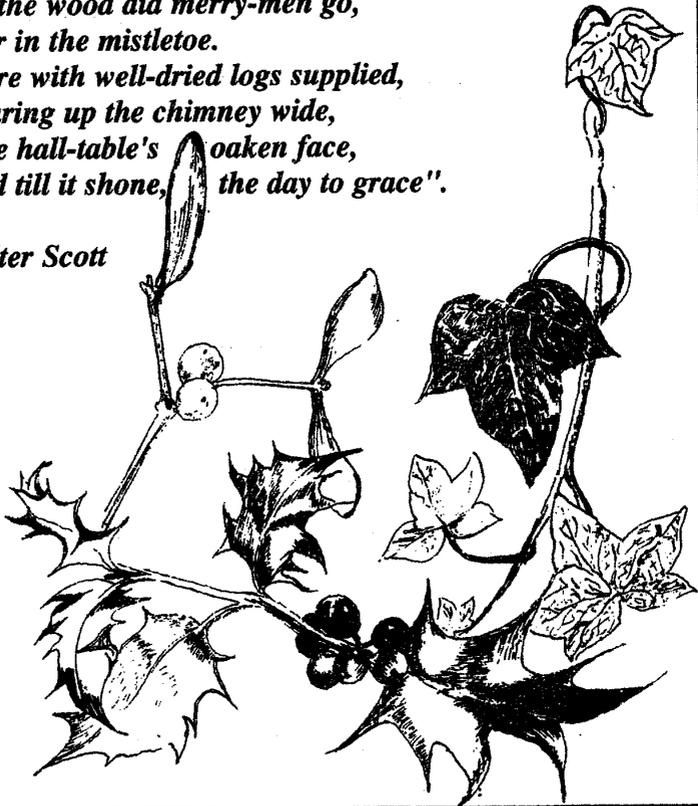


THE
ROUNDAABOUT
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

*"The damsel donned her kirtle sheen:
The hall was dressed with holly green:
Forth to the wood did merry-men go,
To gather in the mistletoe.*

*The fire with well-dried logs supplied,
Went roaring up the chimney wide,
The huge hall-table's oaken face,
Scrubbed till it shone, the day to grace".*

Sir Walter Scott



DECEMBER 2020

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Please make sure that emails with items for *Roundabout* are acknowledged by one of the team within two days of sending them.

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**JANUARY ROUNDABOUT DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIAL IS
EARLY**

MONDAY 7th DECEMBER, 9.00am

RECTOR'S RAMBLES

As I write this England has just gone into a month's lockdown. I have no idea what the situation will be by the time you pick up your magazine, or even if we will be able to deliver them. All I do know is that it will be December and our thoughts will be turning towards Christmas.

In this magazine you will find details of our current plans for Christmas in the Parishes. We have some new plans so do have a look. If things have to change we will do our best to let you all know.

Everyone is saying it will be a different Christmas this year, and that may be so. I hope even in that difference each of us will find some times of peace and things to celebrate despite the difficulties of this year.

Each year the Church of England has a campaign to help us in our celebrations. This year it is called it "Comfort and Joy", I presume inspired by the chorus of "God Rest, you Merry Gentlemen". Whether, like me, you believe Jesus was God's son who came down to earth for us, or whether you just enjoy the traditional nativity story and carols, hopefully you can agree it is a lovely story full of comfort and joy, and we all need that this year.

Christina Rossetti in her famous poem put it like this:

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love Divine,
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and Angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love Incarnate, Love Divine,
Worship we our Jesus,
But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and to all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.

I pray you may find this love this Christmas. *Rev. Chris*



**Sue, Philip and I wish you a peaceful Christmas
PRAYER FOCUS**

In these weeks as we approach Christmas everyone is wondering just how Christmas will be this year. We pray that in these present times we will continue to celebrate the birth of the Christ child at Bethlehem. Times then were uncertain too: Jesus was laid in a manger, the new family was greeted by shepherds. Yet, love and light were coming into the world. We pray that in these dark times we can be grateful for the many blessings we have as we make our own celebrations and recognise the gifts of peace and love in our hearts.

PSALMS

This month's Psalms include words of praise and joy as well as the importance of trust in God, with thanksgiving and prayer for his help and support.

The psalms that can be read on Sundays in December are:

6 th December	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	Psalm 40
13 th December	Psalm 126	Psalm 62
20 th December	Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26	Psalm 113
24 th December	Psalm 98	
27 th December	Psalm 148	

BIBLE READINGS

6 th December	Isaiah 40: 1-11	Mark 1: 1-8
13 th December	Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-end	John 1: 6-8, 19-28
20 th December	Romans 16: 25-end	Luke 1: 26-38
24 th December	Isaiah 52: 7-10	John 1: 1-14
25 th December	Isaiah 9: 2-7	Luke 2: 1-14
27 th December	Galatians 4: 4-7	Luke 2: 15-21

BENEFICE BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Benefice Bible Study is continuing on Zoom fortnightly, except 28th December. During December we will be studying Mark's gospel. If you would like to join us you would be very welcome. Just email butlerchristine19@gmail.com to receive joining instructions.

DINDER'S ZOOM COFFEE

Jane Thorne is still organising a weekly Zoom coffee morning each Friday which is a good way to keep in touch.

BRINGING COMFORT AND JOY

One of our oldest (16th century) English carols tells us that the story of Jesus' birth as a baby into our world is good news, bringing "tidings of comfort and joy". And don't we just need comfort and joy at this moment!

We know that Christmas will not be the same this year. The usual gatherings of family and friends will not have the same shape. Traditional carol services and Midnight Mass may not be possible either but that doesn't mean that Christmas is cancelled!

This year more than ever we need to carol the words 'comfort and joy'. We need to find new and novel ways of telling the Christmas story. The Church of England and our own diocesan team have provided plenty of ideas by which we can bring Christmas to our communities. I'm going to be both a tax collector and a donkey in our diocesan video re-telling of the story!

Perhaps even more important is how we can personally be messengers of comfort and joy. Who do you know who might need you to bring them some comfort this Christmas? Maybe someone who is alone, especially anxious, grieving a loved one? How could you offer comfort and support?

And as for joy...? Perhaps we ourselves need to rediscover the joy of the Christmas story. What could be more wonderful than knowing that God loves us so much that even though it was costly, He chose to come and join us in a world, dark with fear and suffering, and bring the light of His presence!

Bishop Ruth



ZOOM CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 20th December at 6.00pm

In addition to the above we will be holding a carol service on Zoom. It will still have Christmas readings and carols which you will be able to sing along to in your own home (and a chance to chat in small groups afterwards for those who would like to).

If you would like an invitation, please email rector.pcnd@gmail.com (apologies there may have been a mistake in last month's magazine - numbers are **not** limited).

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

*****Please note these are subject to change depending on government lockdown regulations.**

LIGHT A CANDLE OF HOPE THROUGH ADVENT



Why not put a candle in your window every Sunday evening at 8.00pm through Advent (starting 29th November until 20th December)? A chance for us to remember those affected by the pandemic and to bring light into the darkest time of year.

CHRISTINGLE - Change of date

To allow for packs to be collected we have moved the date for Christingle by one week. It will now take place on Sunday 13th December at 4.00pm.

There will also be a National Christingle service which will be streamed on the Church of England's Facebook and YouTube channels on Sunday 13th December at 9.00am. More details will be sent out when we receive them.



CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN

We are planning an online service but the details are not yet finalised. If you are interested in hearing more, please send an email to rector.pcnd@gmail.com

PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

6 th December	Fiona Smith	11.00am
13 th December	Rev. Tina Swire	11.00am
20 th December	Janet Day	11.00am
27 th December	Gordon Taylor and Deborah Towner	11.00am

ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

At the moment plans for Christmas Masses are uncertain. There are no public masses during the lockdown but you can find further information at www.stmichaelshepton.co.uk .

A weekly bulletin is available and includes details for the Roman Catholic churches of St Michael's Shepton Mallet, St Joseph and St Teresa's Wells and St Mary's Glastonbury.

CHRISTINGLE SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER



It seems unlikely that we can hold our usual Christingle services so instead we have come up with two different ways to celebrate Christingle; all you will need to provide is an orange or apple or any other suitable fruit.

Packs containing all you need to make the Christingle
will be available as follows:

**Pilton and North Wootton Church porches,
Dinder Church lychgate and The George in Croscombe,
on
10.00am-4.00pm Saturday 5th December,
Sunday 6th December
and
Saturday 12th December**

An online Christingle Zoom service will be held at 4.00pm on Sunday 13th December for everyone who is able to join us (we will make our Christingles, sing a couple of songs and hear the Nativity story). It would be amazing if families from all over the Benefice could join together to celebrate. There will also be a service to do in your own homes for those who would prefer that. As before please let us know if you would like an invitation. Mark your Email Christingle Service and send to benefice.pcnd@gmail.com. Due to safeguarding considerations we will not be able to record this service to share later.

Christingle is traditionally a fundraising event for the Children's Society, who will need support more than ever this year, so we will also leave boxes at each location for any donations together with details about how to donate on line.

**“Looking forward to Christmas” Kits
to make a Christmassy decoration**
will also be available at the pickup points above
at the same time.

DECEMBER AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES in the Parish Churches

NORTH WOOTTON and DINDER

Services continue on alternate Wednesdays at 12noon with special arrangements advertised locally due to restricted numbers.

Dinder's services are scheduled to be on Wednesdays 9th and 23rd and Sunday 27th December.

PILTON and CROSCOMBE SERVICES

are on the back cover of the magazine. We are assuming numbers will still be restricted, so to avoid having to turn anyone away we would appreciate it if you could book in advance.

For both **Pilton bookings** please contact Susan Green on 890524 or s.green37@btinternet.com

For **Croscombe bookings** please contact Rev. Chris on 899061 or rector.pcnd@gmail.com

ONLINE SERVICES

Online services will also be available as usual. If you do not receive these at present and would like to please email rector.pcnd@gmail.com



**CAROL
A
for 2020**



**TRAIL
new event**



CROSCOMBE – Monday 21st December from 6.00pm

A walking Carol and Nativity service

organised by the Church and the Social Group.

Free tickets but you must register on *Eventbrite* for time slots or email butlerchristine19@gmail.com for Track and Trace.

More details from

'What's going on in Croscombe' FaceBook

or

www.croscombeeventsgroup.co.uk

DINDER NEWS

All Souls at Dinder The prayer and ribbons left in the Lychgate in Dinder were much appreciated. As an act of remembrance people in the village and walkers passing by took a ribbon and whilst reading the prayer tied the ribbon to one of the bushes lining the path to the church. A really helpful idea.

Please continue to support the efforts to keep some form of normality to our church and the village. We are very grateful to David and Julie Costley-White who have opened the Dinder and Dulcote Digest again during this second lockdown.

Christingle As you will have read in the November Roundabout, a do-it-yourself kit for making a Christingle will be available in the Lychgate on Saturday 5th December, Sunday 6th December and Saturday 12th December from 10.00am – 4.00pm **so families of Dinder come and get yours!** Don't forget to register for the **special on-line service at 4.00pm on Sunday 6th December by letting benefice.pcnd@gmail.com** know and mark your email **Christingle Service**. You can also pick up a kit to make a Christmas Decoration, maybe another one to decorate the porch later?

We are planning to decorate the Lychgate and will be sending out details of an event for Christmas Eve via the village email



CAROL TRAIL

A new event for 2020

PILTON – Tuesday 22nd December 2.00- 4.00pm

We recognise we will not be able to hold our usual carol services so instead we are planning a Carol Trail around the village.

Details are still being finalised so look out for posters, social media and Emails detailing the final plans.

DECEMBER EVENTS AT OUR VILLAGE PUBS AND CLUBS

PILTON WORKING MEN'S CLUB (890162)

Pilton Club and Coffee Shop
look forward to welcoming our customers back
on Wednesday 2nd December
(subject to Government guidelines).

The **Coffee Shop** is open

Wednesday – Saturday 10.00am – 3.00pm

The **Bar** is open

Friday from 6.00pm – food served 6.00 – 8.00pm
and

Sunday 12.00noon – 3.30pm

Sunday Carvery 12.00noon – 2.00pm

Menu available to eat in or take away

THE CROWN INN, PILTON (890762)

thecrowninnpilton@outlook.com

Due to current circumstances we are open on slightly reduced hours.
We have all the necessary safety measures in place.

Tuesday- Wednesday 6pm -10.00pm Thursday - Saturday 6pm -10pm

Sunday 12 - 3pm and 6pm - 10.00pm

Food served Tuesday - Saturday 6pm - 9pm

Sunday 12 - 2.30pm and 6pm - 9pm

Sunday Roast every Sunday 12 - 2pm as well as the full bar menu -

Booking advised

Take-Away (Fish and Chips, Burgers, Pizza and more)
available Tuesday - Sunday 6pm - 9pm

THE GEORGE INN, CROSCOMBE (342306)

www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk

See our website for full details during and after lockdown
for Christmas opening times and meals

Take away open Wednesdays – Saturdays from
8.00am -2.00pm and 5.00 – 8.00pm

Take away Sunday Lunch 12.00noon – 2.00pm

Call to order in advance please 342306 or 07892 699297

Village Shop – open daily 8.00am – 2.00pm

SMALL ADS

We wish all our advertisers a Happy Christmas and encourage our readers to support local businesses and firms.

Chantry Construction: stone walling, drives, block paving, patios, extensions, mini-digger and driver. Contact Paul Merrett 01373 836787 or 07855343388.

Daniel's garden maintenance. Lawns cut, seeded, turfed. Hedges cut, garden clearance, Patio-laying, jet-washing, fencing plus fence painting. Weeding. Call Daniel 672832 or 07936583986

Daniel's property maintenance Roof repairs. Gutters cleaned, repaired and renewed Interior and exterior painting and much more. Call Reg 01749 672832 mob 07518116140

RP Property Solutions: Home maintenance/repairs and qualified electrician. Free no obligation quotes. Great prompt service. Call Robert Pippard on 07969 345726 or 572311.

Give your garden a treat. 2 year old well-rotted horse manure sold by sack or load. 100% organic. Contact 890582.

Chimney Clean: Chimney sweep, clean and efficient service est. 1985. Please ring Colin on 07596 534861.

Organic Multi-Purpose Compost. 40 litre bags. Free delivery. £3.20 per bag or £9.00 for three. Call 07919 584737 or 07961 892014

Premier Pet Carers. Registered, insured equestrian and pet services. Dog walking and pet sitting. Rug washing/reproofing/repairs; horsebox hire and poo-picking. www.premierpetcarers.co.uk or 077090739508

J.D. Waste. House clearance. Rubbish clearance. Garage Clearance. Call 07919 584737 or 07961 892014.

Pest Solutions South West for all pest and insect control. Please call Adam Richards 07917 638450 for local, reliable service.

CJ Window Cleaning. Traditional window cleaning. Fascias and gutters. Contact Chris at cjwindows1@gmail.com or 07876 235490

Preloved and Upcycled Goods Croscombe seek new homes. Small furniture, linens, etc. Visit www.4salefree.co.uk Ann 07957 608735.

Christmas Trees (Nordman's non-drop)Norway spruce and holly wreaths on sale from December 2nd at 2, Abbots Way, Pilton 890952



The Roundabout Team would like to wish everyone a very **Happy Christmas** and best wishes for 2021.

Please note the **early deadline for January Roundabout** on **Monday 7th December** at 9.00am.

ABOUT PEOPLE

We are glad to welcome new people to our villages. We hope that you settle happily and we look forward to meeting you at village events.

We send our good wishes and prayers to anyone who is unwell at the moment, whether you are at home or in hospital. We remember those receiving treatment and those awaiting the results of tests.

DEATHS

We are sad to announce the death on Friday 30th October of **Beth Millier**, wife of former Rector, Revd Gordon Millier, who retired to Tiverton. We continue to enjoy Beth's illustrations on the covers of Roundabout.

People in Pilton were sorry to hear that **Sandra Howe**, formerly of Pilton, died on Friday 30th October.

FUNERALS

We are incredibly aware that separation makes bereavement even tougher at this time and our thoughts and prayer are with anyone who is grieving the loss of someone they love.

A service was held at Mendip Crematorium to celebrate the life of **Angela Clark** of Chilcote near Dinder on Wednesday 4th November.

Because of this strange year, we are breaking with our usual policy and have included Christmas greetings messages. *The Editorial Team*

Ian and Imelda North wish our Croscombe friends and neighbours a merry and a peaceful Christmas and a healthy and happy 2021.

We will send no cards this year, instead we are making a donation to St Mary The Virgin Church. Enjoy your festive season.

Wishing a Merry Christmas and a really good 2021 to our Croscombe Friends Thank you to everyone who sent us cards and sympathies when we lost our dear son Richard in the summer. We have all the cards tied with a ribbon. We have enjoyed our garden this year and even in November it is still looking good. We are looking forward to spending Christmas and New Year with our family, we wish everyone the best Christmas and New Year that we can all possibly manage.

Love to All, *Ruth, Barry and Tilly Vidler xxx*

PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Rubbish is being fly-tipped at garages and over the wall at Culverwell Cottages. This is a criminal offence and has been reported to the police. The Parish Council have identified the worst areas within Pilton for overgrown vegetation and will be contacting the landowners to request that action is taken. Please ensure that vegetation does not overhang pavements and is kept cut back and tidy.

There is still a lot of inconsiderate parking within the village. Please consider whether emergency vehicles would be able to pass before you leave your parked cars. You could be putting lives at risk!

Lastly the Parish Council wishes to apologise for the cancellation of the War Memorial Remembrance Service and Village Litter Pick. Due to Covid regulations, these events could not take place despite the Parish Council's best efforts.

Karen Buckley, Piltonparishclerk@yahoo.com

THE CABIN GALLERY

is opening in December
in a garden in Bread Street, Pilton
and offers original framed Victorian and later paintings,
prints and photographs from £20 to £200.

Ideal gifts. By appointment only.

Contact: Ian: 890534 or email i.sumner@icloud.com

PILTON SHOW CALENDAR

Due to Lockdown 2, sales of the 2021 village calendar, supporting Pilton Show, have been put on the pause button due to temporary closure of both outlets. IF we come out of this on 2nd December, copies will be available at BOTH village coffee shops, at the Club and the New Room (next to the Chapel), priced at £6 with honesty boxes, so please have correct change! Please note their different opening hours. Otherwise available directly from Jenny (890465) Marking the 50th anniversary of Glastonbury Festival mainly through the eyes of Pilton photographers, plus contributions from other Somerset professionals, it is a colourful reminder of happier non-Covid times.

PILTON SOCIALLY DISTANCED ASBO TEAM

As you may know, the ASBOs are a group of ageing (some would say geriatric) pensioners who meet most weeks with the aim of keeping the highways and byways of the parish clear and tidy – the subsequent consumption of large quantities of tea and cakes is merely a pleasant by-product of membership. Due to our great age, to some extent we all fall into the “vulnerable” category in relation to corona virus.

The result is that 2020 has not been a very productive year for ASBO and our consumption of tea and cake has been minimal. The first lockdown meant that the start of our “season” was delayed by several weeks and one of our members was “trapped” abroad. The reasons for his still not having returned are moot! The need for social distancing, sanitation etc, particularly in view of our “vulnerable” status, has meant that working in groups down constricted footpaths has not been possible. Similarly, our ability to drag large sacks of cuttings to disposal sites has been severely curtailed so sometimes our worksites have been left less tidy than we would like. Despite that we have been out in ones and twos, doing what we can to keep the most-used paths clear of vegetation. “One-man jobs”, such as cleaning and clearing of fingerposts and clearing of stiles, have been carried out as usual. Where parishioners have identified footpaths that were particularly overgrown, we have done our best to make them navigable but regrettably many of our usual tasks have had to be neglected. For that, we apologise.

The weather now dictates that our working season is at an end. We sincerely hope that sometime in 2021 we can return to complete everything which fell by the wayside this year and that flour will be available to allow us to consume even greater quantities of cake!

Colin Watt



Save the Children

Thank you to all those people who have bought Save the Children Christmas Cards. The total amount raised so far is £1382. **Christmas cards** are still available from Gail Milne, 8 Culverwell Cottages, Pilton. Call 890670 to arrange a time to come and look.

The Crown Inn, Pilton are holding a **Quiz in aid of Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on Tuesday 15th December**. Book your team now by calling 890762

PILTON PEOPLE REVISITED – REMINDER

Last month we announced a possible Appendix to *Pilton People* covering the years 2012 to 2022. Although we can do a fair amount from press cuttings, this is not the same as first-hand accounts. To repeat, our original editorial team is now only two-thirds of the original three but we would be happy to edit *your* memories and contributions, whether tributes, first impressions, brief highlights or longer narratives of memorable moments.

We are hoping to go ahead, meaning the bulk of entries wouldn't be needed until spring **2022**, with summer additions. If you would like to be involved in any way, please could possible contributors register interest by 31st December 2020 by phoning Jenny on 890465 or email jennydegex@btinternet.com The more the merrier!

Copies of the original book are still available price £7.50 from Jenny: the new version price will increase to cover extra printing costs.

PILTON VILLAGE TRUST

Due to lockdown the Trust has delayed the closing of nominations for the Trust AGM and the ballot papers will now be available from 2nd December until 11th December.

If there are more than 12 nominations, elections will be held on 15th December.

Janet Ladyman, 890224



ONLINE TALKS FOR THE ARTS SOCIETY MENDIP Tuesday 1st December

'In the kingdom of sweets – The Nutcracker'.

Nigel Bates, music administrator of the Royal Ballet will talk to The Arts Society Mendip on 1st December at 11.00am via Zoom looking at the appeal of this

work. Links will be sent to members prior to the talk. The application will open at 10.15am. Guests welcome, the link will be forwarded with instructions on request to info@theartssociety.org.uk. A guest donation of £3 will be requested.

For more information please see our website or facebook page:

<https://croscombeparishcouncil.co.uk/>

www.facebook.com/CroscombePC

We are pleased to announce that Gill Pettitt is our new Parish Council Clerk.

Gill is already a part of the Croscombe Community Speedwatch team and is a Councillor on St Cuthbert Out Parish Council where she is Chair of the Environment Working Party as well as chairing the Staffing Committee.

Gill has had a varied career working with voluntary organisations, computer management systems, mental health and supporting people with learning disabilities.

Gill says: "Somerset is a beautiful county diverse in landscape. As Parish Clerk, I work with our Councillors and residents to maintain our thriving part in it while keeping an eye to the larger issues that affect us all."

Cllr Claire Sully

CROSCOMBE ARCHIVES

Few, if any, of us will have experienced such a year as this. Croscombe in Lockdown is one we will probably never forget.

The pupils at Croscombe School will be writing about their experiences and copies of their essays will be put into the village archives.

I would very much like to include the thoughts and experiences of the adults in the village as these will become part of our history. Please take the time to put pen to paper or images to the computer. I need to have paper copies which you can put into my post box at Ivy House in Long Street. Many thanks. I look forward to hearing from you.

Jo Sackett

POSTAGE STAMPS

I am still collecting postage stamps for charity so please remember to save them off letters and parcels in the run-up to Christmas and afterward. They can be left at my house - Livadia, Fayre Way, Croscombe. Many thanks for those received recently.

Janet Dowding



CROSCOMBE CHRISTMAS WALKABOUT MARKET

Saturday 12th December

2.00 – 5.00pm

Starting at the Village Hall

A festive walking market around our village.

Socially distanced and Covid friendly to keep us all safe.

Enjoy beautifully decorated stalls

with hand-made crafts and decorations, edible gifts,
local produce and more

Enjoy mulled wine, hot chocolate, hot dogs and mince pies.

Strode performing arts groups will be dancing extracts from
The Nutcracker along the route.

An event for all the family- free entry and parking

Enquiries to marylucia.cadogan@gmail.com 572875

SOMERSET SIGHT

Somerset Sight is a local charity which has been supporting sight impaired people across Somerset for over a hundred years and in 2019 won the Queens Award for Voluntary Service.

One of our services is the Volunteer Visiting Service whereby volunteers are matched locally with a sight impaired person for regular visits for company and support, which also helps alleviate their loneliness and isolation.

Volunteers help with a variety of tasks such as reading, correspondence, or making appointments, going out for a drive or just a cup of tea and a chat. Many volunteers get great satisfaction and enjoyment from their voluntary work, many friendships are formed and the people they support very much look forward to their visits.

If someone is sight impaired and would like to know more about our services or if anyone would like to volunteer for the Visiting Service, please contact us on [01823 333818](tel:01823333818) for further information

Michele Edmonds

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics.

It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.

Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.

The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.

The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.

The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit--Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.

Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit--Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.

The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments.

The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

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www.stmaryscroscombechurch.org

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PARISH CHURCH SERVICES - DECEMBER 2020

6th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

10.30am Holy Communion Croscombe

13th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

10.30am Holy Communion Pilton

20th December 4th Sunday of Advent

10.30am Holy Communion Croscombe

24th December Christmas Eve

11.30pm Midnight Christmas Communion * Pilton

25th December Christmas Day

10.30am Christmas Day Family Service* Pilton

10.30am Christmas Family Communion* Croscombe

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