

Charlton St. Peter, Rushall & Upavon  
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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

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Pewsey Methodist Church, Sunday services 10.30am

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Services 2nd Sunday of each month at 3.30 pm

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# The Clergy Letter

Warning after warning has come our way to say that we live in very dangerous times. Defence budgets have to increase; overseas aid budgets diminish. At home and in Europe, our politicians try desperately to ingratiate themselves with Donald Trump...

At the moment, we are on the fringes of many world conflicts. Individually, there is so little we can do. In our homes and churches, we can and should be in prayer. Paul reminds us that the cruel battles around the world, are not against “flesh and blood”, but against “rulers, authorities, the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms”. King George the 6th, realizing the enormity of the danger that Britain faced in May 1940, summoned the nation to prayer. 370,000 troops of the British Expeditionary Force were in northern Europe – low hanging fruit for Hitler to pick. In those days of immense danger, at the end of May and the beginning of June, the evacuation from Dunkirk happened. Field Marshall Montgomery quoted words from Psalm 118, “This is the Lord’s doing and it is marvellous in our eyes”.

‘Fear not’ is a small phrase and yet it appears in the Bible many times. John, who wrote the last book of the Bible, Revelation, lived on a Greek island in exile as an old man. The Roman Empire, which decorated its streets with crucifixes and destroyed Jerusalem in 70AD, was at its zenith. In a vision, Jesus assures John, “Fear not, I am the first and the last. I am the living One. I am alive for ever and ever”.

We can be so easily sucked into a prevailing culture of fear or indifference and my generation have ‘never had it so good’. Such complacency ill-prepares us for tougher times. I hear every excuse for Christians prioritizing other things. Those of us who are Christian need to toughen up, get into the Bible, plead for the nation in individual and communal prayer and gather (regularly) for worship.

In the UK, it is encouraging to know that many young people are turning to churches which many of their parents have ignored. It’s amazing, too, that, as I write, faith in Jesus is rapidly advancing in countries such as Iran where so many are being killed, tortured and imprisoned for their belief. Christians in those lands continue to meet with each other and with Jesus to counteract their fear and feel and sense the power and presence of God as he lifts their hearts.

Fear not! I urge you to read it for yourself in Matthew chapter 6, verses 25 to 34. Every blessing reflective of truth and righteousness be with you in this evolving year.

Robert de Berry.

## **SUNDAY@6 in Pewsey Methodist Church**

**On February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> our monthly Sunday evening service will be in Pewsey Methodist Church. Our planet has reached a critical juncture of crisis. We do not need to be alarmist or afraid but we do need to come together to pray. The wisdom of the world is not getting us very far at the moment so it is important for us to come together in prayer for those who govern us.**

**Please come - God is so accessible when we pray in the name of Jesus**

# Church Services at Upavon, Rushall and Charlton St Peter

## **1 February (Presentation of Christ)**

St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Informal Worship

## **8 February (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent)**

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

## **15 February (Last Sunday before Lent)**

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

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Café Church

## **18 February (Ash Wednesday)**

St Mary's, Upavon, 7.00pm

## **22 February (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent)**

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Matins BCP

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

# From The Registers

## Funerals

**Margaret Elliot**  
**Jonathan Jackson**  
**Mary Stevens**  
**Philip Bailey**  
**Ann Dancer**

Funeral on 20th November at St John the Baptist, Pewsey  
Funeral on 7th December at St Mary Magdalerne, Woodborough  
Funeral on 8th December at St Mary's, Upavon  
Funeral on 9th December at All Saints, Stanton St Bernard  
Funeral on 15th December at Holy Trinity, Easton Royal

## Christmas Fair

St Mary's Church Upavon held the annual Christmas Fair at the beginning of December. In spite of the rather gloomy weather there was only a slightly reduced footfall from previous years.

Upavon Carol Band provided excellent festive music to entertain whilst bargain hunters shopped. There was a wide variety of stalls to choose gifts from; including cosmetics and toiletries, jewellery, arts and crafts, Christmas decorations, candles, cards and pictures, fancy goods and pretty printed scarves.

The Tombola was as always very popular and tickets for the raffle for two food hampers sold well.

Delicious refreshments, including mulled wine, hot chocolate and festive cakes were provided by members of the Church Social Committee and helpers.

Santa Claus was in his grotto again, and helped by two elves discussed with many children their Christmas wishes for presents – whilst giving each child a small gift – and making no promises about what Santa might deliver on Christmas Eve!

Clergy and St Mary's Church Council thank all those who contributed to making the event enjoyable and successful. In particular, the Church Social Committee and their many helpers and all who contributed items for the tombola and raffle.

A date for your diary. Saturday July 18th 2026

**Jan Coker Parochial Church Council Member**

# THE ST TIMOTHY FOUNDATION

Dear All

Thank you for your donations, support at Burbage Christmas Tree Sale and Market plus the Christmas Wreath Making Workshop in December. Without your support we could not together make a difference to the lives of poverty stricken families in Nzara and South Sudan who are really struggling to exist. I am pleased to say that in addition to the incentives we send to the teachers at the schools we support we are also buying a Maize grinding mill to support the Microfinance project for women in Yambio and, thanks to a generous donation, we are also buying a Rice grinding mill to support the Microfinance project for women in Nzara. These will be a huge asset to the ladies of the Microfinance projects, enabling the women to be much more productive and able to support their families.

We have now sent the first donation of the year and are raising funds for our July donation. The first event of the year is our Burns' Night celebration on the 31st January. There may still be tickets so please do call Ann if you are interested and you receive this before February!

On the 18th February Lent begins with a Lent Lunch at Woodborough. There will be an Ashing Service at 11.30am (optional) and lunch at 12 noon. All Lent Lunches are open to everyone in the Pewsey area, not just those who reside in the hosting villages. In fact, the hosts welcome all who come to their lunches, whether they are visitors in the area or residents. There is no ticket price but a donation bowl is available for those who would like to help with the work of the St Timothy Foundation in Nzara and Yambio, South Sudan. In particular, we hope to fund 100 benches (£3,000 US\$) for the St Timothy' School, in addition to the funding of teaching incentives in the three schools we support, in July.

The following week a Lent Lunch will take place on the 24th February: 12 noon at Box Cottage, Beechingstoke, SN9 6HQ. March's Messenger will have details of further Lent Lunches.

Please note that our website: [www.sttimothy.org.uk](http://www.sttimothy.org.uk) will give you more information on South Sudan and our schedule of events plus fund raising activities for the first half of 2025.

With abundant thanks, for your support.

Ann

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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.

## 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](mailto:RCVH2000@gmail.com)

**Phone:** 07407 216763

**Website:** [www.rushallcharltonvh.org.uk](http://www.rushallcharltonvh.org.uk) or

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

# Carol Service at St Mary's Church Upavon

A Carol Service was held at St Mary' Church Upavon on December 21st. The service was very well attended and much enhanced by the participation of a choir, which had been organised by Nikki Vesey Williams, a parishioner. Many thanks to her and all the choir members for leading us in the singing of traditional carols. We were without a church organist at this time and thanks are due to the Revd Hazel Davies for providing music through her use of modern technology.

Refreshments were provided after the service and a presentation of a hamper was made by Revd Rhona Floate to our recently retired church organist Michael Fay and a plant to his wife Doreen, Michael has played for us for a considerable time and has been associated with St Mary's and other churches in the Diocese for many years.

The Clergy, The PCC and the congregation of St Mary's send heartfelt thanks to Michael for keeping our congregation 'in tune' and wish Michael and Doreen a very happy retirement.

**Jan Coker PCC Member**

## **Upavon Village Hall**

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**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 November 100 Club Draw took place after our Service on Sunday 23rd  
November at

6pm. Congratulations to the lucky winners: -

£100	R. Giles (Pewsey) No.60
£50	C. Perry (Charlton) No.8
£50	R. Carson (Rushall) No.34
£25	T. Kirby (Charlton) No.96
£25	C. Perry (Charlton) No.11

Our Christmas 100 Club Draw took take place after our service on Christmas Eve  
at 6.30pm and will be 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.

**SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026**

## **Fun Race Night**



Come along to this fun packed evening



£5.00 per person  
(incl first bet free)

Bring a plate of  
finger food  
to share

Bar

7.30pm – 10.00pm

(Doors open at 7.00pm)

Woodborough  
Social Club

Smithy Lane,  
Woodborough, SN9 5PL

Water into Wine Raffle

Be a jockey for £1

Have fun!!!

For tickets contact Paula Baker on  
01672 851393/07702 339877  
[bakerhousehold2@btinternet.com](mailto:bakerhousehold2@btinternet.com)

All proceeds to Hilcott Village Hall /  
Barnard Meadow

**THIS IS A CASH  
ONLY EVENT**

**SO**

**Please bring  
cash!!!**

## **The Arts Society Pewsey Vale February Lecture**

The next lecture of The Arts Society - Pewsey Vale, will take place on Tuesday 3rd February at 2.30pm in the Bouverie Hall. Reverend Dr Nicholas Henderson will speak about **How to 'Read' an English Country Church - from the Tudors to the present.**

It is possible to 'read' the passage of time, movements, cultures and peoples in the architecture and art forms evident in many of our English country churches. After the Romans, the Saxons and the Normans, the sixteenth century marked the arrival of the epoch-changing Tudors and ultimately moved us into the establishment of a new Protestant England. Later the profoundly destructive changes of the seventeenth century Commonwealth era, were followed by restoration and liturgical change.

A graduate of Selwyn College, Cambridge, Nicholas Henderson trained for the Anglican ministry at Ripon Hall, Oxford. He was formerly Bishop-elect for the Diocese of Lake Malawi in Central Africa (2005-2009). Nicholas has a particular interest in the period of the English Reformation and the associated cultural, architectural and social changes it has produced.

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

## **Forthcoming Events at the Bouverie Hall**

- Saturday 31st January - Potato and Seed Day
- Saturday 31st January - Burns Night
- Tuesday 3rd February - Arts Society monthly lecture
- Tuesday 3rd February - Gardening Club
- Thursday 12th February - Moviola - Downton Abbey - The Grand Finale
- Saturday 21st/Sunday 22nd The Terminator
- Thursday 26th February - Carnival Bingo

### **Moviola at the Bouverie Hall, Pewsey**

### **Downton Abbey - The Grand Finale (PG)**

Thursday 12th February at 2pm and 7.30pm. Tickets £6 available at Woottons or on the door. (Cash only please.)

The beloved Crawleys and their intrepid staff prepare for the most important moment of their lives. A royal visit from the king and queen of England soon unleashes scandal, romance and intrigue -- leaving the future of Downton hanging in the balance.

For further information see our website: <https://bouveriehall.co.uk>

The Bouverie Hall, Goddard Road, Pewsey, SN9 5EQ



# THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

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## Bargains and bites to eat at Wiltshire Bobby Van's first nearly new fashion sale of the year

THE Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust's first event of the year will be more than just a sustainable fashion sale – it will be the perfect place to enjoy lunch and catch up with friends.

The ever popular Bag A Bargain event, at Wellington Farm Barn near Calne, will have a huge range of nearly new designer clothes, jewellery and accessories at bargain prices.

The event is open from 11am to 8pm on March 4, where tickets are just £7, and from 9am to noon on March 5, where entry is free.

New for this year is the café and licensed bar, offering light lunches and snacks as well as drinks that make it a perfect venue for saying hello to friends.

Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust Director Jennie Shaw said: "Our sale is not just a timely opportunity to refresh your wardrobe, after finding the perfect outfit among rail after rail of beautiful nearly new designer clothes and jewellery, our guests can have a bite to eat with friends or enjoy an evening drink and canapé."

"It's a perfect excuse to clear out those wardrobes and make room for a brand new you. We have some fabulous clothes and some wonderful bargains, come and find the perfect outfit for the races, a wedding or something that just makes you feel good."

Organisers are still appealing for good quality clothes for the sale. Anyone wanting to donate items can contact them via email at [jennie@wbvt.org](mailto:jennie@wbvt.org) or [susanna@wbvt.org](mailto:susanna@wbvt.org).

Tickets can be booked at [wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk/future-events](http://wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk/future-events)

Find out more about the work of the charity at [wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk](http://wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk).



### **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**.