FROM THE RECTORY

Dear Friends

Where has God gone? If He has gone anywhere that is.

I wonder if this exchange in one of our churchyards makes sense to you:

Him: “I’m really not sure of my faith”

Me: “But you give your tomatoes more chance to grow than your faith. It isn’t as if you put your tomatoes in the greenhouse in June and then ignore them until August!”

At which point we exchanged a long look and went our separate ways. I hasten to add this exchange took place within a secure relationship; otherwise I would not have been so direct.

We all wish the Lord would break into our lives more directly. We all yearn for Him to make Himself unmistakably present. The psalmists complain along these lines often enough. e.g. “Answer me O God”. “Why have you forsaken me?” “Incline your ear to me”

To which the reply comes back, OK, I will make myself accessible and visible and unmistakable. Look out for a birth in the Near East. It won’t be popular but the child-become adult will either comfort you or make you really uncomfortable. His last words on earth will be “I am with you always”

And there lies the solution to insecurity in our faith. We seek to connect ourselves with that person. And it is relatively easy. To quote from the Tablet, a Roman Catholic periodical:

People come to faith in Jesus Christ by encountering him through the reading of Scripture and in the life of the Church, and asking themselves, in prayerful humility - who is this man? they are helped by other people's similar experiences and other people's responses.

These four points are the equivalent of looking after tomatoes well in a greenhouse. Tomatoes need warmth, and water, and food and protection from bugs. Our faith also needs such simple nurture and protection.

The initiative lies with us not with God. He hasn’t gone anywhere. He has a fond smile waiting for anyone who tries to work out what it is to give their own faith a chance.

Enjoy your December season of God making himself obvious!

Blessings

Matthew

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EDITOR’S COMMENT

Dear Readers,
Well here is the last issue of the year and a few festive items are mentioned. If music is your thing then do not miss the Carols on the Green page 3, or the Wherwell Singers Christmas concert page 30. I hope you have your Christmas jumpers ready for the Christingle service on Page 5. If you are a film fan, order your tickets for Nether Wallop movie night. For details see page 28. The Wallops U5s Christmas party and the Primary School Christmas fair are advertised on page 30.

The minutes of the Over Wallop and Nether Wallop Parish council meetings held in November will be available on line at www.overwallopparishcouncil.org.uk and www.netherwallopparishcouncil.uk in due course.

Please take some time to read about the plans for the Over Wallop War Memorial and for the Brownjohn Garden allotments. And don’t miss our last instalment for 2017 of Nigel Pond’s Country File about his work at Dene Farm and beyond. A flint harvest indeed! Susan Simmonds is back this month with a fascinating account and description of small mammals found near Winchester. And talking of small mammals, the Church Mouse has been enjoying the various occasions for worship and remembrance on page 29.

I owe an apology to Tanya Hudson for previously omitting to include her notice of thanks for your support at the MacMillan Coffee morning held in September at the Wallop Artists Exhibition. It is reproduced here on page 4. Finally may I say Thank You and Happy Christmas on behalf of the Magazine Committee to our local businesses and organisations who have advertised in the Wallops Parish News in 2017?

Happy Christmas
Anne Scott
Please join us for
The Nether Wallop Carols on the Green
At 7pm on 8th December 2017

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Merry Christmas
MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan coffee morning held at the Wallop artist’s annual exhibition. Once again the support was tremendous, not just those who came down to the hall on the day to enjoy the coffee and cakes and donated financially but also to all the wonderful bakers we have within the wallop community without whom we would not be able to offer such an amazing array of bakes. Mary Berry would have been impressed, even Paul may have approved!

Our thanks also go to the artists who invited us to join them in the hall and we look forward to another great day next September.

We are thrilled to let everyone know we have sent £524 to Macmillan, £424 was raised on the day and the remaining £100 was an individual donation from within the village.

Macmillan are there to give their care and support to people when they most need it, our donation from the Wallops will help in the most valuable work that they do.

Thank you
Tanya Hudson

WALLOP MOVIE NIGHT SUCCESS

On 20th October, we held the first Wallop Movie Night film, 'Alone in Berlin', starring Emma Thompson and Brenda Gleeson -- a harrowing but compelling story, brilliantly acted.

I had imagined that we might be doing well to get an audience of around 30-40 but all 80 seats were sold out well in advance. Everyone in the audience seemed to enjoy the film and it was another opportunity for newer villagers to meet their neighbours. As we don't have a liquor licence we have included the price of a glass of wine in the ticket price of £8 and for non-wine drinkers there are soft drinks. All profits go to the parish council for local works.

All in all, quite a success that brought around £250 into the coffers. Movie Night will take place once each month on a Friday and will be advertised in this magazine. The best way to know when they're on is to get yourself on the Village 'Pump' by sending Helen James (aitchsj@hotmail.com) your email address.

We hope to see you at the next film 'Hidden Figures' on Friday 15th December.

Ian Courcoux

DOG FOULING

The editor has received more than one note from readers about fouling by dogs of community areas...please be considerate to other users of these spots by clearing up your dog’s mess.

STOCKBRIDGE COUNTRY MARKET

Are you aware that every Thursday morning in the Town Hall in Stockbridge there is a country market? This year it will celebrate 20 years of serving the community with local home grown produce, homemade cakes, biscuits and savouries, crafts, books and bric-a-brac as well as tea and coffee in a welcoming and friendly environment. In the run up to Christmas the market will be extending its opening hours on Thursday 7 December and 14 December from 10am to 1.30pm to allow more time for that all important Christmas present browsing and buying. There will be light lunches available and lots of extra Christmas goodies to buy for all the family, all with festive cheer in abundance. Why not make a shopping trip to Stockbridge on a Thursday morning and see what we have to offer? The market will also be open on Thursday 21 December during our normal opening hours of 9.30 to 11.45 so do come and see us.

Pam Quick
Christmas Jumper
and Christingle Service

Wrap up warm in your favourite Christmas jumper this Christmas Eve and revisit the Christmas Story.

St Peter’s Church, Over Wallop 5.30pm
Followed by Mince Pies and Mulled Wine.

In aid of The Church of England Children’s Society.
The NOYO Club is heading for its second birthday! Such an achievement for a small village society and we are extremely proud. In case you were not aware, or are new to the village, the Not On Your Own Club is a monthly tea party, which is held on the last Sunday of the month. The idea is simple: if you are over 55, single and live in the Wallops then you would be most welcome to join us once a month so that, for a little while, you will not be on your own. I recently heard a most scurrilous rumour that the NOYOC is a singles club! Nothing could be further from the truth. We meet, chat, drink tea and eat a prodigious amount of cake! There are regular fixtures like raffles, speakers and quizzes. So do join us, we would love to see you.

The late October meeting was the usual treat. A room full of people chatting and taking part in the activity laid on. This month everyone had a go at drawing. Shirley supplied the paper and pens, chatted about the items on tables to be sketched. The conversation died down as everyone began to concentrate on sketching! After half an hour, there were some lovely pictures to be displayed ranging from vases of flowers to hands and even some houses. This was a very different activity to the usual ones and a great success.

Tea and cake were served, to everyone’s relief, and the volume of chatter escalated. It was interesting to hear about the recent trips out for afternoon tea. On Wednesday 25th October, the NOYO Club visited the Wilton shopping village and had tea at the garden centre. There was a good turn out and everyone enjoyed the visit. Many members were appreciative of the very scenic routes taken by the drivers. One of the problems of being elderly is the inability to get out and about, so a drive out on a beautiful autumn day was much appreciated.

The final meeting of 2017 is not an afternoon tea, but the Christmas Lunch! The NOYO club is going the Black Horse at Hurdcott for lunch on 8 December. Please make sure you have told Shirley if you would like to attend.

The first meeting for 2018 is on 28th January. Have a peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Next meeting: 28 January 2018
Where: St Peter’s Church Hall, Over Wallop
Time: 2pm – 4pm
Cost: £2
Lifts can be arranged if transport is a problem.
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As usual it’s a bit hectic at Dene Farm. After harvesting flints at Breamore Estate in August we have been busy bringing them home. We guesstimated that we had just under 1000 tonnes to bring back. Simon and George have got to know the way to Breamore fairly well.
The flints were harvested from a very picturesque field on the top of the Whitsbury Downs right next to the lovely Whitsbury Stud.
Once back on Dene Farm the flints all go over the sieve where we take the small ones out. We bag them up and they go off to Winterborne Stickland just the other side of Blandford where they are knapped (broken or chipped to shape) and go into flint blocks. If you see the flint stones in New builds they may well have come from us!
On the farm the stubbles wait for Simon’s return and the attempts to try to get it ploughed up before Christmas. Probably a job to finish in January. Our wheat looks ok with only a very small amount of pellets used to kill those pesky slugs.
We are still sticking to all mulling varieties. The rape is slightly late for my liking. It went in a bit late and the lack of sunshine in September and October has subdued it somewhat.
So we look forward to 2018 and hope that our harvest will be better quantity than 2017. On behalf of Richard (Osmond) and myself, HAPPY CHRISTMAS to all of you. And may you buy lots and lots of Beer, whiskey, English Lamb Bread and so on. Perhaps one or two of you could build a house of flints!!!!

Nigel Pond

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Matthew Grayshon regularly leads teams to enable diocesan conferences in the DRC. He has just returned from two weeks in Lubumbashi. This time there were three conferences.

The photo is after a service of commissioning. It is of a group of strong able visionary people who have taken time off work for this training and mission.

Matthew was impressed, astonished and deeply moved by the ability of the team to both enculturate the material and rework it into a more appropriate shape. It was thrilling to watch. His fellow team member from South Africa remarked, “They have de-colonized the material”. This is a strong insight into how westernized we have made far away people, and how important it is for them to engage with God from within their own culture and not ours.

Matthew so appreciates the churches of the parishes who gave over £4,000 to make his travel and work possible. His next visit is to Goma at the end of April.

The festive season is nearly here once again. Hopefully the New Year will not bring too many requests for us to take in unwanted Christmas presents. We do not re-home cats in the two weeks running up to Christmas, as it is only fair to let a cat settle in before the festivities start. An exception to this rule is a household where there are no children and the occupants are spending a quiet Christmas with no guests.

Homing Enquiries 0345 260 1501 or andover.cats.org.uk
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Woody is a charming, tabby and white, 4 year old, boy. He is very friendly and likes a lap. He could possibly live with a well-behaved small dog.
ST ANDREW’S NETHER WALLOP
CHURCH BUILDING TRUST

QUIZ NIGHT
SATURDAY, 27th January 2018

The Trustees of the St Andrew’s Nether Wallop Church Building Trust invite you to participate in a fun quiz night at the Nether Wallop Village Hall on Saturday 27th January 2018 at 7.00 pm for a prompt 7.30 pm start.

Tickets are on sale at £15.00. This includes a glass of wine upon arrival and supper. There will be a cash bar. Each table will comprise of a team of 8. It is possible to either buy a table or be seated by us.

Numbers are limited, so tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis. Please return slip below, together with your cheque, to Carrie Askey-Wood by Monday, 22nd January 2018.

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Autumn is a beautiful season. I love the changing colours of the leaves, the nuts and berries along the hedgerows and the insects filling up on the last few sips of nectar from the ivy flowers before they seek shelter for the winter.

Autumn is also the perfect time to study small mammals. Every October I set a number of small mammal traps around Winnall Moors in Winchester and then return the following morning to see what we’ve caught. The traps are filled with hay and a variety of food and set two nights running. On the first night, the traps are set to stay open. Small mammals can go inside and munch on some food and then leave if they wish to. This gives them an opportunity to find the trap and get used to it. On the second night, the trap is set to close as the animal walks inside.

The following morning, the animals are caught, identified, weighed, sexed and then released. This method is safe for the animals and gives you a wonderful opportunity to see these creatures up close.

Autumn is the perfect time to do this because the population is at its highest during this part of the year and we’re not disturbing them during the breeding season.

This year we found a lovely variety of species. We found lots of very bouncy wood mice. Wood mice have very prominent ears, eyes and muzzle, long tails and seem to be full of energy. The very similar yellow-necked mouse can be distinguished from the wood mouse by having a distinctive unbroken yellow collar of fur all the way around its neck. These creatures can be aggressive so you need to be fairly confident in handling them by the scruff of the neck.

The most common species that we found was the bank vole. We also found some field voles. The bank vole tends to have a redder coat and slightly more prominent ears than the field vole. These creatures love seeds, berries and even fungi. They will sometimes nest above ground but often below ground using a network of tunnels. Voles are generally much easier to handle and often appear rather sleepy when you first remove them from the trap.

We also found a common shrew. These funny looking creatures have a very pointed snout and make a lot of noise. Their squeaks can be heard some distance away and they certainly let you know that they don’t like being handled.

Finally, the star of the show was undoubtedly the harvest mouse. We actually found two of these in the reed bed. These tiny mammals featured on Autumn Watch on the evening before we found them. They weigh less than a 2p coin and make small spherical nests high up in the reeds. These species are thought to have declined in recent years due to changes in agricultural practices and habitat destruction; therefore it was particularly pleasing to find them here.

Obviously without the traps we could look for signs of the animals such as nests, droppings and feeding remains but by using the traps we were able to observe them up close, find out quite a lot of information about them and therefore over time, begin to build up a picture of their populations.

I love to think of all these creatures busily going about their business completely hidden in the undergrowth. It’s astonishing to think how many creatures there are sharing these habitats with us humans but for most of the time, we’re completely unaware that they’re there.

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The Over Wallop – They Also Served Project aims to restore the Over Wallop War Memorial to its original appearance, whereby four pillars surrounding the main memorial carried the names of survivors of the First World War, who returned to Over Wallop. This is relatively unusual for War memorials and should form part of the village heritage.

Colonel John Blashford-Snell to visit Over Wallop

The Over Wallop – They Also Served Project is pleased to announce that the well-known explorer, author and founder of Operations Drake and Raleigh, Colonel John Blashford-Snell OBE has kindly agreed to give a talk, in support of the Project.

A Life of Adventure

The talk will commence at 7.00 pm on Saturday 24th February 2018. It will be held by kind permission of the Over Wallop PCC, in St Peter’s Church, Over Wallop.

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IT'S CHRISTMAS

Always controversial, but always with tongue in cheek I thought this 1930’s song encapsulated our current government and the Hanky Panky goings on in the corridors of power, with emphasis on whose hands are on whose knees

“Hands”, “Knees” & Boomps – a – Daisy
I like a bustle that bends
“Hands”, “Knees” & Boomps – a – Daisy
What is a Boomp between Friends

“Hands”, “Knees” Oh Don’t be Lazy
Let’s Make the Party a WOW
“Hands”, “Knees” & Boomps – a – Daisy
Turn to Your “Party” & Bow

A Merry Christmas Dear Reader from all of us at PHIPSON

With a “Smile”,
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Our November meeting was, traditionally, the end of the WI year when we would hold our AGM. However for a number of years the AGM has been held in May and this last meeting before the Christmas dinner in December often hosts a meeting with a Christmas theme. This year our speaker Mark Wilson spoke to us - not about the glitz and glamour of our modern Christmas - but something far more precious - the gem encrusted sparkling world of Faberge. Mark is a retired army officer living in Salisbury who took up the art of silversmith on his retirement to produce beautiful silver and gold items as gifts for family and friends. He became fascinated by the story of the House of Faberge and the beautiful work of the Peter Carl Faberge in Russia.

Carl’s father, an expert silversmith himself, owned a jewellery shop in St Petersburgh and the young Carl was educated as a son of the affluent middle class - testimony to his father’s successful business. Aged 18 he embarked on a Grand Tour and received tuition from all the respected goldsmiths in Frankfurt, Germany, France and England and viewed objects in galleries of all Europe’s leading museums.

On his return in 1872 aged 26 he joined the family business and spent the next 10 years honing his trade. In 1882 he took over the running of the firm and was awarded the title of Master Goldsmith. The firm came to the attention of the Russian imperial family when it was invited to exhibit at the Pan-Russian Exhibition in Moscow in 1885. One of the Fabergé pieces displayed was a replica of a 4th-century BC gold bangle from the Scythian Treasure in the Hermitage Museum. Tsar Alexander III declared that he could not distinguish Faberge’s work from the original and bestowed the House of Faberge with the coveted title ‘Goldsmith by special appointment to the Imperial Crown’ and thus beginning a long association with the Russian tsars.

Mark showed us beautiful close up slides of some of these fantastic objects and brought several books with pictures of many others. He told us that Faberge items are still turning up today in the most unlikely places and fetching large amounts at auction. We were encouraged to check our own jewellery boxes in case we too had a small piece of Faberge in our possession!

Mark gave us a glimpse into a magical and extraordinary world long gone but still alive in these beautiful pieces of the very best of the art. He has been delighting many organisations with this talk for 5 years and has received the Queens Award for Voluntary Service. He donates monies from the talks to the stars appeal for Salisbury Hospital and we all came away with ‘stars’ in our eyes from viewing and hearing about these beautiful items.

Next month we will be celebrating the festive season with our annual Christmas dinner and in January our first meeting of the new year will be on January 11 at 7.30 when Helen Carter will talk to us about the ‘Dark side of Lace Making’ It sounds a bit mysterious so why not join us to find out more.

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Hello I have just moved to Falmouth University studying Marine and Natural History: Photography. I’m now 21 years old and have done garden maintenance for several years now around the Wallops. I’m just looking for some handyman or gardening work over the Christmas period from the 15th of December to 20th of January 2018 to fund my University accommodation and basic living costs. I can provide references of previous employers of work if needed.

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Cllr Tricia Forrest summarised the results of her recent Risk Assessment undertaken at the Brownjohn Garden Allotments. Items that need to be addressed include:

1. Security
2. Tree inspection
3. Public Liability insurance
4. Removal of open water butts
5. Broken glass and other material hazards
6. Signage – warning and informational
7. Health and safety on site information

Quotes are being obtained to provide a metal gate to secure entry into the allotments. The repair of the drive will not be considered until security is established at the allotments. However, views are being sought to identify the most suitable surface and possible contractor. OWPC will include trees on the allotments as part of their annual parish tree inspection. We are in discussion with the National Allotment Society to obtain quotes for Insurance with their preferred provider. Exact configuration of the policy to be decided.

There are a number of disused and vandalised greenhouses on the allotments. A skip is needed to safely dispose of these items. Open water butts will be emptied and put aside for possible future use with appropriate covers. All chemicals and fertilizers must be under lock and key. Any pest control must be done via an approved source. Burning of on-site materials can only be done with due consideration of neighbours and other allotment holders.

A notice board will be erected on the allotment. This will contain information on health and safety, allotment rules and regulations and contact details. The notice board will use the naming convention of 'The Brownjohn Allotment Gardens'.

OWPC is in detailed discussion with Land Registry to register the Brownjohn Allotment Gardens under the ownership of Over Wallop Parish Council. Solicitors have been engaged.

Securing the boundary of the allotments with fencing was discussed with opinions divided. Contact will be made with known suppliers of fencing to get an initial feel for cost and feasibility. It will be the responsibility of individual allotment holders to make secure their own boundary fencing.

Current plot sizes are disparate having been made on an ad hoc basis over the years. Smaller plots are suggested contained within a larger fenced area divided by paths to make it more attractive for new allotment holders.

A Brownjohn Allotment Gardens bank account has been opened to be administered by Over Wallop Parish clerk with an initial £1,000. Expenditure requests to be made to OWPC with supporting details. An annual Brownjohn Allotment Gardens audit is to be done. Monthly account balances will be provided by OWPC to the Working Group.

A request has been made by OWPC to use TVBC’s Lengthsmen to keep the side hedging on the drive up to the allotments cut and maintained on an annual basis. This service cannot be guaranteed.

A first draft of a Brownjohn Allotment Gardens Tenancy Agreement was given to members of the Working Group. Work to complete this Tenancy Agreement will be done together with OWPC clerk who has experience of such agreements working with another parish. Annual allotment rent prices were discussed taking into account neighbouring parish rents and the lack of piped water or electricity on the Brownjohn Allotment Gardens site. Annual rent for an allotment was discussed with further investigation needed.

The Brownjohn Allotment Gardens are now members of the National Allotment Society and we will seek their advice and support on specific matters as they arise.

Plotting the overall size and individual plots within the allotments needs to be done. We may have access to state of the art digital aerial mapping, which can give us both. Examples seen are able to provide the area in square metres with boundaries marked by individual plots.

All minutes of the Working Group meetings are public domain and will be sent via email or hard copy to current allotment holders, the Parish Magazine, Over Wallop notice boards and in the Village Shop.

Regular open meetings will be held in St Peter’s Church Hall where all allotment holders can contribute their suggestions and opinions. The OWPC Clerk will act as the point of contact for anyone wanting to make official input regarding the allotments.

The next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 29th November.

Brownjohn Gardens Allotments Working Group

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Lucy Thorpe
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Jenni Kentell
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November, of course is a time for remembering. Last month ended with All Hallows’ Eve, and St Peter’s was lit up all night as a beacon of light on the darkest of nights – it took me ages to get to sleep! It was wonderful to look out upon the children arriving at the hall all dressed as saints and angels for the Heavenly banquet that celebrated All Hallows’ Day on the 1st November. Everyone who came was treated to angelic crafts including porcelain tea lights to decorate, a fun game of pass the parcel, a feast including lots of treats and of course a party bag to go home with.

On the 2nd November I was able to warm myself by the light of the candles, which had been lit to remember those who had died, I even found one or two yummy crumbs to nibble on when the tea and cakes had been cleared away following the service.

Remembrance Sunday saw both churches full of those in uniform (including Wallop Cubs) and members of the community as we remembered both the fallen and those who continue to serve. Ahead of Remembrance Sunday children from Wallop School were invited to join The Royal British Legion for an act of remembrance and to lay crosses on the war graves and the memorial as well as a wreath, before being invited into church for chocolate biscuits, drinks and the opportunity to be reflective around the font as they lay poppies in the baptism water there. The cubs also spent an evening in church preparing for their part of the Remembrance Sunday commemorations, and were made to feel welcome with hot chocolate and gingerbread poppies.

As the month came to an end we celebrated St Andrew’s Day with a special sung evensong at the church in Nether Wallop with some rather fine refreshments to follow – St Andrew being the patron saint of the village. We have come to the end of the church year now, and will soon be into Advent – looking forward to the arrival of Jesus. Beautiful sounds can be heard coming from the church hall as the Christmas Choir has begun singing practice, with some more new hymns. Quite a few members of this ‘church choir’ are also members of WASPS who have treated this church mouse who was listening in, and members of the Not On Your Own club, to a Christmas sing-a-long. It won’t be long now until the crib is set up, which makes a wonderful warm winter bed for a small church mouse – until of course the baby Jesus arrives, then even church mice make way for the Christ child.

Members of the churches helped our young folk to ‘make way’ as well. An Advent light themed Kids Club was held at Wallop School. The club was held after school in their hall and following snacks and drinks the children explored the light of Christmas, and all made a lantern to take home. Our older children were treated to a surprise (early) Christmas party when they turned up to watch the last film of the year, Nativity: Danger in the Manger.

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December 2017: 1st and 15th.
January 2018: 5th and 19th.
February 2018: 2nd and 16th.

What do we do? After a brief introduction we sit quietly for about 30 mins of contemplative prayer, usually concluding by saying the Grace together. Refreshments are available afterwards. All are welcome - meetings are open to anyone from any Christian denomination and also to those with no formal links to a church. For further information please contact Jacky Gilks on (01264) 335245 or via Peter’s email (rectorpdtteam@gmail.com).

What is contemplative prayer?
This form of prayer without words is sometimes referred to as waiting on God or listening to God. During contemplation we seek to be aware of the presence of God and to remain silently and attentively in that presence, open to God. Most people find it helpful to attend to the breath, use a visual focus, or slowly and silently repeat a word or phrase, especially if they find their mind wandering, as it will from time to time. Attending a group can be helpful, supportive and encouraging. General information about the Christian contemplative tradition and the Julian Meetings movement is available from their website at: www.thejulianmeetings.net.

Jacky Gilks

Holy Gardening 2017!

A massive Thank You to all those who have helped in the churchyard at St Andrew’s in 2017! Large areas have been transformed by our willing volunteers, fortified by coffee and cake. Do please look in on your way past and see what a wonderful job has been done. We have a plan for next year – why not join us to continue the good work?

Everyone is taking a well reserved break in December and January and we will resume at 9.30 am on February 3rd, 2018 and every first Saturday in the month thereafter. Everyone welcome to join us.

For further information contact

Alix 01264 781913 3girlsandtrev@lineone.net
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* Carol Services and Christingle Service: Mince pies and mulled wine will be provided.

Church opening hours: Both churches are normally open to visitors daily. At 9.30am on Mondays (St Andrew’s) except in school holidays, there is a short time of prayer to which all are welcome.

Winton House: Christmas Fayre Sun Dec 3rd at 2pm (free admission)
Carol service Sun Dec 17th at 2.30pm (all welcome)

Challengers: Ages 7+ meet on the third and fourth Sundays of each month in St Peter's Church Hall.
Further details from Jean Hicks (781000)

The Portway and Danebury Team

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Funerals:
- Oct 17 at St Andrew’s: Jeremy PG Melhuish, died 30 September aged 69
- Nov 2 at St Andrew’s: Albert E Harman, died 3 October aged 88
- Nov 21 at St Peter’s: Jill Coombs, died 6 November aged 82

We offer our sympathy and prayers to those recently bereaved.

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life…everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die”.

Baptism
- Nov 18 at St Peter’s: Eliza Mary Strickland, aged 1 year

May she grow up in the faith into which she has been baptised.
### DIARY FOR DECEMBER 2017

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