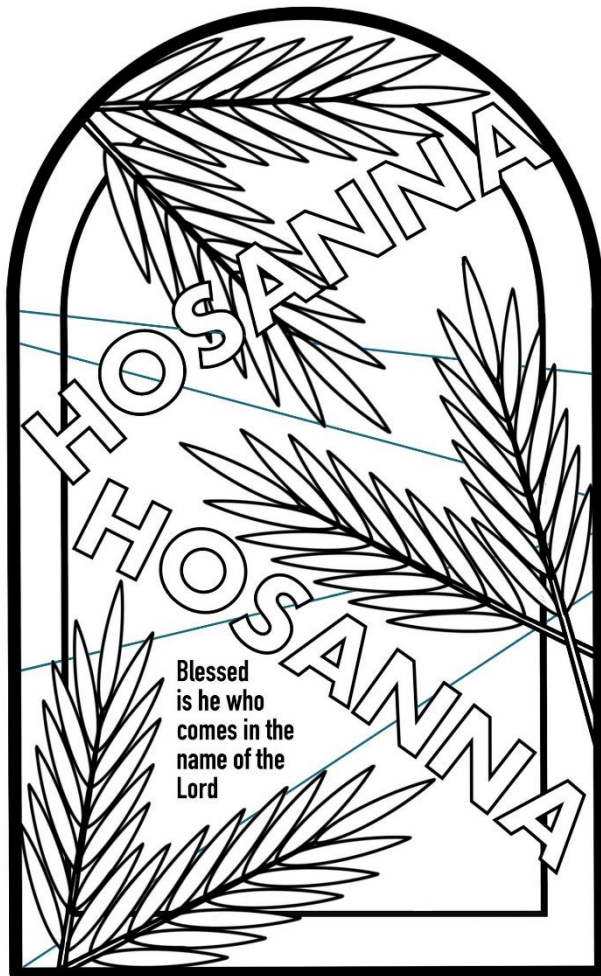


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**Hospital visits** - If you need a visit in hospital or know someone who has been taken in who would like a visit, please contact a member of the clergy.

**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

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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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# The Clergy Letter

## Resolutions

How is Lent going? Or did you try dry January?

The media in all its forms is full of things you should take up, or give up, in almost equal measure, but all seem to be concentrating on either our physical or our mental wellbeing. Go to the gym, try dry January, get out more... the list is endless.

They are all good and we shouldn't scoff. Our physical and mental health are very important. But what so often is missing is our spiritual health. Physical health is about the body, mental about the mind, but spiritual health is about the soul and our yearning for God.

We see this right at the beginning of the bible and the story of Adam and Eve. Made, as we all are, in the image of God, they had a perfect relationship with God, but this all changed with when the serpent lured them into eating the forbidden fruit. They disobeyed the word of God, putting themselves on a par with God, and suffering a spiritual death. That relationship would never be the same

That spiritual death affects us all. It has been characterised in many ways over the ages. Pascal, for instance, wrote of a God sized hole in every heart, while Augustine of our hearts being "restless until they find their rest in thee".

But this is one of the wonderful blessings of Lent, as a chance to focus on our own spiritual health, to find anew in our own way what can fill that hole and how we can "rest in thee".

It can be a time to renew our prayer life, or bible reading, to take part in local groups or talks. It is a time to realise that spiritual yearning, just as God is yearning for us.

And we should be aware of the journey of Lent, which begins with our own introspection, but gradually moves towards Passiontide and Easter when our eyes are lifted from ourselves

and to Christ and his death and resurrection.

For after the stories at the beginning of Genesis, of our rebellion and spiritual death, the whole of the rest of the bible is the story of God's rescue of us from that death, of God searching for each of us in his infinite love, a journey in itself that led him to the cross.

We all have that God shaped hole in our hearts, and we are restless in our spiritual lives.

As we approach Holy Week and Easter let us look to Jesus.

For he says to us

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11.28-30

**Canon Gerald Osborne**

## **St Mary's Church, Upavon**

Following the retirement of Michael Fay, St Mary's Church are delighted to welcome our new organist, George Rodwell. Many thanks to George for 'keeping our congregation in tune'

Jan Coker PCC member

# **Church Services at Upavon, Rushall and Charlton St Peter**

## **1 March (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent)**

St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Informal Worship

## **8 March (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of 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 March (Mothering Sunday)**

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

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Mothering Sunday

All are welcome to an informal service for remembering mothers. We will acknowledge the sorrow as well as the joy that comes with motherhood and we will make posies to remember them. It will be a service for all ages! Please do join us.

## **22 March (Passion Sunday)**

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Matins BCP

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

# From The Registers

## Funerals

**Sir James Munby** Funeral on 21st February at St Mary Magdalene,  
Woodborough

**David Roberts** Funeral on 16th January at St Andrew's,  
Wootton Rivers

## Weddings

**Amarinda Gurr & Luke Oxley** Wedding at St Peter's, Milton  
Lilbourne on 24th January

**Katie Wilson & Luke Padley** Wedding at St James, North  
Newnton on 24th January

### **St Mary's Church, Upavon, Electoral Roll**

will be revised between 24 March and 7 April

If your name is already on the Church Electoral Roll no action is required, but if it is not and you wish to take part in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on the 22 April and vote on any matters arising, please complete an application form which are available in Church or from Jill (tel: 01980 630023) and return it to Jill or Churchwarden Dr Bill Coker before 7 April.

# THE ST TIMOTHY FOUNDATION

Dear All

Thank you so much to all of you who supported Burns' Night on the 31st January in the Bouverie Hall. The event was sold out and lots of lovely comments received in appreciation of the hard work that had gone into it. A BIG thank you to everyone who helped to make the event such a success – The Piper – Tony, and George who recited the Ode to the Haggis with a flourish! Thank you to Lyn who was the Caller for the evening. I think most of those that attended visited the dance floor at some point! Thank you to everyone who helped in the preparations and on the evening at 'front of house' as well as in the kitchen! The evening ended with the Auld Lang Syne that everyone appeared to join in with and enjoyed.

We have now begun the Lent Lunches. In March these will continue and be in:

The Methodist Hall, Pewsey on 4th March from 12 noon.

Rushall and Chalton St Peter Village Hall on 12th March from 12 noon.

Street Cottage, Milton Lilbourne on 16th March from 12 noon

Wootton Rivers Village Hall on 26th March from 12 noon

Please do get in touch with me if you require any further details! It would be lovely to see you.

My mind is turning towards preparations for the Plant Sales that we have from May onwards. So, a small appeal! If you are dividing plants or growing plants from seed and have an excess of plants or seedlings I would be delighted if you were able to donate them to St Timothy's for selling at their plant sales. Please do get in touch with me if you are able to do this so that I can arrange collection! Thank you in advance!!

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 2026.5. 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](tel:07407216763)

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

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

# An Evening with Alan Aldridge

renowned auctioneer, raconteur, international authority on Titanic memorabilia and.... 'founding' detectorist, on Cat's Brain long barrow at Hilcott!

- **Date and Time:** Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 7:00pm
- **Venue:** St James' Church, North Newnton SN9 6LA
- **Tickets:** £12 (includes a glass of wine)

## Contact Information

To reserve your ticket, please contact Jennifer by phone at 01672 851925, by text at 07503 215477, or via email [jbrisker1@aol.com](mailto:jbrisker1@aol.com) Also available at the door.

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## **CHARLTON ST PETER 100 CLUB**

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

Our Christmas 100 Club Draw took place after our Service on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm.

Congratulations to the lucky winners: -

|      |   |
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| £250 | T. Kirby (Charlton) No.96               |
| £50  | P. Grant (Devizes) No.32                |
| £50  | T. Kirby (Charlton) No.98               |
| £25  | Rushall and Charlton Village Hall No.40 |
| £25  | B. Stygal (Charlton) No.2               |

Our January 100 Club Draw took place after our Service on Sunday 25th January at 6pm.

Congratulations to the lucky winners: -

|      |                                |
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| £100 | L. Digby-Bell (Charlton) No.36 |
| £50  | L. Dixon (Winchester) No.89    |
| £50  | T. Kirby (Charlton) No.94      |
| £25  | C. Dixon (Winchester) No.82    |
| £25  | T. Lacey (Pewsey) No.59        |

Our February 100 Club Draw will take place after our service on Sunday 22nd February  
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.

## Church Flowers and Easter Lilies



It will soon be Easter Time again. I am hoping that we are able to create a really splendid display of lilies and flowers for Easter, so if you would like to remember a loved one by donating towards the Lily Fund I would be very grateful.

Please contact Nikki Vesey Williams [nicolavesey2261@gmail.com](mailto:nicolavesey2261@gmail.com)

If you wish we will display the names of those to be remembered with the lilies, but this is optional, please advise.

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# ENFORD GARDENING CLUB



**“Houseplants and how not to  
kill them”**

with **Capabilty Charlotte**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Bring and buy plant stall, Raffle  
Tea and coffee

7.00 for 7.15 pm Enford Village Hall  
Entrance £5. Everyone Welcome!

Contact [steve.stringer@outlook.fr](mailto:steve.stringer@outlook.fr) Tel 07899 758222

## The Arts Society Pewsey Vale March Lecture

The Arts Society - Pewsey Vale will hold their March lecture on Tuesday 3rd March in the Bouverie Hall, Pewsey at the usual time of 2.30pm. **Roger Butler** will speak about **Canal History and Heritage** (with particular reference to the Kennet and Avon Canal).

This lecture provides a colourful introduction to the secret world of our 2000-mile inland waterway network and looks at all aspects of their exceptional artistic, architectural and engineering vernacular. Features range from sweeping aqueducts to tiny bollards; from colourful historic narrowboats to 'Roses and Castles' artwork; from grand World Heritage Sites to quirky listed buildings. A well-known architectural historian once described our canals as a 'poor man's art gallery'. Did you know that only the National Trust and the Church of England have more listed buildings than our waterways?

**Roger Butler** is a landscape architect and an experienced writer, photographer and lecturer. He has a particular interest in the unique history, architecture and traditions of our canal network and worked on some of the UK's major canal restoration projects. He has also acted as a consultant to bodies such as Waterways Ireland, Natural England and the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site. Roger is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, a Licentiate of the Royal Photographic Society and a Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute.

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

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

Mondays - Kick Boxing

Tuesdays - Cafe, Tuesday Market, Seated Yoga

Wednesdays - Alzheimer's Art Group

Thursdays - Pilates for Beginners

Fridays - Movement and Music Together (1st and 3rd only)

Tuesday 3rd March - Arts Society lecture - Canal History and Heritage

Tuesday 3rd March - Gardening Club - Grow the Food You Can't Buy

Thursday 12th March - Moviola - The Roses

Thursday 19th March - Blood Donations

Thursday 26th March - Carnival Bingo

For further information see our

website: <https://bouveriehall.co.uk>

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

# Swanborough Tump

Swanborough Tump is a modest earth mound in the parish of Manningford Abbots, Wiltshire. Traditionally classified as a bowl barrow, it may date back to the Bronze Age (around 1300 BC) but its form is unusual for burial mounds—lying on flat terrain and having two low summits—which suggests it may instead have served as a medieval meeting place.

## **Hundred Moot and Name Etymology**

From at least the 9th and 10th centuries, Swanborough Tump was recognized as the moot (assembly place) of the Swanborough Hundred, a key administrative unit in Anglo Saxon Wessex comprising dozens of parishes. A charter dated 987 AD refers to it as Swana beorh, meaning “barrow of the peasants” or “commonmen’s mound”.

Hundred courts were gatherings where local matters were discussed, fines were imposed, and administrative decisions made. Records show that at least until the 14th century, parish representatives were expected to attend Swanborough hundred courts, with meetings continuing up to the 18th century.

## **The Alfred Covenant of 871**

Swanborough Tump is famously associated with a pivotal event in 871AD: it is believed to be the site where King Æthelred of Wessex and his younger brother Alfred (later Alfred the Great) met before marching to battle the invading Danes. At the Tump, they pledged that if one died, the other’s children would inherit their father’s lands—a kind of early inheritance treaty.

Although scholars debate the exact identification of ‘Swinbeorg’ mentioned in Alfred’s will, local tradition and plaques at the site mark Swanborough Tump as that meeting place.

## **Archaeological Exploration and Landscape**

In 1999, archaeologists Sarah Semple and Alex Langlands conducted a detailed survey of the mound. They described it as a long, disturbed earthwork, possibly comprising two adjacent mounds or partially bisected by the road. Without excavation, its precise origin—prehistoric, Saxon or medieval—remains uncertain but its reused status as a local moot-site aligns with known pattern elsewhere.

Geographically, the Tump stands beside Dragon Lane, a historic route linking Manningford to Wilcot. Positioned at a junction and visible from nearby elevated barrows, the site would have been easily defensible and significant for oversight in earlier times.

**Bob McDonald**



# 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**.