

CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2019
JANUARY 2020

Church Services at St Andrews For December 2019 & January 2020

2019

- 1 Dec Advent Sunday 11am Morning Praise Rod Carless
8 Dec 11am Holy Eucharist Revd Philip Morton
15 Dec 11am Holy Eucharist Revd Clive Leach
20 Dec **Friday** 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight Revd Philip Morton
22 Dec 11am Holy Eucharist Revd Philip Morton
24 Dec Christmas Eve 11pm Midnight Mass Revd Timothy
Hupfield
25 Dec Christmas Day 10.30am Family Service Rod Carless
29 Dec 11am Benefice Eucharist by Extension at Badsey

2020

- 5 Jan 11am Morning Praise Rod Carless
12 Jan 11am Holy Eucharist Revd Philip Morton
19 Jan 11 am Holy Eucharist Revd Clive Leach
22 Jan Wednesday 10 am Holy Eucharist Revd Timothy Hupfield
26 Jan 11am Benefice Eucharist Revd Ruth Walker at South Littleton

Revd Philip Morton, The Vicarage, High Street, Badsey, Evesham
Worcs WR11 7EJ 01386 832599

Churchwardens

Rod Carless Lis Hughes

Safeguarding in our Benefice

Benefice Safeguarding Officer – Lisa Farmer Tel.01386 40401 ,
Safeguarding Advocate – Elizabeth Spencer Tel. 01789 720078

For enquiries concerning Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals contact the
Benefice administrator, Wendy Stafford. Tel. 01386 424728

*St. Andrew's Church
At Christmas*

*You can worship here on Friday 20th December at 6.30pm
with Carols and Readings by Candlelight
(Followed by mulled wine, coffee etc in the Church)*

Sunday 22nd 11,00am Holy Eucharist

*And on
Christmas Eve 24th December
THE FIRST EUCHARIST
OF CHRISTMAS
Midnight Mass
At 11.00 pm*

*And
Christmas Day 25th December
A Service for all the Family
At 10.30 am*

From the PCC

The generosity of the people who live in this village continues in abundance to support St Andrew's Church and the appeal for the restoration of the roof.

On 26 October there was a full house for the night of "Rat Racing" which raised a grand total of £1,081, an evening that everyone seemed to enjoy. This was followed shortly by the "Christmas Upcycle Sale" particularly for the roof, the income from which, including donations, amounted to £622.50. So far, up to the end of October, the Roof Fund has received a total of £5,183.90 including donations, of which £1,536 has been spent on the detailed inspection of the tower fabric.

We are extremely grateful for all the support we receive.



CHRISTMAS TREES

A reminder that I am taking orders for trees and wreaths with proceeds going to St Andrew's Church roof restoration fund. Please contact me.

The last date for orders will be 9 December.

Mick Hughes

Ron Colbourne

I would like to thank the people of Cleeve Prior for the support I have received during Ron's illness. This is a truly unique village where everyone looks out for one another.

Thank you all.

Pat

The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Villages

It's that time of year again! It's nearly time to start counting down the days with advent calendars as we look forward to all the excitement of Christmas. It's a time of year where we particularly look forward - Christmas and the New Year are both only just around the corner. We look forward, in all kinds of ways, to the excitement, celebration and togetherness of the weeks to come.

In our looking forward, we can also see that it is a season of following. Perhaps most obviously, it's a season full of traditions. Whether it's carol singing, going to midnight mass, opening advent calendars, setting out a tray for Santa, complaining how early (or late) Christmas decorations appear, singing Auld Lang syne, staying up until midnight, or so many other possibilities, the next few weeks are full of traditions that we follow to help us to get into the holiday spirit and celebrate.

We follow our hearts, too. December gives us a particular opportunity to embrace the 'season of goodwill' and make sure we find time to spend with our family and friends, to think about those our our hearts and those in need, and to celebrate with people who have walked alongside us in the last weeks and months.

With the beginning of a new year many of us then look to examine ourselves and our lives, and set ourselves goals to (try to!) follow, to help us get fitter, save money, lose weight, etc... an opportunity to reprioritise things in our lives, and follow a new path.

Shortly after the New Year, Epiphany is celebrated - the visit of the wise men to baby Jesus. Their following of a star is a reminder that it's a star that we can follow too - that the momentous event of Christ coming into the world, which was seen by the wise men, changed the world forever. We, too, can follow the star, find Christ, and follow all that he did, taught and embodied.

Whatever it is that you follow this Christmas season, I hope it's a wonderful time that brings joy, peace, hope and love. Merry Christmas!

Fr Timothy Hupfield

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

November 2019

The Council meets the second Monday of each month, except for August, at 7:30pm in the War Memorial Hall. If a parishioner has any comments or concerns please contact the Clerk or a councillor.

Chairman Peter Wilson: wilsonatparkbourne@btinternet.com

Cllr Ian Robinson: irobinson773805@gmail.com

Cllr Mary Smith: marysmith.message@virgin.net

Cllr Ron Solomon: ron.priorhouse@gmail.com

Cllr Kevin Mellor: kevinjohnmellor@gmail.com

Cllr Douglas Carr: austin.carr@talk21.com

The Council welcomes Kevin Mellor and Douglas Carr as new members. Council work couldn't have been that bad as this is the second stint for Kevin! There is one seat still available for co-option. Please contact the Clerk or Chairman if interested.

Please be aware that the recent flooding has made the use of the Parish Wharf facilities such as the steps to the river and the seat dangerous. Please avoid using these parts of the Wharf and any other sections deemed unsafe as determined by personal inspection.

There have been reports of vehicles blocking Hoden Lane during school drop off/pick up times. The Council reminds parishioners that parking is available on the Garage forecourt, the slip road between Main St and the Garage and near the Memorial Hall. Please remember that large vehicles need access.

The refusal of planning application 18/01727/OU (land off Haywood Way) has been appealed. The Council objected to this application for a proposed change of use as a residential caravan site for six Gypsy/Traveller families each with two caravans and erection of six utility buildings. All representations made to WDC have been forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate. The Council will be submitting further representations in regard to the appeal.

The Council set its 2020-21 Budget. The highlights include:

Precept remains unchanged at £22,000

- Revenue (non-reserve allocated) expenditure: £18,365
- Forecasted Full Year 19-20 Reserves: £34,607
- Legal Fees (planning application battles?) is the highest risk item: £9,700 reserves
- Playground reserves £10,000
- Full Year 20-21 Forecast Balance of £41,952

I am sad to report that our Lengthsman has resigned. The search for a replacement has only just commenced, however, if any parishioner is interested and wants to know more about the position, please contact the Clerk. The position pays £15 per hour for up to 10.5 hours per month.

Through the efforts of Cllr Smith, the Council made the final three of the Wychavon District Council Village of Culture competition. This comes with a £1000 donation to support Cleeve Prior's Cultural Programme. Should the Council be placed first, the prize is increased to £5000. Keep your fingers crossed and be sure to congratulate Cllr Smith when you next see her.

The South Worcestershire Development Plan is currently out for consultation. This "Preferred Options" consultation sets out the Council's draft policies and identifies those sites which could possibly be developed for housing etc. Cleeve Prior has been potentially earmarked for a 5 dwelling site off Main St between Nut Tree and Kemis House. You can have your say at www.swdevelopmentplan.org/

If you run a local community organisation and need a grant for vital equipment or service, please feel free to apply for one from the Divisional Fund by contacting Cllr Adams at adams.pebworth@gmail.com.

For a more complete picture of what the Council is up to please see the Minutes on the Council website: www.cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk/

*.Sean Arble, Clerk to the Council
01789 490 501 clerk.cleeveprior@gmail.com*



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL



Well we survived the disruption of the floods and the children (not to mention staff) certainly enjoyed the extra days holiday!

Unfortunately, we had to postpone 'Children in Need' but we have today, all come to school in our pyjamas, covered Pudsey in small change and raised a wonderful £75.52p for this very worthy cause.

In our achievement assembly, which also had to be rearranged, Class 3 shared their paintings of poppies and talked about the servicemen of the village who lost their lives in WW1. We would like to express our thanks to the Cleeve Prior Chroniclers for the information and photographs of these gallant men. This information made it so much more personal and relevant for the children.

By the time you read this, rehearsals will be well under way for our Christmas production. The performances will be on Wednesday 11th December at 1.30pm & 6pm and Thursday 12th December at 6pm. You are all most cordially invited to come and watch – small angels and shepherds can be very entertaining.

On Wednesday 18th December, we will be going to Swan Theatre in Worcester for our annual pantomime visit which this year is Snow White and the Seven Dwarves. We are very grateful to the PTA for paying for the coach.

Our KS 2 pupils are looking forward to performing for the elders of the village at their Christmas lunch on Tuesday 17th December. We are also hoping to go to Cavendish Care Home to entertain the residents.

This year we are organising a 'Reverse Advent Calendar'. This is where everyone sends in donations of specific items which will support the work that Caring Hands in the Vale do for the homeless and needy families in the area. I have included a list of all the items we shall be collecting on a daily basis. I appreciate that it would not be practical for you to visit every day so if you

would like to contribute in any way please feel free to drop your donations in to the office and the children can add them to our calendar on your behalf.

We are very excited about visiting the Kings Arms on Friday 20th December for our Christmas dinner. We are extremely grateful to Donna, Henry and their team for putting this on for us.

And finally Many, many thanks for all the contributions to our Rags 2 riches collection which raised a massive £217! Thank You.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year

Sarah Newbury

Suggested Donations for the Reverse Advent Calendar

Dec 1st	Dec 2nd	Dec 3rd	Dec 4th	Dec 5th
Mince Pies Christmas Pudding	Christmas Cake Yule Log Christmas Crackers	Christmas Biscuits Chocolates Sweets	Pringles Schloer Nuts Tinned Salmon	Selection Boxes Cheese Biscuits Tinned Ham
Dec 6th	Dec 7th	Dec 8th	Dec 9th	Dec 10th
Bar of soap Wipes	Toothbrush Toothpaste	Shampoo	Deodorant (not spray)	Toilet roll
Dec 11th	Dec 12th	Dec 13th	Dec 14th	Dec 15th
Small towel	Hat/Gloves/Scarf	Socks and pants (new)	Tin Opener Small first aid kit	Plastic Plate/Dish/ Cup (good quality) (bbq type)
Dec 16th	Dec 17th	Dec 18th	Dec 19th	Dec 20th
Plastic Knife/Fork/Spoon (good quality) (bbq type)	Drink/bottle of water and some 'treats' such as chocolate	Thermal 'space' blanket Blow-up travel pillow	Bottle/ container for cold drinks	An insulated travel mug for hot drinks/



CLEEVE PRIOR
WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL
email: cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com

Cleve Prior events over Christmas and New Year

Sunday 1 December: Christmas Lights and Carol singing

Come with the family to the Memorial Hall at 6 pm
to celebrate the start of Christmas.

There will be the switching on of the lights with carols around the
tree. The pop-up bar will be open with mulled wine and mince pies.

Sunday 15 December: Christmas Quiz in the Hall,

Doors open from 7 pm. Ring 773805 to book your table.

Tuesday 17 December: Seniors' Lunch, 12.30 pm

Complete the booking form on the next page if you have not already
done so.

Friday 20 December:

Carol Service in St.Andrew's, 6.30 pm

Boxing Day Walking Treasure Hunt

Bring out your families for some post-Christmas fresh air.
Clues can be collected from the Kings Arms from 12 noon.
Answers must be returned by 2 pm for adjudication

The Remembrance Day talk

has been rescheduled for Wednesday 15 January in the Hall.
See announcement on page 16.

All Hall events can be booked via the Hall email address above.

Seniors' Lunch

Tuesday 17 December, 12.30 pm
Cleeve Prior Memorial Village Hall

The Seniors' Lunch is offered by the Hall Management Committee to all residents over 60 years of age. If you would like to enjoy the lunch and entertainment on Tuesday 17 December, and have not already given your name to the organisers, please fill in your details below and return the form to one of the following Committee members, by **Monday 9 December**:
Mrs Susan Mortimer, Eastcote, Mill Lane, or
Mrs Rosemary Perl, Steppes Cottage, Cleeve Prior Manor

The Hall Management Committee looks forward to seeing you on 17 December.

PLEASE PRINT YOUR DETAILS:

Name 1:

Name 2:

Address:

Telephone:

Please tick here if you have special dietary requirements.

Details:

Please tick here if you require transport to the Hall.

Please tick here if you are unable to come to the Hall and would like your meal delivered.



Our Meeting on 13 November was held at Annette's home and was very well attended. It was our annual NWR telephone Quiz. This quiz is hotly contested by NWR groups throughout the country. The format being that the groups start with one clue and then have to telephone a designated number, give their answer then receive the next clue and this continues throughout the evening. There is always a theme to the quiz and once that has been worked out, it should make answering the questions easier. This was not the case last year but the organising group this year - Battle and District - put together an excellent selection of questions some fairly easy and some which took a bit more puzzling so that the evening was most enjoyable. This was aided by the wine and nibbles provided by Annette.

We felt we did rather well but we hope not too well as the winners have to organise the quiz for the following year!

Our next meeting is our theatre visit on Tuesday 14 January to the RSC to see *A Museum in Bagdad*, organised as always by Liz Hughes.

Evelyn Wilson

Women's Fellowship

The November meeting was lessons on watercolour painting. Don gave us all help and advice on how to do it. We found it enjoyable and interesting and finished with home-made cake and tea.

On Tuesday 3 December our meeting is making a table decoration, so bring along a small container, oasis, flowers and greenery. Carol will do the refreshments.

On Wednesday 8 January we will have lunch at The Kings Arms at 12.30pm. Please let me know if you cannot come.

On Tuesday 4 February Don has kindly said he will do art with us again. Don't forget your paint, pencil and brushes. Bridgett will do refreshments.

Meryl Holdbrook



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust **Orchard Planting Project** **We Need Your Help!**

Saturdays 7 and 14 December, 10am to 1pm

As part of our grant scheme with Natural England, we are extending the Orchard by the Hovel. Part of this involves clearing a patch of scrub 75m by 20m so that we can plant 44 fruit trees in two rows. We need help to carry out the following jobs:

Scrub Clearance

Dense growth of old bramble/ briar/ creepers has to be cleared to get access to the young trees and saplings which are too big to be cleared by the tractor flail.

Tree Felling

The small trees have to be taken down to ground level so we can manage the regrowth with the mowers.

Felling of 12 large trees and prepare them for chipping . The branches to be removed, cut into lengths and stacked for chipping later.

Once the trees are felled we need to excavate to 3 inches along one side of the stumps so we can chain saw them off to ground level.

Bonfire

There is some hawthorn which may need to be burnt as horrible to handle.

Meet at top car park, Field Barn. Please wear stout boots and clothing. Thick gloves and eye protectors if you have them. We have a good supply if you don't have any. We have loppers, saws, shears and secateurs, but if you have your favourite please bring. Knowing our events please bring waterproofs!!! WE will of course provide hot and cold drinks/ biscuits.

Please put this date in your diary and come along to help develop and maintain your Community Orchard. It's a good opportunity for those of you who work to come along and help on a Saturday morning.

There is a range of jobs and many hands make light work!

Brian Taylor, Chair of Trustees briandwtaylor@gmail.com



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY A Traditional Ceilidh

In the Memorial Hall

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and brush away those winter blues!**

Doors Open at 7.30

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CLEEVE PRIOR GARDEN CLUB

Cleeve Prior Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm on
4 December Christmas Social - and
8 January talk on
"The vegetables to be grown on clay soil"
given by Brian Taylor

On 6 November we had an excellent talk from Harry Green - the Head Gardener of Morton Hall. After an initial brief history of the garden he gave us a month by month insight into the general maintenance required for the upkeep of the gardens.

A few of the many useful tips were: planting lime nicotiana amongst pastel shades is very effective in lifting colour; pruning roses in January to prevent damage to later emerging tulip bulbs; sprinkling chilli powder on top of compost and under a layer of gravel in tulip pots is a great squirrel deterrent.

A Tulip Festival will be held at Morton Hall on May 2, 3 and 4, 2020, which I can thoroughly recommend visiting

4 December 2019

Mulled wine and nibbles will be served and all details of the evening will be forwarded to members in due course.

8 January 2020

After a short AGM, Brian Taylor will be giving us the benefit of his experience with "The Vegetables to be grown on Clay Soil".
2020 Subscriptions will be due at the usual rate of £15.00 at the AGM and new members are warmly welcomed.

I would like to wish all our members and visitors a very Happy Christmas and an enjoyable gardening year in 2020

Jan Stewart

Cleeve Prior Remembrance Day Talk

The Chroniclers Annual Talk commemorating Armistice Day, which was postponed in November 2019, has been re-arranged.

The talk will now take place on
Wednesday 15th January 2020
in the Memorial Hall: Doors open at 7.30 for 8.00 pm.

(Put the date in your diary NOW).

Tony Bourne presents:

"Life and Death on the Burma Railway",
the railway that was made famous by the film *The Bridge on the River Kwai* and became known as the Railway of Death.

The talk is based on his father's account of survival as a Prisoner of the Japanese from 1942 to 1945. It covers his escape and subsequent capture following the fall of Singapore, and the daily fight for survival during the construction of the railway, which claimed the lives of tens of thousands of his fellow prisoners in the brutal conditions of the disease-ridden jungle camps.

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Food served 6 – 8.30 pm.

Saturdays: 12 noon till 11 pm. Food served 12 noon till 8.30
pm.

Sundays: 12 noon till 6 pm. Food served 12 noon till 5 pm.

See next page for Christmas hours.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you all for your
continued support, .

Donna, Henry and the team

All enquiries to 01789 601706

Kings Arms Christmas hours:

Monday 23rd: closed day and night

Tuesday 24th: open 9am till 11am, breakfast, pre-booking essential. Open 6 till 11 drinks only, no food

Wednesday 25th: open 12 till 2pm, drinks only

Thursday 26th: 12 till 5pm, food 12 till 4pm

Friday 27th: open 6pm till 11pm, food 6 till 8.30pm

Saturday 28th: open 12 till 5pm.

Closed in the evening for a private function

Sunday 29th: 12 till 5pm

Monday 30th: closed day and night

Tuesday 31st: New Year's Eve party, £10 a ticket, disco and nibbles

Wednesday 1st January: closed

Thursday 2nd: closed

Friday 3rd: open 6pm till 11pm, food 6 till 8.30pm

Saturday 4th: back to normal

First quiz night of the year, **Sunday 2 February**: ring to book your table.

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VILLAGE NOTICES

The WCC Mobile Library service makes one stop in the village on the 4th Tuesday of each month. It will stop in The Close between 10:15 and 10:35 am.

Cleeve Prior Memorial Village Hall **200 Club winners, November**

£50: A & C Beech

Winners for December and January will be announced in February



Safer Neighbourhoods Team

Constable Jamie Lee

PCSO Bradley Sansom

Collar no.2803

Collar no.40246

PCSO Elliott Wilson, Collar no.40271

The Team will be holding regular informal drop-in sessions in the Police Post on Thursday morning between 10 and 11 am (operational needs permitting). Village residents are invited to call in and meet the team for a chat or to report issues of concern.

St Joseph The Worker Catholic Church

Quinney's Lane, Bidford on Avon B50 4JL

Times of Mass: 5.30pm Saturday; 11am Sunday

Parish Priest: Canon Garry Byrne

Telephone: 01789 773291 Website: sjtw-bidford.org.uk

A warm welcome to all visitors

VILLAGE EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Contact	Venue
1 Dec	Christmas lights switch-on	18.00	Mgt Cttee	Hall
3 Dec	Women's Fellowship	14.15	M Holdbrook	Hall
4 Dec	Garden Club	19.30	J Stewart	Hall
7 Dec	Orchard Project	10.00	CPHT	Field Barn
9 Dec	Parish Council Meeting	19.30	Par.Clerk	Hall
11 Dec	Christmas Production		School	
	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	Hall
12 Dec	General Election	from 07.00	WDC	Hall
	Christmas Production		School	
14 Dec	Orchard Project	10.00	CPHT	Field Barn
15 Dec	Christmas Quiz	doors open 18.30	Mgt Cttee	Hall
17 Dec	Seniors' Lunch	12.30	Mgt Cttee	Hall
20 Dec	Carol Service	18.30	PCC	St.Andrews
26 Dec	Treasure Hunt			Kings Arms
2020				
4 Jan	Fellowship lunch	12.30	MH	Kings Arms
	Garden Club	19.30	J Stewart	Hall
13 Jan	Parish Council Meeting	19.30	Par Clerk	Hall
15 Jan	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	Hall
29 Jan	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	Hall
	Bridge Club	19.30	B Taylor	Hall
1 Feb	Ceilidh	19.30	CPHT	Hall
2 Feb	Quiz Night	19.00		Kings Arms

The CP Bowls Club meets in the Hall on Tuesday afternoons and evenings and on Thursday evenings, from September to May.
Contact: Les Bratt on 773651.

Exercise classes in the Memorial Hall.

Mondays, 18:15 – 19:15, **Yoga**.

Wednesdays, 10:00, **Tai Chi**

Fridays, 09:15, **Pilates**

Should anyone wish to take part in these activities, please book through the trainer at the Hall at the appointed time.

The Rotas, December / January

Sidesmen

1 Dec	Mr C Greenwood
8 Dec	Mr S Lupton
15 Dec	Mrs S Robinson
20 Dec	Mr J Tamayo (6.30pm)
22 Dec	Mrs L Mallet
24 Dec	Mr A Taylor (11.0pm)
25 Dec	Mrs S Robinson
29 Dec	No Service at Cleeve
5 Jan	Mrs J Taylor
12 Jan	Mrs E Marshall
19 Jan	Mrs M Greenwood
26 Jan	No Service at Cleeve
2 Feb	Mr S Lupton

Church Flowers

1 Dec	No Flowers in Advent
8 Dec	
15 Dec	
22 Dec	
25 Dec	Mrs A Carless
29 Dec	
5 Jan	Mrs J Selby
12 Jan	Mrs A Carless
19 Jan	Mrs L Hughes
26 Jan	Mrs A Carless
2 Feb	Mrs G Carr

Church Cleaning

Mrs S Richards	
Mrs B Walker	
Mrs L Hughes	
Mrs J Winter	
Mrs L Hughes	
Mrs L Hughes	
Mrs B Walker	
Mrs N Blakely	
Mrs L Hughes	
Mrs A Carless	



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