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The community newsletter for Mapledurwell
Up Nately, Nately Scures and Newnham

BLESSING OF THE VEHICLE AND DRIVERS WHO ARE SETTING OFF FOR UKRAINE

*Given by Reverend Luke Augustyn on Sunday 19th October 2025
at their farewell gathering*

EXPLANATION We are here this afternoon to bless the mission to Ukraine, the vehicle and its contents and of course the drivers Diana and Helen. You may be asking: 'Why do we do this and what difference does this make?' We do it because we believe our God protects, heals and walks with the wounded by stirring compassion into action. This is no ordinary Pickup truck. It was dreamed into being by young hearts and generous hands – Ukrainian youth, their families and supporters who refuse to look away. It carries not just supplies but love. Not just equipment, but courage; Not just aid, but a promise that those fighting a relentless oppressor are not forgotten. They do not stand alone.

BLESSING OF THE VEHICLE God of the Road and of the Journey: Bless This Vehicle. May its wheels turn safely through both smooth and troubled places; its engine hum with purpose; its frame carry the weight of hope and love. Let it arrive as a lifeline – a whisper of peace in the noise of war.

BLESSING OF THE DRIVERS God of Endurance and Quiet Strength: Bless Diana and Helen who will be driving this mission. Grant them resilience, peace and joy on the journey, calm in chaos, clarity in danger, and the deep assurance that they carry more than cargo – they carry love.

BLESSING OF THE AID God of both the Wounded and their Healers: Bless These Gifts. Let each generator bring light to the dark. Let each 'first responder' kit become a tool of resurrection, each piece of medical equipment restore breath, dignity and strength. May these offerings become instruments of grace in the hands of medics who stand between life and loss.

BLESSING OF THE GIVERS God of Generosity and Grit: Bless All Who Gave. To the youth who dreamed and gave us a wonderful fundraising concert, the parent who rallied, their supporters who stood next to them: May the compassion shown by every soul who offered aid, time, prayer or coin ripple outward, changing more for the better than we will ever know.

MESSAGE TO THE RECIPIENTS OF THIS AID To those who receive this vehicle, to the medic who will use the equipment, to the wounded who will be treated and to their families and friends – know this:

You do not stand alone. You are not forgotten. Somewhere, in the quiet pastures of old England, you are remembered. You are prayed for.



Lviv's Cemetery for their fallen – the Field of Mars PHOTO: Diana Maclean

UNITED PARISH TOY SERVICE

23rd November at 11am

St Stephen's Up Nately

in aid of the Children's Ward at
Basingstoke Hospital.

All welcome, do please come! And please bring wrapped NEW toys or other gifts to support the amazing work of the Children's Ward.

If you are able to donate a gift, don't worry if you are unable to bring it to the Toy Service, you can bring it to any United Parish service from 23 November to 24 December, when they will be blessed at the Crib Service in Up Nately.

Please wrap gifts with a label indicating age range and gender if applicable, but we can also wrap them on your behalf.

It would also be wonderful to have some unwrapped arts and crafts material for the ward generally, for which they have a constant need as these are enjoyed by children in their beds. Gifts of chocolate and other festive treats will also add joy and cheer to staff and parents' hearts alike. Thank you

Revd Luke Augustyn

CALL FOR GOVERNMENT TO SET 'SENSIBLE' HOUSING TARGET

From BDBC News release 10674, 23 Oct 2025

Fewer new homes should be planned for Basingstoke & Deane – putting less pressure on local communities, nature, schools and GPs – say council leaders in an appeal to Government.

BDBC Leader Cllr Paul Harvey and Co-leader Cllr Gavin James are urging the Government to reconsider the higher housing target set for the borough.

Writing to the Minister of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Matthew Pennycook MP, the leaders emphasise the good progress the council

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The United Parish of Newnham with
Nately Scures with Mapledurwell
with Up Nately with Greywell

In Loving Memory

**Sunday 2nd
November**

11am St Swithun's Nately Scures

A time to reflect and remember
your loved ones



Mapledurwell & Up Nately



PICK-UPS FOR PEACE

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On 21st October, Diana Maclean with her co-driver Helen Chatfield our Benefice Youth Pastor, set off on yet another purposeful quest to deliver humanitarian aid to the Ukrainian Army. They named their 4X4 Shogun vehicle Vira that translates as 'hope'. This was Diana's fifth passage to Lviv joining a P4P convoy of nearly 40 vehicles.

They were buoyed up by Luke's beautifully crafted words of blessing given at the farewell ceremony of eats and drinks at Hydes cider barns, Herriard. It was hosted by those who had made the journey possible, especially our talented teenage English and Ukrainians who performed at the fund-raising concert in August.

The journey was not without incident or apprehension. Vira stalwartly pushed on almost covering the 1,500-mile continental trip but she eventually faltered not far from the destination requiring repair by a Ukrainian support team.

That night, Diana and Helen endured broken sleep, having to evacuate to the hotel bomb shelters when sirens all over the city were triggered by attacks from Russian drones. On their 'day off', Diana and Helen were shown huge appreciation for their efforts by their Ukrainian hosts. Eventually and much relieved after a six hour return journey the following day into Poland, they took a return flight to UK from Krakow. Mission Accomplished!

Children in the village enjoyed a Teddy bear's picnic in St Stephen's churchyard before the Harvest Service, they brought their own stuffed animals and enjoyed teddy bear themed games and treats. Thank you Charlotte for organising such a happy event!

Up Nately coffee morning on 7th November at Linbern, 10-12, call Hazel for more information 01256 762648.

Nothing to read? Then go and borrow a book of your choice in St Stephen's and bring any unwanted books for others to borrow, there is a small bookcase next to the organ.

UNITED PARISH TOY SERVICE

St Stephen's Up Nately
Sunday 23 November 11am



Bring comfort
Bring cheer
Bring hope

With your gifts of new toys to children who will be spending Christmas in Basingstoke Hospital this year

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North Hampshire Downs Churches

Continued from front page... had been making until Government increased the number of new homes it had to plan for from 830 to c1,150 per year.

Cllr Paul Harvey said: 'Before the Government upped the borough's housing targets, we had a Local Plan that would have worked.'

'The new target risks undermining that progress, forcing extra development that puts unnecessary pressure on our borough's infrastructure and communities. We urge the Government to really look at our borough's circumstances and revise the housing target it has set to a more sensible level.'

The letter questions Government's plan for new infrastructure to support the additional development and its impact on existing infrastructure, local communities' identities and the borough's natural environment, including its precious chalk streams.

It also criticises the Government for encouraging a developer 'free for all' by setting higher housing targets that are more difficult for the borough to meet and which mean it can't achieve its required housing delivery for the next five years. Thus it has less power to refuse planning applications for land not in its Local Plan.

Cllr Gavin James said: 'If Government now wishes for significantly more homes to be built across Basingstoke & Deane, then we want it to explain to us how it will fund and deliver the critical infrastructure needed to support them.'

The council leaders invite the Government minister to join them in visiting Greenfield sites the council is now having to put forward for development as they explain why they believe the borough's housing numbers should be reconsidered.

CAROLS AROUND THE POND

Friday 12th December 6pm

All welcome to enjoy mulled wine or hot chocolate and a mince pie.



Sponsored by the Friends of St Mary's Collection for Naomi House and Jaskplace
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PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

25/02178/LDEU (Validated 08 Sept).
The Gamekeepers. Certificate of lawful development for the existing use of the Gamekeepers as a restaurant.

25/01920/HSE (Pending 20 August)
Eastrop Farm House, Heather Row Lane.
Installation of a swimming pool and shed to house pumping and filtration.

25/01148/FUL (Pending 09 June)
Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. New vehicular access onto Tunworth Road.

24/02682/FUL (Pending 28 March)
Hungry Lodge, Down Lane. Change of agricultural land to residential use plus greenhouse (part retrospective).

25/00304/HSE (Pending 26 February)
6 St Stephens Close. Erection of part first floor, two storey side and rear extension, single storey rear extensions.

24/00756/FUL (Pending 16 April 2024)
Land North of Parrotts. Four detached new dwellings, garages, access, parking, amenity space etc. For Development Control Committee of 12 November.

22/02210/RET (Pending 05 Aug 2022)
Priory Farmhouse. Variation of Con 2 of 15/04301/FUL for continued use Class E children's nursery to 2032.

TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00549/25/TCA (Validated 24 October)
Little Common Cottage, Frog Lane. T1 - Robinia Pseudoacacia Frisia: Fell.

T/00524/25/TCA (Validated 21 October)
Elm Cottage Tunworth. T1 - Old Apple, reduce height by max of 4m to 6m with a spread of 4m. T2 - Weeping Willow, repollard max of 5m; T3 - Goat Willow, reduce height and spread max of 5m to pollard, finished height 6m and spread 5m. T4 - Cherry, reduce spread by max of 1.5m, finished height 5m. T5 - Young Maple, reduce spread by max of 1.5m to finished spread of 2m. T6 - Catalpa, remove low branch growing into Robinia, prune back by max of 1.5m, remove deadwood; T7 Robinia, reduce height by max 3m to 7m. T8 - Red Oak, remove lowest three branches growing into Catalpa, remove dead branches.

Next Parish Council meeting

Wednesday 19 November
7pm, Village Hall meeting room.
Everyone welcome

POLICE UPDATE

No recent report directly relating to the Parish. In the wider area, I have received numerous reports in relation to drones being flown over properties and land in Upton Grey, Weston Patrick and the outskirts of Herriard.

From a Policing aspect there is little

GOVERNMENT URGED NOT TO 'WATER DOWN' NORTH WESSEX DOWNS PROTECTION

From News release 10673, 20 Oct 2025

BDBC Leaders are urging Government to retain a planning rule that helps to protect England's national parks from new development.

The law currently says public bodies must aim to 'further the purpose of' National Landscapes (formerly AONB) like the North Wessex Downs, which cover around a third of the borough of Basingstoke & Deane.

The Downs' ancient woodlands, globally rare chalk streams and other biodiverse habitats play an important role in supporting native wildlife and encouraging nature recovery. Recent reports including in The Times suggest Government is considering changing that 'duty' in the Planning and Infrastructure Bill to 'have regard to', potentially paving the way for new roads and housing developments in the Downs and England's other National Landscapes.

The leaders also invited Government to discussions about working with BDBC to grow the borough's economy while protecting its natural environment.

Cllr Paul Harvey said: 'We are lucky that the North Wessex Downs pass through our borough and we must protect this valuable landscape, which is home to rare habitats including some of the world's most important chalk streams and rivers. Given that loosening the protections for National Landscapes like these to allow more homes and infrastructure would be nothing short of environmental vandalism, neither I nor the co-leader genuinely believe the Government would propose such a move. But with the recent press coverage, for the sake of clarity we're asking them publicly to rule out any such change entirely.'

Cllr Gavin James said: 'The current protected landscapes "duty" helps to encourage nature recovery, clean up water, improve long-term food security and restore and enhance habitats in the North Wessex Downs.'

'The Government has already said suggestions it could weaken this environmental protection are pure speculation. I am therefore looking forward to a timely public statement that confirms this duty will stay as it is and puts a permanent end to any rumours or uncertainty.'

BDBC is one of nine local authorities that sit on the North Wessex Downs Council of Partners, whose 35 members are responsible for managing the National Landscape. The North Wessex Downs were formerly designated as an area of outstanding natural beauty (AONB) until November 2023 when – along with all other AONBs – it became known as a National Landscape.



to investigate but I am very keen to find the area where the drone are being flown from and any index of cars in the vicinity parked in random areas near open fields.

The standard drone, despite it having a camera would provide very poor footage. The drone would need to be substantial in size and strong enough to carry a heavy camera with the facility to give infra red images. We have had two stolen from a car which was parked in a rural location earlier this year, which I suspect were high spec.

Ellisfield have had an increase in criminal damage, burglaries and other wildlife crime including an attempt to fire a catapult at a game keeper narrowly missing him but

causing significant damage to his car.

Rural officers have been out in recent weeks conducting operations with other departments within Hampshire Police, as well as with bordering police forces and some gamekeepers, which has resulted in a vehicle seizure and obtained some valuable intelligence.

Please continue to report all suspicious incidents and crime through the correct channels either 101 / 999 as appropriate, or online. PCSO 13301 JONES and PC 21091 HOLDSWORTH are always keen to be contacted and kept in the loop as to what is happening within the local community.

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Newnham & Nately Scures

HARVEST IN NEWNHAM We had a wonderful harvest supper on Friday 10th October. Huge thanks to Geoff and Sarah for their generosity in letting us use Manor Farm barn, to Trudy for all her organising, Joanna for the raffle and to Jane for her help in setting up.



The church looked amazing for Harvest Festival on Sunday 12th October. A wonderful collection of food too so thank you all for your generosity. We listened to the Bible reading about the festival of shelters or Sukkot and Rebecca and the children created fab Sukkot. On the theme of shelters and safe spaces, we had a great talk by Pastor Andy Taylor on the work of the Camrose centre and Richard told us about the current challenges of farming. We were richly blessed by both events. Thank you all for attending and contributing and we look forward to seeing you over the Christmas season.

Blessings, RevDebz



The churchyard entrance from Crown Lane now looks very smart. Vegetation has been cleared and the fencing was replaced over the Spring and Summer supported by the Hawkes at Manor Farm and Bells at Newnham Hill. The gate was finally hung at the beginning of October, newly made in oak courtesy of Richard Court (BDBC Cllr for Kempshott) and his local Man Hut, thanks due to them.

NEWNHAM COMMUNITY'S

October draw results are

£100 - Richard and Fiona Fouracre (77)

£50 - James Tschumi (71)

£25 - Andy and Nic Lowe (28)

Numbers drawn by random selector

Congratulations all Carolyn Bell



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OF THE REVEREND
DEBBIE VEEL
WITH THE BISHOPS OF WINCHESTER AND BASINGSTOKE
MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2025
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PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

25/02505/HSE (Validated 20 Oct)
13 The Baredown. Erection of open porch to front following demolition of existing, garage conversion including new windows to front, replacement windows and doors, new rooflights to rear roof slope, elevational treatments.

5/02080/FUL (Pending 26 Aug) Land East of Nately Scures House, Scures Hill. The construction of a self-build single detached house and associated access.

25/02019/RET (Pending 18 August) Land at Blackstocks. Variation of condition 9 of 21/01670/FUL – Erection of one dwelling – Changes to landscaping (retrospective).

25/01947/HSE (Pending 08 August)
Woodlands House, Scures. Erection of a single storey extension to side (to replace existing); erection of two-storey extension to side; installation of a rear porch; erection of porch; external works.

25/01458/FUL (Pending 12 June) Wild Green Acres Farm, Ridge Lane. Change of use of existing agricultural barn to farm shop and cafe (Class E).

23/01162/LBC (Validated 12 May 2023)
Nightingale Cottage, Heather Row, Nately Scures. Demolition of existing south entrance porch, changes to fenestrations, and erection of new porch with access ramp in revised position. Alterations to existing conservatory and replacement of glass roof with tiled roof. Various internal and external alterations.

PLANNING APPEAL

APP/H1705/W/25/3368891 In Progress.
Land adjacent to Blackstocks Lane. Erection of 1 no. dwelling with new access and landscaping.

PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00506/25/TPO (Validated 03 Oct)
Nately Scures House Scures Hill.
T1 Oak: Cut back to fence one overhanging oak, approximately 2.5m for low light levels and leaf fall.

T/00460/25/TCA (Pending 11 Sept) Rose Farm Cottage, The Barracks. 2x Willow: reduce back to previous points. Oak tree (black oak) reduce its height by 1/3 to allow more light into the front of the house. The Eucalyptus in the back right hand corner of the back garden: fell.

T/00474/24/TCA (Pending 24 Sept 2024)
Newnham Lodge Tylney Lane. Acacia: fell and remove stump.

HOOK PLANNING APPLICATION

25/01505/HOU (Grant 09 October)
1 St Johns Cottage, Newnham Road. Demolition of rear extension and erection of a single storey rear and side extension, first floor rear extension and widening of access.

NOTES FROM SEPTEMBER'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Present, Parish Councillors and clerk, one member of public.

Public session discussion re likely further planning proposal for Owen's Farm (Hook, Hart District) this time for 400 houses.

Parish councillors Matthew Morris co-opted as new Parish Councillor.

With great regret the Chairman accepted the resignation of Parish Councillor Paul Ghent. Paul will be greatly missed; he has consistently done everything within his power to support the Parish Council and Water End community.

Thus the Parish Council continues to have one Councillor vacancy.

Newnham 900 Preparations for 20 September in hand and on budget due to dedicated work of N900 team.

Newnham Green ponds To record thanks to HIWARG for follow-up working party evening of 26 August.

Parish pubs

Very sadly Chris and Donna are not renewing their Licence for the Old House at Home after the end of September. This is due to recent health issues; they would not otherwise be leaving. To record the Parish Council's thanks to Chris and Donna for the success of the Old House at Home over the past seven years and to wish them well for the future. Red Oak Taverns have the pub advertised to let.

At the same time, and due to owners' change of circumstances, the Iron Bull Roadhouse (previously renamed the Y-Knott Inn, formerly the Red Lion) is advertised for sale.

Agreed unanimously the Parish Council will take all steps within its power to ensure the both continue as successful pubs for the benefit of their communities.

Local Plan Update Spatial Strategy as published in the *Public Reports Pack* for BDBC's 04 September Environment & Infrastructure meeting. The map shows no allocated sites for development locally or across the large part of the Loddon Valley; though what is now proposed as SPS5.4 Land at Whitmarsh Lane comprises the 900 previously allocated for East of Basingstoke plus 600 at Lodge Farm.

To note: The Settlement Assessment (Appendix C) again concludes that Newnham 'settlement would not be suitable for an SPB (Settlement Policy Boundary) and should not be included in the settlement hierarchy'.

Hart call for sites Also to note, Hart are beginning their Local Plan Update Process and have issued a Call for Sites – 29 August to 10 October.

Owen's Farm as discussed in the public session, a given this land will be included in Hart's call for sites. A speculative planning application is likely due to Hart's lack of land supply. Hook's Neighbourhood Plan's Gap policy will also be considered out of date (though that doesn't mean it will be entirely discounted).

The developer withdrew a previous Appeal in March 2019 following Inspector's letter confirming Hook's housing figures – reduced by the then new Standard Method. The NPPF Dec 2024 Standard Method increases Harts housing requirement from 453 (latterly 297 due to early oversupply) to 750 new dwellings per annum.

Lodge Farm (North Warnborough, Odiham Parish) Again to expect this to be submitted to Hart's Call for sites – Warehousing, distribution, logistics.

Local Government Reorganisation proposals for all areas in the new Hampshire and the Solent Combined County Authority – from all existing first and second tier Councils – will go through the formal approval process via the councils' Cabinet and Full Council meetings in September – for submission to Government by 26th September. The proposal as agreed by the majority of councils includes a Northern Hampshire Unitary of BDBC, Hart and Rushmoor. Then to await Government consultation.

Clubroom maintenance update. Outside and inside decorated. Windows and doors woodwork staining still to be done.

CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

Newnham Conservation Area was first designated in 1981 by Hampshire County Council in association with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council in recognition of the special architectural and historic interest of the area. It was further amended in 1984. In 2004 BDBC approved the Conservation Area Appraisal as Supplementary Planning Advice (SPG). A further appraisal is being undertaken, will go to consultation, and on approval will be adopted by BDBC as an SPD (Supplementary Planning Document) to the Local Plan.

Next Parish Council meeting

Tuesday 18 November
7pm Clubroom, all welcome.

Church Notices

'Journeying together, we worship God and serve the community'

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From the Parish Registers

Baptism: Vivienne Brewin at St Mary's Mapledurwell on September 21st

Memorial Service: Anita Gardner at St Mary's Mapledurwell on October 4th.

Mothers' UNION Christian care for families

N Hants Downs Mothers' Union



November sees the start of the 16 days of activism for gender-based violence which runs from 25th November to 10th December. This

year the diocese will be holding a prayer vigil outside Winchester Cathedral between 12noon and 2pm on Tuesday 25th November.

As part of their action against gender-based violence, Mothers' Union launched their "Rise Up" campaign in 2023 to raise awareness of domestic violence and support those who suffer from it. The letters in 'Rise Up' stand for Respond, Inform, Support, Empower, Unite and Pray. The statistics about Domestic Abuse are shocking with an estimated 1.6 million women in this country experiencing domestic abuse every year. One in seven children and young people under the age of 18 will have lived with domestic violence at some point in their childhood. Domestic abuse affects people throughout society and at every stage of life.

Within our branch we are supporting families in the local Women's Refuge by providing clothing and Christmas gifts for them. Our next branch meeting is on Monday 3rd November at 7.30pm at the RAF Chaplaincy Centre. If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch please contact Sue Murphy on 01252 845011 or suemurphymubbranch@outlook.com.



FROM THE BENEFACTORY MINISTRY TEAM

November contains the feasts of All Saints and All Souls as well as

Remembrance Sunday, all of which makes it a time when the here and the hereafter, earth and heaven seem especially close, almost dissolving into one another. In the very act of remembering we can find pain and pleasure, sorrow and joy dissolving into one another. We cannot remember all that we have lost through someone's death without at the same time remembering all that we gained through their being alive. Sometimes I get an acute sense of that when I wake up having dreamed vividly and happily about someone who has died.

In the act of remembering we discover, if we did not know it already, that those we remember are not those we have loved but those we still love, and that in remembering them they are alive to us. Yet our hope goes beyond that, to embrace the belief that, not only are those we love and remember alive in our consciousness, but also that the essential them is also alive in the consciousness of God, and so is alive for ever.

We base this hope not on wishful thinking but on what we see in Jesus Christ. In Jesus we see someone who is fully human who knows pain and pleasure, sorrow and joy just as we do, and so we bring our sorrows and our joys into our prayers knowing that they are understood. Yet this is also the Christ, the Messiah, the anointed one, whose life is totally mixed up

with the life of God. So, as we see Jesus, the Christ, in the gospels, we see both how we can be and how God is. We see it especially on the cross, where the glory of God shines out through the surrendering of this man's spirit, the essential him.

In the tomb the human life which was laid down is raised up, it dissolves into the life of God and the life of God dissolves into it. This is why, I guess, after the resurrection the risen Lord is essentially the same and yet different. Our belief is that we can follow Christ in life and through death so that our life is caught up into the life of God for ever. That our lives can have an eternal quality both in the here and in the hereafter; both on earth and in heaven.

The 2nd book of *Samuel* chapter 18 contains I think one of the most moving passages in scripture; it tells of the heartbreak of King David as he learns of the death of his rebellious son Absalom. 'Absalom, my son, my son, would that I had died in your stead, Absalom, my son, my son,' David laments. We can identify with those sentiments, it's our cry in those circumstance confronted with the death of a loved one.

If we believe that in Jesus we see a God who loves, us then we also see a God who has gone to those lengths for us so that we shall not be lost for ever.

I always find writing a piece for our magazines challenging and absorbing, so absorbing that it's easy to lose track of time; which in a way is what this piece is all about, looking to a time when we are totally caught up in God, totally absorbed in him in the timelessness which is eternity.

Alan Hoar, Licensed Lay Minister

CHURCH SERVICES NOVEMBER INTO DECEMBER

Sunday 02 Nov	9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion
	11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship
	11am St Swithun's Nately Scures, United Parish 'In Loving Memory'
Sunday 09 Nov	10.50am St Mary's Greywell, United Parish Remembrance Service
Sunday 16 Nov	9am St Mary's Greywell, CW Holy Communion
	11am St Mary's Mapledurwell, Informal Service
Sunday 23 Nov	10.30am St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion (said)
	11am St Stephen's Up Nately, United Parish Toy Service
Sunday 30 Nov	11am All Saints' Odiham, Benefice Informal Service with Holy Com
	6pm St Mary's Herriard, Benefice Advent Carol Service
	6pm All Saints' Long Sutton, Benefice Advent Carol Service
Sunday 07 Dec	9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion
	11am St Mary's Greywell, CW Holy Communion
	11am St Swithun's Nately Scures, Carol Service



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KIDZONE

November 2025

remembering those who have gone before us and whose lives have been a blessing to the whole church by showing us God's grace at work in the world. I wonder who is

After the warmth and colour and fruiting of the summer season, things have changed. The nights are fast drawing in, it's getting colder, and we might again be spending evenings at home with our blankets and hot chocolate!

At the same time, we have entered a season in the church year, between All Saints and Advent, where we are encouraged to remember; to remember that we are deeply connected - connected with the land, with others and with God.

Connected with the land: Last month we celebrated the Harvest Festival in our churches and schools. We remembered how our lives and wellbeing are connected with the land. We depend on it to produce food, and it depends on us to take good care of it.

Connected to each other: All Saints' Day is a day for

your favourite Saint? Here are a few you might like to find out more about: Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Benedict (of Nursia), Saint Teresa of Avila.

On All Souls' Day we remember the lives of those with whom we are more directly linked. People in our own family, perhaps, who have been role models and helped to love and nurture us. Why not spend some time with family and friends one evening this week - under your blanket and with your favourite hot brew - perhaps looking at photos and remembering people you care about.

Perhaps can choose your favourite photo and make a frame for it (see right). This is one idea for making frames with ice lolly sticks.

Connected with God: As we think about our connection with the land and with others we remember and give thanks for our

deep connection with, and dependency on, God; the one who sustains everyone and holds everything together.

This is beautifully captured in these words from Psalm 85:10-13 below - maybe you can use them as your prayer today.

'God's truth and faithful love join together.

'His peace and holiness kiss each other.

'His truth springs up from the earth.

'His holiness looks down from heaven.

'The Lord will certainly give what is good.

'Our land will produce its crops.

'God's holiness leads the way in front of him.'

It prepares the way for his coming. May you know the warmth of connection and belonging with others and with God this winter time.

Blessings, Paul



The United Parish of Newnham with Nately Scures with
Mapledurwell with Up Nately with Greywell

Service of Remembrance

Sunday 09 November 10.50am

St Mary's Church
Greywell

ALL WELCOME



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All Saints Church, Odiham



The Table

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL



Contact Matt matt@moretolife.church

North Warnborough Village Hall

Sundays November 9th & 23rd
No dates for December

From
5PM

NOVEMBER – THE NIGHTS ARE DRAWING IN

It's getting dark outside, so the u3a have new ideas to keep you busy over the winter.



I woke up this morning, Heard the music in my head



Most people have a favourite song or songs. Songs are all around us and are a great way to share stories, thoughts and feelings. Maybe you listen to songs and wonder what it is like to create a song? What does it take to bring a song into the world?

The Odiham U3A Songwriting Group know how this works and we can share it with you. Anyone can create a song – it is a natural process that we learn as children and then, often, forget.

The group is led by local song writer who will teach, share, coach and mentor you through the process of song creation. No musical experience is needed – just the power to notice what happens around you in the world. And we cover all musical styles and genres – something for everyone.

Dance to the music I mentioned last month that we had a new Ballroom & Latin Dancing group, well now Harley & Thomas, our dancing tutors have been chosen to represent the UK again in an international competition. We wish them the same success as they had in Estonia earlier this year, where they came 1st.

We still have four places if you find you would like to spend your Friday mornings creatively.



If you are not already a member, joining is only £20 for u3a membership for the year. To see the full programme of our Monthly Meetings and group activities, please visit our website. www.odihamu3a.org.uk www.odihamu3a.org.uk

AUTUMN CELEBRATION CONCERT

Hook Choral Society

Saturday 15th November

7.30pm, St John's Church, Hook.

The programme will include: Handel *Let their celestial concerts*; Whitacre *Sing Gently*; Gjeilo *Sunrise Mass*; Runestad *Let my love be heard*; Handel *Dank sei dir, Herr*; Kreiling *Salva me*; Elgar *In haven*; Handel *Silent Worship*; Schubert *Kyrie* from Mass in E flat; Gjeilo *The Rose*; Parry *My Soul there is a Country*.

Tickets £18 (£16 for four or more), 07957 293641 or www.hookchoral.co.uk

HOOK CHORAL SOCIETY'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be on the afternoon of Saturday 20th December, also at St Johns' Hook.

AN EVENING WITH BRAHMS

Basingstoke Choral Society

Saturday 22nd November

7.30pm at the Anvil

Comprising Brahms' *German Requiem* and his *Song of Destiny*, conducted by Jordan Theis with the Docklands

Sinfonia orchestra. Soloists are Sofia Ticciati (soprano) and Ross Cummings (baritone). There will be a pre-concert talk at 6.30pm.

www.anvilarts.org.uk/events/basingstoke-choral-society

CAROL SERVICE

**for St Michael's Hospice
Tuesday 9th December**

From 6pm All Saints' Odiham.

The Friends of St Michael's Hospice are again hosting the popular and festive Carol Service with music by Schola Cantorum of Oxford and a reading by Ed Chamberlin. Doors open at 6pm and the service starts at 7pm with canapes, wine and mince pies.

Tickets can be purchased from Katherine Jane, High Street, Odiham or at www.stmichaels-hospice.org.uk/events

NORTH WARNBOROUGH & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB Members' annual lunch from 1pm Thursday 27th November, AGM at 2.30pm. Next meeting in January 2026 www.nwdgc.org.uk.

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Cross Barn Odiham Friday evening opening 5pm - 7pm; Saturday 10am - 5pm; Sunday 10am - 4pm.

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FESTIVE WINTER FAYRE FROM NORTH HAMPSHIRE ARTISTS

Saturday 22 November 10am-4pm

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HARTLEY WINTNEY CHRISTMAS MARKET

Friday 28 November 2.30-7pm

Free parking all day in Monachus Lane car park.

**ODIHAM CHRISTMAS FAIR
Sunday, 30 November.**

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