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WISE MEN STILL SEEK HIM

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Subject to Government & Church restrictions, Mass will be offered at Church on the following days and times, by appointment:

**THURSDAYS:** 10:00  
**SUNDAYS:** 10:00

Parishioners are asked to visit the Church and print their name for the appropriate day. Mass will also be live-streamed via our website & Facebook page on Sundays.

Please adhere to the directions set out on entering the Church.
Every day the Church remembers and prays for the souls of those whose anniversary of death falls during the month. Below are those who we remember this month:

1st: Albert Cecil Lang, Harry Leonard Trickett, John Stuart Richards.
2nd: Barbara Miller, George Joseph Pidgeon, Phylis May Harris.
3rd: Hilda Catherine Horswell, Margaret Eileen Sammuell, Hilda Major.
5th: Cecil A. Warneford, Rosa Pegler.
6th: John Hamilton, Ian McAdam.
7th: Arthur W.J. Barron.
8th: Emily Dorrance, Beryl Elizabeth Herbert, Gwendoline Mary Hawkes, Kathleen Ashby.
10th: Terence Harrod.
11th: Olive Louisa Sollors, Clara Barker.
12th: Robert McFarlane, Dorothy Heaton, Freda Lilian Mickley.
13th: Albert Ransome, John Ingram, Edgar Charles Ralph, Mary Barber.
14th: Sophia Rawlinson.
15th: Frederick Brown.
16th: Margaret Annie Savery.
17th: Mary Elizabeth Williams.
18th: Miriam Searle, Albert William Raven, Ian Frederick Dodd, Reginald Cyril Wise.
19th: Arthur Hunt.
20th: Evelyn Victoria Clarke, Charles William Peach (Priest), Michael Francis Porter.
22nd: Ken Thompson, James William Roberts, Coraston Jack Gaskins.
23rd: Doris Robinson, Mary Wilman, Yvonne Pamela Williams.
24th: Florence Hunt.
26th: Kenneth Davies.
27th: Christine Mary Horsgood, Margaret Village, Doris Ada Mary Herbert.
COMMUNITY PAYBACK

What is the Community Payback Scheme?

The Criminal Justice Act 2003 created the Community Order, a sentence that can be made up of one or more requirements. Community Payback is the term used to refer to any work done as part of an Unpaid Work requirement within a Community Sentence or Suspended Sentence Order and is a joint initiative between the community, the police and probation. The Courts can impose sentences of between 40-300 hours, reflecting the seriousness of the offending.

This work helps make the communities we live in safer and better places to be. All projects combine punishment and hard work for the offenders and some offer the chance to learn new skills. Projects range from litter removal and clearing footpaths through to redecorating community centres and working in charity shops. Offenders usually work as part of a team and monitored by a supervisor.

Our parish has recently been part of this scheme and benefited from maintenance done in and around our churchyard. It is not only an opportunity to provide ‘service providers’ with means to complete their unpaid work requirements with community projects but also the on-going Christ-like mission offering forgiveness, restoration and new life.
100 club tickets

There is still time to renew your subscription for the 100 Club. It costs £12 for the year and a prize draw is undertaken each month. Winners are announced in the magazine. There are a few spare tickets so if you would like one or have a second then please contact Shirley Little.

100 Club

The winners of the December Draw were:

1st Prize = Eva Payne
2nd Prize = Mandy Edwards
3rd Prize = Jenny Warner

Next Draw will be on

January 17th.

Recipe for the Month

West Country Buck Rarebit

Ingredients - serves four

- 250g vintage cheddar, grated
- 3 egg yolks
- 3 tbs beer
- 3 tbs Worcester Sauce
- 2 teaspoons English mustard
- Bread for toasting
- 8 smoked bacon rashers
- 4 whole eggs
- White wine vinegar
- Pinch of salt and pepper
- Water

Mix the cheese, egg yolks, beer, Worcester sauce, mustard and salt and pepper into a smooth paste that can be spread on toast. Lightly toast 4 slices of bread and grill the bacon. Bring a pan of water to the boil with salt and pepper to taste. Poach the 4 eggs for 2-3 minutes until soft boiled and set aside. Spread the cheese mixture over one side of the toast and place under the grill until golden brown. Place toast on plate add bacon and poached egg. Serve immediately.

Citizens Advice provides an appointment only advice service on Thursday morning at Up Hatherley Library.

Please call 01452 527202 to arrange an appointment:
The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. This year the Week of Prayer has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme that was chosen, “Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit”, is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community’s vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family.

Today the community has fifty sisters, all women from different generations, Church traditions, countries and continents. In their diversity the sisters are a living parable of communion. They remain faithful to a life of prayer, life in community and the welcoming of guests. The sisters share the grace of their monastic life with visitors and volunteers who go to Grandchamp for a time of retreat, silence, healing or in search of meaning.

For 2021, the sisters are inviting everyone across the world to enter into their tradition of prayer and silence that is rooted in the ancient traditions of the Church catholic. To find out more information through the various forms of Social media. You can find updates about the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Twitter by following the #wpcu2021 hashtag.

2021 – International Year of Peace and Trust

The UN General Assembly has declared 2021 the International Year of Peace and Trust, in the hope of mobilising international efforts to promote peace and trust among nations on the basis of political dialogue, mutual understanding and co-operation and to build sustainable peace, solidarity and harmony.

As we come to the end of a year that marked the 75th anniversary of the end of World War 2, the world is still on the brink of disaster, with the overwhelming capacity for nuclear activity, increasing tensions between world superpowers, proxy wars in many regions, racism and poverty.

The precarious state of our planet is made more hazardous because of the widening gap in trust between world powers and now the worldwide pandemic which will have a lasting affect on us all particularly those poorer countries with very limited resources.

More information can be found on the Web by searching under the title 2021– International Year of Peace and Trust.
For the children

Colour in the picture above
Charlie finds a new home.

( The first of a series of short stories ideally read as a bedtime story )

It all began one winter’s day when Charlie was snuggled under a pile of leaves with his family. They were sheltering from the cold wind which was blowing outside. Everything seemed fine but what they were not aware of was that the gardener was sweeping up the leaves with his big brush. Swish, swish went the brush. Swish, swish as it came nearer and nearer. Swish, swish, and the nice warm leaves began to move. “RUN, run for your lives,” shouted Dad. Everyone jumped up and shot off in all directions. Charlie ran as fast as his little legs would go. He did not know where he was going, he just RAN. All of a sudden, THUMP, he had run straight into a wall. He shook himself down and began to creep along the side of the wall trying not to be seen. He knew there were some very dangerous things out in the big wide world; he had to be very careful.

At last he came to a little hole in the stonework. He squeezed into it and waited. He hoped his family were not far behind him. As time went by there was no sign of them. Where were they? What shall he do? It was cold outside and there were all those horrible things to be careful about. He peered further into the hole. It smelt warm and dry. He squeezed a little further and came across a passage. There was a warm breeze, more like spring than a cold winter’s wind. He decided to explore a little further.

As he moved carefully along the passage he could sense it was getting lighter and then he could hear a faint noise. Although it was dusty it was dry and warm. On he went, further and further down the passage. He could now see a light at the end of the passage. His whiskers began to twitch. Where was he? What was at the end?

Well he soon found out. He got to the end of the passage and poked his nose out. His whiskers twitched again and his eyes grew bigger and bigger. What he saw was amazing. It was the biggest room he had ever seen. It had lots and lots of chairs, a huge table, there were some candles burning in one corner and a huge box with pipes coming out of it in the other. It was lovely and warm. Charlie thought it would be a good place to shelter from those cold stormy winds. It felt a very safe place to be.

*Can you guess what Charlie had found and where was he? We will let you know next month when Charlie gets into all sorts of trouble.*
Up Hatherley Parish Council

By the time you read this we hope to have managed some Community Christmas Carols – albeit not quite the usual convivial arrangement. As I write this, the lights are now on our tree on Fernleigh Green and children are busy making homemade decorations to hang on it. We thought we had better get started – after such a difficult year, Christmas cannot come soon enough, and many homes were decorated before December began!

Andrea and Jane at Morrisons have come up trumps again with organising food for families in need this Christmas. They have been working with local schools on how to target the help and have pulled in donations from the Lions Club, individuals and both Leckhampton and Warden Hill PC and Up Hatherley PC. I had the pleasure of taking part in what felt like “Supermarket Sweep” to buy food to go to the families, with Andrea, Jane and their colleagues making our money stretch as far as it could with offers and discounts. Food Poverty was a reality before the pandemic and is a harsh reality for an increasing number of households because of the pandemic and job losses. The Parish Council wants to get involved in plans for the new year and we want to explore the possibility of a Community Food Bank or Larder in our neighbourhood so there is accessible help in these troubled times.

The Open Spaces project is progressing too, with plans for Caernarvon Park and Cheriton Park out for consultation and a tree planting project where we are linking up with Cheltenham North Rotary Club. More news on this to follow. I have also been overwhelmed by the number of people stepping forward to volunteer their services with litter picking and maintenance of open spaces. I may need some help organising this, but I will find a way of getting things up and running.

Peter Worsley, our Vice Chairman did a marvellous job producing the Record Magazine. We did not need to use the services of a delivery company this year, as Parish Councillors and many other volunteers were happy to have a walk with a purpose during the second lockdown. In the early days of The Record magazine, there were 2 editions each year. My aim for this year is to have a Summer Edition to include historical content but also to commemorate 2020 by collecting peoples’ accounts of the pandemic and to remember the people we have lost. If you would like to be involved with this project, then please let me know by e-mailing me sbamford@uhpc.org.uk.

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The Reddings Wives Group

On Tuesday 26th January 2021 at 8pm we are meeting for the first time for quite a while at The Reddings Community Centre. Please bring your own chair if possible- or a cover for one of the chairs in the hall. Also bring your own liquid refreshments and nibbles as we are unable to use the kitchen area. It will be a social evening to discuss where the future might take us.

We look forward to seeing you all then.. Kathy Ursell 01452 714240

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Upward, onward and into who knows what? Such is the journey of every gardener, reflecting at the turn of the year, anticipating the spring and the promise of new beginnings. There didn’t seem to be much time for reflection in December, the days just flew away. There were some very cold days, but they were busy, my journey buoyed by some great physical work, the preoccupation distracting from the dull persistent chill. I spent a huge amount of time working on the compost heap, turning the whole thing out and sieving the contents, stripping the good and reintroducing the debris for another season. The weather has worked its magic and the compost this year is wonderful and plentiful. The highlight of my work was the release of buried treasures, potatoes, and an enormous root of Jerusalem artichoke. Stowaways, my discarded rubbish deciding to go it alone. Nature just knows how to do it. The 2020 season was successful overall with very few real disappointments, though I might have liked a few more Runner Beans and would have preferred my November sown Broad beans to have stayed below ground for another month. Plant growth was vigorous for most things though, even if the harvest seemed to be late. Strange, because we all started early having had ten weeks of sunshine through the first lockdown. As a gardener there was real joy in seeing so many people finding solace in the garden and new gardeners brought excitement to the job. COVID also brought about some wonderful sharing, with both knowledge and produce freely passed. So here we are in a new year and there are things we can be doing. Onions and shallots can be planted in open ground, pinches of seed can be started on windowsills, Garlic, rhubarb and asparagus can be sourced for planting at the end of the month and we can also be considering seed potatoes. They don’t want planting before mid-March but can be purchased and stored now to ensure you get what you want. If you are looking for some physical activity, then this month is a good month for fruit tree pruning and for moving plants that are in the wrong spot. Keep on top of the tidying up too, much is hidden below last season’s dead and decaying.

And finally, bask in the knowledge that the new season is coming, bringing new life and hope.

Happy Gardening and thank you for your continued interest.
Puzzle Time

Epiphany

MYRRH
SMOKE
CASPAR
FRANKINCENSE
SCENT
MELCHIOR
GOLD
PERFUME

BALTHAZAR
KING
BABY
EAST
BETHLEHEM
STABLE
STAR
EPIPHANY

MAGI
GIFT
JESUS
WISEMEN
CAMEL
MARY
LOVE
NEWYEAR
Father’s Mark…..

First, let me wish everyone a very Happy New Year! It’s almost impossible to believe that another year has gone – gone where? Some people say that it is a sure sign of age when weeks, months and years begin to whiz past. Well they have been whizzing past for some time now – so I must be feeling my age.

After all the commercial hype surrounding the ‘Festive Season’ many people are glad it’s all over. But for Christians, the Christmas Season is not all over. We have another glorious celebration on the 6th January when the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany. Epiphany means showing forth. It is God revealing himself to the world, the world he came to save. Those three wise men symbolise the Gentiles. Christ came not just for the Jewish people but for all people everywhere and in every age. His Baptism is his commissioning – ‘This is my beloved Son’. God anoints him for his mission. That first miracle is a sign of the Kingdom. Ahead was crucifixion, death and resurrection and the beginning of the Christian Church. Every time there is a baptism, every time the Eucharist is celebrated there is an Epiphany.

We are told that ‘wise men’ came from the East to bring gifts to a baby born in a stable. Ancient tradition says that there were three of these wise men, or Magi, who were, among other things, astrologers and interpreters of dreams. They were given the names, Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. These were the gifts they brought:

**GOLD**, which is a sign of wealth and power: a fitting gift for a new-born King.

`). `Born a King on Bethlehem plain
Gold I bring to crown him again
King for ever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.`
FRANKINCENSE, which is made of resin from the bark of various trees: burned by priests worshipping in the temple. The sweet-smelling smoke rising to heaven is a sign of prayer and worship offered up to God.

Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity neigh
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
worship him, God most high.

MYRRH, which is a bitter perfume: used when preparing a body for burial in the tomb. It was a sign that the baby had been born to die – on the Cross. But myrrh is also used for healing: an act of love.

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breaths a life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in a stone-cold tomb.

Who was this baby, born in a stable, to whom these gifts were brought? Well, if you have been to St. Philip and St. James at Christmas you will have been left in no doubt just who the baby is!

So, have you gifts to bring him?

What can I give him, poor as I am?

You are not a King, Magi, not even a wise man. What can you give him at Epiphany – the day of the Kings – twelve days after Christmas?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.

Your gifts may not cost money: they may cost effort instead –

Yet what I can, I give him – give my heart.

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