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**BENEFICE MAGAZINE – December 2019**  
**Edition for the Parishes of Herriard with Winslade, Tunworth,**  
**Upton Grey and Weston Patrick**

**Letter from the Benefice Ministry Team**

A hot afternoon in July 1785 saw the beginning of a paradigm shift in the world of engineering. Honoré 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 Honoré'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 un-impressed by this threat to their livelihoods...Nowadays interchangeability is a central part of the world economy, so in that sense I guess Honoré 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, enters 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 into 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 Honoré'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 God's 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 the 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.

**Rev. Simon Butler.**

### **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 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 and re-engage the missing generation - that is those between the ages of 30 and 45 - and love and serve our wider communities. In this month’s edition of the parish magazine you will find a table (follows) which details 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 following table shows the new standard monthly service patterns from January 2020 for the twelve churches of the North Hampshire Downs Benefice. The four local churches 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.

	<b>1st Sunday</b>	<b>2nd Sunday</b>	<b>3rd Sunday</b>	<b>4th Sunday</b>
8.30	Odiham BCP HC	<b>Upton Grey BCP HC</b>	Odiham BCP HC	Newnham BCP HC
9.00	<b>Tunworth BCP HC</b>		<b>Tunworth CW HC</b>	<b>Tunworth Informal</b>
9.30	Mapledurwell CW HC	Mapledurwell CW HC	Up Nately CW HC	
9.45	<b>Herriard CW HC</b>	<b>Herriard Informal</b>	<b>Herriard CW HC</b>	
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	<b>Upton Grey CW HC</b>	<b>Weston Patr CW HC</b>	<b>Upton Grey CW HC</b>	<b>Upton Grey Informal</b>
11.00		Newnham CW HC	Greywell Informal	Greywell CW HC
11.15	Odiham Informal	Odiham Informal	Odiham Informal	Odiham Informal
16.30	South Warn Informal	<b>Upton Grey Informal</b>	South Warn Informal	
17.00	Odiham Evensong	<b>Tunworth Evensong</b>	Nately Scures Evensong	<b>Weston Patr Evensong</b>

### **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

## **FROM THE REGISTERS**

### **Baptisms**

- Sophie and Grace Kraushaar at Upton Grey on October 6th
- Reggie James Ellery at Weston Patrick on October 27<sup>th</sup>

### **Funeral**

- Rosemary Dorling at Upton Grey on November 29th

## CHURCH NEWS

### **Advent Carol Service: 6.00pm 1st December at St Mary's Herriard**

All are warmly invited to our annual Advent Carol Service, with its moving liturgy, music and readings both sacred and secular. The singing will be led by the same wonderful group of soloists as last year, and carols are followed by delicious refreshments – an evening not to be missed!

### **Christingle Services**

Our two Christingle Services this year are both at **4.00pm**:

- **St Mary's Church, Upton Grey on 8th December**
- **St Mary's Church, Herriard on 15th December**

See the Children's section for details about Christingle-making.

### **Upton Grey Adult Choir at Christmas**

The choir will sing at the **Carol Service on Sunday 22nd December at 6.30pm**, and will practise in the church on **Tuesdays December 3rd & 17th at 8.00pm**. If you would like to join the choir for this year's carol service, it would be lovely to see you – please contact Sarah Barnes on 01256 861164. Arrangements for the new year will appear in the January magazine.

### **Carol Services**

- Saturday 21st December 5.00pm at **Weston Patrick**
- Sunday 22nd December 4pm at **Herriard**
- Sunday 22nd December 6.30pm at **Upton Grey**
- Christmas Day 11.00am at **Tunworth**

### **Christmas Eve**

- **Nativity Service** – St Mary's Upton Grey at 4.00pm
- **Midnight Communion** – St Lawrence Weston Patrick at 11.30pm

### **Christmas Day**

- Family Service – **St Mary's Herriard at 9.45am**
- Family Service – **St Mary's Upton Grey at 10.00am**
- Family Carol Service – **All Saints Tunworth at 11.00am**

## **Sunday 29th December**

As usual on the Sunday after Christmas, there will be only one service in the Benefice: **10.30 at All Saints Odiham**. It will be a service of Holy Communion and all are warmly welcome.

## **Thursday Holy Communion service at Herriard**

The next 10.00am Thursday Holy Communion service in Herriard will be on **16th January**, as there is no service in December. All are welcome to this informal, friendly and relaxed service, which is followed by refreshments.

## **Explore Theology**

This autumn we have been exploring the book of Exodus. Please join us for the final session, in the Bell Tower of All Saints Church Odiham from 2.00pm to 3.30pm on **Wednesday 4th December: Covenant – Relationship with God**. Exodus 33-40. For more information please contact Helen O’Sullivan: [nhdbcurate@gmail.com](mailto:nhdbcurate@gmail.com).

## **Remembrance Sunday Collection at St Mary’s Herriard**

The collection at the Remembrance Sunday service at St Mary’s Herriard was donated to the Royal British Legion (RBL). The congregation of 86 was very generous, and £701 was raised for the RBL.

## **Would you like to receive Communion at home?**

For many centuries, taking Communion to the housebound has been a part of the traditional Anglican ministry. Across our 12 villages, we already take a number of home Communion, but we think there are probably more people who would like to receive Communion at home than we currently service. And so, if you would like to receive Communion at home from one of our authorised ministers, we would love to hear from you so that we can make arrangements to visit.

It may be that you know of a neighbour or somebody else in the village who would like to receive home Communion. If so, please contact us on their behalf and we will be in touch. Please contact the office on [nhdboffice@gmail.com](mailto:nhdboffice@gmail.com) or phone us on 01256 703791.

Don’t forget we have a **website**: [www.uptongreychurch.co.uk](http://www.uptongreychurch.co.uk). It carries the monthly Parish Magazine including service times and diary dates, plus details of local groups and organisations and other information relating to the four churches.



# KidsZone

## Sparks!

There will be no Sparks! in December. Arrangements for the new year will appear in the January magazine.

## Christingles

Our two Christingle services this year are both at 4.00pm:

- **St Mary's Church Upton Grey on 8th December.**
- **St Mary's Church Herriard on 15th December.**

We are planning to hold the Christingle-making just before the services, so that the children can make them together, with the help of parents or carers if needed, and then carry them into church. This is a fun activity for the children before they go into the service and you are warmly invited to come. (Please note: oranges etc will be provided.)

- **In Upton Grey on 8th December, Christingle-making** will be in the Village Hall and will run from 3.15pm.
- **In Herriard on 15th December, Christingle-making** will take place at John and Sara Jervoise's house, Herriard Park, at 3.15pm.

If you are unable to get to the Christingle-making part, we will have some ready-made oranges in church.

## Nativity Service – St Mary's Upton Grey, 24th December at 4.00pm

This service is great for all the family. We re-tell the story of the nativity and invite the children to come dressed up to take part (or watch!) as one of the following: wise men, shepherds, angels, stars or animals.

**Christmas Day** - we have family services as follows:

- **St Mary's Herriard at 9.45am**
- **St Mary's Upton Grey at 10.00am**
- **All Saints Tunworth at 11.00am (Family Carol Service)**

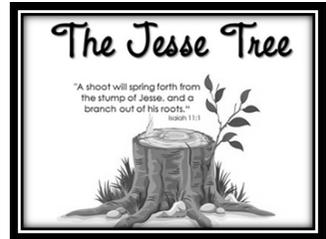
## Jesse Tree

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 catch-up!), look up the story for that day and get creative! Follow this link for ideas: [www.myjessetree.com/diy-jesse-tree-ornaments/](http://www.myjessetree.com/diy-jesse-tree-ornaments/). There's even a lovely e-storybook you can download and read!



Enjoy spending time together, learning more about the real meaning behind Christmas! Don't forget to send me your pictures to [nhdbyouth@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:nhdbyouth@gmail.com).

**Helen Chatfield (Youth Pastor)**



## NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Dear residents

I begin this month with an appeal for any information in relation to the several windows being shot at by ball bearings. I am aware that this type of incident has been on going in Upton Grey on November 1st and 2nd, and again on November 6th and 7th. We have established that it was predominately ball bearings being fired from a vehicle as it drove along the Bidden and Weston Roads along with Church Street. The first incidents were in the region of between 10pm and 2am, whilst the second set was in the region of 9.30pm. This type of incident also happened in North Warnborough, Odiham, Crondall, Tunworth, Cliddesden, Tadley and several area's across Berkshire, so it is not that we are being targeted it is simply mindless people firing projectiles from a car and we suspect using a catapult. If anyone has any CCTV or can assist, please give me a call direct.

Also, on November 1st, we had a burglary to an outbuilding in Tunworth Down where the thieves made off in a dark 4x4 vehicle this at about 10 pm. A further similar crime has also been reported in the same area on November 14th 2019, when several articles of garden equipment have been stolen, we suspect this crime took place at about 3 am. Another similar burglary occurred at a business premises in Scratchface Lane, Herriard, this crime took place between 5pm and 5 am on November 1st and 2nd 2019. Overnight of October 17th and 18th at a house in Back Lane Herriard some building related items were stolen, again if you saw anything unusual that day in Back Lane please give me a call direct. As Christmas approaches may I please remind residents to leave lights and radios etc. on when not at home, consider using sensor lighting and alarms to protect your home and property.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and crime free Christmas and New Year, also special wishes to my Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators of whom I encourage all residents to please sign up with, they do a fantastic job, please contact your local co-coordinator, all we need is simply an email address and you will receive updates on local crime, things to be aware of etc.

Your Neighbourhood Co-ordinators are for Herriard and Winslade is Becky at herriardnhw@btinternet.com; Upton Grey is George at georgeandray@uptongrey.uk, Weston Patrick and Weston Corbett is David at davidtdwon@gmail.com; Tunworth is Sarah at swhitcombe@hotmail.co.uk; Powntley Copse is Jill on jill.burry@btinternet.com.

If anyone has any information of the crimes mentioned or can assist within other crimes with information, please give me a call direct. All calls treated in strictest confidence.

Many thanks and again sincere wishes for a Happy Christmas.

**Andrew REID, Local Constable PC 3746, Tel: 01256 389050  
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- First prize: £100 No 49 Mrs R. Hendren
- Second Prize No 123 Mr T. Seabrook

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**Herriard Ex-Service and The Royal British Legion**

There is a **Christmas Fayre on Sunday 1st December 12-4pm**. Children can make their own Christmas card and/or decoration. Tombola, raffle and other games. Refreshments and licensed bar. Stalls are available for £6 per table (which will be provided). For more information please contact Lucy: [lfalconer59@gmail.com](mailto:lfalconer59@gmail.com). All proceeds made (except stall-holder's profits) will be split between two charities - the Royal British Legion and Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Please show your support for these charities and enjoy an afternoon out with the family. Eyes down **Christmas Bingo is back! Saturday 7th December 6:30pm for 7pm start**. Filled rolls and raffle at half time. Plenty of prizes to be won. You can book tables by calling 01256 381599 leaving your name and number of players on the answer machine. Or email Lucy: [lfalconer59@gmail.com](mailto:lfalconer59@gmail.com). Like and follow us on Facebook for all our upcoming events. Thank you for your continuous support, may it continue. Lucy Falconer.

## **Herriard Sports Club Christmas Draw and Quiz Night: Sat Dec 7th**

The Herriard Sports Club Christmas Draw and Quiz Night is on Saturday 7th December at 7pm at the Owen White Pavilion Herriard Green. The draw will take place at 7.30pm followed by a Christmas quiz. All are welcome.

## **Herriard Gardening Club**

Our November meeting was a chance to make plans for the winter months with our Christmas Get Together in December at the British Legion and a New Year pub dinner. We also planned who will host next year's monthly meetings. It is always a pleasure to look around, often enviously, at other's gardens. I particularly like to see planting companions in borders that work well and to pick up new ideas. While we all share similar soil type and weather conditions it is surprising how gardens in the same village can have varied pests to contend with and how some plants will do well in one garden but perform poorly in another. Gardening is full of surprises. Needless to say, there is always some sharing of seeds or plants among us, as well as problem solving suggestions. As we approach the shortest day of the year, make the most of daylight hours outdoors.

### **Gardening jobs for December:**

1. Insulate outdoor taps and check winter protection
2. Prune open grown apples and pears (but not those grown against walls)
3. Prune acers, birches and vines before Christmas to avoid bleeding
4. Reduce watering of house plants
5. Do some fireside garden planning

Homemade Christmas presents are cheaper and always nice to receive. Have a very happy Christmas! Gill Hill

### **Delia's Christmas Chutney**

Here is Delia's recipe for Christmas Chutney, delicious served with cold meats, pate or cheese. It is made with Christmassy dried fruits.

- 350g no soak prunes
- 275g pitted dates
- 275g no soak dried apricots
- 450g onions
- 570ml cider vinegar
- 50g salt

- 1 dessertspoon grated fresh ginger or 1 heaped teaspoon dried ginger
  - 75g allspice berries
  - 450g demerara sugar
  - A small piece of muslin
1. Chop the dried fruits and onions very small (by hand or in a food processor)
  2. Place vinegar in a large saucepan with the salt and ginger. Tie the allspice berries up in the muslin secured tightly and add to the pan.
  3. Bring to the boil, then stir in the chopped fruit and onions together with the sugar
  4. Simmer for about 1hour 30mins gently with lid off or until chutney has thickened. Stir from time to time to prevent sticking.
  5. It is ready when you draw a spoon across the surface, and it makes a trail
  6. Spoon chutney into warm, sterilised jars, seal with a wax disc and tight lid. Label. This chutney will keep well for months in a cool dark place. Have a very happy Christmas! Gill Hill

### **Herriard & Bentworth with Lasham W.I**

Next month is our **Christmas Lunch at the RBL Hall Herriard and on Thursday January 16th** we have our social afternoon tea. If you would like to join us at 2.30 pm please do.

Our talk this month was entitled, 'Making people laugh and cry with verse' by Mr David Bryant. Mr Bryant, a very smart gentleman dressed in a suit with his remembrance poppy nattily sported on his lapel, turned out to be a bit of a stand-up comedian as well as a poet and raconteur. We were first treated to a few jokes, some slightly near the knuckle, before we heard the first poem. This was acknowledging the amount of medication we all seem to take in later life. We were all chuckling heartily by now. All the poems were written by Mr Bryant who proceeded to entertain us further by using dialects to match the poems. So, we had 'The Dragon' in a Welsh lilt, followed by American and Northern accents for relevant ditties. We next listened to some 'tongue in cheek' songs on Brexit, sung to well-known tunes such as 'Bring in the Clowns' and 'Bobby Shafto'.

After we had recovered ourselves Mr Bryant read some poignant and heart wrenching poems describing scenarios of war, especially the First and Second World Wars. So sad and very personal to some of the W.I. ladies, who remembered their lost loved ones.

The poem entitled 'Warhorse' detailing the comradeship, even in death, of a soldier and his horse reduced us all to tears. Luckily, we were not left in the doldrums as we were treated to 'The NHS, The Musical'. Playing all the parts and singing as, a Nurse, Doctor, Matron, patients of various types and Consultants, he soon restored us to a giggly humour. All in all, a fabulous hour of entertainment. Mr Bryant was warmly thanked by Ruth, after which we all enjoyed tea and biscuits and were able to purchase a poetry book or two to take home. A very Happy Christmas and a Happy & healthy New Year to you all. Diane Knight.

### **Herriard Coffee Mornings**

Herriard's monthly coffee mornings, run from 10.30–12.00noon, on the first Monday of the month at a village home. Please drop in for a drink and a chat at the following:

- 2nd December: Sue Cheney (381225) Southrope Cottage, RG25 2PU.
- No meet in January 2020
- 3rd February: Chris Davies (381333) Tile Barn, Nashes Green, RG25 2PE
- 2nd March: Gemma (381354) Colden's Cottage, 3 Bagmore Lane, RG25 2PZ

Please come and support our event. Bring a friend (it's all free!) and if anyone would like transport to and from any of the above venues, we have volunteer drivers, so please contact Michelle on 381227.

## **OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS**

### **Jan 1<sup>st</sup> New Year's Day 2020 Charity 'Run/Walk' 11am**

It's the Lasham Gliding 12th Annual Charity 'Run/Walk' for the Hawk Conservancy Trust (Supporting their hospital and enabling injured birds to be returned to the wild) It's **once around the airfield** (approx. 3 miles). Children over 10 – sorry NO dogs (flying activity). Start (11am) & finish at Clubhouse. Entrance fee £5.00 (pay on the day). Refreshments and Bar. Fantastic Tombola. Car Park (The Avenue entrance). Sponsorship Forms - Marjoriehobby@aol.com

### **Hook Choral Society Christmas Concert 21<sup>st</sup> December**

The Hook Choral Society Christmas Concert is on **21st December at 4pm, St Johns Church, London Road Hook, RG27 9ED**. Doors open at 3.30 for mulled wine and mince pies which is included in **ticket price of £8**. Under 11s free of charge. This is a popular event with a selection of new and old carols plus readings. Tickets are available online at [www.hookchoralsociety.org.uk](http://www.hookchoralsociety.org.uk), Trees Newsagent in Hook or ring 07957 293641 or on the door. In addition, the choir will be singing at the Barrett Homes Christmas event at Chapel Gate Basingstoke on 13th December (RG21 5TB 5-7pm), our annual Pub Carol Crawl on Thursday 19th December, and at Heckfield Place, RG27 0LD on Christmas Eve. We would invite people to come and listen to a selection of carols and celebrate the Christmas season in song. Full details will be found on our website [www.hookchoralsociety.org.uk](http://www.hookchoralsociety.org.uk)

### **Cardiac Rehab, Alton**

We are very excited to announce that we have been selected to take part in The Big Give Christmas Challenge - the UK's biggest online match funding campaign - which helps charities raise funds for their work. If you are able to give, they will **DOUBLE** online donations made to their site during the Challenge week. That's £1 = £2 for one week only!!! We are raising funds for our Staywell Programme to increase the reach of our work and help even more people. The campaign starts on Tuesday 3rd December and runs for **ONE WEEK ONLY** until the 10th December. Please visit our website to donate <https://www.cardiac-rehab.co.uk>.

### **Last Ever Carol Concert in aid of Cystic Fibrosis Appeal!**

There will be the last ever Christmas Carol Concert in aid of Cystic Fibrosis Appeal, All Saints Church, Odiham, **Tuesday 10th December, 6.30 for 7pm**. Tickets £25 from Tessa Morrish (01265 862475 [tessamorrish@gmail](mailto:tessamorrish@gmail.com)) or from Katharine Jane, High St, Odiham.

### **North Warnborough & District Garden Club**

The Garden Club does not meet in December, so our next meeting will be on 23rd January 2020. The Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a very enjoyable Festive Season. For further general information about the Club, please telephone 01252 843848.

## Didn't get what you wanted for Christmas? New Year Gift Swap!

Bring along any unwanted gift and swap it, in return for a donation. This is on Sunday 12th Jan 2020 from 10:30am at All Saints Church, Odiham and Sunday 19th Jan 2020 from 10:45 am at All Saints Church,



Long Sutton. Funds raised will be used to support the annual family holiday organised by Mothers' Union in Winchester Diocese.

## North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union

December is a busy month for all of us. Instead of having a formal meeting we will meet for coffee, mince pies and plenty of time to chat! After Christmas we will meet on **21st January for our Wave of Prayer service** when we will pray in particular for members in linked dioceses in India, Mauritius, Kenya, Ghana and Nigeria. It is very humbling to hear how much is achieved by Mothers' Union members overseas, often with very few resources and in the midst of hardship or war.

This year, we have a Christmas quiz sheet available which we will be selling at the **Christmas Fair in Odiham on Saturday 7th December** and we hope this will raise some funds for our Family Holiday. Last January we held a Gift Swap in January in All Saints church in Odiham where people could swap the unwanted gifts they received at Christmas in return for a donation. We will repeat this in January 2020. See article above, Funds from this will also go towards our Family Holiday. Non-members are welcome to come and join us at any of our meetings. If you want to find out more about us, please contact our Branch Leader, Sue Murphy on 01252 845011.

### \*\*\* CHRISTMAS POETRY CORNER \*\*\*

#### 'Christmas Bells' by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
 Their old, familiar carols play,  
 And wild and sweet  
 The words repeat  
 Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

**'Minstrels' by William Wordsworth (1770-1850)**

The minstrels played their Christmas tune  
 To-night beneath my cottage-eaves;  
 While, smitten by a lofty moon,  
 The encircling laurels, thick with leaves,  
 Gave back a rich and dazzling sheen,  
 That overpowered their natural green.

Through hill and valley every breeze  
 Had sunk to rest with folded wings:  
 Keen was the air, but could not freeze,  
 Nor check, the music of the strings;  
 So stout and hardy were the band  
 That scraped the chords with strenuous hand.

And who but listened? till was paid  
 Respect to every inmate's claim,  
 The greeting given, the music played  
 In honour of each household name,  
 Duly pronounced with lusty call,  
 And "Merry Christmas" wished to all

**'Ring Out, Wild Bells' by Alfred, Lord Tennyson**

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,  
 The flying cloud, the frosty light:  
 The year is dying in the night;  
 Ring out, wild bells, and let him die...

Ring out false pride in place and blood,  
 The civic slander and the spite;  
 Ring in the love of truth and right,  
 Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;  
 Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;  
 Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
 Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,  
 The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
 Ring out the darkness of the land,  
 Ring in the Christ that is to be.

## DECEMBER SMALL ADS

**Hampshire-Grown Christmas Trees.** West Green Fruits, Hartley Wintney RG27 8LP. Open from Saturday November 23rd – December 22nd, 9.00am to 4.30pm every day. Christmas Trees, Wreaths, Decorations etc. For information please call 01252 845772 or visit [www.westgreenfruits.com](http://www.westgreenfruits.com) or [www.christmasbarnhartleywintney.co.uk](http://www.christmasbarnhartleywintney.co.uk)

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**CHURCH SERVICES** (please also see the weekday services under “Regular Events”)**1 December – The 1st Sunday of Advent**

Holy Communion (BCP said)	9:00am	Tunworth
Family Communion (sung)	10:00am	Upton Grey
Advent Carol Service (sung)	6:00pm	Herriard

**8 December – The 2nd Sunday of Advent**

Holy Communion (BCP said)	9.00am	Herriard
Parish Communion (sung)	10:00am	Weston Patrick
Christingle (sung)	4:00pm	Upton Grey
Evensong (sung)	5:00pm	Tunworth

**15 December – The 3rd Sunday of Advent**

Parish Communion (CW sung)	9:00am	Tunworth
Family Service (sung)	10:00am	Upton Grey
Christingle (sung)	4:00pm	Herriard

**21 December – Saturday**

Carol Service (sung)	5:00pm	Weston Patrick
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**22 December - The 4th Sunday of Advent**

Family Service (sung)	9.00am	Tunworth
Carol Service (sung)	4.00pm	Herriard
Carol Service (sung)	6.30pm	Upton Grey

**24 December – Christmas Eve**

Nativity Service (sung)	4.00pm	Upton Grey
Midnight Communion (sung)	11.30pm	Weston Patrick

**25 December – Christmas Day**

Family Service (sung)	9.45am	Herriard
Family Service (sung)	10.00am	Upton Grey
Family Carol Service (sung)	11.00am	Tunworth

**29 December - The 1st Sunday of Christmas**

Benefice Holy Communion (sung)	10.30am	Odiham
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**5 January – The Epiphany**

Holy Communion (BCP said))	9.00am	Tunworth
Common Worship Holy Communion (sung)	9.45am	Herriard
Common Worship Holy Communion (sung)	10.00am	Upton Grey

**12 January – The 1st Sunday of Epiphany / Baptism of Christ**

Holy Communion (BCP said)	8.30am	Upton Grey
Informal Worship Service (sung)	9.45am	Herriard
Common Worship Holy Communion (sung)	10.00am	Weston Patrick
Informal Worship Service (sung)	4.30pm	Upton Grey
Evensong (sung)	5.00pm	Tunworth

**19 January – The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany**

Common Worship Holy Communion (sung)	9.00am	Tunworth
Common Worship Holy Communion (sung)	9.45am	Herriard
Common Worship Holy Communion (sung)	10.00am	Upton Grey

**26 January – The 3rd Sunday of Epiphany**

Informal Worship Service (sung)	9.00am	Tunworth
Informal Worship Service (sung)	10.00am	Upton Grey
Evensong (sung)	5.00pm	Weston Patrick

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – December 2019

### This Month

1st Dec Sun	Christmas Fayre, RBL Hall, Herriard	noon
1st Dec Sun	Herriard Advent Service and Christmas Poetry	6.00pm
2nd Dec Mon	Herriard Coffee Morning Sue Cheney, Southrope Cottage	10.30am
7th Dec Sat	Christmas Fair in Odiham	
7th Dec Sat	Christmas Bingo, RBL Hall, Herriard	6.30pm
7th Dec Sat	Christmas Draw and Quiz, Herriard Sports Pavilion	7.00pm
10th Dec Tue	Cystic Fibrosis Carol Concert, All Saints Church, Odiham	7.00pm
11th Dec Wed	Tea@3, UG Village Hall	3.00pm
21st Dec Sat	Hook Choral Society, St John's Church, Hook	4.00pm

### Advance Dates

1st Jan Wed	Lasham Airfield Charity Fun Run / Walk, Lasham Gliding Club	11.00am
12th Jan Sun	Mothers' Union Xmas Gift Swap, All Saints Church Odiham	10.30am
16th Jan Thu	Herriard WI Tea, RBLH	2.30pm
19th Jan Sun	Mothers' Union Xmas Gift Swap, All Saints Church Odiham	10.45am
3rd Feb Mon	Herriard Coffee Morning: Chris Davies, Tile Barn	10.30am
2nd Mar Mon	Herriard Coffee Morning: Gemma, Colden's Cottage	10.30am
14th Mar Sat	2020 Upton Grey Safari Supper	

### Regular Events

Each Mon	Yoga, RBLH, Herriard	12.00noon
Each Mon	Prayer Group, 4 Little Hoddington	9.45am
Each Tue	Croquet, Herriard Green (Summer only)	6.00pm
Each Wed	Upton Grey Toddler Group	10.00am
Each Wed	Dementia Support plus carers, Sunflower Café, Odiham	2.00pm
1st Mon	Herriard Coffee morning, various homes	10.30am
1st Thu	Herriard WI	2.30pm
1st Thu	Tunworth Coffee morning, Tunworth Church,	10.30am
2nd & 4th Mon	Upton Grey Bridge Club at The Hodd (Not in summer)	7.30pm
3rd Wed	Film Night Ridley Hall South Warnborough	7.00pm
3rd Thu	Holy Communion, Herriard Church	10.00am
4th Thu	Coffee Morning, Weston Patrick Village Hall	10.30am

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