

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December		
1	6pm	W.I. Xmas Party, Little Compton hall
2	5 -8pm	Christmas table top sale Salford village hall
3	10 -4pm	Christmas table top sale Salford village hall
5	7.30pm	PCC Little Rollright
13	1pm	Christmas lunch little Compton hall
16	7-9pm	The Manor Christmas drinks Little Compton
18	6pm	Carol concert/Xmas Fair little Compton
January		
5	2.30	W.I. meeting Little Compton hall
23	7.30	Salford PCC The Chambers, Old rectory
28	7pm	Jazz/supper little Compton village hall
February		
24	7pm	Quiz night, Salford village hall

We would like to have your information for next month's Centrepont, please can we have it preferably by email to

centrepontnews@hotmail.co.uk by

Wednesday 19th January

If you prefer, you can contact your village representative by

Wednesday 19th January

Chastleton	Katherin Townsend	674347
Cornwell	Ann Dancer	658512
Little Compton	Keith Ayres	07434 398324
Little Rollright	Jo Simpson	641503
Salford	Gilly Barnard	643276

December & January

CENTREPOINT -village news
for
Chastleton, Cornwell, little Compton
Little Rollright and Salford



PARISH CHURCH NEWS

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

This title is the first line of a popular hymn for Advent, the season of the church's year that fills most of December. Emmanuel is another name for Jesus and it means, 'God with us'. In one sense, then, it is a good theme for December, as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. However, there's a parallel understanding of this hymn, a longing for Jesus to return at the end of time.

As part of a recent Service of Memorial we lit candles in memory of people who have died. The candles were set out in a cross shape between the choir stalls at the front of church. I took a photo which shows them in the darkness, with the brightly-lit communion table beyond. I like the picture, because it reminds me of this season of Advent.

We find ourselves in dark times. Perhaps that's just the season, with nights getting longer and temperatures dropping. Perhaps it's a reaction to worrying news in the world. Perhaps it's personal or family troubles. The Christian faith gives us hope of a better time, when all things will be put right; there will be justice and peace for all; God's kingdom will come, on earth, as it is in Heaven. In my picture this is the brightly-lit communion table. We are still in the dark, but even in the dark there is light – the candles in the shape of the cross.

Jesus was born at Christmas and lived a human life to experience the same darkness we all do. And he rose from the dead and promised never to leave us and one day he would come again in glory. And so, through his cross and his presence with us, we have 'strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow'.

As we go through Advent together we don't shut our eyes to the difficulties and darkness of the world but rather pray that we will know Christ's presence with us in the midst of it. Please come and join us for our Benefice Advent Carol Service in **Kingham on 27th November at 6pm** & other events and services. Please contact us if you'd like to pray with someone, or if you'd like to know Jesus for yourself.

This article & the picture are posted at www.kinghamchurches.org.uk/a-picture-for-advent/

with best wishes for a positive Advent and a wonderful Christmas,
David Salter (Team Vicar)



Salford Carol Service will be held at St Mary's Church 4pm on 18th December Followed by mince pies and mulled wine. All very welcome.

Sunday 13th November following the morning service Salford remembered our fallen in two World wars, placing a wreath and crosses at our new memorial and a two minute silence was observed.

We have also heard that on the 14th November BILL HODGES died in London. We remember the wonderful hospitality many of us received at his and Bernard Finn's home.

Please can everyone note we no longer have a Chipping Norton News delivery in Salford. There are many places in Chippy where this excellent paper can be found price 50p

Ever since they left the village the BORKETT family have been receiving Centrepoint. We have now heard that we can drop them from our mailing list. Many thanks for their interest in the village over many years.

As usual, the Little Compton quiz evening was very enjoyable – three Salford residents were in the winning team!

Verse of the month: Matthew 7. 9-11

'Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in Heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

News from CORNWELL - Contact Ann Dancer 658512

We welcome Scott Joynes and Natasha Seelly to number 12 and hope they enjoy living in the village.

News from SALFORD - Contact Gilly Barnard 643276

We have had the final Chastleton Church teas –huge thanks to all our hard working team. It was a very good season.

On 6th November the Salford Inn held a wonderful bonfire night, with a hog roast, bar and fireworks at the Great House Barn and on Fawdry's field.

We were sad to hear of the death of GEORGINA WILLIAMS on 1st November. We send our sympathy to Ian and their three daughters. Her funeral took place at Longborough parish church.

Milk Delivery

From Roma Smith - Delicious goodies and necessities, all delivered direct to your door by our friendly morning milkman.

For further information please telephone **01608 644148**

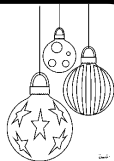
FAWDRY WELFARE TRUST

As the income in the funds this year is so low due to the banking situation and the Over '70's Xmas meal is not happening this year; the Trustees have agreed to combine it with next year's income to make more worthwhile donations at Xmas 2017.



Christmas Table Top Sale

Friday 2nd December 5 –8pm
Saturday 3rd December 10 –4pm
Salford Village Hall



An opportunity to buy lovely Christmassy things, in a happy social atmosphere with food and drinks served throughout.

Proceeds to Salford Village Hall & Lawrence Home Nursing Team

CHURCH SERVICES

**SUNDAY SERVICES for the
FIVE VILLAGES
DECEMBER and JANUARY**



4th		No Services in the 5 Villages (see below *)	
11th	9.00am	Salford	Communion (BCP)
18th	11.00am 4.00pm 4.00pm 6.00pm	Cornwell Chastleton Salford Little Compton	Carol Services
21st	6.30pm	Little Compton	Heythrop Hunt Carols
24th	6.00pm 11.00pm 11.30pm	Little Rollright Churchill Chipping Norton	Carols by Candlelight Midnight Services
25th	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Chastleton Little Compton Salford Cornwell	Family Communion
1st Jan	08.00am 09.00am 09.15am 10.45am	Chipping Norton Kingham Over Norton Chipping Norton	Communion (BCP) Communion (BCP) Communion (BCP) Communion (CW)
8th	08.00am 10.45am 11.00am	Chipping Norton Chipping Norton Salford	Communion (BCP) Morning Worship Communion (CW)
15th	08.00am 09.00am	Chipping Norton Salford	Communion (BCP) Communion (BCP)
22nd	08.00am 09.00am 16.00pm	Chipping Norton Salford Little Compton	Communion (BCP) Communion (BCP) Songs of Praise
29th	10.30	Chipping Norton	United Service

*Dec 4th services in Chipping Norton 8am & 10.45am
Over Norton 9.15am, Kingham 9am and Churchill 9am

News for the 5 villages

Dear All,
As I write this there are lists of lists forming in my head in preparation for Christmas. Whilst I'm thinking of what presents to give assorted nieces and nephews I'm also, of course, thinking of the birth of Jesus and how to talk about it again this year at the various carol services and

Christmas events the churches in our team are hosting.

So often, we forget that Jesus is a GOOD gift. The perspective of our increasingly secular country is that the gift of faith is one that ties you down, limits you, restricts you to a less or less 'enlightened' life. This is a completely upside down understanding of God! Jesus himself says 'which of you if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone?' It would have to be a cruel parent indeed to give a stone instead of food, but yet that's how so many people have come to view God the Father - forgetting the truth that God only gives good gifts, and the life offered by Jesus is the absolute best of these.

So can I encourage you this Christmas to challenge your own thinking about God - has it got a bit upside down? If so, ask God to help you understand how good his gifts are.

And on behalf of myself and the whole clergy team, we wish you and very merry Christmas!

God bless,
Martha

The Centrepoint team were very grateful to **KATIE**, Sharon's daughter for stepping up to the challenge last month in her mothers' absence and providing us with the November edition - well done!

News from LITTLE COMPTON - Contact Keith Ayres 07434 398324



Christmas Drinks

Reed Business School's Christmas Drinks evening will be held on
Friday 16th December.

Little Compton WI

November's meeting gave us a glimpse of food from the past. Moira Byast had prepared tasters from authentic period recipes, and it was interesting to realise that we are not the first generations to have a "sweet tooth".

December 1st is a Christmas party for members only commencing at 6.30pm.

January 5th we meet at 2.30 to hear about the inhabitants and the flora of Crete. **Visitors are very welcome.**

Home Delivery Library Service

The Home Delivery Library Service is a free service to those who are unable to visit or use their local library or Mobile Library due to ill health or infirmity. Using volunteers, we deliver books to people in their homes once every four weeks, based on their personal preferences.

We offer books in both large and small print and also talking books on compact disc. Anyone who feels that they would be eligible and would benefit from receiving the service can contact us on [01926 851031](tel:01926851031) or by email on mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk

Christmas Lunch Little Compton Village Hall

13th December

12.30pm for 1.00pm

Tickets £10

Booking essential with Ann Hanks on 01608 674366

Bring your own drinks

LITTLE COMPTON CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

St Denys' Church on Sunday, 18th December

STARTING AT 6.00PM WITH A CANDLE-LIT CAROL SERVICE
followed by



MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES

AND THE SALE OF CHRISTMAS WREATHS,
PRODUCE, PLANTS AND OTHER FESTIVE
STALLS



In aid of the Friends of St Denys Church

News from CHASTLETON- Contact Katherin Townsend 674347

Carol Service

The Chastleton Carol Service takes place on December 18th at 4pm
Followed by a Christmas gathering in
Chastleton House with some refreshment.
A warm welcome extended to all - come and join in the fun.



Live Jazz/Supper Evening

Little Compton Village Hall

Saturday 28th January 2017 at 7pm

Listen and/or dance to 'Fiddle Bop,' Jazz Swing
with Gypsy Zing

Tickets £10 which are limited so please book early with
Ann Hanks on 01608 674366

Congratulations to **Sandy Foley** on passing her Advanced Diving Certificate whilst on holiday in Crete with her husband D'Arcy.

Vacancy on Little Compton Parish Council

Notice has been received from Stratford District Council that the vacancy which has recently occurred on Little Compton Parish Council should now be filled by co-option by the remaining members of the Parish Council. If you would consider becoming a Parish Councillor and being involved in decisions concerning the village, please contact **Clerk Vicki Hanks(01608 651513)** or **Chairman Jenny Rudge (01608 674405)** for further information

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday, 16th January in the Village Hall.

This will be preceded by an open village meeting at 7.00pm to discuss the future of the Parish Council in Little Compton which, with two further resignations imminent, will soon reach a critical situation.

Further details will be available in January on the Parish Council notice board and the website.

Consultation on BT public payphone removals

Stratford-on-Avon District Council has received written notification identifying 74 public payphones in the District (which includes the one situated in Little Compton) that have been identified and proposed for removal by BT.

The District Council is consulting with Parish Councils and giving three options:

1. To agree to the removal
2. To adopt the call box for use by the local community
3. To object to the removal

At the Meeting of Little Compton Parish Council on Monday 21st November it was agreed to object to the removal of the payphone on the basis that network coverage for mobile phones in the village is generally poor.

If you would like to comment on this consultation, please go to www.stratford.gov.uk/btpayphones2016 and complete the short online survey form or email consultation@stratford-dc.gov.uk by **5.00pm Thursday 9th December 2016**.

Remembrance Day

The sun shone at our remembrance service and although still a bit nippy in church there was a wonderful congregation totalling 50 adults plus 2 very well behaved children. Claire Lees hit just the right note with the floral arrangements adding small sprigs of rosemary for remembrance. A super service was led by the lovely Jackie Jones and we enjoyed some fabulous organ playing by Peter Savidge allowing everyone to sing with great gusto. And they really did! David Whitley read beautifully so that all could hear and Keith led the intercession in his reassuring confident manner.

The laying of the wreaths as always was a very moving moment and this year we were especially privileged to have veterans and representative from all three services laying wreaths. The WI was also represented. The church collection raised £178.55 and with £165.54 from the village poppy sales the **total amount sent to the Royal British Legion was £344.09** 1 x Italian telephone token and 10 euro cents!

Neighbourhood Watch

It was reported at the October Meeting, that several of the surrounding villages as well as Little Compton were targeted by door to door sales persons. If one comes to your door, please telephone the Police on 101 and report them. One or two have been very rude and aggressive. If you feel threatened at all please telephone 999.

Green Bags

Green bags are available from **Wayne Ashford (01608 674034)** if you need them to clear up garden refuse/leaves for collection by the Council.

Little Compton Village Hall - until a new clerk can be found for the Village Hall, please note that bookings can be made with the following people:-

Matthew Gillet	674935
Ann Hanks	674 366
Claire Lees	674206