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Further information contact Hazel Taylor 01926 632428

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday 3rd Dec COME 2 WORSHIP service at HUNNINGHAM CHURCH 11.00am

Monday 11th December Bishops Tachbrook TODDLERS 10.00am

Friday 15th December WESTON u WETHERLEY - TODDLERS 10.00am

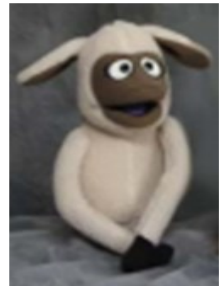
Friday 22nd December EDEN PLACE Care Home Lillington 1.15pm

Friday 22nd December JAMES HIRONS Care Home Leamington 3.00pm

Sunday 24th December CRIB SERVICE Weston Church 4.00pm

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Eathorpe and Wappenbury residents are invited to:

EATHORPE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Eathorpe Village Hall

Saturday, December 2nd, 2023

8.00pm to ????



Start Christmas with a swing!

- * ***A free glass of fizzy wine to welcome you***
- * ***Games***
- * ***Licensed bar***
- * ***The Christmas quiz (with prizes)***
- * ***Traditional carol singing (well we'll try!)***
- * ***Dancing until you run out of energy***

Bring a plate of food to share

Offchurch Flower Club

*Meets at Offchurch Village Hall 7.30-9.30 on the second
Wednesday of the Month.*

This Wreath is the
demonstration piece
by Heather Ward of
Catkins and Clematis
Napton



Future Dates

*13th December : A Christmas decoration using three stems of
flowers and some imagination.*

*10th January : A specific shape. 'A triangle to be viewed from
the front.' Arrangements do not have to be big, it is more
about the structure.*

*14th February. Title "All That Jazz" for the man in your life!
(If they are 'far away', you will enjoy it for them.)*

*Your first meeting is free except for a contribution towards
materials used, or professional fees to cover - as in Nov. £5.
Thereafter, £3 per meeting payable in advance until December.
Biodegradable Oasis is available @ £1 per block.
Please bring some garden scissors and a bag for offcuts.*



This is a 'first attempt' by a club
member at home , afterwards.

Both wreaths were made on a
30cm base.

You too could be inspired !

For more information contact the Secretary :
patriciafollett@hotmail.com



With that glorious Indian summer behind us we are looking ahead to Christmas and we are really pleased to launch our [Christmas lunchtime menu](#) to bring some extra sparkle and Christmas cheer to December!

Our menu is packed full of locally sourced ingredients and includes everything from the classic Christmas roast, to a festive sharing board with some tasty starters and tantalising desserts, it's got all bases covered – it's the perfect menu for a festive lunch date!

We will be serving it up every day from [1st December \(excluding Sunday's\)](#) and we are taking bookings from tables of two, to group bookings and currently have good availability if you are looking to get organised and book in some festive fun!



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**Sunday December 3
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Christmas Art and Craft fair

**At
The Plough, Eathorpe**

**A variety of stalls offering seasonally
themed gifts, cards, paintings, jewellery,
edible treats, decorations and knitwear.**

**All visitors to the fair will be offered entry to
a draw to win a meal for two with a
complimentary bottle of wine.**

Festive refreshments will be available throughout the day.

We look forward to welcoming you.

POETRY PAGE

Because Of Us

This morning I learned
the English word *gauze*
(*finely woven medical cloth*)
comes from the Arabic word غزّة or *Ghazza*
because Gazans have been skilled weavers for centuries

I wondered then

how many of our wounds
have been dressed
because of them

and how many of theirs
have been left open
because of us

Em Berry / @skinhungry

Une Journée Tranquille

There is nothing to do. It is not peace, not peace ... -
His son does not shout, nor do his daughters murmur -
But ennui. No grandson, granddaughter laughs, or weeps.
They attend not to him anymore, they are the subjects of murder.

He attends to them, certainly - so closely attends!
His duties all gone, his tasks no longer met,
But memories of them flash through his mind to the end.
The end of all life, all love, all feeling but grief is now set:

You can see it in his eyes like twin black holes in space,
Absorbing all emotion, like gravity flowing to a different reality.
Emptiness reigns, his very soul is burnt out.

Never again to be annoyed by the invasion of his place
No comfort, no cuddles - no child-dandling knee ...
Why God? Inshallah? Why me? His eyes scream the shout.



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Oh Rascal Children of Gaza

by Khaled Juma

Oh rascal children of Gaza.
You who constantly disturbed me
with your screams under my window.
You who filled every morning
with rush and chaos.
You who broke my vase
and stole the lonely flower on my balcony.
Come back,
and scream as you want
and break all the vases.
Steal all the flowers.
Come back..
Just come back..

*Poetry does not need words to explain it.
Sometimes the emotions it inspires in its
readers are too sharp for even a word of
explanation.*

Vehicle Safety Advice

In the past few months, we have seen an increase in thefts and attempt thefts of vehicles whilst parked in hotel car parks. Please follow these simple steps to ensure that you are doing all you can to protect your vehicle:

1. Park in a well-lit area

If possible, park as close to street lights as you can with as much visibility on your car as you can get. This may put thieves off as they're more likely to be spotted, particularly if you're in a built-up area.

2. Keep your car locked

It sounds obvious but it's surprisingly easy to forget to lock your car. By simply using your car's locking system, you're already adding a layer of protection. After all, it's much easier for someone to take your car if all they have to do is open a door. You can never be too safe .Double check.

3. Remove any valuables

Having valuable stuff on show in your car may attract unwanted attention. A USB cable or two should be ok, but expensive stuff is better taken out of your car.

If you do feel you need to store valuables in your car, use hidden storage compartments like the glovebox and under the armrest if your car has the capacity.

4. Use a steering wheel lock

Though the steering wheel lock is something of an old-school method of improving car security, it's still pretty effective.

Aside from physically locking your steering wheel, it'll also serve as a visual deterrent. Most modern cars will have in-built wheel locking systems, but there's no harm in adding an extra one.

5. Have an immobiliser installed

Similarly to wheel locks, immobilisers are often built into modern cars. Still, there's no harm in having an aftermarket system installed.

These work by having a transponder installed in the key (or as a separate fob) and a receiver within the car itself. If the receiver is unable to detect the key, the car will not be able to start.

Fitting an immobiliser may also reduce your car insurance premium, too. It's worth checking with your insurer to be sure.

6. Store your key in a Faraday pouch

Keyless entry and starting systems are commonplace on cars now. Though these are convenient, it also puts your car at risk of 'relay' theft. This is where thieves will send a boosted signal from your car to the key in your property. The car will then unlock and be able to be started as normal.

Though manufacturers are constantly improving the security of these systems, a Faraday pouch is an effective and affordable solution. These pouches will block the signal from your car reaching the key, thus rendering any 'relay' theft attempts impossible.

7. Install a vehicle tracker

Though a tracker itself may not directly deter theft, it can be a seriously useful tool for recovering your car. Trackers come in all sorts of forms, but all have the end goal of letting you keep a remote eye on your car.

You should never seek to recover a stolen car yourself, though. Instead, pass on tracking information to the police to allow them to locate your car.

Don't let your Christmas be spoilt by having your car stolen. Make it as difficult as possible for would be thieves.

Electric scooter awareness

E-scooters have gained popularity in recent years as a convenient mode of transportation, especially among young individuals. However, it is crucial for us to recognize that their use in certain areas is prohibited by law, and ignoring these regulations can have serious consequences, including accidents, injuries, and legal ramifications. It is currently against the law to ride a privately owned e-scooter in any public place in the UK. As well as being illegal, Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership have concerns about the safety of e-scooters. The latest Department for Transport's (DfT) Reported Road casualties Great Britain, annual report 2021 revealed that nationally there were 1,434 casualties involving e-scooters, including 10 people killed, 421 seriously injured and 1,003 slightly injured.

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership has developed several assets which can be used to raise awareness of the laws on e-scooters, including posters, leaflets and a social media infographic. We are keen for people to access and share these resources to raise awareness of the Law surrounding the use of e-scooters.

If you can support with sharing information and raising awareness and would like to receive a digital leaflet, poster and social media infographic please contact: roadsafetyeducation@warwickshire.gov.uk.





Messy 2024 dates for your diary

We have planned a number of dates for Messy Church gatherings in 2024. Pop the dates in your diary or on your calendar and look out for more information.

10 March: a combined Messy Church and Mothering Sunday at Weston

18 May : Pentecost

20/21/22 August: Messy Summer sessions

12 October: Messy Harvest

14 December: Messy Christingle

We do hope you can join us for all or some of these.

The Messy Team

Messy Church is for families of all shapes and sizes. For more information contact Jane on 07850 4442316 or email off-churchmessy@gmail.com

MONDAY CLUB

The November meeting.

This month's talk was on Fire Safety in the home given by a Warwickshire Fire Prevention Officer, Wayne Cooke. He said that 21 people die each year because their alarm system isn't working. We were advised that we must check them every week. Installing a ten year battery smoke alarm should be considered.

Other causes of fires include faulty or overloaded sockets, saucepans left unattended and smoking in bed or when tired. If a fire occurs, leave the house immediately, closing doors behind you. Keep door and windows keys where they can be seen.

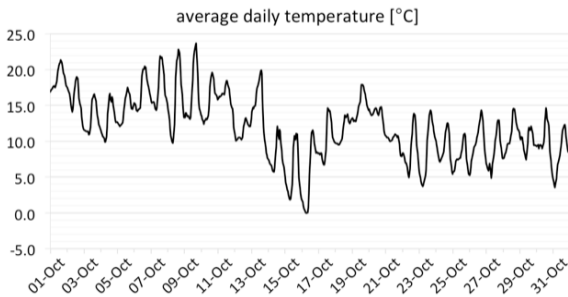
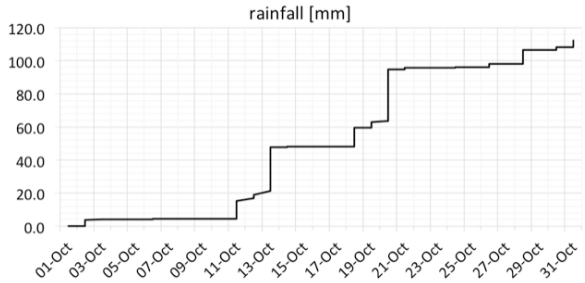
We were given a leaflet giving more details on fire safety in the home. A free visit by a Fire Prevention Officer can be requested, see photo for details. Two of our members have had a visit and found it very helpful. All present thanked Wayne for his very informative talk and gave him a donation for the Firefighters Charity.



WEATHER WATCH: OCTOBER 2023

October is usually our wettest month of the year in Offchurch and this October has lived up to its reputation. We had 112.2 mm of rain, which is 59% above the 70.4 mm average for this month and the fifth October in a row of above average rainfall in Offchurch.

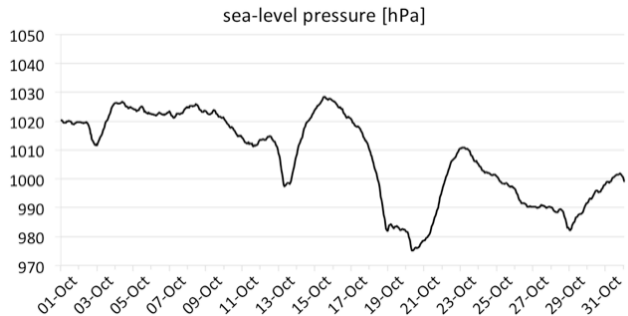
It's the second wettest October in 25 years, the wettest being in 2000 when 114 mm of rain fell.



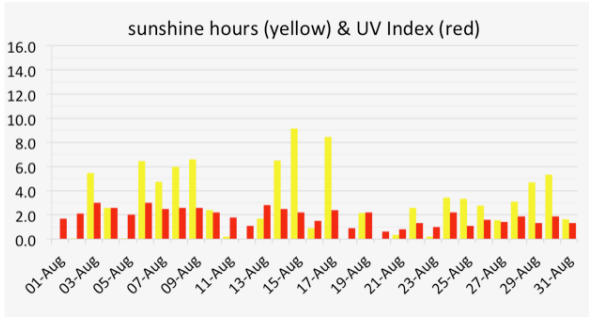
The month started warm with a maximum temperature of 23.9°C but cooled later on, thus averaging 12.2°C, which is 0.9°C below the average for the area. One air frost

occurred on the 16 October when the temperature fell to -0.1°C.

Storm *Babet* brought the atmospheric pressure down to 978 hPa, whereas earlier in the month it had risen to 1027 hPa with an average of 1014 hPa. It was not a particularly windy month, with a maximum gust



of 27 mph on the 18th. Early in the month the winds were from the southwest but ended from the southeast, with a short period in the middle when they were from the north, heralding the change from warmer to cooler days.



The day length falls rapidly in October with a corresponding lessening of sunshine hours. There were four days with no sun at all, but two days in the middle of the month each had over

8 hours of sunshine. Overall, the sunshine hours were 82% of the monthly average with just 92 hours.

The naming of storms

Since 2015 the Met Office has named any low-pressure weather system that is likely to meet the criteria of a storm, which will have an impact on the environment, i.e. have 10 minute mean wind speed of 55-63 mph and/or gusts of 70-78 mph [1]. Such high wind speeds are usually accompanied by heavy precipitation and as such can be a danger to life and likely to cause damage to the environment with falling trees, floods, etc. Naming storms highlights this possible danger by providing the public with a consistent message that something unusual with the weather is likely to occur and precautions should be taken. In the UK the Met Office names a storm when its characteristics are likely to cause disruption or damage resulting in their issuing either an amber or red warning.

Lists of names for each year are prepared in conjunction with Met Éireann (Ireland) and KNMI (Holland), which together with the Met Office (UK) comprise the Western Group. There are two other

country groups: South Western (Spain, Portugal, France, Belgium and Luxembourg) and Northern (Denmark, Sweden and Norway). Lists are released each September, the start of meteorological autumn when there is an increased potential for dangerous storms to develop. Interestingly, they follow the US National Hurricane Centre naming conventions by not using names starting with Q, U, X, Y and Z – so no storm Zebedee! The Met Office receives thousands of suggestions for names from which, in conjunction with their meteorological partners and reflecting the diversity of their respective countries, the yearly list is compiled. So far this year, at the time of writing, three storms *Agnes*, *Babet* and *Ciarán*

have occurred with names available for a further 18 storms, see below [2]. I hope sincerely this list is sufficient!



For local weather details and forecasts go to: <https://offweather.hopto.org>

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SUPERFOODS

What are superfoods and do they really exist?

For those of us wanting to improve our health, the idea of a 'superfood' as a one-stop shop for nutrition can be pretty appealing. But are 'superfoods' really the miracle-workers some claim them to be? Salmon, broccoli and blueberries are just some of the foods that have been given the 'superfood' label. And while we know that these are all healthy, the term 'super' suggests they have special benefits beyond simply being good for us. But do superfoods really exist?

What is a 'superfood'?

Generally, a food is promoted to superfood status if it contains a high level of nutritional value. This might mean they contain a variety of nutrients, such as healthy fats, fibre and phytochemicals - chemicals in plants which are responsible for vivid colours and smells, which have been associated with a reduced risk of cardiovascular and other diseases. Many superfoods are said to contain antioxidants, which are compounds that can fight off harmful free radicals - molecules that can damage the body's cells.



While consuming foods that are packed with nutrients is a good idea, there is no scientifically based or regulated definition for superfoods. In 2007, the EU banned the use of the word superfood to sell products without credible scientific evidence. The NHS also highlights that claims of certain foods being 'super' are almost always overstated in the media - and are often inaccurate. Critics also warn that the description encourages us to fixate on a single food rather than eat a balanced diet.

The term superfood seems to be a marketing term rather than one based on or recognised by science. There are undoubtedly some foods that contain particular ingredients that are very beneficial for health. But we

still need to eat a wide range of foods in order to get all the nutrients we need - it is not appropriate to rely on a small number of superfoods.

It is true to say that some foods are better for us than others and some are more densely packed with nutrients than others. Blueberries and açai are examples of two foods that are often labelled as superfoods. Açai is a berry from the Himalayas said to be packed with antioxidants.

However, there are many other foods that are considerably cheaper and more widely available that are also packed with antioxidants, such as other berries, or vegetables such as carrots or sweet potatoes.

There's no denying that eating more fruit and vegetables is good for us. But research has suggested that the benefits of antioxidant-rich foods may be overstated. This is because the amount of antioxidants in a food source does not necessarily reflect their potential health benefit, as it depends on how these are absorbed and used in the body.

What should we be eating?

It is important to eat a range of foods such as fruit and vegetables, whole grains and lean protein to gain a wide range of nutrients. Most berries are rich in antioxidants, vitamins, minerals and fibre all packed into a small serving. Eggs are another example - 'packaged' into a single serving which is easy to eat hot or cold, and contain a wide range of vitamins and minerals including iron, B vitamins, choline, phosphorous and also lutein which is important for eye health. Nuts and seeds are an excellent source of fibre, 'healthy fats', vitamins, minerals and antioxidants. Interestingly, although they are energy-dense, they have actually been shown to be beneficial in some weight loss studies. Less healthy foods include those that are highly processed and/or high in fat and sugar. These should form only a very small and occasional part of our diet. Dieticians often tell patients to "eat a rainbow" - to try to include as many different coloured fruit and vegetables as possible.



AYLESFORD AND HADDON CHARITY

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The history of Offchurch includes some very caring and generous people. Jane Wightwick, Dowager Countess of Aylesford and one time resident of The Bury, established a charity in her name for the benefit of villagers in 1912. Earlier than this John Haddon and William Haddon were benefactors through their wills in 1875 and 1897.

These charitable bodies live on to this day in the form of The Aylesford and Haddon Charity with the purpose of using the funds for the benefit of residents and former residents of Offchurch who are in need of support. This may be through gifts of kind or grants of money. Usually the charity makes small gifts at Christmas but could respond where there is hardship or a bereavement.

The Charity has only very limited funding available and donations are always welcome to help individuals within the local community. At this time of significant increases in every area of life these small amounts are even more important.

The Charity's income comes mainly through dividends from investments in the COIF Charity Investment Funds supplemented by occasional donations. We are always most grateful for donations of any size from local residents to help meet the needs of others in the community. If you feel able to support us in some way we would be delighted to hear from you.

Many thanks.

Valerie Graham
Chair

Robert Inman
Hon. Clerk (email:
robert_inman@sky.com)

Other Trustees: Dr John Denning, Mrs Jane Inman and Mrs Liz Varnish.

TELLING THE BEES

There was a time when almost every rural British family who kept bees followed a strange tradition. Whenever there was a death in the family, someone had to go out to the hives and tell the bees of the terrible loss that had befallen the family. Failing to do so often resulted in further losses such as the bees leaving the hive, or not producing enough honey or even dying.

Traditionally, the bees were kept abreast of not only deaths but all important family matters including births, marriages, and long absence due to journeys. If the bees were not told, all sorts of calamities were thought to happen. This peculiar custom is known as “telling the bees”.



The Bee Friend, a painting by Hans Thoma (1839–1924)

The practice of telling the bees may have its origins in Celtic mythology that held that bees were the link between our world and the spirit world. So if you had any message that you wished to convey to someone who was dead, all you had to do was tell the bees and they would pass along the message.

The typical way to tell the bees was for the head of the household, or “goodwife of the house” to go out to the hives, knock gently to get the attention of the bees, and then softly murmur in a doleful tune the solemn news.

Little rhymes developed over the centuries specific to a particular region. In Nottinghamshire, the wife of the dead was heard singing quietly in front of the hive,

“The master's dead, but don't you go; Your mistress will be a good mistress to you.”

In Germany, a similar couplet was heard,

“Little bee, our lord is dead; Leave me not in my distress”.

But the relationship between bees and humans goes beyond superstition. It's a fact, that bees help humans survive. 70 of the top 100 crop species that feed 90% of the human population rely on bees for pollination.

Without them, these plants would cease to exist and with it all the animals that eat those plants. This would have a cascading effect that would ripple catastrophically up the food chain.

Losing a beehive is much worse than losing a supply of honey. The consequences are life threatening.



The act of telling the bees emphasizes this deep connection humans share with the insect.

THE LANGUAGE PAGE

Virtually everyone living in the United Kingdom (and especially those living in Warwickshire) knows what an important literary figure William Shakespeare was. Many of us will have studied his plays at school and it's a fairly safe bet that a majority of the people reading this piece will have watched a Shakespeare play in a theatre. The "Bard" is ubiquitous.

But a lesser known fact about Shakespeare and his writing is the number of English words and phrases that he invented (or at least that were first seen in print in one of his plays). It is estimated that he introduced over 1,700 new words to the language. Who do you think invented the words *manager*, *fashionable*, *eyeball*, *laughable*, *gloomy* or *lonely*, among others?

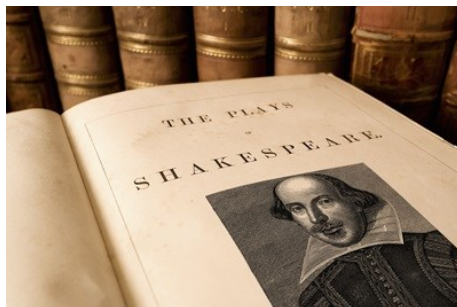


Here are some more words first used in Shakespeare's writings:

- Dishearten, swagger, dawn (Henry V)
- Eventful, marketable (As You Like It)
- Fashionable (Troilus and Cressida)
- Inaudible (All's Well That Ends Well)
- Ladybird, uncomfortable (Romeo and Juliet)
- Manager, mimic (A Midsummer Night's Dream)
- Pageantry (Pericles)

- Eyeball, moonbeam (A Midsummer Night's Dream)
- Puking (As You Like It)
- Obscene, new-fangled (Love's Labour's Lost)
- Cold-blooded , savagery (King John)
- Hot blooded, epileptic (King Lear)
- Addiction (Othello)
- Arch-villain (Timon of Athens)
- Assassination , unreal Macbeth
- Bedazzled, pedant (The Taming of the Shrew)
- Scuffle (Antony and Cleopatra)
- Bloodstained (Titus Andronicus)
- Negotiate (Much Ado About Nothing)
- Outbreak (Hamlet)
- Jaded, torture (King Henry VI)
- Grovel (Henry IV)
- Gnarled (Measure for Measure)

Some of the words may not have been actually invented or coined by Shakespeare but the early citations in the Oxford English Dictionary have been attributed to him because the first recorded used of the word was found in one of his works.





Working Together as a Community

Joint Parish Council Meetings

Our next meeting is scheduled for 16th January, 2024 at 7:30pm and is being held at Eathorpe Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings. Residents can email or phone Parish Councillors if they have issues to raise.

For further information or an emailed copy of the meeting Agenda or minutes please contact the Clerk on Clerk.jpcehow@outlook.com

The meeting dates for 2024

The dates below follow the usual JPC pattern of meetings.

January	16th	Eathorpe Village Hall
February	No Meeting	
March	19th	Eathorpe Village Hall
April	No Meeting	
May	21st	Eathorpe Village Hall
June	No Meeting	
July	16th	Eathorpe Village Hall
August	No Meeting	
September	17th	Eathorpe Village Hall
October	No Meeting	
November	19th	Eathorpe Village Hall
December	No Meeting	

CHRISTMAS WITH A CAUSE



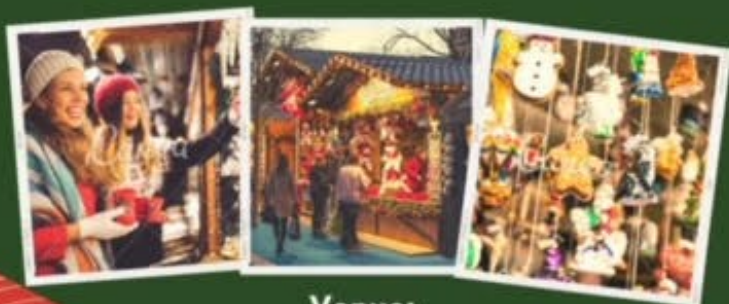
THIS CHRISTMAS LET'S JOIN HANDS TO RAISE MONEY TO SUPPORT HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS IN DISTRESS. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO CHARITY "DOCTORS IN DISTRESS". THE ORGANISATION SUPPORTS ALL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [HTTPS://DOCTORS-IN-DISTRESS.ORG.UK](https://doctors-in-distress.org.uk)



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ON 09 DEC 2023**



Venue:

**Weston Under Wetherley
Village Hall
Sabin Drive, Weston Under Wetherley,
Leamington Spa, CV33 9GA**

CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT!!

As an Organist I was often asked to play for Brownies Christmas Carol Services in a village church nearby, so one year i arrived in plenty of time and found the Church in darkness. I waited a while in the car, getting colder every minute - then realized this was the wrong church in the wrong village! Remembering where I should be I drove to the correct church which was ablaze with welcoming reassuring lights - raced irreverently down the aisle, music and hair flying, accompanied by the sweet little Brownies clapping and giving me 3 Cheers. We went on to have a brilliant Carol Service, with lots of fun and great Christmas singing. 🎅

Talking of Carol Services, in the days when I had a full robed choir, we used to bravely process round the darkened church singing AND holding lighted candles! Unfortunately sometimes we had singed music or singed hair or both! We gave up on that idea pretty quickly, and because we spent the whole service trying to control our giggles we again had a wonderful Carol Service with angelic Carol Singing! 🎅 🎵

A happy and healthy Christmas to all, love Wendy 🎅 🎅

Wendy Green

Warwickshire Mobile Library



Eathorpe Village Hall

12.00 - 12.20

Offchurch Village Street

9.15 - 9.30

The mobile
library will be
available on:

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5th January



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CHURCH SERVICES

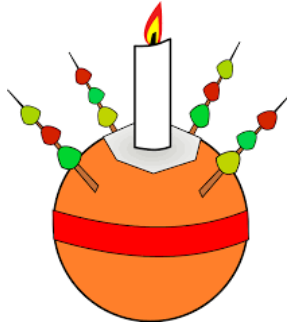
DECEMBER 2023



Sunday 3rd	11.00am – Come2Worship + Zoom	St Margaret's Hunningham
Sunday 10th	10.00am – Holy Communion +Zoom	St Gregory's Offchurch
Sunday 10th	6.00pm – Carol Service	St Michael's Weston
Saturday 16th	3.00pm-5.00pm – Messy Church / Christingle	Weston Village Hall
Sunday 17th	10.00am – Family Service + Zoom	St Gregory's Offchurch
Sunday 17th	6.00pm – Carol Service	St Margaret's Hunningham
Tuesday 19th	7.00pm – Carol Service	St Gregory's Offchurch
Saturday 23rd	2.30pm-3.30pm – The Big Christmas Story	St John's Wappenbury
Sunday 24th	NB There is no service on Christmas Eve morning	
Sunday 24th	4.00pm – Crib Service	St Michael's Weston
Sunday 24th	9.00pm – Christmas Eve - Holy Communion	St Michael's Weston
Monday 25th	10.00am – Christmas Day - Family Service	St Gregory's Offchurch
Sunday 31st	10.00am – Service of the Word + Zoom	St Gregory's Offchurch



Messy Church Christingle



Saturday 16 December 2023

3pm to 5pm

**Weston under Wetherley Village
Hall, Sabin Drive**

**Make your own Christingle, games, songs,
refreshments and much more – All welcome**

Let us know you are coming by texting
Jane on 07850 444316 or email

messyoffchurch@gmail.com

COMMUNITY CAFE

The Community Café 'Drop In' is now seasonal.
Everyone welcome for refreshments & a chat at the café.

During the Winter months ...

On the last Wednesday of **September, October, November,
January, February**

Do come and join us for **HOMEMADE SOUPS**, conversation and
company..

It saves making lunch!

In Offchurch Village Hall

NO SOUP LUNCH – In December

Next one is 31st JANUARY 2024 12,00 noon

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