

Charlton St. Peter, Rushall & Upavon
TOGETHER
Church & Village News



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Hospital visits - If you need a visit in hospital or know someone who has been taken in who would like a visit, please contact a member of the clergy.

Home Communion If you know someone who is unable to get to church and wishes to receive Communion, please contact Bill Bracher on 01980 630173 and he will make arrangements for this to happen.

Please contact a member of the clergy to discuss Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Confirmation, the Blessing of your home, Service of Prayer and Dedication, Renewal of Wedding Vows. To visit in hospital, and the dying at home or in hospital. The clergy are here to help and serve, with our Lay Pastoral Assistants

Catholic Parish Priest: Father Saji Mathew 01980 622177

Services at Christ the King, Lords Croft, Amesbury SP4 7EP

Weekday mass 10.00 am; Vigil Mass 6.00 pm Saturdays; Mass 11.00am Sundays

Methodist Minister: Revd. Stephen Skinner 01672 512457 rev.stephen.skinner3@gmail.com

Pewsey Methodist Church, Sunday services 10.30am

Upavon Baptist Chapel Contact: Mary Jarvis 07876193640

Services 2nd Sunday of each month at 3.30 pm

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TOGETHER MAGAZINE ADVERTISING AND REVENUE and items of news or notices for the next issue, please contact stef.cascarini@gmail.com by the 14th of the month.

The Clergy Letter

Christmas is fast approaching and there are presents which still need buying. The adults in our family do a “Secret Santa” and so I need to check out who I have got this year and look at their “wish list”. The grandchildren’s gifts need to be wrapped, labelled and hidden ready to put under the tree on Christmas Eve. Getting the right gift requires thought and shows love and care in choosing something meaningful. Now that our family are spread from Torquay to Sheffield, and London to Cleveland, Ohio, my wife, Jane, and I say that the best present is their presence. Nothing will beat all being gathered round the table for a traditional Christmas dinner.

I wonder if the family consider themselves as being gifts. Do you think of yourself as being a gift? If not, remember that you are a gift made by God and loved by God. No matter what your circumstances are and whatever your background, you are loved, valued and precious to God. You may have felt pushed to one side, ignored, excluded or taken advantage of because of who you are or your life experiences. You may feel that you are struggling and have a low opinion of yourself. Hear the good news that you are beautifully and wonderfully made in the image of God, loved and a gift to those who know you.

You are a gift to your community. Outside of Ramsbury, people sometimes say to me that there is no community like there used to be. I respond with the quip that they will find a community in the local church. Both Holy Cross and the Methodist Church, meeting for coffee on Thursday mornings in the Lychgate meeting room and worshipping in Aldbourne, are not only communities of God’s people, but also gifts to the village community. People also tell me of times when the church has sadly let them down or hurt them in some way. I feel sorry for their past experiences and try to reassure them that things may be different now. This Christmas, you will find a warm welcome in our church communities, where you will be valued and loved for who you are, as you will be throughout the year. Come and bring all your needs, questions, hopes and fears. Come and discover the gift of your local church.

Christmas is, of course, about the greatest gift of all – God’s gift of his Son to you, me and the whole world. The love of Jesus is the ultimate gift, which we receive as we celebrate his birth. Jesus is the reason for our Christmas festivities and why we give and receive presents. God comes to live amongst us in Jesus and in him we clearly see the love of God for you and me. The amazing gift of Christmas is that we know God through knowing Jesus, who invites us into a life changing relationship with him. This leads to the joy and peace of which the angels sing on that first Christmas night. This is the gift that lasts beyond Christmas and the New Year for eternity.

Whatever your situation this Christmas, I hope that you have a joyful and peaceful one, and wish you all the best for the New Year and 2026.

May God bless you this Christmas as you remember that you are a gift, loved by God; as you experience the gift of the local churches to the village; and as you celebrate the greatest gift of all, the birth of Jesus.

Stephen (from the Methodist Church)

Church Services at Upavon, Rushall and Charlton St Peter

14 December (3rd of Advent)

St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Parish Communion

St Matthew's, Rushall, 5.00pm Carol Service

St Peter's, Charlton St Peter, 6.00pm Evensong

21 December (4th of Advent)

St Mary's, Upavon, 3.00pm Carol Service

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Café Church

24 December (Christmas Eve)

St Peter's, Charlton St Peter, 6.30pm Carol Service

24 December (Christmas Day)

St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Christmas Communion

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Christmas

Communion

Church Services at Upavon, Rushall and Charlton St Peter

4 January (Epiphany)

St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Informal Worship

11 January (1st after Epiphany)

St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Parish Communion

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Holy Communion

St Peter's, Charlton St Peter, 6.00pm Evensong

18 January (2nd after Epiphany)

St Mary's, Upavon, 8.00am Holy Communion BCP

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Café Church

25 January (2nd after Epiphany)

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Matins BCP

St Peter's, Charlton St Peter, 6.00pm Parish Communion

From The Registers

Funerals

Peter Deck

**Funeral on 31st October
at St John the Baptist, Pewsey**

Angela Lowsley-Williams

**Funeral on 12th September
at St Mary, Upavon**

Forming a new Village Hall Committee

Following on from our communication previously (see flyer below), we are pleased to say that there has been some interest in the exciting opportunities below.

Opportunities like these look great on any CV, so for anyone who still has an interest, please contact Lesley on 07545543861 who will be very happy to share the role details and answer any questions you may have:

Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary A couple of other people to support would also be beneficial.

The Village Hall Committee.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

UPAVON VILLAGE HALL - CALL TO ACTION



With huge regret, the current committee of **Upavon Village Hall** will be stepping down at the next Annual General Meeting, scheduled for February 2026.

Urgent Need for Volunteers

New volunteer committee members must be found by 31 December 2025.

If we are unable to appoint a new committee by this deadline, the Village Hall will close following the AGM in February 2026.

Why Step Forward?

Welcoming new committee members will bring fresh perspectives, renewed energy, and new ideas to the management of the hall—ensuring it continues to be a valued place for community events and gatherings.

- Can you see yourself joining the new committee?
- Do you have time to help make a real difference in your community?

Please don't let the closure happen.

The Village Hall is a vital part of **Upavon's** community life, regularly hosting residents and providing a space for all to connect. Losing it would be a significant blow to village life.

Volunteer Deadline

The deadline to volunteer is 31 December 2025.

If you are considering to step forward, don't wait—take action now!

Get Involved

To express your interest or learn more about becoming a Trustee, please contact Lesley at 07545543861 or email upavonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com.

THE ST TIMOTHY FOUNDATION

LATEST UPDATES AND EVENTS

Christmas Greetings from the St. Timothy Foundation!

Prayers for Peace in South Sudan

The threat of civil war has not receded in South Sudan and the numbers of refugees and internally displaced citizens continues to grow. Climate change is also having its effects as floods sweep the country destroying crops.

Please continue to help and pray for those who are living below the poverty level some two thirds of the population are suffering from hunger. As we continue to support our projects of Microfinance and education in Yambio and Nzara please help us this Christmas to extend our support to enable more parents to support their families. Details are on the website but using the QR code on this newsletter will take you to the Donate page directly. For those who prefer to make a Bank Transfer the details are:

A/c Name: The St Timothy Foundation
Sort Code: 40-52-40
A/c No: 00101395

Burbage Christmas Tree Sale on 6/7 December at Burbage Church. St Timothy's will have a table selling crafts, jams, chutneys, marmalade and honey. Please do come along and support the people of South Sudan. If you are interested in more detail or if you want to buy any of the above privately then please get in touch with Ann.

Bookings for the Christmas Wreath Making – 9th December 9.30am at The Tennis Club in Pewsey are open. There are only 10 tickets and over half have been sold so please book soon either by getting in touch with Ann (details below) or via the website. Tickets are £40 per head and include coffee/tea during the morning. The event concludes with a relaxing lunch: a glass of wine, soup, quiche, ham, cheese, bread and a light salad followed by meringues filled with cream and fresh fruit. All materials for making the wreaths are provided and included in the ticket price. Please do bring a pair of secateurs and a pair of scissors with you so that you don't have to wait for a pair to be available!

Burns' Night: It seems a long time hence but bookings are now open for Burns' Night on the 31 st January 2026. The event will be held in the Bouverie Hall. A separate advertisement is in this magazine giving all the details! We hope to see you there!

If you are able to offer help in any way, interested in joining our small group who meet regularly to plan events or feel that you could become a trustee then please do get in touch with me for a chat. We would love to have your help, whether it is an hour now and then, or more. We are especially looking for waitress help at our events!



With thanks and blessings to you all for Christmas and 2026
Ann The St Timothy Foundation

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Rushall & Charlton St Peter Village Hall

We have a most comfortable hall with under-floor heating, a large fitted kitchen, off-street parking and Wi-fi.

Morning, afternoon and evening sessions are available to book so please get in touch. Why not come and see us at one of our Hall Fund Raising Events.

Coffee Mornings

our popular Coffee Mornings continue on the first Saturday of every Month 10am to midday. Come and enjoy some refreshment and a chat with the neighbours.

Christmas Bingo,

18th December 7pm. Loads of Prizes and loads of great fun.

Winter Warmer,

31st January 2 - 4pm - Coffee and Baileys plus eats and loads of fun. See website for details.

Easter Bingo,

2nd April 7pm. Prizes and fun. Get the date in your new diary.

For all enquiries and bookings regarding the hall please contact us on:

Email: RCVH2000@gmail.com

Phone: [07407 216763](tel:07407216763)

Website: www.rushallcharltonvh.org.uk or

Facebook: [Rushall & Charlton Village Hall](#)

BURNS' NIGHT CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 31st JANUARY 2026

7pm

BOUVERIE HALL, PEWSEY

A traditional Piper will welcome the guests' arrival and pipe in the haggis

Menu

Welcome Drink & Canapés

Main Course

Neeps, Tatties & Haggis with Whisky Sauce

(NB Vegetarian option available)

Balmoral Chicken with Rumbledethumps

Puddings

Cranachan with Scottish Shortbread

Ecclefechan Tart with Whisky Cream

Coffee/Tea and Mints

Country Dance Caller

All Inclusive Ticket: £25

(Last day of Ticket Sales 28th January 2026)

Entrance: Ticket Only

Visit Website: www.sttimothy.org.uk

for more information and online purchasing of tickets.

Tickets available also from Ann on 01980 630256

***Please bring your own drinks, glasses supplied
and get in touch with Ann regarding any dietary needs***

Tickets will be limited to 50

The St Timothy Foundation: Charity No: 1151171





CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP



Tuesday 9 December 09:30 AM

Pewsey Tennis Club, Recreation Ground, Pewsey, SN9 5AQ

Visit www.sttimothy.org.uk to book online

Alternatively, contact **Ann Massey** on **01980 630256**

MAXIMUM 10 ATTENDEES

*COME ALONG AND ENJOY A MORNING OF FUN AND ACTIVITY LEARNING
FROM **SALLY** HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS WREATH*

PLEASE BRING SECATEURS AND SCISSORS

*ALL OTHER MATERIALS AND A **BUFFET LUNCH** ARE PROVIDED*

£40

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE **ST TIMOTHY FOUNDATION**

Helping support life in Nzara and Yambio, South Sudan

email: info@sttimothy.org.uk



Upavon Village Hall

Large, well maintained hall available for hire

Competitive hourly rates: village residents £8.00 per hour
(non-residents £9.00)

Suitable for large gatherings for up to 60 people with ample
plates, cups and saucers etc.

Free Wi-Fi

A well equipped kitchen

For enquiries or to book please email

upavonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com or call Lesley

07545543861

**We are always looking for new people to join our committee.
If you feel you could help please contact us!**

CHARLTON ST PETER 100 CLUB

(Licensed by Wiltshire Council for the Vale of Pewsey Team of Churches)

Our October 100 Club Draw took place after our Service on Sunday 26th October
at 6pm. Congratulations to the lucky winners: -

£100	A. Lacey (Charlton) No.13
£50	T. Fowle (Charlton) No.19
£50	J. Oliphant (Charlton) No.45
£25	S. Long (N. Newnton) No.51
£25	H. Mansell (Manningford) No.53

Our November 100 Club Draw will take place after our service on Sunday 23rd
November at 6pm and published in the next edition of the magazine.

We still have a few numbers available, so if you are interested in purchasing
number for £5 a month, please contact Alma Fowle 07503 998979.

Remembrance Day

The joint Remembrance Day Service of St Mary's Church Upavon and St Matthew's Church Rushall was held at St Mary's on Sunday 9th November. There was a large congregation with many serving personnel from Trenchard Lines attending.

The service was followed by a procession to The War Memorial in the churchyard extension (cemetery) where all the wreaths were laid. There were five wreaths in total; Upavon Parish Council, St Mary's Parochial Church Council, Rushall Parochial Church Council, Trenchard Lines and a Ladies' wreath.

The Ship in Upavon very kindly offered a tot of port to all serving service personnel and veterans, a welcome 'warmer' on a cool and damp day.

Antelope Inn's Christmas Goodwill Sundays

During festive season Antelope Inn is running a local goodwill campaign to support vulnerable and elderly residents of Upavon. On Sundays 30th of November 7th, 14th, and 21st of December from midday onwards we'll be preparing and delivering a hot, freshly cooked turkey roast dinners FREE of CHARGE to those who can't physically or financially go out and enjoy Christmas with their friends and families.

This is our way of bringing a little festive comfort to your home. Orders can be placed during the week for the upcoming Sunday. If you know someone who would benefit from this, please contact us at 01980 630025 or email info@antelope-inn.co.uk.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas from all of us at The Antelope Inn.



Upavon Church Christmas Fair



Sunday December 7th

1pm - 3.30pm

**We warmly invite you to Upavon Church for
a truly festive event !**

Browse the many craft stalls

**Visit Santa in his Grotto, as a special treat
for children and families**



**Try your luck at Tombola or your chance to
win a hamper**



**Indulge in some delicious mulled wine, tea
and mince pies**



**We all look forward to welcoming you
there!**



The Arts Society Pewsey Vale December Lecture

The next lecture of the Arts Society - Pewsey Vale will take place on Tuesday 2nd December at 2.30pm in the Bouverie Hall, Pewsey. **John Benjamin** will speak on **The Life and Works of H.G. Murphy, Gold and Silversmith.**

Harry Murphy served his apprenticeship under Henry Wilson, probably Britain's greatest designer goldsmith of the Arts and Crafts era. Here he learnt a wide range of skills and techniques including enamelling, gem-setting and polishing, niello, engraving and hammering. From 1928 until his death in 1939 he worked from retail premises in Marylebone, London, known as the Falcon Studio, where he designed and created a prodigious amount of silverware for the corporate, civic and private sectors as well as some truly startling gold, silver and enamel jewellery inspired by nature, architecture, the Ballet Russes and the vibrancy of the Jazz Age.

John Benjamin is a jewellery historian, lecturer, author and broadcaster. Formerly International Director of Jewellery at Phillips Fine Art Auctioneers. John is well-known from his appearances over 30 years on BBC Television's ever-popular Antiques Roadshow. He is a Freeman of the Goldsmiths' Company, a Court Assistant and Founder Liveryman of The Worshipful Company of Arts Scholars and in 2021 was appointed Honorary Jewellery Adviser to the National Trust.

Doors open from 2.00pm. Refreshments available and visitors are always welcome - £7 on the door.

The
Children's
Society

Christingle



Join us to share the
light at our Christingle

We would love for you, your friends and your family to join us at our Christingle celebration and bring hope to more children's lives.

St. John's Pewsey - 7th Dec 4pm

St. Peter's Milton Lilbourne - 7th Dec 4pm

St. James North Newnton - 24th Dec 3pm

www.valeofpewsey.org/christmas

christingle.org



Forthcoming Events at the Bouverie Hall

- Tuesday 2nd December - Arts Society monthly lecture
- Tuesday 2nd December - Gardening Club
- Thursday 4th December - Moviola - Mr Burton
- Weekend 12-14th December - Bases Project

Moviola at the Bouverie Hall, Pewsey

MR BURTON

Thursday 4th December at 2.00 and 7.30 pm

(Doors open 30 Minutes before) - TICKETS £6 (CASH PLEASE) FROM WOOTONS AND ON THE DOOR.

The story of the wild school boy Rich Jenkins-son of a boozy miner- and an English teacher who recognized his talent, Philip Burton. A moving, untold story of how Rich Jenkins became Richard Burton the biggest star Wales has ever produced.

It's fair to say this is my kind of film, but knowing Burton's story pretty well, it was interesting to see how they decided to translate it onto the big screen.

Without sounding sentimental, it's a lovely, heart-warming movie, it's uplifting and emotional, a young Burton seemed to have everything against him, his troubled father, poverty, even the country itself, but somehow he overcome the odds.

It is beautifully made, it looks terrific, the sets and clothes look terrific, they did their best with the CGI.

Toby Jones and Lesley Manville do what they do best, they deliver, I know Harry Lawtey well from the wonderful BBC series Industry, I thought he did a very fine job.

For further information see our website: <https://bouveriehall.co.uk>
The Bouverie Hall, Goddard Road, Pewsey, SN9 5EQ



Do you need help getting to medical appointments?

URC Link is a charity that provides transport for people living in the Upavon, Rushall, Charlton St Peter areas to get to their medical appointments and to make other essential trips.

All our drivers are volunteers who use their own vehicles.

On each journey you can make an anonymous, voluntary contribution towards driver costs.



If we can help, please contact us on our dedicated number - **07501 004349**.