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# CLERGY LETTER

## Ascension Day

A wonderful and important festival it may be, but I have always found Ascension Day slightly awkward. This year it is on 9<sup>th</sup> May and, as always, it is a Thursday and so seems to be very neglected, not falling on a Sunday.

And the second reason is the depictions of it in art and children's books, with Jesus shooting up into the sky like some Apollo rocket, which hardly gives it the awe, dignity and majesty that it deserves. In reality, the Greek in Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, both of which have descriptions of it, has much more the sense of 'withdrawing from the disciples' sight' than any take off into the sky.

And this is the importance of it. At Christmas we celebrate God coming to earth and taking on our flesh as the baby, born of Mary. At Ascension we are celebrating the end of Jesus' life on earth as he slips from the earthly dimension to the heavenly. While on earth he was confined by time and space but now he is in the heavenly dimension he is no longer confined and can be with us wherever we are and into eternity.

And the other important thing to note is that there is no evidence in the biblical accounts that Jesus changed at all in his nature as he rose. So he was and is still as he was after he rose from the dead, where we know he was transformed in some extraordinary way. There was still a physicality about him, as he was recorded as being able to be touched, to have eaten and cooked a meal, so he was certainly not a ghost of just a spirit. But equally he was not recognised by his closest friends and could appear and disappear from locked rooms, so his body had not just resuscitated while he was in the tomb, but was changed in a miraculous way. And, as he showed doubting Thomas, he still had the marks of his crucifixion in his hands and feet.

So Ascension Day shows us that he is still alive, still in his resurrected and transformed body, but now in the heavenly dimension, at the right hand of God, able to be close by and walk alongside each of us through all our lives.

Let us all try to mark this important day, with praise and thanksgiving to our living Lord, and perhaps, if nothing else, say the special prayer for the day:

Grant, we pray, Almighty God,  
That as we believe your only begotten Son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ  
To have ascended into the heavens,  
So we in heart and mind may also ascend.  
And with him continually dwell;  
Who is alive and reigns with you,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and forever,  
Amen

Gerald Osborne

## Church Services in the Vale of Pewsey for May 2024

Date	5th May` 6th Sunday of Easter	12th May` 7th Sunday of Easter	19th May Pentecost	26th May Trinity Sunday
<b>Readings</b>	Acts 10:44-end 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17	Acts 1:15-17, 21-end 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19	Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:22-27 John 15: 26-27; 16: 4-15	Isaiah 6:1-8 Romans 9:12-17 John 3: 1-17
<b>St John the Baptist Pewsey **</b>	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Morning Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	4pm Muddy Church -
<b>St Mary, Alton Barnes</b>	11am Parish Communion		11am Parish Communion	
<b>St Stephen Beechingstoke</b>	11am Breakfast Church		9.30am Parish Communion	
<b>All Saints ** Stanton St Bernard</b>				11am Parish Communion
<b>St James * North Newnton</b>	11am Café Church	11am Morning Prayer		
<b>St Peter Manningford Bruce</b>		9.30 am Morning Prayer		9.30am Holy Communion
<b>St Mary Magdalene # Woodborough</b>	8am Holy Communion		11am Morning Prayer	
<b>St Nicholas Huish</b>				8am Holy Communion
<b>Holy Trinity Oare</b>	11am Parish Communion			
<b>Holy Cross Wilcot</b>		11.00 am Parish Communion		6pm Evensong
<b>St Peter ** Milton Lilbourne</b>	6pm Evensong	9.30 am Holy Communion BCP	11am Morning Prayer	
<b>Holy Trinity Easton Royal</b>		11.00 am Morning Worship		11am Parish Communion
<b>St Andrew Wootton Rivers</b>	9.30am Parish Communion		9.30 am Moring Prayer	
<b>St Peter Charlton St Peter</b>		6pm Evensong		6pm Parish Communion
<b>St Matthew Rushall</b>		11 am Holy Communion BCP	11am Holy Communion	11am Matins
<b>St Mary # Upavon</b>	9.30 Informal	9.30 am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	
	<b>Ascension Day 9th May 7.30pm at St Nicholas, Huish</b>			
	* Access for Wheelchairs # Loop system for the hard of hearing BCP Book of Common Prayer All other services Common Worship			

# FROM THE REGISTERS

## Funerals

Dennis Roberts Funeral at St Peter, Milton Lilbourne on 20th March 2024

Peter Waine Funeral at St John the Baptist, Pewsey 9th April 2024

Harry Dalton Funeral at St John the Baptist, Pewsey 12th April 2024

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Pewsey Methodist Church, **Sunday Services 10.30am**

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**Catholic Parish Priest:** Father John Blacker 01672 513267

Regular Services at Holy Family, Broadfields:

**Weekday Mass, 12.00 pm Friday      Vigil Mass at 6.00 pm Saturday.**

### *Useful Numbers*

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Upavon Chapel **2nd Sunday of each month at 3.30 p.m**

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## What's On in May

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>** Coffee Morning: Woodborough Parish Hall, 10.30

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>** Pig Race Night : Manningford Village Hall 7 for 7.30

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>** Coffee Morning: Coronation Hall, Alton Barnes, 10-12

Coffee Morning: Rushall & Charlton St. Peter Village Hall, 10 -12

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>** Mayday Concert: St. James' Church North Newnton, 4pm

Muddy Church and Picnic:, Milton Lilbourne 4pm

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>** Carer's café: Wesley Hall, 10.30-12

Pewsey Vale Arts Society: Bouverie Hall, 2.30pm, Hermitage Museum

Pewsey Vale Gardening Club: Bouverie Hall, 7pm Somerset Gardens

APCM, Alton Barnes: Coronation Hall, 7pm

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>** Upavon APCM: 6.30pm

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>** Big Brekkie: St John's Church, 8.30 to 10.30am

Coffee Morning: Wilsford Village Hall, 10.30 - 12

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>** *Blue Bus: Burbage Village Hal Car Park, 6pm to 8pm*

Railway Society: Woodborough Social Club,19.30, Canadian Travels

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>** Good Companions: Woodborough Parish Room,2pm,

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>** Enford Film Club: Village Hall, 6.30 for 7.15, White Mischief

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>** Coffee Morning: Upavon Church, 10-12

Youth Group: Canoeing at Westbury, about 11.30

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>** Muddy Church: St. John's Pewsey, 4pm



## THE ST TIMOTHY FOUNDATION

Dear All, We are working hard to send the next contribution in July to the schools in South Sudan that The St Timothy Foundation supports. The funds are being divided, through the decision from the local Archbishop's consultation with the Bishop of Nzara, to give a very small salary to the teachers of two primary schools that are meeting 'under the mango trees'. The majority of the support though continues to be for the teaching at The St Timothy's pre-Primary and Primary School. Education is key in the Archbishop's strategy to bring the people out of poverty.

The Microfinance programmes are proceeding well after receiving a capital injection last November as many more women are now able to start a small business to finance food and clothes for their families.

Thank you to all of you who supported St Timothy's at Pewsey Tea Rooms on Easter Monday despite the weather! We are hoping for better weather in May when **we will be opening the Pewsey Tea Rooms on both May Bank Holidays ie. 6<sup>th</sup> May and 27<sup>th</sup> May from 10am – 2pm with a Plant Stall outside. Still on the theme of plants and refreshments we will have the annual plant sale at Fairacre, North Newnton on the 18<sup>th</sup> May from 10am – 2.30pm. We do hope you will join us.** If you cannot make any of the dates and you would like to find out about the plants that are available then do have a look at the website below and call me if you would like to come and view/purchase.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> June we will have our popular **Afternoon Tea (Menu on the website and in this magazine) in the marquee at Fairacre from 2.30 - 5pm. Tickets are £17.50 per person. This year we will be entertained by Morris Dancers!** ( see page 18)

There is more information on all of our events on the website plus the latest news update. Tickets for the Afternoon Tea are available online, in The Lunch Box and Around the Word.

With all good wishes, Ann (Chair), [reverendannmassey@outlook.com](mailto:reverendannmassey@outlook.com)

The St Timothy Foundation, 01980 630256, [www.sttimothy.org.uk](http://www.sttimothy.org.uk)

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## PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL

On 6<sup>th</sup> April we held our Community Event which was very well attended. Thank you to all who visited us.

Our Community Awards went to:-

Mike Way – For looking after the gardens around the Bouverie Hall for many years, to such a high standard.

Carol Parsons – For her work for Carnival and Cossors Shop

Collette Messon & Annie Diston – for getting the Gardening Club up and running again, and Gardener's Question Time.

Micky High & Roddy Fishlock – For all their hard work with the Hasbeens.



Monica Ford – For her work as a First Responder, she has helped many people through difficult times.

Tina Thomson – For helping many of us with our physical and mental health through running – with ‘The Plodders’ and ‘None to run’

Cathy & Michael Waring – For all their work in keeping the Bouverie Hall running.

Pewsey Fire & Rescue – For the moving funeral procession for Mark Hillier and their dignity throughout the service. You made Pewsey very proud.

The winners of the Pewsey Primary School Poster competition were-

Yr2 – Jacob, Yr3 Aurora, Emily T, Skyla-Rose, Logan, Yr5 Noah, Elsa, Elsie, and Bayley.

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### **Children’s exam papers**

*The following real-life answers to various exam papers explain why teachers need long holidays...*

*What is a nitrate?* Cheaper than a day rate.

*What was Sir Walter Raleigh famous for?* He is a noted figure in history because he invented cigarettes and started a craze for bicycles.

*What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common?* Unusual names.

*Name one of the early Romans’ greatest achievements.* Learning to speak Latin.

*Assess Fashion House plc’s choice to locate its factory near Birmingham. Is Birmingham the right location for this type of business?* No. People from Birmingham aren’t very fashionable.

*How does Romeo’s character develop throughout the play?* It doesn’t, it’s just self, self, self, all the way through.

*Name the wife of Orpheus, whom he attempted to save from the underworld.* Mrs Orpheus.

*Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed?* At the bottom.

*State three drawbacks of hedgerow removal.* All the cows will escape. The cars drive into the fields. There is nowhere to hide.

*Why would living close to a mobile phone mast cause ill health?* You might walk into it.

*What is a vibration?* There are good vibrations and bad vibrations. Good vibrations were discovered in the 1960s.

*Where was Hadrian’s Wall built?* Around Hadrian’s garden.

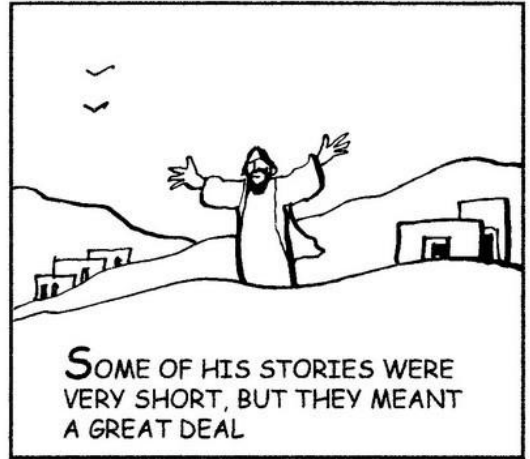
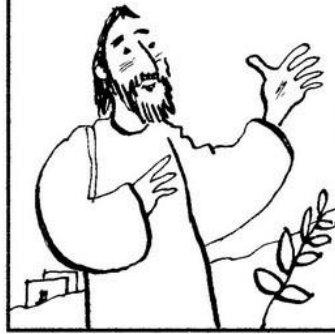
*The race of people known as Malays come from which country?* Malaria.

### **Lots of seats** *Seen in a church magazine:*

The church hall is available for hire for groups and parties. There is a well-equipped kitchen and disabled toilet facilities, with the capacity to seat up to 80 people.

# The tale of the Mustard Seed & the tale of the Yeast

JESUS OFTEN TOLD  
STORIES WITH  
HIDDEN MEANINGS



SOME OF HIS STORIES WERE  
VERY SHORT, BUT THEY MEANT  
A GREAT DEAL

ONCE JESUS EXPLAINED HOW  
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN  
WAS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED

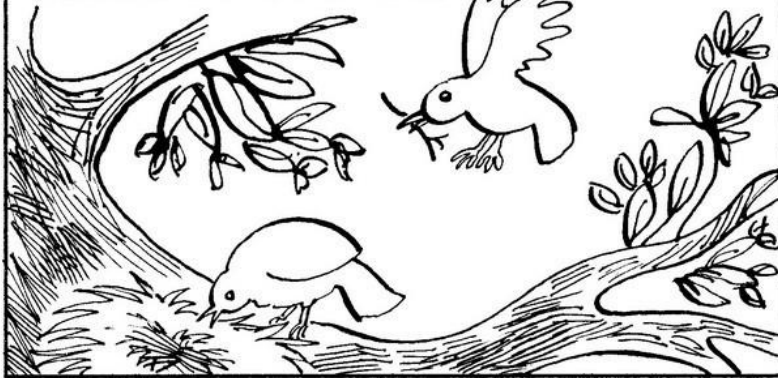


IT IS ONE OF THE SMALLEST  
OF SEEDS....



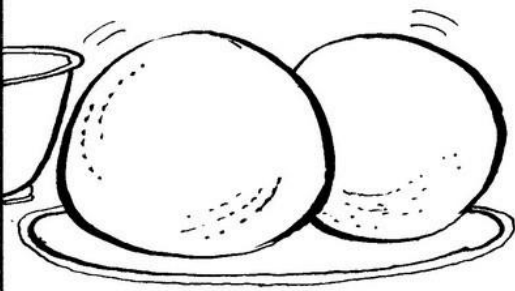
BUT WHEN IT GROWS UP IT IS  
THE BIGGEST OF ALL PLANTS

IT BECOMES A TREE, SO THAT BIRDS COME AND MAKE  
THEIR NESTS IN THE BRANCHES



JESUS ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE  
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE YEAST.

EVEN THOUGH IT'S A TINY INGREDIENT,  
WHEN IT'S MIXED WITH THE FLOUR,  
THE WHOLE BATCH OF DOUGH RISES



THIS WAS JESUS' WAY OF SAYING THAT EVEN IF WE  
HAVE A SMALL AMOUNT OF FAITH... IT CAN MAKE A  
HUGE DIFFERENCE TO OUR LIVES, AND TO THE LIVES  
OF OTHERS.

# YOUTH GROUPS

## Hot Chocolate on the Blue Bus

Burbage Village Hall May 14th 5pm to 8pm for 11-16 years, djs@openblue.org.uk



## THE VALE OF PEWSEY TEAM – YOUTH EVENTS

It's been a very busy time recently for the Young People. They helped perform the amazing passion play on Good Friday. Then 17 of us went on a climbing wall trip, even enjoying home cooked pizzas and hot chocolate afterwards.



From now on, to help school transition, all our events are OPEN to anyone in top year of Primary School. The programme currently planned for May is below.

Friday 3 May 7-9 pm Youth Chill out at Vale Campus Sports Centre

Sunday 5 May 6 pm Sunday@6 [relaxed, informal service in St John's Pewsey]

Friday 10 May 7-9 pm Youth Chill out at Vale Campus Sports Centre

Sunday 12 May 4-6 pm Youth Group meets for food, fun, a message in St John's Pewsey

Fridays 17 & 24 May 7-9 pm Youth Chill out at Vale Campus Sports Centre

Saturday 25 May about 11.30 am Trip to Westbury for Canoeing. about £20 each.

Sunday 26 May 4-6 pm Muddy Church usually at St John's Pewsey [no youth group after]

Friday 31 May 7-9 pm Youth Chill out at Vale Campus Sports Centre

- We encourage young people to bring friends along to any event.
- We always need parental consent and contact details.
- All leaders are DBS checked and safeguarding trained.
- Youth events are NOW OPEN to anyone in top year of Primary School.
- If you cannot find the details you can always check out -
- Email us on [youth@valeofpewsey.org](mailto:youth@valeofpewsey.org)
- WhatsApp message us on 447941388852 <https://wa.me/447941388852>
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Anne, Vicky & Rob

## Hand Bells Now Being Rung In The Pewsey Vale

I have been asked to write a short piece on how we, the Pewsey Vale Hand Bell Ringers, came into being, what we are doing and how you might become involved, if you are interested in creating music on these most melodic of musical instruments. If I had been asked to do this 12 months ago it would not have been possible, as we have only been in existence, as a hand bell choir, since August 2023.



It was in March 2023 when I was talking to Alison Kent, the clerk to the Parish Council in Pewsey, she told me she had a friend who was looking to pass on 'some hand bells', with no more detail than that. She knew I was a church bell ringer and I thought we could possibly use them to practice our ringing methods without the need to make quite so much noise, and that we could do it anywhere. I told her I was interested and thought no more of it, until.... About 2 months later I had a call from Alison to tell me the hand bells had arrived and could I collect them from the Parish Office, oh, and I ought to bring the car...

On arrival we were greeted with 7 sturdy wooden cases, 8 large fabric covered foam cushions, and a large black case, full of music for hand bells. To say that my wife and I were overwhelmed is an understatement. We opened the wooden cases to reveal a total of 46 hand bells, 3 ½ octaves of beautifully crafted chromatic bells in custom-made cases. We honestly did not believe we would ever become the guardians of such an amazing set of musical instruments.

We took them home and I began by inspecting each bell, checking it over, with the help of various YouTube videos, to even begin to understand exactly what we had. They had not been played for a few years, following the disbanding of their previous choir, and several did need some work, replacing clapper tension springs and setting up. I was keen to get in contact with the previous owners to find out where they had been used, who the choir was and any more information on the history of these hand bells.

I wrote a letter to the previous owner and found out they were rung by a choir called The Corum Ringers, who were based around the Rochester area in Kent. They had not been rung for about 10 years and the cases of hand bells, along with the accompanying paraphernalia, had been in storage in various lofts for many years. They had decided to pass them on, in the hope that they would be rung again for the enjoyment of others. And that is where we came in...

We collected the hand bells in mid-May, spent some time refurbishing them and YouTubing how to ring them, looked into how to access music for them and joined the Hand Bell Ringers of Great Britain (HRGB) to gain access to their vast resources of music, FAQs, contacts, insurance and so much more. To be honest, although I have been a church bell ringer for more than 15 years the difference between church bells and these 'tiny' hand bells is really worlds apart, and I had to develop a whole new set of skills, and be able to show others how to ring them too. Was I having second thoughts? Who wouldn't!

From our church bell ringers, there were 6-8 people who had expressed an interest in ringing the hand bells, some of them had experience of ringing hand bells but no-one had rung recently. This was enough, with my wife and me, to organise a taster evening at the Church Room in St. John's, Pewsey. At that first



meeting, in August, everything was very tentative, we started by learning how to hold the bells, one in each hand, what the action should look like to ensure a consistent sound from the bell, how to 'damp' the bell to prevent it ringing on, working out who preferred to work with smaller or larger bells and gradually worked towards ringing 'rounds' on 12 bells, 6 ringers with a bell in each hand. We also learned to treat these little marvels with respect, not clanging them together, not dropping them, practicing lifting and placing them down safely. With each of the bells having an average replacement value of around £500 it does tend to focus the mind.



We decided to meet once a week to practice for an hour, at each practice we started with beautiful rounds to get warmed up and make sure the bells were OK! We started to work our way through some of the music downloaded from the HRGB in number notation and we began to become more relaxed as the tunes began to emerge, playing both melody and harmony. As we were practicing mainly Christmas Carols, it was decided to offer to play at the Pewsey Medieval Market on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December. This would be our first public performance which, of course, adds some additional pressure to a choir who had never rung hand bells in public before.

At the Medieval Market, we were scheduled to play for 30-40 minutes at the start of proceedings, we had also involved a couple of members of the Pewsey Male Voice Choir to lead the audience singing so that we could accompany the carol singers, making for a great opportunity for us to concentrate on the playing while the audience sang the carols. This worked even better than we had hoped and everyone had a great time. Several people approached us afterwards and said how wonderful it was to hear hand bells in the church again (apparently, the church used to have a set of hand bells but they had been stolen).

Since then we have continued to meet weekly, mainly at Pewsey Church on a Monday evening from 6:30-7:30pm, but we have also practised in St. Mary's, Upavon too. We have moved on from Christmas Carols for the moment and expanded our repertoire enormously. Most of our current group come from the Upavon area and we are keen to involve as many other local people, who would like to learn, or return, to hand bell ringing, as possible, even creating an additional practice based at St. Mary's, if the demand is high enough.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has learned to ring with us, who has supported us and to the very generous Corum Ringers for giving us the chance to learn an amazing new skill and present us with such an awesome challenge. We are a group who rings for pleasure, who are quite happy to make mistakes in the knowledge that we have all been there before you, to enjoy making music through the medium of hand bells, and above all to have fun while learning and playing. We do ask for a nominal donation for each practice session to help cover insuring the bells, printing music and administration.

If you would like to become involved, learn to ring, can already ring and would like to help us, or just come along and give it a try, please contact Nigel Talbott on 07899 805 423 or email at [nigel.talbott@gmail.com](mailto:nigel.talbott@gmail.com)

## NURTURE NATURE

With the Middle East wars prominent in World News, Foreign Secretaries come to mind. Many of us in our history lessons at school will remember the now famous quote of Sir Edward Grey in August 1914 at the pending outbreak of the Great War. On 3<sup>rd</sup> August, having explained cogently in Parliament why Great Britain had to go to war with Germany he returned to the Foreign Office. At dusk he could see from his desk the lamp man igniting the lamps in St James's Park. He remarked to his secretary 'The lamps are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime'. However, as well as holding a high State office he was a countryman at heart, and a great lover of Nature and an eminent ornithologist, studying robins when up at Oxford and elsewhere, and stone curlews on the family estate in Northumberland. He fed the birds at all the properties he was associated with as well as closer studies of wild fowl whilst at his beloved fishing cottage in Hampshire. Whilst Foreign Secretary he meticulously studied the flora and fauna of St James's Park. One morning the water bailiff took Grey to see a Little Grebe's newly hatched brood. Mother Dabchick, rather concerned at the presence of humans, clucked to her chicks, which paddled over to her and all got onto her back and under her wings, and with them thus concealed she swam away to the safety of the reeds. So, it was as an ornithologist of some standing that Grey should also be remembered as he had a 'Special Relationship' with Nature and wrote about such knowledgeably and charmingly. Our connection with Grey of 110 years ago, when Great Britain was at the height of her industrial power, the world's population was billions less than now and global warming would have appeared gobbledegookish with thoughts backwards in time to the then little studied Planet's hot and cold periods over millions of years. Why, it is robins! Some residents have noticed a decline in the number of these iconic birds over the recent winter of extreme inclement weather, freezing periods but mainly due to excessive rainfall resulting in flooded habitats and environments, thereby reducing food sources and shelter over prolonged periods. More wind storms than usual wiping out early nesters and ever-changing climate patterns - all have made real inroads in bird and wildlife numbers pretty well over all continents. Thereby, it is our duty to do all we can to protect, help and regenerate our environment for wildlife. Let's hope the migrant numbers will be better this year, and the dawn choruses stronger. To assist in identifying and aiding songbirds [www.songbird-survival.org.uk](http://www.songbird-survival.org.uk) is a useful source



Otis Tarda

NOTE It may be of interest to know that Sir Edward Grey was the first British politician to establish the 'special relationship' with the United States. With the help of a song bird common to both Britain and the US, whilst on a walk with the former President of the US, Theodore Roosevelt, in the New Forest. Roosevelt heard a bird song which he recognised as the bird was also a resident in his country. The bird – the tiny Gold Crested Wren! Let's trust that this 'special relationship' remains strong in helping to solve the current difficulties in the world.

*Ed: 3 Hedgehogs are back in my garden. April 6<sup>th</sup> first house martins, but no bats yet.*

Watch Peregrine Falcons at Salisbury Cathedral [Live Peregrine Nestbox Webcam | Salisbury Cathedral, UK](#)

## PEWSEY VALE RAILWAY SOCIETY

Tuesday 14th May 19.30 "Canadian Travels" Alec Thomas, and Railwayana Auction  
Tuesday 11th June 19.30 "An evening with railway photographer Jack Boskett"  
Tuesday 9th July 19.30 "How the North Warwickshire Line was Saved" Fraser Pithie

Meetings in Woodborough Social Club SN9 5PL  
Admission £3, non-members we

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### Pewsey Vale Gardening Club

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at The Bouverie Hall Goddard Road Pewsey SN9 5EQ 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Complementary refreshments are served prior to the meeting.

The Speaker will be Abigail Ballinger her subject will be Somerset. A county of Gardens.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> April Pewsey Parish Council awarded us For Services to the Community of Pewsey at their Community Event. This is a great honour for the Committee and our Members for which we are very grateful.

Membership fees for this year are £5.00 Visitors @ £2.00 each new members and visitors are always welcome. Our season runs from October to June with meetings on the first Tuesday of each month except January and outing to lovely gardens etc arranged by Annie Diston cost vary accordingly. We also have the Flower of the Month competition with the Bill Bailey Cup awarded to the winner for the season.

CONTACT DETAILS PV\_GC@yahoo.com



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### Charity Starlight Walk returns for a glowing night of fundraising fun

The highly anticipated Starlight Walk, a flagship fundraising event for Prospect Hospice, is set to return this year, bringing together hundreds of local participants on Saturday 29 June at 8:30pm. This year introduces a fresh 10km and 15km route, starting and concluding at The Deanery CE Academy in Wichelstowe, with a stop at Town Gardens, Old Town for reflection.



Open to all, the charity encourages individuals to join with friends, family, and co-workers for a fun night while raising vital funds. Entry fees start at £12 and all participants are asked to raise a minimum of £100 to help the hospice care for local people living with a terminal illness and their families.

To sign up, visit [www.prospect-hospice.net/starlight](http://www.prospect-hospice.net/starlight)

## ENFORD FILM NIGHT – ‘White Mischief’

‘White Mischief’ is the elegant 1987 film which dramatises the unsolved Happy Valley murder case in Kenya, starring Charles Dance, Greta Scacchi and Joss Ackland. Directed by Michael Radford and based on James Fox’s book about British aristocrats living in Kenya’s Happy Valley during World War II. It is the true story of an affair which rocked society.

21<sup>st</sup> May, Enford Village Hall. Doors open at 6.30 for 7.15 pm start. Tickets £8 to include a glass of wine and canapes! Come along and enjoy the drinks and gathering at the bar beforehand.

Film Night Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 18 June, No film in July and August, Tuesday 17 September, Tuesday 22 October

Tuesday 19 November

For further information please contact Theresa Horsey [etphorsey@gmail.com](mailto:etphorsey@gmail.com)

Mobile 07775 673110

**News Flash:** Broadband has now been installed at the Village Hall ready for our plans to screen Live Performances from the Royal Opera House and the National Theatre, as well as making it easier for us to access a wider range of films through Netflix, Amazon Prime et al. We are planning to update film club equipment with a new projector, CD player, upgraded speakers and a wall mounted electric screen. Once we have finalised the quotations we plan to apply for grants to help towards the cost.

NB To help with planning future film nights, please let the organisers know (via email or at film club nights) if you have suggestions for what you would like or would prefer to see – latest films, retro films, and perhaps opera and ballet performances (live and/or recorded by the ROH, NT and Glyndebourne)

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## PCC PEWSEY 100 CLUB, 2023-2024

It’s still never too late to join the PCC Pewsey 100 Club.

The winners of the April draw were: Number 59 U Osmond, 30 S Russ, 1 R Charnock

Of course, it’s not too late to renew and to join. The next prize draw will take place in June, – you need to be in it to win it.

Forms and details are in the Church, or you can contact me or Libby Newman for more information. Please encourage others to subscribe!

With very best wishes to you all, Liz Whitebread , Tel: 07789517370

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We’ve told you about many of Pewsey Vale u3a’s activities, but there is plenty more to come. How about indoor games, such as mahjong and whist, board games and bridge? Or maybe you’d like to hear about military or local history, or travellers’ tales. And we can offer you singing, music appreciation or wine tasting and appreciation. We have so many activities to choose from, spread through the month, and you can be sure of a warm welcome. Have a look at us on <https://pewsey.u3asite.uk/> or you can phone us on 07434 710161. What are you waiting for?





## PEWSEY VALE ARTS SOCIETY

The Arts Society - Pewsey Vale will hold their May lecture on Tuesday 7th May at 2.30pm in the Bouverie Hall. The lecture is entitled, "**A Window into Russia: A History of the Hermitage Museum,**" by Dr Rosamund Bartlett.

*The lecture charts the history of one of the world's largest museums, from its foundation in 1751, through to the 21st century. From Catherine the Great and other Tsars' voracious appetites for collecting, plus the addition of priceless collections acquired after the 1917 October Revolution, the museum's eventful history provides a revealing window into the peculiarities of Imperial and Soviet Russia.*

Rosamund Bartlett is a writer, scholar, lecturer, cultural historian and translator specialising in Russian Literature. She has written biographies of both Tolstoy and Chekhov, has translated Anna Karenina and is a Trustee of The Anton Chekov Foundation. She lectures regularly on Russian art.



Pewsey Vale will hold their June lecture on Tuesday 4th June in the Bouverie Hall. The lecture is entitled, "**Off the Record: Album Cover Art 1950 - 2000**". The speaker is Rupert Dickens.

*Some of the most iconic images of the 20th century were created, not for galleries, or private patrons, but for record sleeves. The zebra crossing immortalised on the cover of the Beatles' "Abbey Road" album has become a place of pilgrimage. This talk will explore the art of the album cover and reveal the close connections between visual and musical creativity, in this vibrant period of popular culture. Album covers have been designed by artists such as Andy Warhol, Peter Blake, Yoko Ono and a host of other artists and designers.*



Rupert Dickens is an art historian with a special interest in European 16th and 17th century painting. He is an accredited lecturer for The Arts Society and works at the Wallace Collection as a guide, conducting public and private tours and lecturing on aspects of the collection. He also accompanies groups on art-themed tours to the Netherlands, Belgium, France and Italy.

Doors open at 2.00pm and refreshments are available. Non-members are welcome - £7 on the door. The lecture begins at 2.30pm and usually lasts an hour.

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## Pewsey Community Land Trust

The planning application for 8 Market Place, Pewsey is well underway and secured the support of Pewsey PC at the planning meeting on March 27th. We would like to thank Pewsey PC for their continued support of this project through its various phases. We have had some communications during the process and hope for a positive outcome after so much effort. We would also like to thank those members who have commented to Wiltshire Council planning portal in support of the application and the project.

However, time moves on and we would like to invite you to save the date for the Pewsey CLT AGM. This is planned for Thursday June 6th at 6-30 pm at St John's Church, 20 Church St, Pewsey SN9 5DL. Please do come along to hear the latest news. Dawn Wilson, Comms Pewsey CLT, 01672 563917/ 07467 391809

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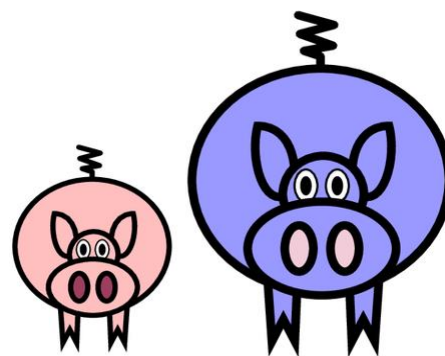
## MANNINGFORD

**St Peter's Church** Many thanks to all those who made the church look so beautiful for Easter – a real team effort. There will be two services in May: Morning Prayer at 9.30am on 12 May and Holy Communion at 9.30am on 26 May, both followed by coffee and biscuits.

### Village Hall

**REVISED DATE for 'PIG' RACE NIGHT** in Manningford Village Hall  
- **Friday 3 May**

7 for 7.30 pm start. Tickets £10 per person, including supper, must be purchased in advance from Sue on 07990 548852 or Victoria on 07736 450540.



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### Choral concert on Saturday 1 June 2024

**'My spirit sang all day'**

**St Peter's Church Manningford**

**Doors open at 6pm for a glass of wine before the concert starts promptly at 6.30pm.**

Conducted and introduced by acclaimed vocal coach and musician Rachel McCorry, The Sharcott Chamber Group will sing a selection of timeless sacred and secular choral music from across the centuries, including works by Finzi, Mozart, Mendelssohn and Bruckner. The choir is a tightly-knit ensemble based in Wiltshire who have shared years of musical experiences including recent tours in the US, Netherlands, France and Belgium. They have chosen St Peter's Church because of its excellent acoustic and are kindly donating their services in return for using the space for a recording during April.

**Tickets £15 to include a glass of wine (and a top-up in the interval!) in aid of essential roof repairs for St Peter's Church. Performance ends at 8.15pm.**

**Tickets must be purchased in advance via online banking. Account name: PCC Manningford Sort code: 30-92-63 Account number: 01724232 Reference: Please write 'Concert' and your name**

**The church has limited space so please book early to be sure of a seat. There will be managed parking close to the church. Any enquiries, please email [genevieve.clarke@btinternet.com](mailto:genevieve.clarke@btinternet.com)**

**Village Hall** Please get in touch with Victoria Marshall at [victoria73marshall@gmail.com](mailto:victoria73marshall@gmail.com) or on 01672 569077 / 07736 450540 if you would like to hire the Village Hall or find out more about the wide range of regular classes held there.

## HUISH with OARE

Thursday 9th May – Ascension Day - 7.30pm Team Holy Communion

Sunday 12th May – Sunday after Ascension Day (Easter VII) – 6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 26th May – Trinity Sunday – 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Although very early in the morning with the clocks being put forward, our Easter Day service at St Nicholas was another lovely occasion, with a good attendance. Many thanks to visiting priest Reverend Keith Lambdin who took this service for us. A big thank you to Diane for making up the lovely Easter Garden and preparing and cleaning the church for this special Sunday. Rhona officiated at our Evensong service, and a thank you to Jenny Fry for playing the organ at this service in place of our own organist, who is recovering from an operation on his left hand.

As always, we look forward to seeing you at any of the above services at which you will be very welcome.

### Holy Trinity Church, Oare

Sunday 5th May – Easter VI - 11.00am Parish Eucharist

Our Easter Day service was a very joyous occasion with a good congregation and some good singing. A thank you to our visiting priest Reverend Andrew Smith, for taking this service for us, which was much appreciated. The children of Oare Primary School made the beautiful Easter Garden situated at the back of the church, which was admired by all. A thank you goes to them and their teachers who helped them to make it.

On the following Sunday, our service was led by the Reverend Ann Massey. Many thanks go to Michael Fay for so kindly stepping in to play the organ for us at this service, covering for our own organist who is recovering from a recent hand operation. Michael's playing was much appreciated by the congregation present, encouraging much vigorous singing of the hymns.

As always, we look forward to seeing you at any of the above services at which you will be very welcome.



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## **NORTH NEWNTON, HILCOTT & BOTTLESFORD**

We hope you'll join us for these enjoyable events to raise money for the church tower roof which needs attention this year! Quotes and necessary permissions are being sought; as St James' is a Grade 11\* listed building this is complicated but necessary!



**Sunday 5th May 4pm at St James' Church**

**'A May Day celebration; traditional songs and music from around the British Isles'**

There will be a group of local players with audience participation encouraged but not obligatory! Lyrics supplied! Come and bring friends to enjoy the the pleasure of community singing!

£10 including cream tea from The Little Lunch Box in Pewsey, by emailing [hepburnescott@gmail.com](mailto:hepburnescott@gmail.com) or at the door (if space allows) in aid of Tower Appeal

**'Tower Treasure Trove' bazaar and Fun Dog Show in aid of St James' Church Tower Appeal Saturday 14th September** Items for sale can be donated or 'for sale' on a 50/50 basis; donors get 50% and church 50%. FULL details can be found on the parish website [NNPC.org.uk](http://NNPC.org.uk). So, if you are turning out or down-sizing please bear this event in mind! There will be lots of roles to play for volunteers so do get in touch! Jennifer [jbrisker1@aol.com](mailto:jbrisker1@aol.com) 01672 851925

### **COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING**

Coffee mornings take place on 2nd Saturday of the month from 10.30 to Noon at Wilsford Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. We always have delicious cake and a raffle.



**Hilcott Village Hall Trust**

**You are invited to a Cheese and Wine evening on Friday 14 June at Rushall Village Hall from 7 - 9 pm.**

We would like to share news and an update on our plans for Barnard Meadow and the Hall. This is a fundraising as well as an awareness raising event, so tickets will be £5 for a glass of wine/soft drink and cheese. Extra drinks will be available for purchase. A raffle will be held during the evening.

Tickets available from our email address - [hilcottvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:hilcottvillagehall@gmail.com)

**PARISH HISTORY** A very interesting, detailed history of the parish dating back a thousand years is available on the parish website [NNPC.org.uk](http://NNPC.org.uk)

**Thank you to the resident** who has repaired the steps so avoiding a muddy bank on the Gores Lane footpath. A 'good neighbour' deed.

There is currently one vacancy on the Parish Council, if you would like to find out more about the role and what it entails then please email the clerk.

## **ALTON PRIORS, ALTON BARNES and HONEYSTREET**

St Mary's Church, Alton Barnes:

Sunday 5th May, Holy Communion at 11am

Sunday 19th May, Holy Communion at 11am

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of St Mary's Church Parochial Church Council (PCC)



will be held on Tuesday 7th May at 7pm (in the Coronation Hall, Alton Barnes). All are invited to attend; and encouraged to join the PCC to help manage, maintain and support this beautiful and special church set in the Vale of Pewsey - thought to be one of the oldest and smallest churches in England, of Saxon origin, and which has been a place of worship for over a thousand years.

Presently there is a vacancy for the important and fulfilling role of Church Warden- parishioners interested in applying for this role are asked to contact the Reverend Mark Windsor (markwindsor923@btinternet.com)

Coronation Hall , Alton Barnes

Monthly Coffee Morning - join us on the first Saturday of each month, 10am to 12pm. A warm space and a place to meet friends! Bring and buy - produce, homemade items, anything you want to sell! Coffee, tea and delicious cakes. Everyone is welcome!

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Please contact Richard Heacock for further details and to book the hall (richardheacock@mac.com)

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## **MILTON LILBOURNE**

It was wonderful to see a large number of people from the village at our service on Easter Sunday. The church had been decorated beautifully by the flower arrangers to whom we are very grateful. The service was followed by an Easter Egg hunt for the children which always proves popular.

On the first Sunday in May (5 May) at 4pm we will be holding the third of our services at this time, particularly suitable for families and young children, although everyone is very welcome. On this occasion we will be going for a Muddy Church walk, considering nature and learning more about hedgehogs at the beginning of Hedgehog Awareness Week. We will meet at the Church at 4pm and after the walk join together for a bring and share picnic in the churchyard (or in church, if wet).

There will be a churchyard working party for an hour on Saturday 18 May commencing at 09:30. Any help you can give in keeping the churchyard tidy will be very much appreciated.

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## PEWSEY, ST JOHN'S

### Good Friday Passion play

The Youth Group, along with some superstars from PVADS, produced a most moving presentation of Christ's passion on Good Friday. Congratulations to all, especially Jan Hunt-Watts who masterminded the production.



### Sunday@6

This informal service takes place on the first Sunday evening of each month. In April, we welcomed the new chaplain of Dauntseys School - the Rev Jez Barnes, to speak. In May we shall be thinking of 'Thy Kingdom Come'. This is a prayer initiative started by the Archbishop of Canterbury which begins on Ascension Day and lasts until Pentecost. Come along on May 5<sup>th</sup> to discover more and watch out for the logo below.



## UPAVON

The church was beautifully decorated with flowers at Easter, and the whole village is in full bloom, with daffodils, cowslips, apple trees and cherry trees. If you haven't visited Upavon recently there are lots of lovely walks, including new gravel path from Whistledown towards Rushall. Or walk from the church down to the river.



You are very welcome at all services, especially at our lay led Informal Worship, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

There are monthly coffee mornings in the church, usually on the last Saturday of the month, 10 -12. The next will be on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Do come, especially if you are new to the area, to make new friends.

And the foodbank now also has many books to borrow.

# WOODBOROUGH Church and Parish

## Rooms

"May is the month of promise and the sweet beginnings of summer."

(Author Unknown)

Church services will take place as advertised on page 3. A warm welcome will be found if you choose to attend.



The Woodborough Parish Room Coffee Morning will be held on **Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup>** from 10.30am. All are welcome and the cakes are wonderful!

**Good Companions meets on Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup>**. A group for semi retired/retired persons, offering an opportunity to meet others from Woodborough and surrounding villages, and join in with an activity. The activity for this month is a visit to Studley Grange Garden Centre, near Swindon. For further information contact - Brenda Geard 07738053850 or email

### Looking Ahead

**A Midsummer Concert in Woodborough Church on Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup>**, featuring **Pewsey Players and Take 5**. Further details will be available next month and through local advertising of the event.

#### LICENSING ACT 2003

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
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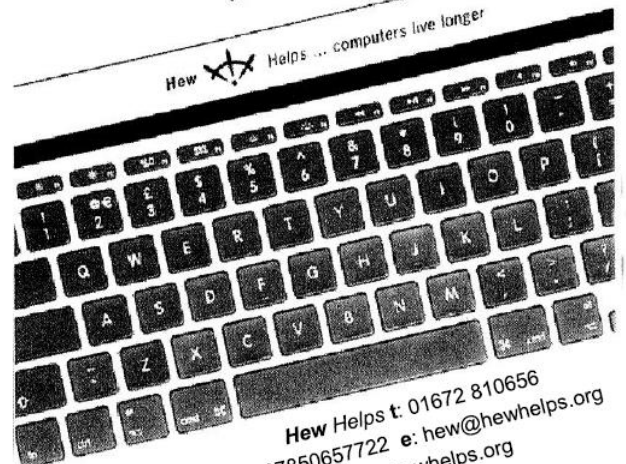
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