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Edition for the Parishes of Herriard with Winslade, Tunworth,
Upton Grey and Weston Patrick

Letter from the Benefice Ministry Team

It is odd sitting here writing this on 6th December amid a house and shops full of Christmas decorations and music, knowing that when you read this Christmas will have come and gone and we'll be into a New Year.

For me there is always a slight tinge of trepidation and sadness at this time of year, because both my maternal grandparents died in January, seven years apart, both unexpected. However, alongside this there is hope that each new year will be a blessed one.



Jesus, Emmanuel, Son of God was born to bring hope to a world which in many ways was as troubled as our own. Brutal military forces occupying countries not their own; poverty; powerful and often corrupt rulers; failures of the system or those in authority within the religious community to uphold, protect and care for who were the most vulnerable, in those times often widows and children and our times survivors of abuse.

The hope that Jesus brings shines a light both then and here and now. Hope that things can and will be better not just in some future 2nd coming, but right now in this place and time.

Hope that conflicts will end; hope that climate change can be tackled and halted; hope that we can share our wealth more evenly with those who have so little; hope for education and an end to practices which degrade girls and women; hope that we can be more loving as a world. Hope for institutions- whether they be the church, broadcasting or education; NHS or police to act swiftly upon racist, misogynistic, negligent or abusive practices; to challenge inequality and injustice boldly, with compassion. Hope for our communities to be better, safer more honest places.

In Newnham we are going to have some conversations around Hope, Peace and Purpose. The first one, in mid-January, is about this very subject: Hope.

What are our hopes for ourselves? Our families? Our communities and our world? Do come and join in with the conversation over some

wine and food. Please contact me if you are interested in coming along: debbie@moretolife.church.

Hope starts with the light of Christ which already resides in each one of us. Although we can't change the world single-handedly in one go, we can each take a 'small bite' out of it.

My husband is involved in a charity called Community Food Link in Basingstoke, which was started by two ladies in 2020 who wanted to do something about food waste from supermarkets. In only four years it now has 80 volunteers, 2 vans, collects 5 tonnes of food per week that would go to waste and feeds 3,000 people per week on a 'turn up' basis.

They didn't start out to do such a big thing, just something little they could do, but CFL brings a huge amount of hope to people who are struggling financially.

What will be your something little that you can do in 2025 to bring a bit of hope to this world? Or to your community?

As well as a happy New Year I wish you a hope-ful 2025.

God bless,

Revd Debbie Veel (Vicar, St Nicholas, Newnham)

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism: Christine Young at All Saints Tunworth on 24th November

Wedding: Sophie Slemeck and Hector Fraser at St Mary's Herriard on 7th December

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 5th January

- 9.00am Tunworth – BCP Holy Communion
- 10.00am Upton Grey – CW Holy Communion
- 5.00pm Herriard – Evensong

Thursday 9th January

- 10.00am Upton Grey – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 12th January

- 10.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)
- 10.00am Upton Grey – Morning Worship
- 10.00am Weston Patrick – Morning Worship
- 5.00pm Tunworth – Evensong

Thursday 16th January

- 10.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 19th January

- 9.00am Tunworth – 1662 Morning Prayer
- 10.00am Herriard – Morning Worship
- 10.00am Upton Grey – CW Holy Communion

Sunday 26th January

- 9.00am Tunworth – Family Service
- 10.00am Herriard – Family Service with Baptism
- 10.00am Upton Grey – Morning Worship
- 5.00pm Weston Patrick – Evensong

CHURCH NEWS

Message from the Benefice Rector

Dear all, across our churches in the North Hampshire Downs Benefice,

I'm happy to announce that after some months of change within our clergy leadership team, I have been formally appointed this week to the role of Rector of the North Hampshire Downs Benefice - our network of 12 local churches.



Winchester Diocese have now set a date for my licensing and institution of **Tuesday 14th January at 7.30pm**, at All Saints Church Odiham, and I would like to invite you to come and join us for that service.

Just by way of background, you may recall the update I sent in September regarding the re-organisation taking place in our benefice clergy team, whereby:

- Simon Butler stepped down from the role of Rector, whilst continuing in his role as Vicar in Upton Grey and the surrounding area;
- I was appointed Acting Rector, pending the completion of a formal selection process for the role of Rector;
- Matt Bianchi took on responsibility for Odiham;
- Luke Augustyn took on responsibility for Greywell, Mapledurwell, and Up Nately;
- and Gillian Wilton, Linda Scard, Mark Ruffell, Debbie Veel, and Suzanne Newcombe - continued in their local leadership roles in South Warnborough and Long Sutton, Weston Patrick, Tunworth, Newnham and Nately Scures, and Herriard.

I was formally interviewed for the role of Rector last week and, having now been appointed, we're happy to bring this period of transition to a close, as we look ahead to the next chapter of our benefice life.

I'm so grateful for all the support and welcome you've given me as I've visited almost all of our churches (only one to go!).

I look forward to many more visits in the new year, as we continue to explore together all that God is calling us to as His church in this part of Hampshire.

With best wishes, Chris.

Rev'd Chris Dudgeon
Rector, North Hampshire Downs Benefice
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Coffee & Cake

All Saints Tunworth, St Mary's Upton Grey and St Lawrence Weston Patrick are continuing with their regular coffee/cake sessions. The January events are:

- Coffee and Cake in the church porch, **All Saints Tunworth**, at 10.30am on Thursday 2nd January.
- Coffee & Cake Drop-in at **Upton Grey Village Hall**, 11.00am-1.00pm on Monday 13th and 27th January.
- Coffee morning at **Weston Patrick Village Hall**, 11.00am-12.30pm on Wednesday 22nd January.

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Farming News

I'm writing this while storm Darragh is battering the West Country and Wales and leaving some of our local villages without power. High winds are a real worry for all farmers with livestock. We bought a second hand event generator 10 years ago and it has been one of the best investments we've made. With our robots milking the cows 24 hours a day, we cannot be without power, even for a short while. I ran the generator for a few hours yesterday to make sure everything worked as it should just in case it would be called into service. Sure enough, Sally had to power it up tonight as the mains power was dipping in and out. So we can carry on milking the cows with the robots while the SSSEN engineers battle the elements to restore mains power.

For those of you that remember the Great Storm of 1987, we were without power then for three days. An estimated 15 million trees were uprooted across the country. During the blackout our old generator packed up while we were milking (as a builder friend, somewhat unhelpfully, informed me "machinery never breaks in the shed, only when you're using it!") so we had to milk the cows with two petrol powered single milk machines that are used at dairy shows. We borrowed them from some friends and started milking our 200 cows, two at a time, at 8pm. We finished milking at 4am just as Frank the herdsman turned up for morning milking! We are now better prepared and the weather forecasts more accurate. Those of a certain age will remember the weather forecaster Michael Fish famously saying on air just before the storm arrived 'don't worry, there isn't a hurricane on the way'!

We still have some youngstock out in the fields because the grass has kept growing due to the warm wet weather. We move them around the fields so they don't poach the ground too much and will graze the grass down so we don't carry old grass into next year's growing season. The heifers will be in the barns for the Christmas soon though and much the happier for it.

All field work is now finished. The last field of Winter Wheat was sprayed this week to cover it from disease and provide weed control. Basically we can close the gate on all the fields and not think about opening them again until the days lengthen next Spring. Winter work will be the routine of feeding, milking and managing our cows and heifers that are in the barns. We have quite a few cows calving over the

Christmas period so we'll all be peering into our phones, watching the images from our maternity ward camera and hoping for straight forward deliveries.

So while I'm writing this as the rain falls and the wind blows, hopefully you are reading this looking out of your window at a winter wonderland of a light dusting of snow, having exhausted the left over turkey, the dodgy, dusty top-shelf bottles and your other half resembles either Jude Law or Cameron Diaz in 'The Holiday'..... having had the perfect Christmas!

So looking forward to 2025, Happy New Year to you all.

Joe Ives

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St Mary's Cemetery Extension

Dear all,

The eagle-eyed amongst you may have noticed that a new hedge has sprung up on the eastern boundary of the Cemetery in Church Meadow. The new hedge, planted with Yew, will form a new boundary for the Cemetery when the hedges reach maturity in a couple of years' time. The reason for re-establishing the boundary is simply that it allows us to create additional burial plots to serve the village over the coming decades. With the extension, a further two rows of graves can be accommodated and we are very grateful to John Frieda for making the land available.

Rev Simon Butler and St Mary's PCC

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St Mary's Church path

Over the last few months the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's has been considering some options to make the path from Church Street to the main door of St Mary's safer and more accessible.

A number of issues have been identified which make access for some unnecessarily difficult. Firstly the steep incline at the start of the path by the Lych gate makes access difficult for those using a mobility aid or who are unsteady on their feet. Secondly the loose surface on the path is less than ideal from a safety perspective and a practical perspective as the gravel slips under foot and often washes down the path, collecting at the Lych gate before overflowing towards the road.

Having consulted with the Diocese of Winchester advisory committee the PCC are exploring an option to replace the surface of the path with a bonded stone material, identical in colour and look to the current surface. Some additional work would be undertaken to reprofile the path by the Lych gate to reduce the incline and improve accessibility. The path would follow the same course to the front door, war memorial and to the Vestry door. Full planning permission would be needed to carry out the works and comments from residents would be taken into account.

An example of the resin-bonded surface is shown below:



The cost of the work is likely to be at most £20,000. Because the work is to improve accessibility there are several grant making bodies that are likely to make a contribution and the PCC are anticipating needing to raise a maximum of £10,000 towards the costs of the works.

The PCC are keen to hear the views of the village and so invite feedback at this early stage. You can respond via email to: simon@moretolife.church and uptongreypccsecretary@hotmail.com or by telephoning Rev Simon on 01256 861706.

Further details are available on request.

Derek Paravicini concert

[see photos overleaf]

The Upton Grey Village Hall Committee provided a wonderful evening's entertainment for us featuring pianist Derek Paravicini, along with young Chapman Shum.

Born prematurely at just 25 weeks, Derek – who is now in his mid forties – has suffered from blindness and severe autism for his entire life. Despite his impairment, Derek has the unique gift of perfect pitch, a prodigious memory, and can also play any piece of music after hearing it only once.

He began playing the piano at two, and subsequently attended the Linden Lodge School for the Blind in London. He met a piano instructor, Adam Ockelford, on his first visit to the school and, recognising his genius, Adam began to teach him. Adam is Professor of Music at the University of Roehampton. Blessed with a dry wit, he and Derek make a wonderful, complementary team - as moving as they are talented. Adam founded the Amber Trust, supporting visually impaired children in their pursuit of music.

Originally from Hong Kong, 13-year-old Chapman Shum, another remarkable blind pianist, entertained us with two classical pieces in an accomplished manner. After an interval, Derek played random requests from the audience without a second's hesitation and then we all sang jolly carols to end a remarkable evening.

For more info, google Derek, Chapman, Adam and the Amber Trust.



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If you have a young family, you could request a starter course to give time for children to settle before going out. Just book a babysitter. If you are alone, why not team up with a friend and join the fun.

It's a fantastic way to meet new villagers and experience another flavour of Upton Grey. Put the 22nd March firmly in your diary. Please fill in the online form (link below) and make your payment via BACS by 8th March. We will also send the link via the village email.

We hope to see you there. Let's make 2025 a Safari Supper to remember.

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Save the Date!

- Upton Grey Reels Night - **Saturday 1st March**
- St Mary's Upton Grey Fete - **Saturday 7th June 2.00-5.00pm**
- Concert in St Mary's Church - **Sunday 22nd June 6.00pm**

Upton Grey Ladies Group

Upton Grey Ladies Group meets every month, either for a pub lunch, theatre outing, garden or National Trust visit etc. We usually meet during the first week of the month and most often on a Thursday. We number between 30 and 40 members and would welcome new members to join us.

Viv Anscombe 862455

HERRIARD AND WINSLADE NEWS**www.herriard-pc.gov.uk****www.herriardvillagehub.co.uk****Herriard Village Group on <http://www.Facebook.com>****A date for your diaries**

We are absolutely delighted that +Philip, Bishop of Winchester, will be joining us for our 10.00am CW Holy Communion Service on **Sunday 23rd February**. This will be a joint service for Herriard, Tunworth, Upton Grey and Weston Patrick. You are all warmly invited to join us for this very special occasion.

Foodbank at St Mary's, Herriard with Winslade

We have a box in the Church for any food donations you would like to contribute. If you can't make our Sunday service, you can always leave donations on a Saturday/Sunday at the vestry door at the back of church. The foodbank accepts long-life products such as long-life milk and fruit juice, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, tinned fish and meat. Tinned pies and puddings are always welcome as are biscuits and chocolate. If you would like to sign up to the Camrose Centre's newsletter, to keep up-to-date with the work they are doing, you can sign up by visiting www.thecamrosecentre.org.

Herriard and Tunworth Lunch Group

The Lunch Group usually meets once a month on a Friday from 12.00 to 1.30pm at the Herriard Hub, to look at a Bible passage with a focus on practical Christianity. **The January date is the 24th.**

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Advent Carol Service – 1st December

We entered the season of Advent, in reflective preparation for the arrival of Jesus Christ's Nativity, with our Advent Carol Service filled with its moving liturgy, music and a beautiful mix of poems.

With the footpath edged with lights, the vestry fire lit and the Church filled with candlelight and the scent of narcissi, the final touch was the lighting up of the Altar window with its Nativity scene. And so Suzanne began the service with the Bidding Prayer – 'May the Lord guide us in the way of peace, Give light to those who sit in darkness, and kindle in all people the fire of his love'.

A huge thank you to everyone who make this such a special service – to Suzanne for leading the service, to all those who help to put the service together, our organist

Andrew Hinde (who played so wonderfully, the organ music is such an important part of our worship), the Weston Patrick Church Choir directed by Susan Bright (for singing The Angel Gabriel so movingly, and for leading the singing), all the readers who read so beautifully, to everyone who contributed to the refreshments and to everyone who came along to sit and enjoy this moment of reflection before the busy weeks leading up to Christmas.

Thank you.

Fiona Ives (Churchwarden)

Herriard Prayer Group

If you or anyone you know would like to be included in our prayers, please contact suzanne@moretolife.church or fiona@ashmeadow.co.uk.



TUNWORTH NEWS

Coffee & Cake: Thursday January 2nd 10.30am

On the first Thursday of the month, we meet for Coffee and Cake in the church porch. Please do join us if you are at home and fancy taking a break from online work.

Prayer Hour: Saturday January 4th 9.00am

On the first Saturday of the month, we have a Prayer Hour. We meet and pray in the church for everyone in the parish. If you would like to join us or would like us to pray for a particular matter, then please contact Mark.

Tunworth Home Group

The Tunworth Home Group usually meets fortnightly on Wednesdays from 7.00 to 8.00pm at The Orangery, Hackwood Park, to study Bible passages and Biblical themes. **The January dates are the 15th and 29th.** If you would like to know more or to join, then please contact Gabrielle.

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Tunworth quiz

The Tunworth quiz will be held at 7.00pm on **Friday 31st January.** Please contact Mark or Gabrielle for details.

WESTON PATRICK & WESTON CORBETT NEWS

The Christmas Festivities are now over but we are heading into the New Year with exciting prospects for a service at Herriard led by the new Diocesan Bishop +Philip, a Pet Service in May at Weston and the fun of another Quiz Night in March. Further details will be coming later.

You may have a deep Christian faith, or Christianity may be new to you. Either way, come and join in at Herriard for the first Alpha course of the new year to share in a conversation over a meal as we explore Christian faith in the 21st century. See poster on page 5 of this magazine for details.

St Lawrence's next service will be Holy Communion on Sunday 12th January at 10.00am and then Evensong on Sunday 26th January at 5.00pm.

There will be a coffee morning on the fourth Wednesday of the month on January 22nd 2025 at 11.00 in the Village Hall. Everybody (and your dog) is welcome to pop in.

Weston Patrick and Weston Corbett's Women's Home Group welcomes any women who would like to come along. This is an informal fellowship group exploring faith and how faith relates to our daily lives recently with special emphasis on prayer.

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In January, I also take up a new role as the Diocesan President for Mothers' Union. I am very much looking forward to the new challenge, and to meeting members from our branches around the diocese. If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch, please contact Sue Murphy on 01252 845011 or suemurphymubbranch@outlook.com.

North Warnborough & District Garden Club

Our first meeting of 2025 will take place on Thursday 23rd January at 2.00pm for a start at 2.30pm. Andy McIndoe will return again, and on this occasion his talk will be called 'Permanent and Seasonal Planting for Pots and Containers'.

Subscriptions will be due in January. This is the perfect month for new members to join us.

For more information visit our website: <https://www.nwdgc.org.uk>



National Gardens Scheme – Hampshire

In 2024 the NGS were pleased to announce donations of £3.51 million to our beneficiaries. This fabulous amount is an astonishing £1.1million **more** than the NGS raised in 2023. Of course that means we really have to pull out all the stops in 2025 to try to surpass this figure.

As always, the lion's share (£2,550m) goes to our main six nursing and health charities - some of the country's best loved: The Queen's Nursing Institute, Marie Curie, Macmillan Cancer Support, Hospice UK, Carers Trust and Parkinson's UK.

This year we have added a very significant beneficiary to our list: the John King Brain Tumour Foundation.

John King was an extremely popular chef with an international reputation. In 2015 he was diagnosed with a glioblastoma brain tumour, and sadly passed away in November 2016. John was treated at the Atkinson Morley Wing of St George's Hospital in London. During his treatment he and his wife - Laura - discovered a roof garden (part of the Atkinson Morley Wing) which badly needed some serious attention, so with the blessing of the hospital and along with some friends they set about restoring the garden - and so the John King Brain Tumour Foundation came into being. Now, along with maintaining the garden, the Foundation raises thousands of pounds for neurological equipment for the hospital. I think we can be sure that the £50,000 donation will be put to good use.

<https://www.johnkingbraintumourfoundation.co.uk/about>

And so - to the serious business of Garden Visiting. As always we kick off the season with our Snowdrop and Spring Bulbs gardens.

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Opening: Tuesday & Wednesday 18th & 19th February, 1.00-4.30pm (pre-booking available).

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A 2-acre winter garden of note - appeared in several Garden Magazines - with a plethora of spring bulbs.

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5-acre garden with carpets of spring bulbs.

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Opening: Tuesday 18th March, 10.00am to 3.30pm.

Admission: Adults £8.00, Children £6.00. Cashless Payments available.

Refreshments: Light Refreshments.

15-acre listed English landscaped gardens with abundance of spring flowers.

I hope this has whetted your appetite, and that you are able to visit one or more of these stunning gardens. If you are part of a group, or even a group of friends, both Little Court and The Down House are open especially for Groups - simply contact garden owner.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Pat Beagley (Head of Publicity)

National Garden Scheme – Hampshire

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A brand-new year with plenty to look forward to!

We finished 2024 with a flourish! Our final presentation of the year was a walk down memory lane with author Jeff Evans, who reminded us of our childhood programmes such as Sooty, Watch with Mother and the enduring Blue Peter! The meeting finished with our popular free raffle for a Christmas hamper. Our new Chair, Ian Green, began his duties by presenting the hamper to this year's winner Janet Leech from Hook.



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Craft & Create Workshops, from February 2025, Unit 7-9, Folly Farm, Kingsclere Road, Basingstoke, RG26 5GJ. The workshops will be tutored by experts and will include: Candle Making, Soap Making, Salts & Clays, Upholstery (Head Board Making, Bring Your Own Wingchair, Ottoman Box Making, Drop Seat Pad, Upholstery Piped Footstool Making), Beginners & Advanced Curtain Making, Beginners & Advanced Roman Blinds, Scatter Cushion Making, Quilt Making. For more details see www.craft-create.co.uk, phone 07748 715350 or email asabove3@gmail.com.

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Upton Grey Village Hall can be hired at a basic rate of £12 per hour. Tables and chairs are also available to hire. There are kitchen facilities, including china, cutlery & glasses, central heating, sound system, stage and disabled access. If you don't know the hall, we would be happy to show you round. To book, or if you have any questions, please contact Jane Hanbury on 01256 862681 or email bookings@uptongreyvillagehall.co.uk or visit our new website www.uptongreyvillagehall.co.uk.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – JANUARY 2025

NB: All Church Services are listed under CHURCH NEWS near the front of the magazine

JANUARY DATES

6th Jan	Mon	MU <i>Wave of Prayer</i> service, RAF Chaplaincy Centre	7.30pm
8th Jan	Wed	Alpha course introduction evening, Herriard Hub	7.30pm
8th Jan	Wed	Alpha course introduction evening, Odiham	7.30pm
14th Jan	Tue	Licensing of Revd Chris Dudgeon, All Saints Odiham	7.30pm
31st Jan	Fri	Tunworth Quiz	7.00pm

ADVANCE DATES

8th Feb	Sat	Concert by village musicians, UG Village Hall	6.00pm
1st Mar	Sat	Upton Grey Reels Night, UG Village Hall	
22nd Mar	Sat	Upton Grey Safari Supper	7.30pm
7th Jun	Sat	St Mary's Upton Grey Fete	2.00-5.00pm
22nd Jun	Sun	Concert in St Mary's Church, Upton Grey	6.00pm

REGULAR EVENTS

Each Mon/Thu	Odiham book exchange, Bridewell, Odiham	2.00pm
Each Sat	Odiham book exchange, Bridewell, Odiham	10.00am
Each Mon	Prayer group, 4 Little Hoddington	9.30-10.15am
Each Thurs	Prayer group, 4 Little Hoddington	5.00-5.45pm
Each Thurs	Coffee, Tea & Cake Morning, Hub, Herriard	10.00am
Every 1st Thurs	Coffee & Cake, Tunworth church porch	10.30am
Every 1st Saturday	Prayer Hour, All Saints Tunworth	9.00am
2nd & 4th Monday	Coffee Morning, Upton Grey Village Hall	11.00am
Every 4th Wed	Coffee Morning, Weston Patrick Village Hall	11.00am

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