

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

9th	12-6pm	'Christmas in Chippy' Christmas Market, Gifts, Crafts, Santa's Grotto, Fun Fair
9th	12.30pm	Christmas Lunch, L/Compton, V/Hall
9th	6pm	Carol Service, Little Compton
15th	8.30 - 2.00	Farmers Market, Chipping Norton
16th	11am	Carols, Salford
16th	11am	Carols, Cornwell
16th	4pm	Carols, Chastleton
19th	6.30pm	Heythrop Hunt Carol Service, Salford
24th	6.00pm	Candelit Carols, Little Rollright
24th	11.30pm	Midnight Mass, Little Compton
31st	7.30pm till late	New Years Eve Buffet & Disco Red Lion, Little Compton.

January

3rd	2.30pm	W.I. Little Compton, Village Hall
16th		Deadline for Centrepoint Entries
19th	8.30 - 1.30pm	Farmers' Market, Chipping Norton.
21st	5pm	Centrepoint Meeting

February

15th	7.00pm	Salford Quiz, Salford Village Hall
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We would like to have your information for next month's Centrepoint, please can we have it preferably by email to centrepointnews@hotmail.co.uk by **Wednesday 16th January**

If you prefer, you can contact your village representative

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Little Compton	Keith Ayres	07434 398324
Little Rollright	Jo Simpson	641503
Salford	Sue Fawdry	641206
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Dear friends,

Christmas is just around the corner again and there's loads going on in the Benefice, so I hope to see you at some point in the coming weeks. As ever, though, it's important for us all to pause and to look beyond the festivities to remind ourselves of what it is that we're celebrating each year at Christmas.

It doesn't take a moment to scan the news headlines, or even just to open our eyes as we walk around our town or villages, and to see the mess that we create in the world when we live for ourselves at the expense of others. But at Christmas perhaps more than any other time, we remember how God stepped into that mess: making himself vulnerable by living as one of us and giving himself to serve us within - and ultimately to save us from - our mess.

This Christmas, whatever mess your eyes are opened to see as you look beyond yourselves, may I encourage you not just to hide behind the superficial celebrations, but to ask how you can properly celebrate what Jesus has done for you by following his example?

It may only be in God's power truly to save, but every single one of us can choose to serve. It's when we give ourselves actually to step into the mess for the sake of others that we bring them not just the passing flicker of cheer that Christmas is so often reduced to, but real joy and real transformation. As we give ourselves to love and to serve, following the example of that baby laid in a manger 2000 years ago, that's when we can be surprised to discover the true meaning of joy. As we step into the mess and give ourselves, that's when lives are truly transformed - our own, and those of the people around us. It's my prayer that your lives are marked by **that** kind of transformation as you celebrate Christmas the way that Jesus does this year.

With every blessing,
James Kennedy (Team Rector)

The Fish & Chip Quiz which took place in November was a very successful evening, Grateful thanks to all who helped or came. We are presenting a cheque to "Help for Heroes" for £500.

The Red Lion, Little Compton
Buffet and Disco from 7:30pm 31st December
New Year Fireworks from Midnight
Everyone welcome



News from SALFORD - Contact Sue Fawdry 641206

Salford Inn – Christmas Opening Hours

Monday 24th Dec, evening only 6 - 11pm

Tuesday 25th Dec – Closed

Wednesday 26th Dec – 12-3pm (drinks only)

Monday 31st, evening only 6pm - 1am

Tuesday 1st Jan – Closed

Wednesday 2nd Jan - evening only 6 – 10pm

Carols at Salford all welcome
11.00am 16th December
Followed by mulled wine and
mince pies



Salford Village Hall

Quiz Night – Friday 15th February 2019

7.00 for 7.30pm (prompt start)

Tables / Teams of 4 (special terms for 3 or 5/6)

Tickets £12 per person – to include:

- Welcome drink on arrival
- Half-time supper of Boeuf Bourguignon, jacket potatoes and salad
- Vegetarian option (please request when booking)
- Cash bar and raffle

Bookings (essential): Willie Ross 07377 784680

salfordvillagehallevts@gmail.com

CHRISTMASSY - Singing for a Cuppa.

Salford village Hall. The 2 hrs is rounded off with a cuppa and biscuits

The next sing-a-long is on Friday 14th December 3-5pm just £2

Further info please contact **Doreen (01608 642853)**

Salford Parish Council meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in Salford Village Hall. Salford residents are always welcome to attend. Enquiries should be addressed to the Clerk Carol Ross **01608 641414** clerk@salfordvillage.org.uk.

Little Compton W.I. Icing sugar was much in evidence as members, under **Jayne Hanks'** guidance, tried their hands at making sugar paste Christmas roses for our Christmas cakes! We were amazed at what an expert can do when Jayne showed us some of her delicate work. December meeting is a party for members and their families only. The 2019 season for WI starts on January 3rd at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall with a suitably wintry talk, from **Pete Milner**, entitled Antarctic. (That's where penguins can be found). Come and join us for an interesting talk and refreshments.

St Denys' Church News

This year the sum of £200 was sent to " The Royal British Legion " The Remembrance service was attended by 87 adults, some extremely well behaved children and 3 beautiful Collie dogs. Six Wreaths were placed at the memorial along with numerous wooden crosses and poppies. A new banner of Remembrance has been hung in church to commemorate the 100th Anniversary.

St Denys' Carol Concert - Sunday 9th Dec at 6pm - Led by Rev David Salter with organist Peter Savidge

Bring along family and friends to what will be a very merry, light and jolly evening of traditional carols, chorales, and readings. Refreshment to follow.

There will be a Food Bank collection point in church on the night of the Carol Concert. If you can help, the food bank desperately need UHT milk and fruit juices, tins of fruit, vegetables, rice pudding and custard. Your kind act of generosity will help in relieving the pressure on local families. Some parents struggle to feed their children without the support of school meals, during Christmas Holidays.

I know charity letters are dropping through the letter box on a daily basis but please know whatever you give will go directly to a very local family. People use food banks because they are desperate; it is a last resort for some. It is not an easy thing asking for help.



If you would like food items collected, make a monetary donation, would like to learn more about helping or would like to talk to someone about getting support for yourself, please contact **Susie Cooper** on **01608 674 234**. All calls will be held in strictest confidence.

December Services

2 nd	No Services	in the 5 Villages	(*See note below)
9 th	6.00pm	Little Compton	Carols
16 th	11.00am	Salford	Carols
16 th	11.00am	Cornwell	Carols
16 th	4.00pm	Chastleton	Carols
23 rd	No Services	in the 5 Villages	(*See note below)
Christmas Eve	6.00pm	Little Rollright	Carols by Candle-light
Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Little Compton	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	10.30am	Cornwell	Family Communion
	10.30am	Salford	Family Communion
	10.30am	Chastleton	Family Communion
30 th	No Services	In the 5 Villages	Benefice Service Chipping Norton 10.45am



*December 23rd - Services in C/Norton (8am & 10.45am), Churchill (9.00am), Kingham (10.45 All Age Service)

January Church Services

6 th	No Services	in the 5 Villages	
13 th	11.00am	Salford	Holy Communion
20 th	9.15am	Salford	Holy Communion
27 th	9.15am	Salford	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	Little Compton	Songs of Praise

No Services during January in Cornwell, Chastleton or Little Rollright

Verses of the month - *Philippians 2: 5-8*

"...have the same mindset as Christ Jesus, who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross!

News for the 5 Villages

Shop, eat be merry!

Come along to Christmas in Chippy
Sunday 9th 12.00 till 6pm

Attractions include:

- Christmas Market selling crafts & gifts over 70 stalls
- Santa's Grotto
- Street Food Market – Crepes. Pizzas. Burgers
- Photos in Giant Snow Globe
- Fun Fair Rides – family fun
- Wonderful shops on Chipping Norton's High Street
- Street Entertainment
- Children's Lantern Procession
- Live Music

Helping to raise funds for St Lawrence Home
Nursing Team & The Friendship Club.



Farmer's Market Chipping Norton
Saturday 15th December 8.30 to 2.00pm

Come along to this popular market for your fresh
local seasonal produce.

- Home-baked Cakes, Pies
and Savouries
- Garden-grown Fruit and Vegetables
- Homemade Jams, Chutneys
- Locally produced Meat
- Home-grown Plants and Flowers
- Handmade Crafts
- Honey and Free-Range Eggs



9:00am – 11:00am every Saturday
Lower Town Hall
Chipping Norton

News from CHASTLETON- Katherin Townsend 674347

It was great that **Patrick Eve** organised a simple bell ringing at Chastleton Church to honour the End of the First World War. It was what you might call a scratch team!



But the unpractised, for sometime, ringers, Patrick Eve, son **Tom** and newby ringer, wife **Sarah**, plus **Des Townsend** and **Sarah Cotter-Craig** made a good sound of chimes for half an hour. They would liked to have been more ambitious, but need to practise, which means finding a new bell tower captain. Please spread the word that there are keen people who started way back; when our rector was **Glyn Evans** who was influential in helping raise the money via the Diocese. The villagers ran various fund raising events, including a dance at Chastleton House, pre NT, to be able to renew the works of the bells so they could be rung. It would be good to be able start again. It's always beneficial to learn a new skill and knit the community together.

Chastleton House

A good time was had by all who attended the tea party of Chastleton residents at Chastleton House, thank you.

Here is the chance of obtaining an early Christmas gift for yourself.
A nearly new Russell Hobbs Slow Cooker, One and a half litre.
Contact **Sue** on 01608 674214

News from CORNWELL - Contact Laurine Blackwell 658171

We welcome **Jolyon Fenwick** to the village.

Cornwell Carol Service

We look forward to welcoming you
to our lovely Carol Service
on the 16th December at 11 a.m.
and Christmas Day at 10.30 a.m.

