

Village & Community Magazine

NOVEMBER 2023

Keeping All Our Villages Connected and United





“Few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total; of all those acts will be written the history of this generation”.

Those words by Robert Kennedy seem very appropriate at this time of Remembrance, as we celebrate All Souls across our villages, with the naming of names and lighting of candles for those dear to us, who have died and then as we all remember those who died for the country in both the Great Wars and in all conflicts since. Each of us may sometimes feel helpless in the face of the world events that surround us, but we can all in November do little things to remember, cherish and celebrate our local communities, families and friends. Enjoy November, its sadness's and its joys.

***Rev'd Jane Held
Vicar Butterton, Onecote & Ipstones***

DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER EDITION IS 6am on MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER

Input from you all would be gratefully received. At the end of the day, if you don't contribute then there is no magazine. Talking of which, a lot of you believe that you cannot send items until the deadline time and date. A deadline has to be set but you can send your information/pictures/jokes anytime and it really helps me to put things together the earlier you send your items to me. So please feel free to submit any article. It's your magazine and just so long as it is Legal, Decent and Appropriate in my eyes, it will be inserted of course.

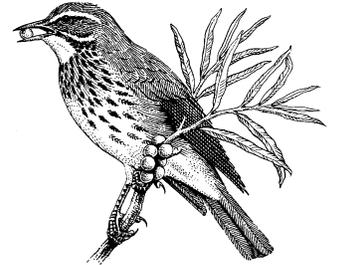
Please remember I can only accept word documents and NO PDF's or Photocopies.

Call me on 01538 304560 if you need any help. Don't be late, the old rule still applies. Absolutely nothing will be accepted after 6am on the above date. ****Editors decision on layout and inclusion is final.**

Bountiful Berries



Have you ever noticed how many holly berries there are in November but not by the time you may be wanting to use them for Christmas wreaths and other decorations? Autumn is the best season to enjoy berries and this year seems to be particularly rich, with hawthorn trees glowing a colourful orange. The combination of a dry, warm spring with a wet summer has led to this plethora.



Berries are a crucial food source for many birds and animals that are building up their energy reserves before winter, so between now and Christmas a great many get eaten. Rodents such as mice, voles, shrews and squirrels eat a range of berries as do less obvious animals including foxes, badgers and hedgehogs. Deer love plants from the *Rosaceae* family which includes roses and brambles and will delicately pick off berries and hips. Birds love berries and can make quite a mess! Look out for members of the thrush family including song and mistle thrush as well as blackbirds. Winter migrants arrive in the autumn so you may see both redwing and fieldfare in your churchyard feasting on yew and other berry-bearing trees such a holly, hawthorn and rowan. Brambles carrying blackberries are popular and feed a range of birds, animals and also insects. You can often find the next stage of the food web with spiders spinning webs to catch creatures attracted to the berries.

If you are planting shrubs within your churchyard how about choosing berry-bearers, particularly native species such as spindle and guelder rose. If you already have shrubs or a hedge then try and delay any pruning work until the berry feast is over. The end of winter is a good time to cut back hedges and other shrubs, this gives birds and animals food, plus shelter from the winter weather (and from predators such as cats), whilst getting things under control before birds start to build nests in the spring.

We'd love to know what creatures you see eating the berries in your churchyard, please put a record onto iNaturalist or let us know by email.

All the best, Harriet Carty

Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor, harriet@cfga.org.uk,

*www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk - individuals and groups in the diocese receive 20% members discount on all CfGA materials. Use the discount code **diomem22***

Thank You!

Tricia, Peter and Melanie would like to thank **Darren Barlow, Warslow (Property Repairs)** and **Dawn Jepson, 'At home, Home Care'** for their generous donations in lieu of their advertisements in the Community Magazine. These donations help with our ongoing production costs for which we are most grateful.

...Smile Once in a While...

I called the bank to say my mum has passed away. The woman said "I'll pass you on to my colleague on the other side." Now that's good service.

I cook with wine sometimes I even add it to the food.

I just rescued some wine it was trapped in a bottle.

I got a car for my girlfriend...Great swap!

Honestly?
I'm speeding so
that I can get
there before I
forget
where
I am
going.



Aging Gracefully

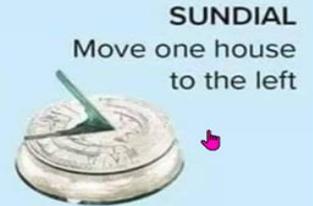
Cycled to the shop to buy a bottle of gin, but then I thought, what if I fall off my bike and the bottle gets broken? So cleverly, I drank it all outside the shop. Good thing I did too, I fell off my bike seven times on my way home



A GUIDE TO PUTTING YOUR CLOCKS BACK



SMARTPHONE
Leave it alone,
it does its magic



SUNDIAL
Move one house
to the left



OVEN
You'll need a
Masters in
Electronic
Engineering
or a hammer



CAR RADIO
Not worth it,
wait six months

When I complained to Amazon about a missing parcel they asked me to send photographic evidence.





Christmas Wreath Workshops 2023

Come along and create your very own Christmas Wreath(s)
Morning Workshops 9.30 am – 12 pm
Afternoon Workshops 2 pm - 4.30 pm

Friday 24th November
Saturday 25th November
Sunday 26th November
Monday 27th November

Additional dates may be available by request for small groups

Venue - Waterhouses ST10

£28 - this will include all you need to create your wreath

Included - coffee/tea/glass mulled wine.
Mince pies and my home-made Christmas cake

Please bring gardening gloves secateurs/scissors.
If you have some finishing touches to personalise your wreath,
please bring them. I do have an abundance of Christmas items
to add to your wreath if needed.

To book your place on one of the workshops or for further
details - please phone/text/email/message - 07714041682 or
Suemlovatt@gmail.com.

Payment required on booking. Limited places available.

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THE ACHIEVERS

10 YEAR ACOUSTIC TOUR

SUPPORT FROM GREG BRICE

SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER



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DOORS 7:00PM**

*"...a brighter, more varied and upbeat sound than most on the
UK Blues Scene. One of the most inventive outfits around"
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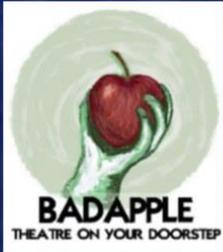
GENERAL £20

VIP £28 ** SEE TICKET LINK
FOR DETAILS

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WeGot**Tickets**





FARMER SCROOGE'S CHRISTMAS CAROL



by Kate Bramley
with music by Jez Lowe



www.badappletheatre.co.uk

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£13.00 (Standard) / £8.00 (Under 8)

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Licensed bar open from 6:30pm. Light Refreshments.

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Local Home-Produced Christmas Poultry
Traditional Turkey, Chicken, Goose & Duck

Please Contact Myrtle

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ALSTONEFIELD



		<u>November Services</u>	
5 th	11.00am	Holy Communion	Alstonefield
12 th	10.45am	Remembrance Service	Alstonefield
26 th	11.00am	Morning Worship	Alstonefield

Vicar: In Vacancy

Church Warden(s): Position(s) Vacant

Reader: Clare Day 01538 381773

Alstonefield St Peter's Church.

Community Larder Open 24hours a day in the porch of St Peter's Church, Alstonefield
St. Peter's PCC Community Larder supports people experiencing difficulties in the current cost of living crisis. Anyone needing food or other household items for please help yourself from the box in the church porch. All donations of dried food and toiletries to benefit others are welcome. Please place them in the boxes in the church porch. Every two weeks or so excess items will be donated to the food banks in Leek or Ashbourne.

"AVETS Remember"

In an emergency you should always dial 999 first.

If you need help before the emergency services arrive, you could call the Alstonefield Village Emergency Telephone System (AVETS) on 01335818911.

AVETS aims to connect you direct to speak to a local volunteer who may be able to assist. If you would like to know more about what we do, please call Meg on 488 or Carrie on 009.



On the Saturday 30th September there was a great turnout for the annual **MacMillan Coffee Morning**, hosted in the Village Hall. We raised £650 for the charity with a tremendously successful cake stall and a raffle. Many thanks to all those who gave their time and provided cakes and prizes.

Alstonefield Village Hall

Chair: Kevin Stockton Treasurer & Bookings Officer: Jo Griffin

Committee members: See Below.

Liz Power

Duncan Scroggs

Mark Smith

Martin Snodin

Dave Littlehales

Val Littlehales

For bookings or enquiries, please email: alstonefieldvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk

If you would like to hire the Hall or have any queries, please email: alstonefieldvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk

Village Hall Events

CLIVE CARROLL
PLAYS THE MUSIC OF
JOHN RENBOURN
WITH SPECIAL GUEST DARIUSH KANANI

EXPERIENCE THE MUSIC OF ACOUSTIC GUITAR LEGEND AND FOUNDED MEMBER OF PENTANGLE, JOHN RENBOURN!

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER

Alstonefield Village Hall 8pm (doors 7.30)
Tickets £15 plus booking fee via WeGotTickets.com
or buy direct at the venue bar/cafe or tel. 01335 310322/email: avh.concerts@gmail.com
Charity Registered no.229829 www.alstonefield.org

www.clivecarroll.co.uk

Saturday 2 December

TOM McCONVILLE
BAND

Alstonefield Village Hall 8pm (doors 7.30)
Tickets £16 plus booking fee via WeGotTickets.com
or buy direct at the venue bar/cafe or tel. 01335 310322/email: avh.concerts@gmail.com
Charity Registered no.229829 www.alstonefield.org

Alstonefield Parish Council

Clerk to the Council – Martin Jinks

Email: clerk@alstonefield-pc.org.uk

c/o The Village Hall, Alstonefield, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. DE6 2FR

Chair – Rupert Hignett (07904 187785) Vice Chairman: Mr G Campbell (07919 353800)

Mr A Hayes (Tel:01335 310057), Mrs S Jeffery (Tel:07465 217269), Mr C McIlroy (Tel:07930 001374).

Mr M Newman (mn821268@gmail.com), Mrs R Longdon (07870 731389).

Next Parish Council Meeting: Contact Clerk for details.

“Wreath Making Workshops will be hosted by Kate Jayden of Nuclear Flower Station, at Alstonefield Village Hall, in November. Two dates are available 6.30-8.45pm on Saturday 18th November, and 26th November. Arrive from 6.15pm for a mulled wine/drink, mince pies and other treats. Please bring secateurs or gardening scissors, as well as a pair of scissors and apron. Costs are £45 paid by bank transfer or online via 8ventbrite or by cash at The Village Stores Hartington. Dates also available in Bakewell, please contact 07718064417. Wreath, swag and Garland orders can also be placed using this number or by forms at The Village Stores”



CHRISTMAS BRING AND SHARE

Alstonefield Village Hall

Sunday 17th December 3.30 for 4pm

If you would like to reserve a table please let Debs Railton know and advise what you would like to bring to share 07594630858

debs.railton@gmail.com



Bring your own drinks



Featuring the Clockwinders

Auction and the odd carol to be sung by one and all

All proceeds to Cancer Research

Alstonefield and District RVS Friendship Club

In October, we have our big fund-raising event and welcome members and non-members for a great evening's entertainment.

For other enquiries about the club or non-members wishing to attend an event, please get in touch with Fiona on 01335 310200 (afternoons or evenings).

<p>Wednesday 1st November 2.00pm Alstonefield Village Hall</p>	<p>Talk by Rob Handscombe on Madeira Cream tea/ quiz and raffle It may be cold and dark outside, but this talk and tea will take you back to sunnier times. £5.00 members; £8.00 non-members</p>
<p>Wednesday 6th December</p>	<p><u>Secret Diner</u> Christmas Dinner with Secret Santa and Bumper Hamper Raffle Subsidised for members</p> 

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THE LEADEN BOOT CHALLENGE

Next year's Leaden Boot Challenge will be held on Sunday 19th May 2024. This marathon 26.2-mile event, starting and finishing at Alstonefield Village Hall, is open to walkers and runners.

ENTRIES NOW OPEN

Online entries only: www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?elid=Y&event_id=12038

Follow us online: Leadenboot.org.uk **Facebook:** Leaden Boot Challenge **Instagram:** [leadenbootchallenge](https://www.instagram.com/leadenbootchallenge)
Any enquiries to admin@leadenboot.org.uk

BUTTERTON



St. Bartholomew's Church

Revd - Jane Held:
01538 262116

Church Warden:
Maggie Risby 304115
Barbara Woodward 304324

Deputies:
Rachael Hopper
Lily Hambleton Plumb

Services in November

5 th	3pm	Evening Worship (All Saints) Holy Communion
19 th	10am	

NB. There will be an Act of Remembrance on the 11th outside church at 10.50am followed by the Lottery Draw & Refreshments in Church.

<u>Altar Flowers:</u>	Doris Wentworth
<u>Cleaning Rota:</u>	Dorothy Glaister

P.C.C. Members: Secretary: Maggie Risby 304115 **Treasurer:** Patrick Bailey
Maurice Woodward, Dorothy Glaister, Sheila McDermott, Maggi Rowland, Jackie Sumerling, Maggie Rowland,

St. Bartholomew's

There was a good attendance for the Harvest Service on Sunday 8th October, followed on Monday 9th by the Harvest Pie and Pea Supper. All tickets sold out and approx..70 of us tucked into pie, peas and gravy and some wonderful donated desserts, with as much tea and coffee as you could drink. An exceptionally good Raffle and a highly entertaining Auction, led by our very own Les Bassett who, as if by magic, produced bag after bag of potatoes. The bids mounted up for the wedges of cheese donated by Alan Salt as did some extra portions of Pie and Peas to takeaway. In all we cleared £784 for Church Funds. Grateful thanks go to everyone who helped in any way, especially those who are not actually on the PCC. We couldn't do it without you.

Pop up Poppy Shop in Church....The Poppy ladies were in church on Sunday 22nd October and also at the Butterton History Group event on 28th/29th October. The poppies remain in church until Remembrance Day. On Saturday 11th November there is a short service at The Poppy Memorial, starting at 10.50am.

Party in the Pews

On Saturday 25th November we have a Fund raising event for the Tower Fund. The Band is called **The Achievers** (a Blues Band). Details for the event can be found on Butterton Doubly Thankful Facebook page and on the Village noticeboards. Tickets are priced at £20. The event is being run by Maven Promotions and not the PCC. However, Maggie can point you in the right direction and can hopefully answer any questions. Tickets can be purchased via WeGotTickets

<https://www.wegotickets.com/event/579570>

2024 Calendars

An order for 100 Calendars depicting Butterton scenes was placed. Prices are £8.50 each but a bargain price of two calendars for £15. Contact Maggie to place your order but be quick as we only have 16 left to sell..

Butterton Parish Council

C/O Clerk: Maggie Risby, 01538 304115. Email buttertonpc@live.co.uk

Chairperson: Jenny Land 304265, **Vice Chairperson:** Mike Stone 304455

Committee Members: Karen Salt 304543, Peter Tomlinson 304560, Mike Stone (Website Manager) 304455, Tracey Perkin 304781, John Hewitt 07976266459, Darren Kirby 07779121210.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 28th November 7.00pm at the Village Hall. As always, please put any queries **in writing** to the Clerk prior to a meeting, in order that sufficient time can be given for discussion

St Bartholomew's Church Lottery Winners for October

1 st	Marjorie Renshaw	(42)	£40.00
2 nd	D & G Salt	(97)	£20.00
3 rd	Jayden Hodgkinson	(149)	£10.00

**The next draw will be held on Saturday November 11th in Church at 11.30 am.
(Please Note Time Change for Remembrance Gathering at 10.50 by Church Gates)**

Shoebox Village Event at Butterton Church Saturday 4th November 10am-12 noon



Preprinted Shoeboxes will be available so please come along and help pack Shoeboxes for children in real need.

Please bring along a few items to contribute.

Choose an age group 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 yrs and whether for a boy or girl.

Select fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. But no toothpaste, sweets or liquids.

Refreshments will be provided.

If you prefer you can collect a box from church and pack your own shoebox. Return to church by Friday 10th November as the National Collection Week is 13-20th November.

Alternatively, you can build a box online by going to shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk
For further information please phone Lily on 01538 304397

Butterton Village Hall

Chairperson: Hilary Bassett (Chairperson) 422314, Marjorie Renshaw (Minutes Secretary), Sheila McDermott (Secretary), Maggie Risby (Treasurer and Bookings Clerk) 304115, Gwen Bagshaw and Dianne Wint.

Yet another night of **Pig Racing** will be held on Saturday 18th November. There is a licensed bar and hot food. This is the third session the Village Hall Committee have held and so it's back by popular demand. The pigs will be released six at a time and you can place your bets on any (or all) of them. The last race is the Bonus race when the winnings are really worth having! There is also a Children's Race. Doors open 6.30pm for a 7pm start
Other upcoming events include **Christmas Fayre** on Sunday 3rd December and **Christmas Bingo** on Friday 8th December.

Farmer Scrooge's Christmas Carol is on Thursday 21st December. Tickets now available from Maggie...£13 adult and £8 for 8 years and under. This is highly recommended. The BadApple Theatre Group visited us in 2016 when we watched their excellent production of 'A Thankful Village'. Farmer Scrooge's Christmas Carol is a family event, held in order to get us in the mood for Christmas. Doors open at 6.30pm for 7.30pm start and the production lasts for 90 minutes. There will be a Licensed Bar open before the start of the play, during the interval and after the finish. Light refreshments will be served.

Butterton History Group

Maggie Risby (Chairperson) 304115, Marjorie Renshaw (Secretary), Dianne Wint (Treasurer), Sarah Stone, Maggi Rowland, Barbara and Maurice Woodward, Margaret Bury, Alan Salt, Diane Salt,
Co-opted members....Cliff Salt and Gray Salt.

On the weekend of 28th and 29th October, the Church hosted an event which showed everything Bhg has in the Archives concerning St Bartholomew's Church from it's very beginnings (1254) up to the present. At 3pm on Sunday 29th we held a very well attended Songs of Praise Service to commemorate 150 years of the present St Bartholomew's Church. An Order of Service had been found in the archives dated June 1873 and we took the hymns for our SOP service from this sheet. Thanks to everyone who supported the event in any way. The Raffle and Refreshments together raised £401.60 for History Group funds.

Message from the Community Bus Shelter

(It's Called Getting Ready for Winter)



The Butterton Community Bus Shelter will be closing and reverting to its normal function on 31st October. This is earlier than planned; sadly the damp weather is starting to damage the books.

For the last month, the Bus Shelter fund raised for the two catastrophies which occurred in September: the Morocco earthquake and the floods in Libya. We raised £500 in total and this was split between the two Appeals by the British Red Cross which operates in both countries.

From 24th October donations will add to funds for Butterton causes. We will let you know how much has been raised in the December newsletter.

In October, we added a new way of paying – PayPal; there is a QR Code in ths Bus Shelter which will take you to a donation page. Alternatively, those who do not have the ready cash to make a donation can pay by bank transfer to the Bus Shelter bank account. The account details are:

Account name: Butterton Community Giving

Sort Code: 82 11 07

Account No: 40308265

If you have something special you would like to donate, but are not sure about leaving in the Bus Shelter, get in touch. We may be able to store small items until we re-open in the spring. Large items such as furniture may obstruct access, so please contact us before leaving anything like that. Our email address is buttertonbusshelter@gmail.com

More details about the charity can be found on the village website (<http://buttertonmoorlands.co.uk/village-organisations/butterton-bus-shelter/>).

The Bus Shelter will be closing on 31st October. Please do not leave anything in the Shelter after we have closed.

In the meantime, please make sure items left in the Bus Shelter are CLEAN and intact. Electrical or Mechanical items should work (label them 'WORKING ORDER'). We will be obliged to remove anything which is inappropriate or potentially dangerous.

PLEASE don't leave: Clothing, knives, paint, anything flammable or toxic. Alcohol, DVDs & CDs, Jam Jars, Egg Boxes, Out of Date Travel Books, Encyclopedias etc.

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Butterton's 'October Special Events'



Pie & Pea Supper and Auction



150 Year Church History Event



Halloween Pumpkin Trail



ELKSTONES



St. John the Baptist:
Vicar: Father John Baines

Services in November
12th 2.30pm Remembrance Day Service
Flowers & Cleaning for November
Katy Parkinson

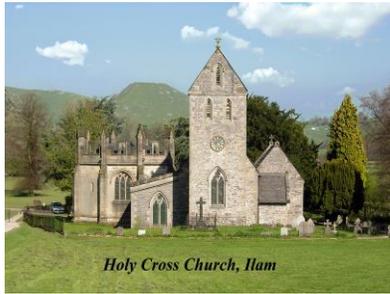
As I write this month's entry, we are just emerging from a heavy drenching from the last few days' continuous downpour, which ran down the road in Upper Elkstone like a torrent, and left floods of water in the road in Lower Elkstone. The sun is currently shining, so I am keeping my fingers crossed that we have seen the last of the rain for a while!

Gwynne Floyd (Gwen)



On October 3rd we said a sad farewell to Gwen Floyd, who died on 6th September aged 94. Gwen lived and farmed at Cave Farm, Onecote, for many years. On retirement, Gwen and her husband Arthur moved to Park House at Reapsmoor, Longnor, where Arthur built and drove horse drawn carriages. After Arthur's death, Gwen moved to Cornhill Gardens in Leek. She had a long-standing attachment to Elkstones, where she was a founder member of the Elkstonians Village Society, of which she was chairperson several times. She was also very well-known round the district for her ring-side commentaries at the Manifold and Leek shows. The funeral memorial service held on 3rd October to celebrate her life was held in Trinity Church Leek, which was filled to overflowing. She will be very much missed.

Ilam



November Services
12th 10.45am Remembrance

**Ilam at New Bench
Or in Church if wet**

Vicar: In Vacancy
Reader: Clare Day 01538 381773

November Flower and Brass Rota

3 rd & 10 th Nov.	Mrs S Wiltshire	Flowers & Brasses (Wedding Sat. 4th November)
17 th & 24 th	Mrs D Flynn	Flowers & Brasses
1 st & 8 th Dec	Mrs C Rowlinson	Flowers & Brasses
15 th & 22 nd Dec	Miss E Clewes	Flowers & Brasses

Flower and Brass Rota

The 2023/2024 flower and brass rota will be out soon. If anyone would like to join please do let Ellen know.

Remembrance Service

This year our Remembrance Service will take place at the new Remembrance Seat on Sunday 12th November 2023 at 10.45am. This will be a lay lead service and include a blessing of the seat. Please note if its very wet we will go to Church

New Remembrance Seat

Many thanks to the Parish Council for organising the new Remembrance seat which looks lovely.

Ilam Village Flooding

Following heavy rain on 20th October 2023 all roads into Ilam were under water for several hours with access only possible via tractor.

We all hope that following the flooding of their house that Bob & Christine Sellers are getting back to normal.

Decorating Church for Christmas

We are planning to decorate church for Christmas on Saturday 2nd December at 11am, please meet at Church.

Trees in Ilam Churchyard

Ilam PCC are currently investigating their legal position in respect of a couple of trees within the Churchyard following a request for changes to them.

Ilam Parish Council

Chairperson: Caz Sellers 01335 350368

Clerk: Lindsay Oulsnam 01335 350579 Email: clerk@ilamparishcouncil.co.uk

Website: www.ilam.org.uk

The next meeting is Tuesday 7th November at 7.00pm at Dovedale House.

All welcome and please send any questions you may have to the Clerk, so they can be passed on to the council for discussion.

WARSLOW

St. Lawrence

Vicar: Father John Baines 01298 83411

Wardens:

Mrs. Rachel Moorcroft 01298 84568

Deputy Warden: Judy Prince
01298 84351



Treasurer: Emma Gould 01298 687190 or 07989294809

November Services

5 th	11.00am	"All Souls"
12 th	6.30pm	Remembrance Day
3 rd Dec.	11.00am	Holy Communion

Altar Flowers: Dorothy Mellor

Deanery Confirmation Classes: These will start in November. Anyone who is interested in exploring their faith further, and learning more about what being Christian really means is welcome to join the classes, even if they decide that confirmation is not for them at the end of the 5 sessions.

Contact Rev. Jane Held if you are interested : 01538 262116 or email jane@janeheld.co.uk

On 19th September we held the funeral service for the late Mrs. Marjorie Goodwin at St. Lawrence Church, and afterwards she was interred in the churchyard, reunited with her late husband, Frank. Our thoughts and prayers are with her friends and family, especially her daughter Paula and son Dean during this very sad time. The service was officiated by the Rev. Nicola Pepper and was well attended, showing the popularity and respect for Marjorie.

Harvest-Time

On the 5th October we held the first service of Harvest for Manifold School pupils and families. The pupils kindly donated many non-perishable items of food and toiletries. We thank them very much for these and any surplus will eventually be distributed to Leek and Buxton foodbanks, especially for the homeless in these areas. Thank you again.

Our second harvest event kicked off with a quiz and lovely hot-pot meal, followed by Emma's speciality trifles, on Saturday 14th October. This was well attended. Special thanks go to Margaret, Judy, Rachel, John, Emma, Janet, Jenny, Melanie and Chris. who either made the hot-pot supper, helped to clean and decorate the church, or donated raffle prizes. The raffle was drawn the next day. Our compere, Emma, as usual compiled and presented an amazing quiz. Everyone had a lovely night - thank you to all involved.

The next day we concluded with our Harvest Festival service in the afternoon. The service was officiated by Janet McNicol and its contents was thought-provoking and uplifting, regarding trying to help and save our beautiful and fragile planet before it is too late. Janet kindly even gave us acorns and conkers and urged everyone to plant more trees. "Grow a tree in 2023, grow some more in 2024". Also, many thanks to Gwen who played so beautifully as usual, for our service.

After tea and cakes, we began with our harvest auction, kindly officiated by John, with a bit of banter and leg-pulling along the way! We raised just short of £500 towards the upkeep of our beautiful church, and thank everyone who donated produce, flowers, or plants, and helped in any other way, shape or form. We really do appreciate it.

The date of the next PCC meeting will be announced later on in the year.

Warslow & Elkstones Parish Council

Clerk: Sandra Hampson email: parishclerk.warslow@gmail.com

Website: <http://warslowandelkstones-pc.org>

Chairman: Nik Searston 07790 354330 (searston.nik43@gmail.com)

Vice Chairman: Laura Gordon 01298 84984;

Councillors: Stuart Gould 01298 687190; Phil Moakes 01298 687238; Cindi Allsop 07870199578
Mick Wardman

Date of Next Meeting: Contact Clerk/Councillor for details.

Warslow Pre-School

Small friendly Pre-School based in Manifold C of E Academy.

We offer a wide range of activities to encourage your child to learn through play.

Ofsted Inspection rated good.

Open 5 days a week

9am – 3.10pm for children from 18months to 4 years.

Planned activities, Think 2 funding available - Funded places for 3-year-olds, 30-hour funding available - Further information from Amy Shaw 01298 84367

Leek's Silk Heritage

with

Cathryn Walton

**Wednesday November 1st at 7.30 (doors open 7pm)
Warslow Village Hall, SK17 0JL**

Many of you will already be familiar with Cathryn as she is a well known local historian covering Leek and the Staffordshire Moorlands and gives many talks and guided walks in our area. She has written several successful books about Leek and the Moorlands as well as family trees. Cathryn spoke several times when we used to meet at Hollinsclough.

This time we are pleased to welcome her to Warslow when she will tell us all about the story of Leek's Silk and Textile Mills. She will describe the working conditions as well as the lives of people who worked in the industry. What did Jacquard weavers, twisters, doublers, spoolers, examiners, packers and pickers all do anyway? Who do you think started Leek's silk industry? And why?

Come along and find out!

Doors will open at 7pm to give you time to have a drink, a cake and a chat! No need to book – just turn up. Entrance is just £4 including refreshments.

A quick reminder that we would be grateful for any raffle prizes for our regular Christmas draw in aid of Air Ambulance and make sure you raid your money boxes as tickets will be on sale at this November meeting.

***For more information please contact Janet at historylivewarslow@gmail.com
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2nd 7pm
 12th 10.45am
 19th 11am

November Services

All Souls Service
 Remembrance Service
 Holy Communion

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Vicar: In Vacancy

Church Warden(s): Situation(s) Vacant

Reader: Clare Day 01538 381773

On Sunday 17th September we celebrated our Harvest Festival service in the beautifully prepared St. Margaret's church, adorned by the fruits and flowers of its supporters. Thank you for the fruit, vegetable and bounteous floral tributes to the festival of harvest, plus the packaged goods donated to share our blessings with the food banks.

Our harvest supper followed on Monday evening the 18th. September, where a modest but enthusiastic company, shared a meal and toasted the harvest before supporting the auction of produce.

Thanks to all those that prepared and beautifully adorned the church and village hall, donated so generously to the evening meal, auction and raffle, raising over £260.

May we also take this opportunity to thank those people who supported Clare Day with the celebration of her licensing as Reader for the Benefice of Alstonefield, Illam and Wetton, at Lichfield Cathedral on September 9th. Congratulations to Clare on her accomplishment and gratitude to all those who have supported her in her endeavours.

St Margaret's Church 50/50 Lottery Results

The lucky winners in the October draw were:

- 1st Prize Lindsay Higton £52.50
- 2nd Prize Hilary Tidmarsh £35.00

You can join the lottery by paying £5 cash to Margaret Hodgkinson at Manifold Cottage.

The next draw will take place on Friday 17th November 2023.

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