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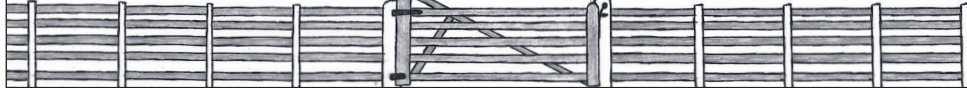
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District Cllrs report – December 2023

Dear Resident

By now you should have all received your 2024 bin collection calendar and information from SKDC on the new waste collection scheme. From early 2024 paper and card will be collected in a new purple lidded bin. This is to improve recycling rates. Please use the dedicated phone number 01476 406544 for all bin queries.

There are plans for Greater Lincolnshire Devolution. This new layer of governance would take powers from Westminster and place them in the hands of a single local Mayor who would cover Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire. At SKDC we have not had any influence over this decision but are expecting an announcement from the UK Chancellor later this year.

As from 31st October residents will be able to apply for a postal vote and certain types of proxy vote forms online by going onto www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote or www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote, you will be asked to provide your National Insurance Number which would be matched against the information held by the Department of Work & Pensions.

Finally Rosemary & Vanessa would like to congratulate Tallington who came Runners Up in the SKDC Community in Bloom Award which replaces the Best Kept Village Competition. This can only be achieved by working together, well done everyone.

If you have any problems or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew, cllrr.trollopebellew@southkesteven.gov.uk or Cllr Vanessa Smith – Vanessa.Smith@southkesteven.gov.uk

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Sunday 17th December – Holy Communion at 9am

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CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICE at 3pm

This candle lit service includes dressing the crib and will be followed by mulled wine, mince pies, coffee and soft drinks.
Everybody is most welcome



Friday 22nd December 2pm onwards

We will be cleaning and decorating the church for Christmas, any help would be greatly appreciated,

and especially any children who would like to help decorate the Christmas tree!

The *Remembrance Service on the 12th November* was well attended and the collection has been sent to The Royal British Legion, Stamford Branch.

RAFFLE

Our very popular raffle is back! All monies raised are for St Faith's Church. In May 2024 the Quinquennial Inspection is due which will highlight works that may (probably!) need to be carried out!! The prizes include a meat voucher, hampers full of goodies and several other excellent prizes, which have all been generously donated. Marilyn will be selling the tickets as last year; if you miss her or would like to buy more tickets please contact her at Farmside or her email address is maliboo52@hotmail.co.uk. The draw will take place in mid December and all winners will receive their goodies in time for Christmas!

ALL BOOKS - 3 for a £1

There are now 3 bookcases for our selection of paperbacks and hardbacks from fiction, nonfiction, historical, cooking and gardening etc. The books are frequently refreshed so we are sure you will find something new each time you call in.

We hope that everyone is keeping well and receiving the village updates and news. If any villager, who is not included in the Neighbourhood Watch and village news emails, would like to add their name, please contact Susan on susan_burgoin@hotmail.com or telephone 560720.

**Wishing everybody a Peaceful and Joyous Christmas
and a very Happy, Healthy New Year**

Room for a little one



Thank you to everyone who attended

Remembrances services in our seven villages and the surrounding towns (nearly 300 people got involved!). It was poignant with Simon and Hazel playing at three services and so many people bringing their children. The medals worn on the right and left, signifying past and present, help us imagine the sacrifices made, and it also helps me think about those on active service now.

There are a few services over the Advent and Christmas period where it is difficult to get a seat! I know - how surprising to hear that the Church is sometimes full. I feel confident that we'll fit you in as there is always room for another one - despite the fact that great line from the Nativity plays, "there's no room". There are over twenty services during Advent and the start of Christmas, so please join in - we will make you very welcome. Many of you have read in the Times that attending Church is good for you (Thank you to everyone who has mentioned this to me). Why not put it to the test and see how it makes you feel?

If choosing from twenty services is overwhelming, then try picking from;

- Start Advent; go to one service in the 1st 14 days of December.
- Get into the Christmas Spirit; pick a Carol service.
- Join one of the Nativity services, Messy Church or Christingle these are very family friendly.
- When Christmas is finally here, come to Midnight Mass (starting at 11:30 pm) and Christmas Morning.

Take care, and I wish you a Happy Christmas and hope to see you soon,
Fr Aran

Parish Priest for our Seven Villages - 07590055905 fraranbeesley@gmail.com

PS Have you tried Messy Church yet? - Messy Church is on SUNDAY 10th of December at West Deeping Village Hall 3-5pm. All are welcome for a great afternoon of stories, activities and a meal (we feed you before you go home).

Barholm with Stowe

Just a quick report on several events that took place in November, a job to keep pace with everything! Here we are thinking & planning for the Festive Season. It creeps up on you!

A good number of us enjoyed the 'BONFIRE' on the 5th in the Memorial field, the sparklers took me back to my childhood. Then on to the Five Horseshoes for refreshments and recollections of days gone by. Many thanks Chris & Lorna for all your efforts, always good to get together.

Six villages in the Uffington group held outdoor Remembrance Day services which were well attended. Contributions were passed on to the Royal British Legion.

We celebrated 'Saint Martin of Tours' Patronal service also on the 12th, in the Church.

St. Martin has the distinction of being the first Christian pacifist or, at least, the first we know about. He came from a military family, and obediently followed his father into the emperor's legions, patrolling the frontiers. But when war broke out, St. Martin saw, young as he was, that it was a war of aggression, an unjust war, and he resigned his commission. He volunteered to walk in the vanguard carrying a cross, to be killed if need be, but he himself would not kill. The world was baffled by his behaviour and still is: this episode is rarely portrayed. But we can all understand the story here. St. Martin meets a naked beggar. He gives him all he can, which is half his uniform cloak. That night, Christ appeared to him, wearing the half-cloak, saying, "My friend Martin gave me this." St. Martin was still a pagan at the time, but this incident led to his conversion and his dramatic refusal of worldly values. We are shown here, not the actual cutting of the cloak, but his moment of decision. It seemed a smallish thing, to be improperly dressed as an officer for the sake of charity, but it changed his life. C.316-C.400

It is not until the trees have become skeletons that we see the bare bones of the beautiful bough formations. The flowing lines of the smooth, clean beech branches are never seen in the summer when the limbs are draped in the green cloak of the leaves. The majesty of the oak cannot be fully comprehended until the massive thing is stripped and the boughs revealed. Elms take on an entirely different character in the winter; gaunt and naked, they stoop above the lanes, their boughs clotted with the nests of rooks. Chestnuts with their thick brown twigs and scaly buds make their own conspicuous patterns on the December sky. Birches are less emphatic; their outlines are more sketchy, lighter and delicate like Chinese prints.

How still the trees are in winter! Their motionless silence is not the silence of death but of sleep. They wait, they rest, biding their time. They do not murmur to one another as they do in the summertime, and yet in some mysterious way they seem more alive than ever. A bare tree is a sentient tree. Although unmoving and inarticulate it conveys the impression of being aware of itself. Withdrawn and inactive, it is yet a self-conscious entity. You do not walk alone in the winter woods. You are watched; the trees are aware of you; they observe your movements. But not so in the summer when they are busy gossiping with each other and so drunken with the sensuous joy of contact with wind, rain and sun that they have no time to bother about the pygmies roaming beneath their boughs.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Happy New year. There are many services on offer throughout the seven villages, so as they say 'there is one near you'. A wonderful time to be shared together so enjoy.

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Carol singing. Wednesday 20th December, about 7pm with Les Bulloch and the Peterborough Big Band. Also the West Deeping handbells.

The village fireworks held on November 4th in the Red Lion car park were a great success.



We hope you can join us!

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Bible Studies

Contact Susanna Aldred 01778 380014, susannaaldred@gmail.com.

Mobile Library

There's no Mobile Library visit to the village in December. The service starts again on January 22nd 2024

West Deeping Parish Council

Our Parish Clerk is Ian Coles, 07979 906284, wdparishclerk@gmail.com The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, 5th February at 7pm in the Village Hall.

The Carpet Bowls Club

meets in the village hall on Thursday evenings 7.00pm- 9.00pm. There will be no bowls on 22nd December. Everyone above the age of 13 years is welcome to join. Contact June Thomas 01778 343434.

West Deeping Village Hall

Hire of the hall it is £10 per hour for non residents, £8 for residents of the village. Please call Anna Thompson for booking enquiries 07901716924 or lizaccamb@icloud.com Anna is VH Treasurer as well as booking clerk.

Coffee Morning

Saturday December 16th, 10.30am – 12noon in West Deeping Village Hall. Thank you to everyone who supports the 100 Club to help maintain our Village Hall. The winners for November were Nathan Pollard and Andrew Bowman. Contact Lesley Ward 07845132129, lesleyjward@yahoo.com

Children's Christmas Party

Friday 15th December in the Village Hall, details to be confirmed., but if you would like to bring your family along please contact Anna 07901716924, Sue 077365454071 or Lesley 07845132129 ASAP to confirm numbers, all children with a connection to the village are very welcome.

West Deeping Walkers

December dates are 10th and 24th. We start from the Village Hall at 1.45pm on Sundays at 2-week intervals. Villagers and visitors are welcome. For more information ask Annie at annie.new@me.com /tel. 07976 766540.

Rambling Readers

(Book Club). Friday 29th December 7.30 for 7.45pm at Elizabeth Noble's House, 28 King Street. Books are supplied by Lincolnshire Libraries. In November we read Frankenstein by Mary Shelley. Details from Elizabeth Noble, 01778 344674 eliz.noble@btinternet.com

Braceborough

Sunday 2 December – 9 am Holy Communion at St.Margaret's

The next service at St.Margaret's is our 9am Holy Communion Service on Sunday 2 December. Please come along with family and/or friends and join us as we enter the season of Advent. We would love to welcome you to St.Margaret's.

Sunday 24 December at 4.30pm – Christmas Carol Service at St.Margaret's.

This will be another lovely Carol Service at St.Margaret's. We have some young guests reading for us this year, so be sure to come along and support them. Robert will be playing many of your favourite carols.

Mince Pies & Mulled Wine will be served in the Village Hall after this service. You are very welcome to join us.

Community Lunches.

Next one is on Wednesday 13 December. Please contact Keith to reserve your ticket.

Saturday 10 December – Jez Lowe in Concert.

Secure your ticket by contacting Keith. £13 adults.

Hurry up, as tickets are selling fast for this pre-Christmas treat.

Friday 15 December – Braceborough Hall Christmas Fair & Sing-a-long carols.

The Fair will open at 3pm with craft stalls, tombola etc. Sing-a-long carols at 6pm.

Saturday 16 December, Christmas Ball.

Cocktails & Canopes at 7.30pm in Village Hall. Tickets £10 adults.

Saturday 20 January 2024 Burns Supper.

Art Afternoons

Will be back soon – look out for the date.

Local Christmas Card Appeal

This year we are donating monies collected in lieu of sending local cards to Macmillans Cancer Support. Sue King will be delighted to receive your gift towards this very worthy cause.

Fly The Flag

It costs just £5 to fly the flag for a birthday, anniversary or any other memorable or special event. Please contact Sue on the number below.

Village Hall Bookings

The village hall is again available for hire. Please call Sue on 07736958755 for reservations & more details.

Greatford

Greatford Village Hall news

Saturday 11th November saw a sell-out performance by George Egg, stand-up comedian and talented chef!! Once again, he wowed us with his “thinking outside the box” way of cooking: making pancakes in an hotel room using bibles and irons! Cooking on a train using a George Forman grill disguised as a laptop! And all the while regaling us with his comedy (I think we ll probably learnt a thing or two as well!!)

Our next Live and Local event takes place on *Friday 26th January* we have a blues and jazz performance: *Ma Bessie’s After Hours*. Ma Bessie (aka Julia Titus) and her band aim to transport the audience back to the Prohibition Era, showcasing some cheeky and risqué songs (over 18s only for this performance! Feel free to come dressed for the time, maybe just a feather boa? Tickets are available at www.ticketsource.co.uk/greatford-village-hall. It is bound to be popular, so please get your tickets soon and have something to look forward to in the new year!!

Otherwise, apart from T’ai Chi on Tuesday mornings, nothing much is happening at the Hall. If you would like to start a regular activity using the premises or have an idea of an event or activity that you would enjoy please let us know at GreatfordVillageHall@outlook.com The Greatford Village Hall Committee wish you all a very enjoyable Christmas and a happy and peaceful new year.

Parish Council news

The Draft Minutes from November’s meeting will be on the noticeboard and parish website. The meeting dates for 2024 will be published on the website in the New Year, with the next meeting scheduled for January ‘24. If you are interested to hear about planning applications, parish finances and general PC projects, and to hear from your elected District and County councillors, please do come along and hear it all first-hand. Your thoughts, views and queries are welcome. At the next meeting in January, the PC will propose adding £1.50 per household to the Parish Precept for 2024 to support the proposed reopening of the Deepings Leisure Centre. The money would be refunded the following year if the business plan from the Deepings Community Leisure Centre CIC (Community Interest Company) does not succeed in getting off the ground. If there are any comments about this, please let the Clerk know at greatfordpc@gmail.com The Parish Council has been working tirelessly behind the scenes to represent the objections of the parish to the Mallard Pass Solar Farm, and, at the end of the 6-month Planning Inspectorate Examination, submitted a ‘closing summary statement’. The outcome should be published early in 2024. The Councillors would like to extend their huge appreciation to Sue Holloway for leading the cause and for everything she has done on behalf of Greatford parishioners.

The Parish Councillors - Phil, Gemma, Jason, Natalie and Tony - would like to thank everyone who has supported them throughout 2023 and to wish everyone in Greatford a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

If you have any agenda items or questions for the parish councillors, please contact them through greatfordpc@gmail.com

West Deeping

St Andrew’s Church

Remembrance Sunday, 12th November, was commemorated in church with a service of Holy Communion led by Canon David McCormack. Members of the Royal British Legion were present. The names of The Fallen were read by Jasper Blackwell. The church was beautifully decorated with knitted and crocheted red, blue and white poppies made and displayed by the Ladies Craft Group. There was also a West Deeping Heritage exhibition on the lives of the men of West Deeping who fought and died in the First World War. The bells were rung, half muffled, by the West Deeping ringers after the service, whilst refreshments were being served.

December Services in church:

Sunday 10th 11am All Age Christmas Celebration.

Sunday 24th 11.30pm Midnight Mass.

Messy Church

Following a very well attended and joyous Messy Church in Uffington Village Hall it returns to West Deeping Village Hall at 3pm on 10th December. A totally informal craft -based form of church, particularly great for young families and with a meal provided. For more info please contact Les Baillie on 01780 765908/bailiesinuk@aol.com or Fr Aran on 07590 055905. fraranbeesley@gmail.com Full details of services in the Uffington Group can be found in the centre pages, also at

<https://westdeeping.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parishinformation/church-news> and at

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14510/>

Thank you all who give to Market Deeping Foodbank on the last weekend of each month. The collections in the church porch are very successful and warmly appreciated. Please continue to give in the coming months and look out, on the West Deeping Facebook page or the Foodbank WhatsApp Group, for details of food items most needed.

Celebrating Christmas Decorations

in St Andrew’s Church. – Saturday 9th December 4pm. All the village are invited to come and admire the Christmas decorations masterminded by the craft group who made the poppies for Remembrance weekend. There isn’t a church service but mulled wine and mince pies will be served. Come and enjoy the company!

West Deeping Advent Windows

Thank you to everyone who took part in Advent Windows 2022, our first year! Whether you created one or admired one, we appreciated everyone’s contribution. We are planning to light up December by asking you to decorate a window each day of Advent. Let’s celebrate the end of the year together. Every year West Deeping would like to run an “Advent Windows” event bringing the village alive with 24 unique offerings in the lead up to Christmas. A newly decorated window will be revealed, or “opened”, on each day of Advent (1st to 24th December) in different parts of the village. If you would like to participate, just write your name down on the list on the community board in the Red Lion next to the day you would like, and get creative. Once all 24 Advent Windows have been opened, seeing all of them usually takes around half an hour. You can view a programme of the window locations on a poster in the Red Lion. We will organise a walk around the village to admire everyone’s creativity once all the windows are revealed. This will be organised between

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Uffington

175 Club

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If you would like to take part in next year's 175 Club, please send contact Dean (cornishdean_@hotmail.com) or complete the online form at <https://forms.gle/XuchbKHqtKL94r7Y9>.

It costs £12 for the year, and you have the chance to win prizes every month - £20, £15, £10 and £5 – with bumper prizes in June and December of £40, £25, £15, £10, £5 and £5. The money that it raises allows the village hall to put on free events for the village.

Flying the Flag

Date	Event/Message	Sponsor(s)
October 21st	Trafalgar Day	Graham Creedy
November 9th	In memory of Jack Coulter	John, Jo and Holly Coulter and family

November 11th/12th	Remembrance Day/Sunday
November 14th	King Charles III Birthday

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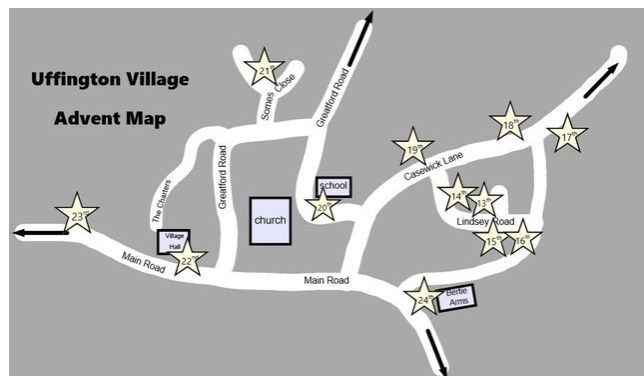
David & Gail Genever wish everyone a Happy Christmas and healthy New Year. They are not sending cards again this year and are making a donation to the publication of Towers and Spires.

Uffington Village is displaying advent windows for the 12 nights running up to Christmas. Starting in Lindsey Road and taking a tour round the village, the windows will turn on at 5pm each night until the entire route is lit up on Christmas Eve.

Walking to see the windows will be a lovely family activity on Christmas Eve as well as visiting each new window when it's turned on.

All windows should be visible from the street and have their number clearly displayed so you can count down until Christmas Day. We do hope you enjoy them.

If you'd like to get involved next year, get in touch with Amy a.e.svoboda@gmail.com



Greatford

Nature in Our Churchyard up date in January

Churchyard maintenance

was done on 25th November, thanks to all who helped.

Bell Ringing

A group of ringers from around the area had an 'open ringing' couple of hours on 25th November which made a 'musical' morning for the maintenance crew, and nature group. If you are interested in this dying skill and think you would like to learn, please contact: lois.m.webb1@gmail.com

Flying the Flag

If you would like the flag flown for a special celebration (for a donation of £5 for village hall funds) please contact either Lois Webb (01778 560437) or Nigel Ashby.

Church Services

9 am 10th December Morning Prayer : lead by Geoff Radley. With refreshments after the service.

3 pm 23rd December Nativity Service: with Hannah Penson. With refreshments after the service.

6 pm 24th December: Carol concert.

Everyone will be welcome to all our services, please come along if you can. The Church is usually open from c.0930 – 3.30 pm. But, if locked, and you particularly want to enter for a quiet prayer or just to visit and look around, please phone Lois Webb 01778 560437

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SK Community Awards

Tallington Village Community, we were thrilled to come Runner Up, in the new award "Community in Bloom Award 2023" and we were presented with a lovely plaque to display in our village. (see photo) It was a fabulous evening and an honour to be in the room with such wonderful and inspiring final nominees.

Flying the Flag

Our new Remembrance Flag was flown for the RBL Remembrance weekend. (see photo) You can fly the flag for your special events and occasions, cost of £5.00 please contact John or Liz Allen on 01780-740076.

Church Flower Rota

December 10th - 17th Advent / Christmas Day 24th - 31st Advent Mrs A Knox

Mobile Library

There is NO Library in December (back in January 2024).

Tallington Village Hall

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Poppies

We were thrilled to have a Remembrance Poppy post box topper knitted by one of our very talented residents, it was beautiful and our usual poppies throughout the village "Thank You So much". (see photos)

On a Personal Note

I have been the village rep for the T&S Magazine for several years now, but I have decided to hand the reins over to Mrs Nicola Baines (the new village rep from next month). I've enjoyed my time and would like to thank everyone that I have had the pleasure of working with over the years. Wishing Nicola Good Luck in your new role.
Best Wishes Anita Hassall

St Lawrence Church Tallington

As we begin the season of Advent, we look forward to the celebration of our Lord's coming.

Our first service is a 9.00am Holy Communion on 10th December led by Fr Aran.

Our Carol Service is on Saturday, 23rd December at 6.00 pm.

This will be service of six readings and traditional Carols, with Julia playing the organ. After the service there will be mulled wine and mince pies. Everyone will be very welcome, we look forward to seeing you for this annual service.

Our Midnight Service, starting at 11.30 pm on Christmas Eve will be led by Fr. Aran. Again, all are most welcome to this service.

Uffington

Update from the village hall

The last event for the village hall this year is the Christmas Crafternoon for kids on Saturday 9th December. Contact Vanessa Kimberley on 07906 931478 for more information. If you have any ideas for events, please let Liz (liz@lizgenever.com) know. The village hall offers free hall hire for new ideas or events, so please contact any of the committee to discuss ideas.

Toilet refurbishment

The toilet refurbishment is progressing well and thank you to the patience of the hall users while they are being improved. The aim is for a better equipped disabled toilet and more unisex cubicles to reduce the queues, particularly at Scarecrows. It is being partially funded by the National Grid as compensation for the disruption to the village when they were re-wiring the pylons last year.

Bulb planting update

The bulb planting that was organised by the Village Hall, Parish Council and the Langdyke Countryside Trust was a great success. Over twenty volunteers turned out to plant over 6,000 bulbs in around two hours. There was a mixture of daffodils, crocuses, snowdrops, white snakes head fritillary, aconites and Chinodoxaon. They went in along the Main Road, Bertie Lay-by, top of Casewick Lane, on school lane, in front of the allotments, near the play area, on the back path near Manners Close, and in the Brickyard wood. Thank you to David Babbs and Caroline Wray who sponsored bulbs, and the Langdyke Countryside Trust, Village Hall and Parish Council for the funding towards the bulbs.

SKDC prosperity fund application

Liz Genever (representing Village Hall), Kate Genever (representing the Noticeboard), Susan Genever-Jones and Simon Carr (representing the Parish Council) are working on an application for the SKDC prosperity fund. It will be around nature recovery and embracing the heritage of the parish, while offering lots of opportunities for villagers to come together. This could include building bird box workshops, tree and shrub planting, film screenings, events around the village archive, heritage trail with boards and leaflets, and new walks around the village. An application will be submitted in January after the Parish Council committee are happy with the approach, with the next wave of funding being available from SKDC in April 2024.

Simon and Susan have met with representatives from the Langdyke Countryside Trust to help plan how the end of the allotment area (near the bees and orchard) could be enhanced for wildlife and villagers.

If you have any ideas that you want included in the SKDC prosperity fund, please let Liz (liz@lizgenever.com) or Simon (uffingtonpccarr@gmail.com) know. The ideas could be about included on the boards or in the leaflets.

If you have a booking enquiry, please have a look at <https://uffington.org.uk/village-hall/> and scroll down and there is a link to the new online system. You can check availability and provisionally book your slot. Or email bookings@uffington.org.uk.

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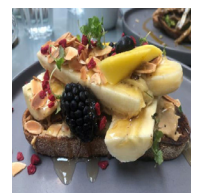
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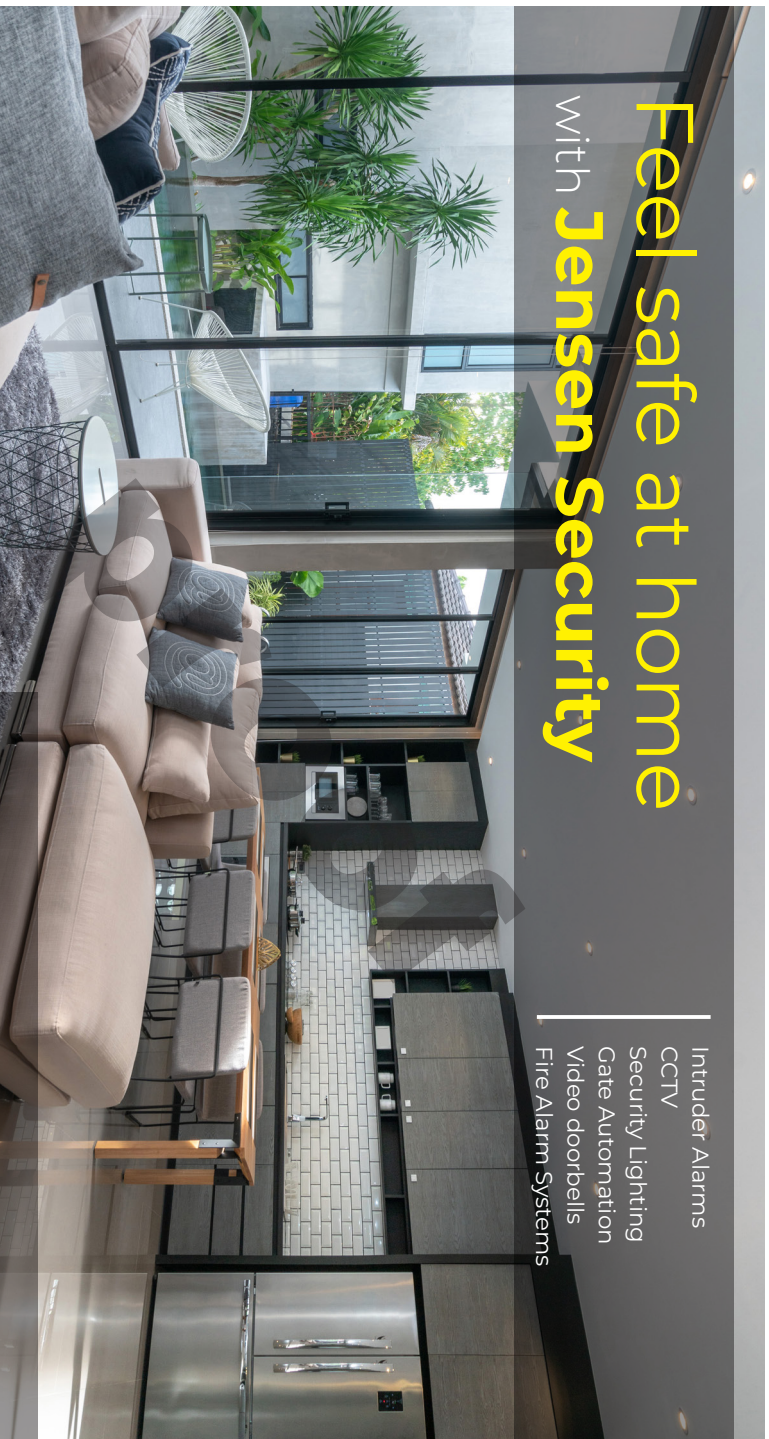
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Children's Church in our Village Churches for December

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| Sunday 3 rd : | 11am Sunday Club - Uffington |
| Sunday 10 th : | 3-5pm, Messy Church - West Deeping Village Hall |
| Sunday 17 th : | 11am Christingle - Uffington |
| Saturday 23 rd : | 3pm Nativity Service - Greatford |
| Sunday 24 th : | 3pm Crib Service - Wilsthorpe |
| Monday 25 th : | ** Christmas Day ** |
| | 11am, All Age Service - Uffington |

Come and join in to celebrate the joy of Christmas!
These services are especially accessible for children too.
All are welcome - perhaps bring visiting family with you?

Les Baillie



Advent & Christmas Church Services in our Seven Villages

Sunday 3rd December [First Sunday of Advent]

9am Holy Communion in St Margaret of Antioch, Braceborough
11am Holy Communion [with Sunday Club] in St Michael & All Angels, Uffington
6pm Evening Prayer {BCP} in St Martin of Tours, Barholm-with-Stowe

Sunday 10th December [Second Sunday of Advent]

9am Holy Communion in St Lawrence of Rome, Tallington
9am Morning Prayer in St Thomas of Canterbury, Greatford
11am Holy Communion in St Michael & All Angels, Uffington
11am All Age Christmas Celebration in St Andrew the Apostle, West Deeping
3pm Messy Church in West Deeping Village Hall

Sunday 17th December [Third Sunday of Advent]

9am Holy Communion in St Faith of Aquitaine, Wilsthorpe
11am Family Christmas Christingle Service in St Michael & All Angels, Uffington
6pm Carol Service in St Michael & All Angels, Uffington

Saturday 23rd December

3pm Nativity Service in St Thomas of Canterbury, Greatford
6pm Carol Service in St Lawrence of Rome, Tallington

Sunday 24th December [Fourth Sunday of Advent / Christmas Eve]

11am Holy Communion in St Michael & All Angels, Uffington
3pm Christmas Eve Carol Service with dressing of the Crib in St Faith of Aquitaine, Wilsthorpe
4.30pm Carol Service in St Margaret of Antioch, Braceborough
6pm Carol Service in St Thomas of Canterbury, Greatford
11.30pm Midnight Mass (with incense) in St Lawrence of Rome, Tallington
11.30pm Midnight Mass in St Andrew the Apostle, West Deeping

Monday 25th December [Christmas Day]

9am Holy Communion in St Martin of Tours, Barholm-with-Stowe
11am All Age Holy Communion in St Michael & All Angels, Uffington

Sunday 31st December

9am Holy Communion in St Martin of Tours, Barholm-with-Stowe
11am Holy Communion in St Andrew the Apostle, West Deeping

For full details of all services, please check elsewhere in Towers and Spires or the weekly Pew Sheet