

The Villager

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



The Villager would like to thank all contributors and distributors and wish you all a happy festive season



CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE FIVE VILLAGES
Please join us for any of these special Christmas services

Sunday December 15th
5.00pm Carol Service Nately Scures

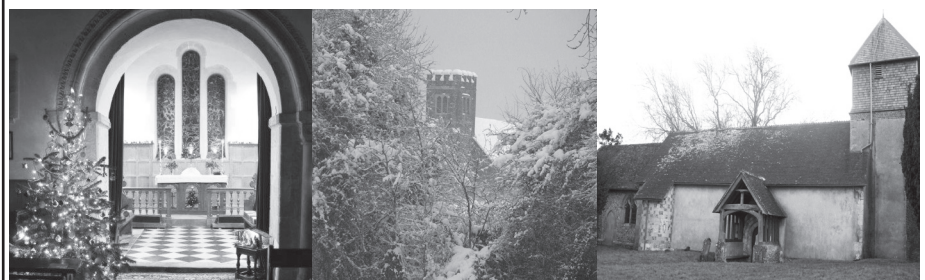
Saturday December 21st
4.30pm Carol Service Up Nately
6.00pm Carol Service Newnham

Sunday December 22nd
4.30pm Carol Service Mapledurwell
6.00pm Carol Service Greywell

Christmas Eve
4.30pm Crib Service Up Nately
11.30pm Midnight Communion Nately Scures

Christmas Day
9.30am Family Communion Up Nately
9.30am Family Service Mapledurwell
10.45am Family Communion Newnham
10.45am Family Service Greywell

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas
and a peaceful New Year



Diary dates

December

- 10 Greywell Cafe, Village Hall, 10-12noon
- 13 Up Nately Coffee Morning, Lealands, 10-12
- 20 Mapledurwell Carols by the Pond, 6pm

January

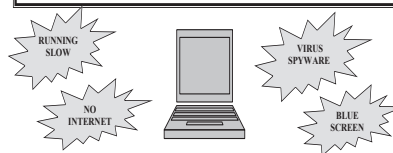
- 9 Up Nately Coffee Morning, Lealands, 10-12

Carol Singing in Newnham 6pm Tuesday 17th December

We will be welcomed by the residents of Rowan Lodge with mince pies and mulled wine.

Do come and join in so there will be enough of us for at least 2 groups of carollers: one will go down Newnham Road, the other along Crown Lane, around Newnham Green and down Tylney Lane and we will all finish at the pub 8-8.30pm for stew & mash. Carol sheets will be provided, but remember to bring a torch and to wrap up well. please let Joanna Bell know if you can join in, and would like to eat 07757 406 410

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Mapledurwell & Up Nately

Up Nately Coffee Morning

Coffee fun 10-12 on 13th December at Lealands, call Jane if you need information 762891.



On 9th January we will gather at 2 Canalside, call Adele 07967 465784 We welcome everyone and would love to see new villagers too, pop in any time after 10 and stay as long as you wish up to 12 noon, you might even get a Milly cuddle!

Huge congratulations to our very own Up Nately villagers Hazel and Dickie who will be getting married on 7th December, we wish you a truly memorable day with all the family!

Our Christingle Service will be held on Sunday, 8th December at 4.30pm, there will be Christingles with candles for the young people and we look forward to welcoming our families to this service.

On Friday 20th December you are invited to join us for Carols around the Pond at 6pm, enjoying friendship and home-made mulled wine with mince pies and a brazier to keep out the winter cold, accompanied by John Maclean on the accordion. There will be a collection for the Children's Society.

Our Carol Service will be at 4.30pm on Sunday, 22nd December, with refreshments afterwards, and our Christmas Day Family Service at 9.30am.

You are all very welcome to these Christmas services.



Holy dusters 2020

Cleaning dates for your 2020 diary

Jan 7 th	Feb 4 th	Mar 3 rd
Apr 7 th	May 5 th	Jun 2 nd
Jul 7 th	Aug 4 th	Sep 1 st
Oct 6 th	Nov 3 rd	Dec 1 st

We are always looking for volunteers to help keep St Mary's Church, Mapledurwell tidy.

The Holy dusters meet every **first Tuesday of the month at 10am** to dust the pews, sweep the floors and enjoy a catch up over coffee.

If you can spare an occasional half an hour once a month, we would be delighted to see you. You don't have to sign up or come every month, simply join in when you can.

Contact: Suzie – suzie.coull@btinternet.com if you would like to be added to a monthly email reminder.

Children's Christmas Party

Sadly, due to too few being able to come this year, we have had to cancel this event.

Village Hall waste bins

Please note that the waste bins at the village hall are for its users only. Please do not put household waste in or by them. Thank you.

Greywell

GREYWELL CAFE

**Tuesday, 10 December
between
3 and 4 pm**

**Tea or coffee, and biscuits
will be provided for a small
charge of £1 per person,
any profit going to Village
Hall funds.**

**Should anyone require
transport to the Hall, I am
sure we will be able to
arrange it.**

**Libbie (702978) and
Jackie (702859)**

Advent and Christmas at St Mary's Greywell

1st Dec Messy Christingle - starting off 4pm in the Village Hall(see church notices)

15th Dec Communion 11am

22nd Dec 6pm Carol Service followed by Mulled wine and Mince Pies.

All Welcome.

Do come and see the newly decorated Church and Christmas Decorations.

Christmas Day 10.45am Family Service.

Do bring all your families and friends.

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Monday 13th January 6.30pm VCC meeting venue tba.

STROKE HAS A NEW INDICATOR

They say for every 10 people who see this, you stand a chance of saving one life.

BLOOD CLOTS/STROKE - THEY NOW HAVE A FOURTH INDICATOR, THE TONGUE

STROKE REMEMBER THE 1ST THREE LETTERS.....

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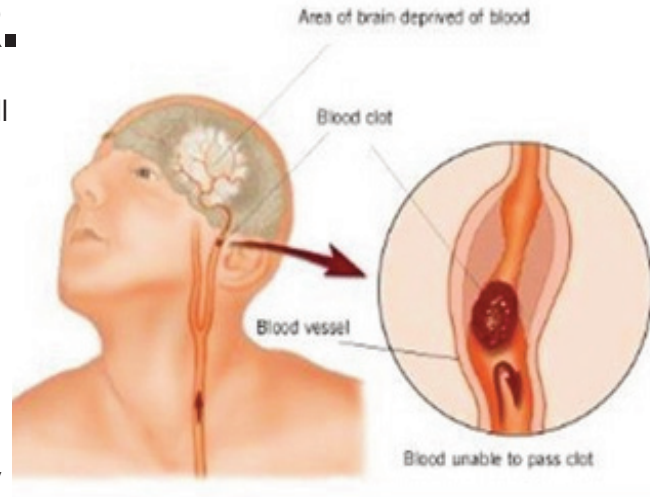
STROKE IDENTIFICATION

During a BBQ, a woman stumbled and took a little fall – she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) ... she said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes.

They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Jane went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening.

Jane's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital. At 6pm Jane passed away. She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Jane would be with us today.

Some don't die. They end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.



It only takes a minute to read this.

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within three hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke... totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within three hours, which is tough.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

- S** *Ask the individual to SMILE.
- T** *Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE COHERENTLY (ie 'Chicken Soup')
- R** *Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

NEW SIGN OF A STROKE 'O'

Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'Stick' **O**ut his or her tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

So... for every 10 people who see this, maybe at least one life will be saved.



A season of change in our Churches

There are significant changes in the clergy team over the coming 12 months. During this time, we will need to adapt our patterns and structures to cope with reduced clergy numbers and to ensure that we are still able to maintain vibrant churches.

The changes to the clergy team are as follows:

- Rev Mary-Beth Hawrish (Vicar of Long Sutton and South Warnborough) will retire from ministry in January 2020. This post will not be filled.
- Rev Alison Brown (Vicar of Odiham) will retire from Ministry in January 2020. We will recruit to fill this post and hope to have someone in place towards the end of 2020.
- Rev Helen O Sullivan (Curate with primary focus in the United Parish) will complete her curacy in the July 2020 and is likely to move to take up her first incumbent level post not long after.
- With these changes, we are not able to sustain the current volume and pattern of Sunday services.
- Clergy rarely have enough time between multiple services to engage with worshippers before or after a service. This is unsatisfactory and makes pastoral conversations and welcoming newcomers difficult.
- Clergy often arrive at a service with only a few minutes to spare before the service is due to start. This means sufficient time is not available to prepare and set up resources.
- Clergy quickly become 'communion dispensers', often having to miss a large and well attended non-Eucharistic service to preside at a far smaller and less well attended communion service.

From January 2020 the service patterns for the whole Benefice will change. In making the changes we have ensured that:

- We maintain a fair balance between traditional Book of Common Prayer services (both communion and Evensong), Common Worship Holy Communion services and informal non-liturgical services.
- The schedule allows time for clergy to move from one service to another without having to leave a service early or arrive at a service late.
- Clergy are not asked to lead and preach at more than 3 services each Sunday. Given that half of our clergy team give their time on a voluntary 'self supporting basis' this is important.

With such a change comes opportunities for pioneering new things which lead to growth. There also comes a degree of loss. Over the course of a month each and every church in the Benefice will need to give up something in order for the whole to function and grow.

It will take us a little time to adapt to the new pattern. We might find that on occasion we need to travel outside of the parish in which we live to access attend our preferred style of service. The good news is that our churches are all very close together and just as we travel to see friends, go shopping and enjoy leisure activities on a daily basis, so the occasional visit to another parish should not be unduly difficult.

After 12 months the service pattern will be reviewed in consultation with Churchwardens and if necessary further changes will be made.

To conclude

The changes that we will undertake are vital for the long term flourishing of our churches, and indeed vital to ensuring that we retain a worshipping Christian community in each of our 12 villages. The changes will allow us to honour and serve our current congregations, re-engage the missing generation that is those between the ages of 30 and 45, and love and serve our wider communities.

On the next page of this Villager you will find a table detailing the new pattern of services across our network of churches.

Sincerely yours

Rev Simon Butler – Rector of the North Hampshire Downs Network of Churches.



CHANGES TO MONTHLY SERVICE PATTERNS

The table below shows the new standard monthly service patterns from January 2020 for the twelve churches of the North Hampshire Downs Benefice. The five local churches of The United Parish are shown in bold type. There will be natural variations for seasonal services (Christmas, Easter, Remembrance, etc) and these will be listed in the relevant magazines.

	1st Sunday		2nd Sunday		3rd Sunday		4th Sunday	
8.30	Odiham	BCP HC	Upton Grey	BCP HC	Odiham	BCP HC	Newnham	BCP HC
9.00	Tunworth	BCP HC			Tunworth	CW HC	Tunworth	Informal
9.30	Mapledurwell	CW HC	Mapledurwell	CW HC	Up Nately	CW HC		
9.45	Herriard	CW HC	Herriard	Informal	Herriard	CW HC		
9.45	Long Sutton	CW HC	South Warn	CW HC	Long Sutton	CW HC	South Warn	CW HC
9.45			Odiham	CW HC			Odiham	CW HC
10.00	Upton Grey	CW HC	Weston Patrick	CW HC	Upton Grey	CW HC	Upton Grey	Informal
11.00			Newnham	CW HC	Greywell	Informal	Greywell	CW HC
11.15	Odiham	Informal	Odiham	Informal	Odiham	Informal	Odiham	Informal
16.30	South Warnb'h	Informal	Upton Grey	Informal	South Warnb'h	Informal		
17.00	Odiham	Evensong	Tunworth	Evensong	Nately Scures	Evensong	Weston Patrick	Evensong

5th Sunday (benefice services - everyone most welcome)

10.30	Benefice 'Common Worship' sung Holy Communion in All Saints Odiham
17.00	Benefice 'Book of Common Prayer' sung Evensong in All Saints Long Sutton
18.30	Benefice Worship Gathering (an informal sung service - see magazine for venue each time)

KEY

BCP HC = a 'Book of Common Prayer' said Holy Communion service in traditional language

CW HC = a 'Common Worship' sung Holy Communion service in modern language

Evensong - a 'Book of Common Prayer' non-Communion sung service in traditional language

Informal - a non-Communion sung service in modern language

I wonder how much you know about your family history? Have you ever tried building your own family tree? It's a lot of fun, trying to find out about your parents, grandparents, great grandparents... We managed to get back quite a few generations when we last tried – Michael even found out he was related to The Shropshire Giant the heaviest man in England way back in about 1830!

December is the time we remember Jesus being born in Bethlehem – but how much do we know about *his* family tree? Did you know that the whole Bible is basically God's story leading up to Jesus? If you read it carefully, you can find out about all the people in Jesus' family tree right back to Adam and Eve! Advent (basically December) is time of waiting for Jesus to come to Earth, and a perfect opportunity to learn more about his family tree using a Jesse Tree...

What's a Jesse Tree?

Well, it's basically the ultimate Advent Calendar. In The Old Testament, Isaiah said that a great tree would grow from the stump of Jesse. Jesse was King David's dad – I'm sure you've heard of him, Once in Royal David's City... That great tree was Jesus, and a Jesse tree is a family tree of some of the people and stories leading up to his birth.

How can I make one?

🌲 You can make your Jesse tree in lots of different ways



(using your actual Christmas tree, drawing a big tree shape, even using a wire coat hanger – but my favourite is finding a bare branch during a brisk winter walk. The more little branches coming off it the better! Prop it into a vase or bucket, maybe using a bit of sand.

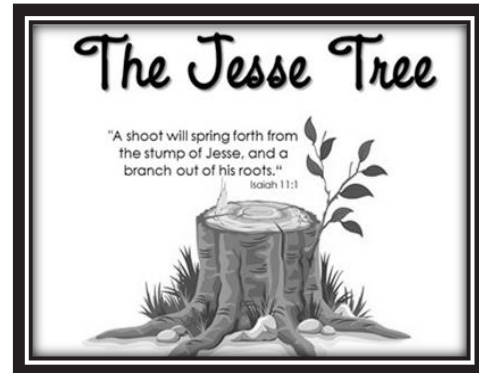
🌲 Now for the best bit - decorating it! Starting on the 1st December (don't worry if you need to play catch-up!), look up the story for that day and get creative!

Follow this link for ideas:

www.myjessetree.com/diy-jesse-tree-ornaments/

There's even a lovely e-storybook you can download and read together!

🌲 Enjoy spending time together, learning more about the real meaning behind Christmas! Don't forget to send me your pictures to nhdbyouth@gmail.com, so I can see all your great creativity!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Have you been reading this and wondering how you can get involved in our growing ministry to children and young people? There are so many opportunities and we're always looking for volunteers! Whether you can commit weekly, monthly or only occasionally, in primary schools, messy Churches or Open the Book, we have something for you. Drop me a line on nhdbyouth@gmail.com.

Church Notices

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

Diary dates in December/ January:

December 20th – Carols round the
pond, Mapledurwell.

January 13th Greywell VCC meeting
6.30 pm, venue tba.

Mid-Week Holy Communion

We next meet in the warm and
welcoming home of Lady Nell at
The Dower House in Greywell on
Thursday 12th December 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. January's
communion is on Thursday 9th
January 2020.

Church Services

December 1st

9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	Mapledurwell
11.00am	Christingle	Up Nately
4.30pm	Messy Church Christingle	Greywell

December 8th

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Up Nately
11.15am	Matins/Patronal	Newnham
4.30pm	Christingle	Mapledurwell

December 15th

9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Mapledurwell
11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)	Greywell

For Christmas Services, please see the front page

December 29th

10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Odiham
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January 5th

9.30am	Holy Communion	Mapledurwell
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January 12th

11.00am	Plough Sunday	Mapledurwell
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January 19th

9.30am	Holy Communion	Up Nately
11.00am	Informal Service	Greywell
5.00pm	Evensong	Nately Scures

January 26th

8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Newnham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Greywell

Special Church Services & Notices

Christingle Services:

Our main Christingle event this year is our Messy Christingle at 4pm on Sunday December 1st. We will meet in Greywell village hall to share food and fun as we make our own Christingles. Weather permitting, we will then process to the church for a short service. All ages are very welcome and please bring a torch and warm clothing for the procession.

We also have Christingle services in Up Nately on December 1st at 11.00am and one in Mapledurwell on December 8th at 4.30 pm.

The collections at these services will be given to The Children's Society.

Carol Services

These are all listed on the front of this Villager and on Christmas cards being delivered with this Villager. Come and join us at any of our churches for traditional Christmas carols and readings followed by refreshments.

Remembering Loved Ones at Christmas:

Christmas can be a difficult time for those who have lost loved ones; the loneliness and memories are especially poignant. We shall be remembering them again this year by writing their names on little tags and tying them to the Christmas trees in each of our five churches. There will be spare tags available for you to write the names of your special people.

December 29th There will be a Benefice Holy Communion Service at 10.30 am at All Saints Odiham to see off the old year and to welcome in the new. Please do come and join us.

Plough Sunday:

January 12th at 11.00am at Mapledurwell

This has now become a United Parish tradition as we bless the farmers' ploughs and a pot of soil from their land at the beginning of the year. Hopefully we shall have some ploughs lined up outside for the children to look at and after the short, family friendly service we have refreshments.



Letter from Reverend Simon Butler

A hot afternoon in July 1785 saw the beginning of a paradigm shift in the world of engineering. Honore Blanc, a gunsmith, demonstrated how he could take apart flintlock rifles, mix the parts up and then reassemble the guns and, to everyone's surprise make them work.

Blanc had hit upon the idea of interchangeability of parts, and it would revolutionise existing industry and form the basis on which many new products and industries would go on to be built, including, amongst other things the motorcar.

The idea was simple, but revolutionary. What if, instead of each product (in honore's case, the gun) being bespoke and unique, a particular product could be developed so that every version of it used identical and easily interchangeable parts? Production costs would decrease, repairs would become cheaper and quicker, and the life of the product could be extended. Needless to say Blanc's fellow gun-makers were in-impresed by this threat to their livelihoods...

Nowadays interchangeability is a central part of the world economy, so in that sense I guess Honore won the day.

But what does this have to do with Christmas?

I want to suggest that in some senses interchangeability is at work in the Christmas story.

If we follow the Christian narrative that each person is created unique by God, but shares in an essential and corporate humanity, which bears the image and imprint of God, we follow a story in which the particular and the universal co-exist quite happily. Each person uniquely created, but sharing a universal humanity.

If we continue with the Christian story then we begin to see that the particular and the universal are manifest in other ways too. For example, the scriptures speak about the condition of humankind in suffering the brokenness and corruption of sin as being universal but also particular. Sin experienced as a species but also as an individual, and in both cases with the terrible consequence of alienation from God, one another and the creation.

Into this dilemma, both universal and particular, steps the creator at a crucial time in his plan of salvation and redemption. Into this dilemma steps God in Christ. Born in a first century Palestinian home, God made particular, whilst being no less universal.

But where is the interchangeability?

Well, I think the interchangeability is found in so far as God, made particular in Christ, steps in to our world to provide a solution to its greatest and most pressing problem, the problem of sin and alienation. Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate at Christmas, like a part in Honore's flintlock, universally fits in to any particular life with the offer of salvation. Like the springs, flints and hammers that Blanc developed, there is no life or situation into which Christ cannot fit and bring his redemption and healing and freedom from sin.

The universal, made particular, to solve the universal and particular problem of sin...perfectly interchangeable, fitting in to any and every life and heart and mind that will receive him as a demonstration of Gods perfect love.

It's always a challenge to find a new way of writing the Christmas editorial, but I hope the above provides some food for thought! All that's left is for me to wish you a very Happy Christmas from the whole of ministry team in the North Hampshire Downs Network of Churches.

We hope very much to see you at one or more of our Christmas services and events, and do please take the time to read our new rota of services which takes effect from January 1st.

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