



# Cuddesdon & Denton *Newsletter*



December 2023 ~ January 2024

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## Church Services at All Saints, Cuddesdon

8am Holy Communion (BCP) 1st and 3rd Sundays

9.30am Parish Communion 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays

10am Benefice Communion (alternating between  
Garsington, Cuddesdon and Horspath) 5th Sundays



## Private Prayer

St Mary's Garsington. - Tuesdays Fridays. 9:30am-dusk  
Monday, Saturday and Sunday. 10:30am-dusk

All Saints Cuddesdon and St Giles' Horspath. Daily 10am-dusk



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# Services in All Saints' Church, Cuddesdon

## December 2023/January 2024

### **Sunday 3rd December – Advent Sunday**

8:00am Holy Communion  
9:30am Parish Communion  
6:00pm Advent Carol Service

### **Sunday 10th December – 2nd Sunday in Advent**

9:30am Parish Communion

### **Saturday 16th December**

6:00pm Candlelight Carol Service – 9 lessons and carols

### **Sunday 17th December – 3rd Sunday in Advent**

8:00am Holy Communion  
9:30am Parish Communion

### **Sun 24th December – 4th Sunday in Advent and Christmas Eve**

10:00am Benefice Communion in Cuddesdon  
5:30pm Crib Service – possibly with Christingles  
11:30pm Midnight Mass

### **Monday 25th December – Christmas Day**

9:30am Christmas Communion

### **Sunday 31st December – 1st Sunday after Christmas**

10:00am Benefice Communion - St Mary's Garsington (no service Cuddesdon)

### **Sunday 7th January – The Epiphany**

8:00am Holy Communion  
9:30am Parish Communion

### **Sunday 14th January – Epiphany 2**

9:30am Parish Communion

### **Sunday 21st January – Epiphany 3**

8:00am Holy Communion  
9:30am Parish Communion

### **Sunday 28th January – Epiphany 4**

9:30am Parish Communion

## From the Vicar

I hope that you are well – and more prepared for Advent and Christmas than I am? Advent is, traditionally, for Christians, a time of waiting, as we watch and prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. Traditionally, Christmas trees didn't go up in churches and houses until Christmas Eve, and Advent was marked as a distinct season occurring before the season of Christmas.

Each year, though, supermarkets and shops seem to begin to celebrate Christmas earlier and earlier; and it becomes harder and harder to observe Advent before our Christmas celebrations begin! The shops are already full of Christmas food and gifts. And Christmas trees are already for sale and, in some places, up and decorated, with the lights switched on. Clergy – and, I expect, many Christians - leap backwards and forwards, during December, between the sombre reflective period of Advent, still observed in most churches and many homes; and the necessarily premature Christmas celebrations in schools, various carol concerts and other Christmassy events.

I love the rising excitement in Advent, as we get nearer and nearer to Christmas. One of my favourite Advent services is the annual Advent Carol Service in All Saints' Church, on Advent Sunday, and I do hope that many of you will join us in church on Sunday 3rd December, at 6pm, as the choirs of Ripon College Cuddesdon and All Saints' Church combine to mark the beginning of Advent with music, poetry, scripture and song.

I am delighted that, this year, we will be hosting an exhibition of seventeenth and eighteenth-century engravings and etchings, in All Saints' Church, to help us to reflect upon the Nativity and Infancy of Jesus of Nazareth – thank you, Robert. Please join us for a reception and open evening at 6pm on Friday 8th December, or contact Robert for a private viewing.

Another exciting addition to our usual Advent programme is a

Candlelight Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, on Saturday 16th December, at 6pm. Please do join us in church for this beautiful, traditional service. We will also have a less formal Crib and Christingle Service, on Christmas Eve, at the slightly later than usual time of 5:30pm. All welcome!

Some of our Advent and Christmas carols seem particularly poignant this year, as we continue to pray for the release of all the Israeli hostages held by Hamas, and the Palestinian political prisoners held by Israel, and as we continue to pray for a lasting peace in Gaza and the Holy Land.

Many churches have debated whether to sing the traditional carols (including O Come, O Come Emmanuel; Lo, he comes with clouds descending; and O Little town of Bethlehem) this year, amidst the continuing conflict between Israel and Palestine. I have decided to keep the traditional hymns as part of our worship, and I hope that they will aid us in reflecting prayerfully on the scriptures we hear, on the words we sing, and on the amazing story of a God who loves the world so much that he gave his Son – to be born as one of us: a vulnerable baby born in an occupied country, in dangerous times, and forced to flee his homeland as a refugee.

Please join me, this Advent, as we sing these hymns, in praying for a lasting peace in the Holy Land, and for peace on earth.

May God bless you in this time of waiting, and give you his peace.

With my very best wishes for Advent, Christmas and the New Year.

*Revd Karen x*





## From the Editor

Thank you to all the contributors to our newsletter, to Keith the printer, and to the kind members of our community that deliver it without fail, come rain or shine.

If anyone would like to add a regular feature in the new year, please let me know.

With the 20th Anniversary of a classic Christmas film, *Love Actually*; here are the opening lines of the film which Suzannah McGuinness and I were talking about the other day:

*Whenever I get gloomy with the state of the world,  
I think about the arrivals gate at Heathrow Airport.  
General opinion is starting to make out that  
we live in a world of hatred and greed, but I don't see that.  
It seems to me that love is everywhere.*

*Often it's not particularly dignified or newsworthy,  
but it's always there - fathers and sons, mothers and daughters,  
husbands and wives, boyfriends, girlfriends, old friends.  
When the planes hit the Twin Towers, as far as I know  
none of the phone calls from the people on board  
were messages of hate or revenge -  
they were all messages of love.*

*If you look for it, I've got a sneaky feeling  
you'll find that love actually is all around.*

(Richard Curtis)

Merry Christmas!  
*Therese Luke*





## Update on the Bat and Ball

Various people have been in touch with Admiral, the current owners of the Bat and Ball since we secured registration of the pub as an Asset of Community Value.

This has resulted in one email from Admiral stating that they do not intend to sell the pub. Following up, we've had an exchange of emails to the effect that they have identified a suitable tenant. But they have to upgrade the electrics before they can re-open the pub sometime in the New Year.

Positive news so far.  
Let's hope Admiral are able to deliver.  
Thanks again for your support!

*Nicko King*



## Cuddesdon Coffee Morning

The next two Coffee Mornings will take place on Tuesday, 12th December & Tuesday, 9th January at 10.30-12.00 in the Village Hall.

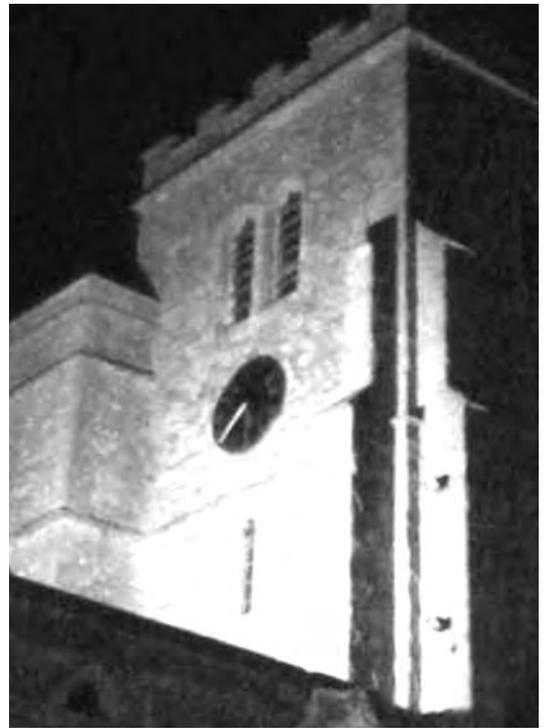
Do come along and meet up with friends. We would love to welcome new members especially anyone new to the village.

Entry £1 to include coffee and biscuits and we always have an excellent raffle. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Jean, Marion and Lynda*

## Let the light shine!

Autumn has slipped into winter, the evenings are dark and this is the moment when annually we appeal for funds to light up the tower of the church. Very many thanks to those who have sponsored the tower light over the past ten years and I am sure there are many of us who appreciate its solid, lit-up presence in the dark nights of winter. This is an invitation to bring light to the village again this Christmas.



A donation to church funds, to help us keep our ancient church standing and flourishing, will also light up the tower. We have recently carried out extensive repairs to its stonework but there is plenty more to do and every contribution will help. Celebrate a birthday or anniversary or the memory of a loved one. And if you feel that £10 a night is just too much, then give what you can afford.

Would anyone like to sponsor the lighting of the tower over the Christmas period? Donations have enabled it to be lit up continuously for two or three months in recent winters and it would be good to repeat that this year. We suggest £40 for a week's illumination and £10 for a single night. I can give details for transfer of donations directly to our account. Let me know if you would like your contribution, or a specific occasion, remembrance or anniversary to be acknowledged in a report in this parish newsletter in the spring.

Happy Advent and Christmas!

*Robert Wilson*

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# Cuddesdon and Denton WI

We would be delighted to see former members, current members and new members so do come along, bring a friend and enjoy getting to know everyone. Refreshments are served.

We meet in the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the month. Please note, we meet at 6.45pm. The next meeting will be:

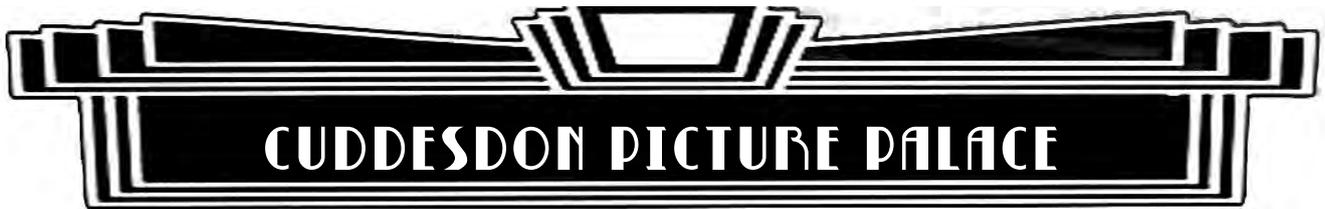
## ***Thursday 7th December***

Our Annual Christmas Dinner will be held at Ripon College.

## ***Wednesday 3rd January***

The Oxford Federation W I Advisor, Jane Finnerty, will be visiting and giving us an insight into the W I both nationally and locally. We haven't had a visit from a WI Advisor for quite a while so it will be interesting for both old and new members.

*Pauline Hessey*



**Wednesday 13 December 2023 8pm**

## **IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE 1946 (U)**

James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore. Director Frank Capra. An angel helps a compassionate but despairingly frustrated businessman by showing him what life would have been like if he never existed.

**Wednesday 10 January 2024 8pm**

## **BREATHLESS 1960 (PG)**

Jean-Paul Belmondo, Jean Seberg, Van Doude. Director Jean-Luc Godard. A small-time thief steals a car and impulsively murders a policeman. Wanted by the authorities, he reunites with a hip American journalism student and attempts to persuade her to run away with him to Italy.

Film Club yearly membership £5 concessions £3 family  
£15 visitors for one night £1.

*Mark Chapman, John Cook. Email: [jande.cook24@gmail.com](mailto:jande.cook24@gmail.com)*

# Cuddesdon Village Hall - Chair's Report 2023

(Registered Charity 304289)

The purpose of this report is to provide assurance to the village and others with an interest in the hall that the activities of the management committee are such that the building we hold for them will continue to serve this village for many decades into the future.

In the words of our Constitution taken from the conveyance of 1951; "The premises shall be held on Trust for the purpose of physical and mental training, recreation, social, moral and intellectual development through the medium of reading and recreation rooms, library, lectures, classes, recreations and entertainments or otherwise as may be found expedient for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish and its immediate vicinity without distinction of sex or political, religious or other opinions."

***The past year*** : I can report that the Management Committee has fulfilled its obligations and duties as dictated with the Constitution and has had a good year returning to normal operation after the pandemic. We have fulfilled our main purpose to provide a place for the village to use. There have been public and private events including the recent fireworks and harvest supper and a very successful jazz evening. Village groups and organisations have been using the hall including the Parish Council, the Coffee Morning and the Film Club, and has been hired by many individuals and groups.

The closure of the pub highlights how very important this building, the remaining community asset apart from the church, continues to be to the life and well-being of the village. A place which can be used by and for everyone is of very high value for the population in promoting friendship and co-operation. The pandemic reminded us all of the need we all have for social interaction and a place where we can mix.

The Archive Room is not yet open for general use but progress is being made. It has been decided that the historic documents concerning the establishment and ownership of the hall which are in the possession of the committee will be held in our own archive room and not in the Oxfordshire County Archive. Future meeting during the year will receive reports on the Archive Room.

The Constitution was comprehensively updated in 2022 and this was agreed at the last AGM and then by the Charity Commission. In the Commission's terminology it is the governing document. The Constitution and other relevant documents are available for public inspection in a folder kept in the kitchen.

**Members of the Committee :** This report is my chance to pay public appreciation and regard to the members of the committee, those of long standing and those who have more recently joined. Each brings their own expertise, enthusiasm, and experience. I can report that the management committee still has enough members to function, although more members are always welcome. The members are volunteers who arrange activities for the community and maintain the hall through fundraising and lettings.

It needs to be remembered that all members give their time voluntarily and the village will be grateful to them. In preparing to step down, I have been thankful to those who have taken over my remaining responsibilities and offer particular thanks to Fiona Hawkins who took over the treasurer's role very ably. A special thanks to Susan Palmer who is standing down after many years. Her official duty has been as booking secretary, but she has done so much more for the committee, the fabric, contents and good running of the building and in supporting new and long-standing committee members.

We would also like to note with great sadness the death this year of Jan Rayner a former and highly valued member of this committee and of course John Paxton who gave so much of his time and energy to not only serving on the committee but inspiring the building of the back extension.

**Trustees:** We have had a full complement of trustees. Their names and relevant details may be found on the Charity Commission website. The Charity Commission provides very helpful advice for how to be a trustee, and the duties required. Our trustees who are also management committee members are unpaid.

The Fabric and Contents of the Building

We have had some maintenance work performed this year. The kitchen skylight needs attention and we have been assured that the roof itself remains in a good condition. We have had a new combi-boiler installed which should increase the efficiency of heating the building, some electrical work done to meet all the recommendations in the last Electrical Installation Condition Report, and some small amount of redecoration during the year.

Thanks to a grant from SODC, we have brand new chairs, which will please all of those who have had to spend any time sitting on the old ones. They are easier and safer to store and move. The committee agreed that to obtain two chairs for particular use by those who find lighter and armless chairs more difficult to sit in and rise from. This is part of our aim to continue to promote full access to the hall within the constraints of the age of the building for all villagers regardless of their levels of physical ability. We are aware that there may be some accommodations which cannot be made due to the nature of the building.

An asbestos survey was performed professionally before the pandemic. Low levels of low-risk asbestos is common in buildings of this type, particularly when work was performed in the second half of the 20th century. Its recommendation was that the floor tiles be inspected twice a year and a warning label attached so that removal of floor tiles, if ever required, would be done safely. The ceiling finishes in the newer part of the building may also contain low levels of asbestos. Any work required is informed by this low-level risk.

***The Future:*** We are acutely aware that this building is a hugely important asset to the village, bequeathed to us by former generations and which it is our duty to hand onto generations to come. The committee will continue in its aims to ensure that we do not fail in that duty. We are always be appreciative of new ideas and thoughts about how to run the hall and will always welcome new members on to the committee to achieve our exciting aims.

Finally, I would reiterate my thanks to all and to wish them luck for the coming years.

*Linda Collins*

# The Nativity and Infancy of Jesus of Nazareth

Annunciation by Magdalena de Passe, 1620, exhibited by the British Museum in 'Landmarks in Print Collecting' during 1996 in various museums in the USA. Nativity by Joseph Bergler (around 1790), after a painting by Annibale Carracci.



You are warmly invited to visit an exhibition of 30 seventeenth and eighteenth century engravings and etchings that present events surrounding the birth and early life of Jesus. The exhibition will be mounted in the chancel of All Saints' Church, Cuddesdon and can be viewed during Advent and Christmas, from December 4th 2023 until Twelfth Night 2024.

***Please join us for a Reception and Open Evening in  
All Saints', Cuddesdon 6.00 – 7.30 p.m. on Friday December 8th,  
to hear something of why these prints were made and what they signify,  
and enjoy a glass of wine. RSVP if you are coming to the reception***

The exhibition will also be open for viewing on Sunday mornings from 10.30 a.m. and on Tuesday afternoons from 2.30 p.m. Failing those times, just contact me for a private view.

***Robert Wilson***  
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# Carols Around the Christmas Tree

The annual carols around the Christmas Tree  
will be at 5.00pm on Sunday 17th December

Mince pies and mulled wine will be provided  
to keep you warm while you sing.

Everyone is welcome.



# Wheatley Library

Top floor of the Merry Bells Village Hall  
The High Street  
Wheatley  
01865 875267



## Regular events

### Rhymetime

Every Friday at 10:30am Bring your little ones along for songs and fun.

### Storytime

Every 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Starts September 17th.

### Digital Helper Sessions (one-to-one support with technology)

Available by appointment on alternate Wednesday afternoons.

### Wheatley Village Archive Family History and Local History sessions

Every Thursday afternoon 2.00-4.30



 ancestry

**Find  
my past**

Wheatley Village Archive meets in the library and their volunteers are available to help with queries pertaining to local and family history. The library service also has subscriptions to Ancestry and Find my past which you can be accessed in libraries. The 1921 Census is now available through the library subscription to Find My Past.

*Best wishes,*

*Sophie Silverstone Wheatley Library Manager*



**Thame &  
Wheatley**

## Walks Programme December 2023

- Sunday 3rd** Meet at the windmill in Brill for a 7½ mile walk via the duck decoy.
- Thursday 7th** Meet in Stokenchurch for a 6 mile walk through woods and over commons.
- Saturday 9th** Meet in Stokenchurch for a 5½ mile walk through woodland and fields towards Spriggs Alley.
- Tuesday 12th 10:30am** Meet at Queens Lane Coffee Shop, Oxford, for a leisurely, gentle 2½ mile social walk around Christchurch Meadow. Coffee at the start and options for eating at the end.
- Thursday 14th** Meet in Wallingford Bridge, Riverside car park, for a 5 mile varied circular walk around Wallingford, including the castle gardens, ramparts and parks.
- Saturday 16th** Moderate 5½ mile circular walk from Stadhampton prior to the Thame & Wheatley group Christmas lunch (advanced booking required).

*All walks start at 10am unless otherwise stated.*

*Please check the website to confirm details as the programme is subject to change:*

[www.ramblers-oxon.org.uk/thame-wheatley/walking.html](http://www.ramblers-oxon.org.uk/thame-wheatley/walking.html)

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# CHRISTMAS PUB

## *Pop-up*



Warm pub snacks, craft beer & cider,  
mulled wine, Christmas cocktails,  
silent quiz, last-minute stocking  
fillers and general merriment!

CUDDSDON VILLAGE HALL  
DECEMBER 15 - 17TH



Friday: 4pm til 10pm  
Saturday 6pm til 10pm  
Sunday 2pm til 7pm





## **MORLAND HOUSE SURGERY, MORLAND CLOSE,**

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reception team on 01865 872448 for more information.

When the surgery is closed, please contact the Out of Hours service by phoning 111  
The surgery's in-house dispensary closed permanently on Friday 29 September 2023  
**WHEATLEY PHARMACY REMAINS OPEN**

There is no change to the process of ordering your repeat prescription. If you already  
collect your medication from Wheatley Pharmacy, then you need not do anything.

**If you have not yet nominated a pharmacy to pick up your medication, then please  
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Check or alter your nomination via your NHS login - NHS ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)) or contact our  
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**Flu and Covid Vaccines** - All eligible patients have been offered their flu and covid  
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[www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) and search for "Covid Vaccination".

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conditions, symptoms, and treatment, please visit [www.morland-house.co.uk](http://www.morland-house.co.uk)  
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# Parish Council

The Parish Council has not been in favour of a reduction of our 30mph speed limit to 20mph, even though the County Council have been pressing hard for some time for this change to be made.

The councillors thought it would be a good idea to find out if the community agreed with their view, so we the residents have been canvassed. 100 homes were visited and there was no reply at another 35. Of those spoken to, 65 thought the speed limit should be reduced, 31 thought it should stay at 30mph, and 4 did not have a view. There was little support for other measures, such as chicanes or road markings.

Following the canvassing, the Parish Council meeting at the beginning of November was well attended by members of the public and almost all of them were strongly opposed to the speed limit being reduced to 20mph.

The application to register the Bat and Ball as an Asset of Community Value has been successful, so thank you to Nicko King and the team for all their efforts which made this happen. It means that the community will have the opportunity to bid for the pub if it is put up for sale in the next five years.

The latest news is that Admiral think they have found someone who is appropriate to run the pub, although it is not clear when it might reopen.

The bonfire night and fireworks were very well supported this year. 248 tickets were sold, which is nearly twice as many as usual. There were many children present and the event was enjoyed by everyone. Every year the Parish Council wonders whether the ticket price should be raised but it obviously works keeping them as cheap as it is.

Particular thanks this year for making the fireworks such a success go to Lisa Baylie, Ian Brown, Colin Hessey, Therese Luke, Paddy McGuinness, Dee Murray, Graeme Sellar, Salt Sellar, Anne Stern, Tash and Jez Turner, and Lynda Ware.

SODC has refused planning permission for the application to erect a garage at 1 Dove House Lane (P23/S1892/HH). The Parish Council supports a new application to build a two storey extension at 27 Parkside (P23/3259/HH).

*Mike Mount.* Parish Clerk



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## John Howell MP writes... December 2023

The State Opening of Parliament marks the formal start of the parliamentary year and the Monarch's Speech sets out the government's agenda for the coming session. On 7th November the new session of Parliament was opened with a historic King's Speech. It was the first King's Speech for 70 years. The detail of the speech has been well covered in the media and there will be differing views on the Bills to be brought forward. In the Prime Minister's introduction to the King's Speech I was personally pleased to note mention of the Holocaust Memorial Bill which will progress the construction of a national Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre in London. I have been a Trustee of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust for some time. The centre will provide a focal point for national remembrance and help to promote learning the lessons of the past. As Leader of the UK Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe I was also pleased to see the Prime Minister draw attention to the fact that he has ensured that illegal migration has been on the agenda of every international meeting that he has attended from the G7 to the Council of Europe. His attendance at the 4th Summit of the Council of Europe which was held in Reykjavik in May was very welcome.

Now to a much more local issue which is regularly raised with me, that of Royal Mail deliveries. In some specific post code areas across the constituency mail is not being delivered on a regular basis and indeed at times people have not received post for over a week. I have challenged Royal Mail on this on a number of occasions and in September met with senior staff to pursue matters further. A number of issues were explained as I set this out on my website at the time. In a recent follow up meeting I was advised that there have been some changes in senior personnel with someone specifically brought in to oversee improvements to delivery in this area. Where there are delivery problems in specific post codes Royal Mail has promised a local investigation if given

the post code detail. Staff shortages remain and if anyone is interested do look online on the Royal Mail website where vacancies are advertised. It was also interesting to learn that some of the delays are with distribution via third party carriers before mail gets to Royal Mail itself for delivery. With sight of the envelope the team at Royal Mail can use the codes to track the precise journey of a letter to see where they delays are coming from. It was interesting to learn that organisations such as the NHS use these carriers which may explain why some important letters offering appointments are delayed. The situation will remain under review with Royal Mail. If there is a particular issue that concerns you, please do share your thoughts. If you would like to know more about my work please do look at my website. The address is [www.johnhowell.org.uk](http://www.johnhowell.org.uk). Contact details are also on the website

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## All Saints' Church Choir

An informal choir singing at All Saints' Church,  
Cuddesdon, every fourth Sunday of the month.  
All ages welcome.

Please contact Ron Stern  
[ron@thesterns.org.uk](mailto:ron@thesterns.org.uk) or 01865 872863

Whether or not you've been in a choir before,  
do come and give it a try.

We rehearse and sing just once a month.  
It's fun, and we get to sing some great music.

# A great place to grow Merry Christmas from The Maple Tree!

This month we have dates for you as well as our ongoing programme;

*9th Dec* – Christmas Tree pick up, The Maple Tree Market, gift stalls, refreshments, with mince pies galore! 10:00–11:30am

*16th Dec* – Double Trouble at Twinnies Christmas! 10:00–11:30am

*22nd Dec* – Christmas Disco from 4:00-5:30pm

*20th Jan* – the return of our popular Silent Auction

**Mondays:** Messy Mondays at 10:00-11:30am  
Twinnies at 2:00-4:00pm

**Tuesdays:** Once Upon a Time at 10:00-11:30am

**Wednesdays:** Baby and Bump Cafe at 10:00am-12:00pm

**Thursdays:** Little Explorers at 10:00-11:30am

**Fridays:** Little Chatterboxes at 10:00-11:30am

Family Fun at 10:00-11:30am, 3rd Saturday every month

Village Outreach: The Maple Tree at Forest Hill Village Hall on Thursdays from 11:00am-12:00pm.

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Have you thought about becoming a Friend of the Maple Tree offering monthly financial support or volunteering at one of the sessions above?

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## **All Saints' Church, Cuddesdon** **Candlelight Carol Service**



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**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 6pm**

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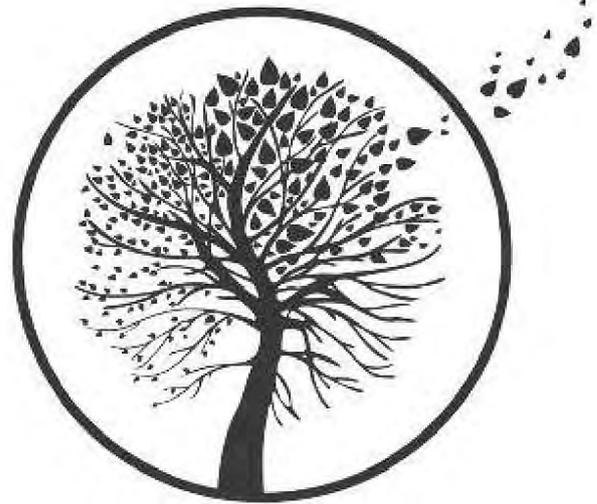
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Cowley Road Shelley Road	0724	0832	1005	1105	1220	1320	1418	1603	1740	1855	
Cowley Templars Square stop C	0735	0841	1012	1112	1227	1327	1430	1615	1750	1902	
Cowley Lidl	0625	0742	0850	1020	1120	1235	1335	1437	1622	1757	1907
Garsington Village Hall	0630	0747	0855	1025	1125	1240	1340	1442	1628	1803	1912
Chiselhampton The Coach and Horses	0636	0753	0901	1031	1131	1246	1346	1448	1635	1810	1918
Stadhampton School Lane	0638	0755	0903	1033	1133	1248	1348	1450	1637	1812	1920
Chalgrove The Red Lion	0644	0801	0910	1040	1140	1255	1355	1457	1645	1818	1926
Chalgrove Fairfax Road	0645	0802	0912	1042	1142	1257	1357	1459	1647	1820	1927
Watlington Library	0655	0814	0923	1053	1153	1408	1511	1659	1832	1936	

### Saturdays

Oxford St Aldates stop G4	0915	1045	1145	1315	1415	1545	1645	1800		
Cowley Road Shelley Road	0925	1055	1155	1325	1425	1555	1655	1810		
Cowley Templars Square stop C	0830	0932	1102	1202	1332	1432	1602	1702	1820	
Cowley Lidl	0720	0840	0940	1110	1210	1340	1440	1610	1710	1825
Garsington Village Hall	0725	0845	0945	1115	1215	1345	1445	1615	1715	1830
Chiselhampton The Coach and Horses	0731	0851	0951	1121	1221	1351	1451	1621	1721	1836
Stadhampton School Lane	0733	0853	0953	1123	1223	1353	1453	1623	1723	1838
Chalgrove The Red Lion	0740	0900	1000	1130	1230	1400	1500	1630	1730	1844
Chalgrove Fairfax Road	0741	0902	1002	1132	1232	1402	1502	1632	1732	1845
Watlington Library	0751	0913	1013	1143	1243	1413	1513	1633	1743	1855

### Sundays & Public Holidays

0925	1145	1455	1705
0935	1155	1505	1715
0941	1201	1511	1721
0946	1206	1516	1726
0951	1211	1521	1731
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Chalgrove Fairfax Road	0609	0709	0835	0940	1110	1210	1300	1425	1535	1720	1849
Chalgrove The Red Lion	0610	0711	0837	0942	1112	1212	1302	1427	1537	1722	1850
Stadhampton School Lane	0616	0717	0844	0949	1119	1219	1309	1434	1544	1730	1856
Chiselhampton The Coach and Horses	0618	0720	0846	0951	1121	1221	1311	1436	1546	1732	1858
Garsington Village Hall	0625	0728	0853	0958	1128	1228	1318	1443	1553	1739	1904
Cowley Lidl	0631	0734	0859	1005	1135	1235	1325	1450	1600	1746	1909
Cowley Templars Square stop A	0640	0745	0910	1015	1145	1245	1335	1500	1610	1800	1915
Cowley Road Shelley Road	0645	0756	0921	1019	1149	1249	1339	1509	1619	1809	
Oxford Speedwell Street	0658	0810	0940	1030	1200	1300	1350	1525	1635	1824	

### Saturdays

Watlington Library	0755	0920	1020	1150	1250	1420	1520	1640	1750	1900
Chalgrove Fairfax Road	0805	0930	1030	1200	1300	1430	1530	1650	1800	1910
Chalgrove The Red Lion	0807	0932	1032	1202	1302	1432	1532	1652	1802	1911
Stadhampton School Lane	0813	0939	1039	1209	1309	1439	1539	1659	1809	1917
Chiselhampton The Coach and Horses	0815	0941	1041	1211	1311	1441	1541	1701	1811	1919
Garsington Village Hall	0821	0948	1048	1218	1318	1448	1548	1708	1818	1925
Cowley Lidl	0827	0955	1055	1225	1325	1455	1555	1715	1825	1930
Cowley Templars Square stop A	0835	1005	1105	1235	1335	1505	1605	1725	1835	1938
Cowley Road Shelley Road	0839	1009	1109	1239	1339	1509	1609	1729	1839	
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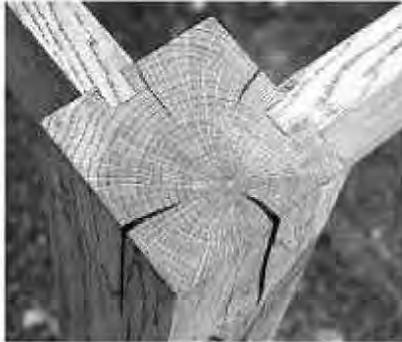
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0847	1045	1305	1615	1819
0853	1051	1311	1621	1825
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