

This is not to say that there will be no other houses built except those in the plan. Small 'windfall' sites will be considered by the Council as they arise, which often happens on a change of ownership of an older house with a large garden or small field attached. Also the Government allows a developer to put forward any site it wishes even if it is not in the plan, and even though Hart Council turns it down, a Government Inspector could overrule it and allow an Appeal. Then even if the Inspector agrees with the Council in rejecting the scheme the developer can apply to a Government Minister, who then decides. A developer has just published details of a planned new village at Rye Common.

A dispute has arisen with Hampshire County Council. Construction of the new Hart Leisure Centre is proceeding apace with a planned opening in the Spring and, as planned, Hart is preparing to demolish the old one and hand the site the County Council who want it for an extension of Calthorpe Park school which adjoins it and shares some of the facilities.

HCC have now decided that in addition to the site it wants about £4m which is totally unacceptable to the District Council. Hart has certain obligations under a lease but can meet these by keeping water in the pool, leaving the bulk of the other space empty and closing the car park. The cost of this can be deducted from developer contributions which would otherwise be handed to the County Council. One can only hope that the 'skilful negotiators' at HCC will soon realise the reality of the situation and move on.

If you would like advice on any matter relating to Hart District Council, please do not hesitate to contact me. Whenever I can, I go to Parish Council meetings, the Coffee Pot in Long Sutton and the Tea Pot in South Warnborough; I can always meet elsewhere by arrangement.

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### Church Notices

'Journeying together, we worship God and serve the community' www.united-parish.org.uk

# From the Parish Registers... Baptism

September 25th at St Mary's Greywell, Arthur Hutton

We welcome Arthur into the family of the church.

#### Wedding

October 1st at St. Mary's Mapledurwell, Andrew Goddard and Katherine Peacock

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We wish them every happiness in their life together

| Church Services | 5                     |               |
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| November 6th    |                       |               |
| 8.00am          | Holy Communion (BCP)  | Nately Scures |
| 9.30am          | Holy Communion (BCP)  | Mapledurwell  |
| 11.00am         | Holy Communion (CW)   | Greywell      |
| November 13th   |                       |               |
| 8.30am          | Holy Communion (BCP)  | Up Nately     |
| 10.50am         | Remembrance Service   | Newnham       |
| 3.00pm          | In Loving Memory      | Greywell      |
| November 20th   |                       |               |
| 8.30am          | Holy Communion (BCP)  | Greywell      |
| 9.30am          | Holy Communion (CW)   | Mapledurwell  |
| 11.00am         | Matins                | Nately Scures |
| November 27th   |                       |               |
| 8.30am          | Holy Communion (BCP)  | Newnham       |
| 9.30am          | Morning Prayer (said) | Mapledurwell  |
| 9.30am          | Christingle           | Up Nately     |
| 4.30pm          | Christingle           | Greywell      |

#### **Special Church Services in November**

#### **Remembrance Sunday:**

November 13th. There will be a Holy Communion (BCP) service at Up Nately at 8.30 am.

At 10.50am we have the traditional service, this year being held in St Nicholas' Newnham at which we shall read out the names of the fallen from each of our villages, lay wreaths and offer prayers and hymns as we commit ourselves to work for peace in the future. This is always a very emotional service, much appreciated especially by the older villagers who remember only too well the reality of being at war. Please do join us.

That same day, at 3.00pm, we have 'In Loving Memory' in Greywell church. This is an opportunity to remember before God our own loved ones who have died. All those for whom we have taken funerals this last year will be invited, but if you would like any names read out and a candle lit for someone who is dear to you, then please pass the names to Linda in advance of the service.

#### **Christingle Services:**

We begin our round of Christingle services in Up Nately on November 27th at 9.30 am followed by a service in Greywell on the same day at 4.30 pm. Newnham will be holding their Christingle service on December 4th and Mapledurwell on December 11th both at 4.30pm.

Everyone is welcome, but especially children, as we remember the love of Jesus, the light of the world – with the help of juicy oranges, sweets and raisins and candlelight! The collection at these services will be given to the work of The Children's Society.



## From Your Curate linda.scard@btinternet.com



Dear Friends

October turned out to be a month of new places for me, which is always a joy. Firstly, Lewis and I enjoyed a week in Ireland, something of a late summer holiday, combined with a friend's "big" birthday party. We anticipated rain and took all our wet weather walking gear, which happily stayed in the car. We had nothing but glorious autumn sunshine as we

discovered the beautiful coastline of southern and western Ireland and learned so much about its history and culture. It has to be said that over the centuries the relationship between our two countries hasn't always been easy, but

#### Mid-Week Holy Communion

We next meet in the warm and welcoming home of Lady Nell at The Dower House in Greywell on 17th November at 11am. We have a traditional service, with a chance to discuss the gospel reading, to offer our own prayers and then to enjoy coffee, cake and conversation before we go home! We'd love you to join us — and if you would like to hear more about it, or would like a lift, please contact Rev Linda Scard

happily that's now a thing of the past. We found everyone to be very warm, welcoming and keen to talk to us – very often about Brexit .....!

The following week I found myself in Swanwick in Derbyshire for the Winchester Diocesan Conference. Why Derbyshire? Well, the conference centre here is run by a charity called CCT (The Christian Conference Trust) and has amazing facilities tailored for large groups such as ours, and the beautiful grounds in which it is set are very conducive to taking time out for meaningful reflection, discussion and planning. We met for prayer in its beautiful chapel at the start and end of each workday, and again for candlelit compline before retiring for the night, the perfect way to bring a very busy and information packed day to a close.

During the week we looked at Bishop Tim's four strategic priorities for our Diocese and the great number of possible initiatives under each of the four. Our job was to listen, learn, and then debate which of the initiatives we felt responded best to the needs of our communities and should therefore prioritise. Quite an exercise, but I think we got there.

Bishop Graham Cray, one of the excellent keynote speakers, underlined that the purpose of discipleship is to be a blessing, and added that if we want to share the Good News of the Gospel with others then we'd better be good news ourselves!

I look forward to sharing the outcomes of the conference with you over the next few months as we work out together how we can be a blessing to one another and to all those in our communities.

In Ireland I learned a lot about the many who lost their lives defending their country, their livelihood, and their way of life, as well of course about those whose only option for survival was to leave their homeland to start a new life in America. This month we will remember those who lost their lives in the First World War to protect our country and our way of life. We will remember them.

In Christ's peace, and with my love

#### Linda

Revd Linda Scard





#### Greywell Hill Estate

#### LOGS

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or smaller loads by arrangement

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