



THE TRIANGLE



THE REGULAR NEWSLETTER FOR THE VILLAGES
OF COXLEY, GODNEY, HENTON, AND WOOKEY

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WOOKEY THEATRE GROUP'S "THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS" - THE MUSICAL

Once again Wookey Theatre Group have staged a sell-out performance, this time with a colourful and humorous musical adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's "Wind In the Willows". Playing in a packed Wookey Village Hall,



the musical offered suspense and delight from beginning to end. The story follows the adventures of animal friends Mole, Ratty, Badger and the errant Mr Toad. (Continued on page 4)

DANCING TO THE BACKROOM BOYS

Henton Village Hall - 8pm till late - Cash/Card Bar
Tickets £15 available from Beverley Cox (Whatsapp:
07834 316827 or Email: beverleyjcox09@gmail.com
Monies raised will go towards the revitalising fund for
Henton church.



GODNEY CAROLS AT THE SHEPPEY INN

This year The Sheppey Inn (Lower Godney, BA5 1RZ) are kindly hosting Godney's Carol Service at **4pm Saturday 7th December**. There will be lots of carol singing, some poems and readings and mulled wine and mince pies afterwards!



LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Come to **Sunday Breakfast** at Henton Village Hall on **Sunday 1st December from 9:00am**. Catch up with people over a tasty free breakfast, with optional quiz and a craft for the young ones, followed by a short pause for thought and prayer.

If you miss this event, Coxley church have a very similar **Sunday Brunch** at **10:30am on 22nd December**.

We will be looking ahead to Christmas at our informal gatherings at **10:30am on 8th December, Inspire** in Wookey Church and **10:30am on 15th Informal Morning Worship** in Coxley Church. Please join us for carols and Bible readings and a chance to meet others.

SEE THE STARS IN WOOKEY CHURCH



Thanks to our star makers and decorators, Wookey Church will be full of stars! Please pop in to see them. Wookey Church is open daily from approx. **10am - 3pm during December**, [although it may not be open on bank holidays unless there are services].



CAROL SERVICES

We hope that you're all looking forward to the community carol services! The carol services are:
4pm Sunday 15th December at Wookey Church,
6:30pm Wednesday 18th December at Henton Church,
6:30pm Tuesday 24th December at Coxley Church.

Hear the Christmas story told, sing carols and enjoy a glass of mulled wine. There will be a collection during each service, with half going to your village church and the rest going to a charity chosen by each church. We look forward to welcoming you!



WOOKEY LADIES IN THE PINK!

Wookey Ladies did their "Wear it Pink" walk on 19th October and raised a fantastic £1,600 for Breast Cancer Now. A big thank you to everyone who came on the walk and to those who made donations.



Wookey Ladies meet on the **first Thursday** of the month for a coffee morning from **10.00am** at Buxtons Community Room, and new members are very welcome to come along.



CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE AT WOOKEY HUB

Returning for the ninth year, Christmas trees are available to buy now. Once again, there's a raffle for Wookey school with every sale. Also Christmas food order forms may be submitted up until Dec 14th.



There will also be carol singing at the Hub at 11am on December 24th and again at 11am on Christmas Eve.



MIDNIGHT MASS - CHRISTMAS EVE

This year we are holding our Midnight Mass at Wookey Church a little earlier, **starting at 11pm**. It's a moment of stillness, with God at the centre, as we ponder on Love being born.

HENTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

December 11th 7.00 - 8.30 Members' Christmas social. Come and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies in convivial company. Members only. Our first meeting in the New Year is on **January 15th**. Our very own 'Gardeners' Question Time' panel of extremely knowledgeable experts will be here to answer your thorny questions. We also have an exciting programme of speakers lined up for 2025 including Derry Watkins and Charles Dowding. The full programme is on our website. New members are always very welcome. We meet on the **third Wednesday of the month**, in Henton Village Hall at **7.00pm** for tea or coffee and a **7.30** talk. Visitors £5. Further information. www.hentongardenclub.weebly.com.



SHORT COURSES

(Contact benadmin@chwchurches.co.uk if you're interested in either course.)

Resolve: January is a time when we usually think about New Year's Resolutions. This 4 week course explores what it means to enact positive change in your life. You will explore looking after your body, strengthening your mind, inspiring your soul and deepening your relationships. Each week you will reflect on what various experts have to say about making positive change, engage in conversations with others on the course and identify some simple exercises. The location is to be confirmed and the course will take place on Tuesday evenings, starting on **14th January at 7.30pm**.

February Short Course: Find out more about the Old Testament; study and discuss paintings based on stories from the books of Ruth, Daniel and Tobit. Proposed dates on Thursdays: **6th, 13th and 20th February**.



CHRISTMAS MARKET AT THE BURCOTT INN

Join us for a Christmas Market at the Burcott Inn, Wookey on **Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th December** from 10am til 4pm each day.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR LOCAL YMCA



YMCA Brunel Group provides 174 safe beds a night to 16/25 year olds and adults, covering Bath, Bristol, Mendip and South Somerset. They aim to give every person staying with them a small box of gifts; for many these will be the only presents they receive. Suitable items include: chocolate, biscuits, Christmas treats, smellies (including shower gel), shampoo, toothpaste, tooth-brushes, deodorant and socks, gloves, scarves, beanie hats. If you could help to provide some of these gifts (please do not wrap them!) drop them off at:

Wookey - 4pm Carol Service - Sunday 15th December (the front of church)

Henton - 6:30pm Carol Service - Wednesday 18th December (at the back of the church - may be left from the beginning of December)

COVENANT SERVICE AT COXLEY CHURCH

Coxley Church is starting off 2025 with a Covenant Service at **10:30am on Sunday 5th January**. This is an opportunity to review priorities and commitments. Everyone is very welcome to come along to this thoughtful service where we'll be celebrating Holy Communion.



WIND IN THE WILLOWS - *CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1*

You could be forgiven for thinking this was a professional production. The comedy timing between Mole (Lyn Hinds) and Ratty (Steve French) was a joy to behold, and the hall was filled with laughter from the outset. Andy Childs' raucous and playful performance as Toad brought an endearing quality to this dubious character, keeping the audience on his side throughout.

The technical side was amazing. Director Polly Carroll used her skill and imagination to bring the whole thing to life and the entire show was beautifully staged and choreographed. Clever make up techniques and costume design gave each animal a charming human quality and the wonderful hand-painted set and brightly coloured props emphasised the high quality throughout this production. The use of lighting instantly transformed the mood and the sound quality was impeccable. Special mentions should go to fantastic solo performances from Portia (Violet Healey), Mrs Otter (Sarah Davies), Badger (Steve Collinson), and Chief Weasel (George Parry).

Whilst there is not enough room to mention everyone involved in this delightful production, all deserved this five star review. (Sara Benham)

EPIPHANY SERVICES



The Christmas Story continues with the wise ones searching..... and not finding what they expected. We think about this story of Epiphany at Wookey Church – **10:30am Sunday 12th January** and also at **Coxley Church – 10:30am Sunday 19th January**. A last chance for singing carols.

COXLEY MILLENIUM MAP

Have you ever thought it would be lovely to have a copy of the unique, fascinating and beautiful Coxley Millenium Map gracing the walls of your home? Don't know what it is? There's one in the church (go in at any reasonable time to see it) and also in the Memorial Hall and in many homes. It was a church project, the research done by a local team, the calligraphy, drawing and watercolour painting done by a local professional, as Coxley's contribution to The Millenium celebrations. Many residents bought one.

But there are many new people in the village now, and very few copies left, so we thought we'd get some more printed. Quotes are being sought from several local printers but we would like to get an idea of how many people would actually be interested; perhaps even as Christmas presents! No commitment at this stage but if you are potentially interested please get in touch with Jenny at hendersonfamily@hartershill.co.uk or benadmiin@chwchurches.co.uk and we will update you all with progress.

TAIZÉ – 6:30PM SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY – HENTON CHURCH

A quiet hour to refresh your inner self with Taizé style prayer and worship. Keeping the message of Christmas alive, we think about light shining in the darkness. With readings, chants and silence – a time for reflection.



PRODUCING THE TRIANGLE

If you would like to help by making a donation it would be very much appreciated – either by leaving an envelope marked “Triangle” in one of the churches or by BACS transfer to: Account name:

CHW Benefice Account number: 751 627 25

Sort code: 60 23 06 Reference: Triangle. Thank you for your support!

THE SHEPPEY INN EVENTS - FOR DECEMBER

6th Soul Shack with Dj Lath 9pm - late; **7th** Live music with Cobalt Blue 8:30pm - 10:30pm; **12th** Live Jazz with Marvin Munoéke 8:30pm - 11pm; **15th** Christmas pub quiz (£2 per person, max 6 per team).

New Years Eve Party 9pm - late Bar tickets £10.

For all enquiries and bookings call 01458 831594 or visit thesheppey.co.uk

COXLEY COMMUNITY CAFÉ - FESTIVE OPENING TIMES

Coxley Community Café will be open **every Thursday afternoon (2:30-4pm)** during December, except on Boxing Day. This is a great Warm Space, with free hot drinks, and a chance to chat or bring a book, a game or a craft activity with you to enjoy in the warmth. Coxley Café will open again in January from Thursday 2nd January.



SIX INCHES OF SOIL



A documentary feature film - **Thursday 6th February**
Henton Hall **7 for 7.30pm** (cash/card bar)

Six Inches of Soil tells the story of remarkable farmers, communities, small businesses, chefs and entrepreneurs who are leading the way in transforming how our food is produced and consumed. The film tells the inspiring story of young British farmers standing up against the industrial food system and transforming the way they produce food - to heal the soil, protect our health and provide for local communities.

Six Inches of Soil is a story of three new farmers on the first year of their regenerative journey to heal the soil and help transform the food system - Anna Jackson, a Lincolnshire 11th generation arable and sheep farmer; Adrienne Gordon, a Cambridgeshire small-scale vegetable farmer; and Ben Thomas, who rears pasture-fed beef cattle in Cornwall. If you are at all interested in what you eat this is an encouraging film and should be viewed!

£10 ticket from jennycrossley@mbzonline.net or WhatsApp 07753 958836
All Profits to Christ Church Revitalizing Fund.

REMEMBRANCE BOOKS

Do you have a loved one that you want to remember?

In each of Coxley, Henton and Wookey churches there is a Memorial Book. Over the years a calligrapher has added in entries for loved ones who have passed away - usually on the page for their date of death. This may include their name, dates of birth and death, and a short message such as 'a much loved mother and grandmother'. During Covid our calligrapher retired, but we have found a new one! If you would like to have an entry added, please pick up a form from one of the churches (beside the remembrance books), fill it in and post it to: Peter Gatenby, c/o The Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Wookey, BA5 1JT, or email it to: peter@petergatenby.com

Fees: £3 per line, and a maximum of 5 lines. Fees are payable after the calligrapher has added the entry, when you will be contacted by Peter Gatenby to arrange payment.



BENEFICE CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

Celebrate the goodness of God and Jesus' birth at Henton Church - **10:30am on Christmas Day** - something for all ages. And if there's a Christmas present that you can't be parted from, please bring it along with you.



BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE



On **Sunday 29th December**, there is one service for the three parishes - at **10:30am** in Coxley Church. Keep the message of Christmas alive - with carols and reflections on the season.

CHRISTINGLE CELEBRATION!



A festive event for children and families - join us to make Christingles on **Sunday 19th January at 3pm** in Wookey Church! We will retell the Christingle story as we put them together. With activities, songs and prayers. No need to book ahead, just turn up.

NATIVITY PLAY - COXLEY CHURCH, 3PM 24TH DECEMBER

Christmas Eve is a very special day and as we tell the Christmas story we will need lots of helpers to act out the parts. We can provide costumes or you can come ready dressed. Join us for carols, laughter and hot chocolate.



CHRISTMAS WEBPAGES

Find out more about our Christmas services and events, and what's on for children and families in December, on our website: <https://www.chwchurches.co.uk/christmas>.

Or visit our Events Page to find out more about events and services taking place in December and January: <https://www.chwchurches.co.uk/chw-events>

SACRED SPACE

An hour of quietness to ponder the mystery of Christ's birth and the need for that birth. This year there are reflections on how animals adapt to winter; waiting in the cold and darkness for the return of light; and hope.

Please join us in Christ Church Henton at any point **between 7 and 8pm** on **Thursday 5th, 12th, 19th December**. With Prayers and readings for Compline at **7:45pm**.



December Services

Sunday 1st

08:30 at Wookey - Quiet Holy Communion
 09:00 at Henton - Sunday Breakfast
 Village Hall
 10:30 at Coxley - Holy Communion

Sunday 8th

09:00 at Henton - Holy Communion
 10:30 at Wookey - Advent Inspire
 18:30 at Coxley - Evensong

Sunday 15th

08:00 at Henton - BCP Holy Communion
 10:30 at Coxley - Advent Cornerstone
 16:00 at Wookey - Carol Service

Sunday 22nd

10:30 at Wookey - Holy Communion
 10:30 at Coxley - Sunday Brunch
 18:30 at Henton - Evensong

Tuesday 24th

15:00 at Coxley - Nativity Play
 18:30 at Coxley - Carol Service
 23:00 at Wookey - Midnight Communion

Wednesday 25th

10:30 at Henton - Christmas Day Holy
 Communion

Sunday 29th

10:30 at Coxley - Benefice Holy
 Communion

EVENTS:

2nd - 26th

10am-3pm approx at Wookey - See Stars in Wookey
 Church

Thursdays: 5-19th

14:30 - 16:00 at Coxley - Coxley Community
 Cafe (Warm Space)

19:00 - 20:00 at Henton - Advent Sacred Space

Saturday 7th

16:00 at Godney - Carols Service at The
 Sheppey Inn

Wednesday 18th

18:30 at Henton - Carol Service

January Services

Sunday 5th

08:30 at Wookey - Quiet Holy Communion
 09:00 at Henton - Sunday Breakfast
 Village Hall
 10:30 at Coxley - Covenant Service with
 Holy Communion

Sunday 12th

09:00 at Henton - Holy Communion
 10:30 at Wookey - Inspire (Informal)
 18:30 at Coxley - Evensong

Sunday 19th

08:00 at Henton - BCP Holy Communion
 10:30 at Coxley - Informal Morning
 Worship
 15:00 at Wookey - Christingle

Sunday 26th

10:30 at Wookey - Holy Communion
 10:30 at Coxley - Sunday Brunch
 18:30 at Henton - Taize

Mondays:

16:30 at Henton - Afternoon Prayer

Tuesdays:

09:15 at Coxley - Morning Prayer

Wednesdays:

10:00 at Wookey - Midweek Holy
 Communion

Thursdays:

14:30 - 16:00 at Coxley - Coxley Community
 Cafe (Warm Space)

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