

CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2023
JANUARY 2024

The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Villages

December seems to have come round so quickly, and Christmas will soon be upon us. I grew up in a Christian home, so that meant church Services, carols, nativities and Sunday School parties. There will be Carol Services and Crib Services in the Benefice as usual this year, together with Eucharistic Celebrations. Details will be advertised.

The way that Christmas is celebrated has changed somewhat in my lifetime for many people. There are now office parties, music, dancing and drinking – a noisy time. The shops are usually only closed on Christmas Day and the sales start on Boxing Day – very early if you want the best bargains. I guess that many of us will be spending time with our families, enjoying Christmas food, fellowship and fun, but the season will be difficult for those families experiencing hard times, financially, or with relationships or homelessness. Many are in war torn countries this year. Let us not forget them.

The bible tells us that Jesus was born in an inn, the stable actually, so I imagine that would be quite noisy, as well as the singing of the angels! In spite of that there would be a feeling of love, peace and gentleness, and joy at a new birth. I hope that we can all find some peace and joy among the business of Christmas. The stable was visited by shepherds who brought their gift of a lamb, and later by the Magi (wise men) with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Perhaps we know someone who will be lonely or sad this Christmas and needs a gift from us. It doesn't have to be expensive. One of the best gifts we can give is the precious gift of our time. Time to show we care and can bring a little joy, peace and gentleness to someone who needs it. As the baby, Jesus, grew up he spent his short life giving his time, his peace and his healing to everyone he met. We give thanks for the example he set us. I pray that you will have a happy Christmas and find some joy, peace and kindness as well as a little noise.

Every blessing,

Joyce Bache, Licensed Minister.

New vicar for our Benefice

A welcome service for Reverend Joanna Fielding as Priest in Charge was held on the 5 November at Offenham Church. The service was presided over by Right Reverend Dr John Inge Bishop of Worcester, and the Venerable Robert Jones Archdeacon of Worcester. Others that welcomed Jo were District and Parish Councillors and Head Teachers of the Benefice. There were also clergy from the Deanery and a Pastor from our link to churches in Germany.

The Parishes of the Benefice look forward to working together with her as she brings her gifts of ministry to us.

Alex Christison

St Andrew's Church

Services for December 2023 and January 2024

As Revd Joanna is not yet Licensed, all the following services are provisional and will be confirmed as soon as possible. Please look on the Village website and the Church Notice boards for up-dated information

It is with sadness that we report that Revd Clive Leach is leaving his post in Redditch and moving to Cumbria so we must wish him farewell. He will be taking his last service with us on 10 December. We hope as many of us who knew him will be able to attend!

Sun 3 Dec	11.00 Matins Rod Carless
Sun 10 Dec	11.00am Holy Communion Revd Clive Leach 6.00pm Carols by Candlelight followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Memorial Hall
Sun 17 Dec	11.00am Service to be announced
Sun 24 Dec	9.00pm Midnight Mass at Badsey, Bretforton or Offenham
Mon 25 Dec	11.00am Family Christmas service
Sun 31 Dec	Benefice service at Bretforton, No Service at Cleeve Prior

At this stage it is impossible to advise on services in January.

Churchwardens Rod Carless 01789 773357 Lis Hughes 01789 772578
Safeguarding in our Benefice Safeguarding Officer – Lisa Farmer Tel.01386 40401
Safeguarding Advocate – Elizabeth Spencer Tel. 01789 720078
For enquiries concerning Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals contact Faith Quin
eastvaleavon.churches@gmail.com

Ding Dong Merrily on High!

If you like to hear the Church Bells ringing at Christmas and throughout the year, you may be interested to take another step. We are seeking to teach more people to learn to ring to boost our numbers. If you would like to know more about what is involved give me a phone call or turn up at a practice on a Monday evening at 7.30pm. Any age from mid teens and up are welcome.

Rod Carless 01789 773357

**St Andrew's Church
Services for Christmas**

**10 Dec at 6.00pm Carols by Candlelight
followed by Mince Pies and Mulled Wine in
the Memorial Hall**

**25 Dec Christmas Day 11.00am
Family Christmas Service**

Letter from Revd Joanna Fielding

Dear friends,

Thank you for the warm welcome that we have received, at the service at Offenham last week, and as we walk around the area. David and I are so pleased to be here, and very much looking forward to all that lies ahead. It has been such a long wait before I could come and I am so grateful to the East Vale ministry team and colleagues who have been taking services in the meantime.

I am originally from North Devon, where my school friends were from the local farms (beef or dairy mostly), so the seasonal rhythms of rural life are very familiar to me. After university, I worked for a couple of years as a secondary school teacher in a Methodist-run secondary school in Zimbabwe before returning to the UK and the Midlands, where David and I raised our children, and I worked as a Careers Adviser in Northamptonshire. I also trained as a Lay Reader and was taking services in Leicester Diocese for some years.

In 2004 we moved to Dunedin, South Island of New Zealand, where we had 15 very happy years. I joined David (a professor in Development Economics) at Otago University where I found work as an administrator for some years,

before returning to Careers Guidance work, this time with adults, helping them to retrain and find new direction after life-changing injuries.

In 2012 I was ordained, and by 2014 I was serving as vicar for a large rural area (the Otago Peninsula) on the outskirts of the city. As far as I know, I am the only vicar in the world to have had an albatross colony in her parish; we used to ring the church bell when they returned to the headland each Spring.

In 2019 we followed our daughter Anna (who was a postgraduate in London) back to the UK to be nearer our families again. There were also so many aspects of life in Britain that I missed - people, places, ancient buildings carrying such deep history - and being able to get mushy peas with fish and chips! David was offered a post at Manchester University, and we moved to West Yorkshire where I have served as Associate Priest in the Colne Valley near Huddersfield for the last 3 years, giving me some familiarity with working within the English parish church world again! We lived near Marsden Moor, with beef, dairy and sheep farming neighbours (can you see a pattern here.....?) who became our good friends too.

We enjoyed our time in Yorkshire, but I saw the advertisement for the East Vale vacancy and ...here we are! "My lot has fallen in a fair and pleasant land" (Psalm 16 v6) and I keep thinking of this verse as I explore the Vale. It is so beautiful here, and I am so pleased that I have been able to come and share and explore this life with you across our parishes.

Advent and Christmas are just around the corner, with all its special seasonal events and services. Please come and say hello if you see me at your church, in the school, shop, or out and about (with or without Lilyru our cockerpoo). As your Priest in Charge, I hold you all in my prayers each day, and I am very much looking forward to getting to know you better over the coming weeks and months. I wish you an expectant Advent full of hope for the future, and a joyful Christmas as we celebrate God's Son dwelling among us as Love, here with God's people in this beautiful land.

God bless you.

Joanna

Update on Kings Arms Steering Group

Over the weekend of 20th-22nd October more than 280 copies of the Community Survey were hand delivered within Cleeve Prior and surrounding farms as well as to households in Bickmarsh and Marlcliff. Members of the Steering Group collected these the following weekend which gave many opportunities for you to ask more questions and understand better the aims of the steering group. Other replies were received electronically and still more were hand delivered to the Village Hall. In all, we collected, or received, 122 completed forms; a very high return for such a survey. Thanks to all of you who took the time to do this; the information you have provided is vital to our understanding of what will make a successful pub in the future. The highlights from the survey are:

- 95% of respondents agreed that maintaining the village pub was important or very important
- 51% indicated their interest in buying shares in the Community Share Offer
- 22% said they would make donations
- 36% would volunteer in running the pub
- 74% preferred “good honest pub grub”
- 70% would support special food theme nights eg curry nights
- 57% would like regular quiz nights
- 37% of respondents would support an afternoon café
- A warm, friendly and welcoming atmosphere with competitive pricing of good beer, interesting wine list and regular opening hours were all highlighted as essential factors in a successful pub.

In addition to the survey, the Steering Group have visited the New Inn at Norton Lindsey and The Fox at Loxley, both successful community owned pubs to learn from their experience. In line with most other community owned businesses, we will form a Community Benefit Society (CBS) as the legal structure for raising capital, and purchasing the pub. We have joined the Plunkett Foundation (with help from a grant from the Cleeve Prior Parish Council), who will support registration of our Community Benefit Society with the Financial Conduct Authority. They also provide Model Rules for the governance of CBS's such as ours. An initial survey of the property was carried out. We are finalising our formal business planning and Community Share Offer documents and are actively exploring sources of grant aid from various local and national organisations. We will shortly be launching a dedicated website for the Cleeve Prior Community Pub CBS and intend to publicise our campaign to secure the Kings Arms for future generations to as wide an audience as possible. If you have any contacts within local or national press, radio or TV or with appropriate social media platforms or influencers we would love to hear from you!

Brian Williams

Chair Kings Arms Steering Group

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

December 2023

The Council meet on the second Monday of every month at 7.30pm, and we allocate time on the agenda for your views, questions, and issues to be raised. You can see full details on our website cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk.

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As ongoing processes and decisions are being made regarding local planning, so too are the efforts of the 'Call to Arms' working group for our Kings Arms pub. We continue to hope for positive outcomes. To keep up to date see cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk, our village website cleevepriorvillage.co.uk and our village Facebook page facebook.com/cleevepriorvillage.

Please do email me with your comments, news or concerns and we will ensure that they are actioned by the appropriate person.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Stacey Smith, clerk@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk

Our November litter pick took place on Sunday 19 November.

This session was initiated by Hannah Robson our Wychavon District Councillor, and she provided the tools/bags/gloves and Hi-Vis jackets for us all.

With a good turn out from the Village it only took an hour or so to scour the streets for litter and even though a superficial look at our streets suggests a clean and orderly view of our verges and spaces, it is surprising just how much detritus is retrieved on these occasions.

Special praise was due to the children who retrieved six supermarket baskets to complement the ten large bags of rubbish that we piled up against the Village Hall.

A job well done and special thanks to Hannah and those who gave time on a Sunday morning to help keep our village tidy.

Peter Wilson



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL



Dear Villagers.

Another month has passed and, as usual, we have been very busy. We have just marked Anti-bullying week by holding Odd Socks Day. Our children came to school on 13 November wearing odd socks to celebrate the fact that we are all unique and individual. Throughout the week, we did different activities to think about keeping ourselves safe.

On 5 November I was lucky enough to attend the welcome service for our new vicar Joanna Fielding and I am looking forward to inviting her into our school shortly to support us and, hopefully, lead our church services.

On 14 November we had a Rags to Riches collection at school where we raised just short of £100. Thank you to everyone who donated unwanted items of clothing. All proceeds made are donated to our PTA to spend on our school.

On 17 November we had a visit from Zoolab (an ethical animal encounter organisation). Ellie brought with her a range of animals for the children to hold, including snakes, rats, tarantulas and millipedes. The children were in awe!

Our school Christmas Fayre will be on Friday 15 December and we would love to see as many villagers as possible. It will run from 2pm until 4pm and will include a visit from Father Christmas. Please see our noticeboard (freshly moved) in the coming days for details.

We will be holding our Christmas Church Service on Friday 22 December at 9am and you are very welcome to join us and sing some Carols. Please email the office at office@cleeveprior.worcs.sch.uk if you would like more information.

I know it seems a little early but can I take this opportunity to thank the village for its support this year and wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Sarah Laughlin
Head of School



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WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL
email: cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com

Seniors' Lunch, Tuesday 12 December 2023

Cleeve Prior Memorial Village Hall

Christmas Lunch with Live Entertainment

The Seniors' Lunch is organised by the Hall Management Committee. As last year, we are requesting a donation of £5 per person. The qualifying age is 65 for individuals or at least one of a couple. Doors will open at 12.15 pm.

If you would like to enjoy the lunch on Tuesday 12 December, please fill in your details below and return the form with payment to one of the following Committee members, by **Tuesday 5 December**.

Mrs Susan Mortimer, Eastcote, Mill Lane,

Mrs Sally-Anne Richards, Hopcroft, Main Street

Mrs Rosemary Perl, Steppes Cottage, Cleeve Prior Manor

OR email the above address if you cannot return the form in time.

For comfort and safety, we are limiting seating to 60 places on a first-come first-served basis.

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.



An update from your local policing team... Who are your local Neighbourhood Officers for the 'Rural North' area?

Your local Neighbourhood Officer is PC Alex Prentice and your PCSO is Bradley Sansom. They can be contacted by emailing eveshamrn.snt@westmercia.police.uk.

Neighbourhood Matters

We are encouraging people to sign up to this service as it's a great way of finding out what we are up to and where we will be. Please ensure you sign up to this free service.

Take a look at the website for further information:

<https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/>

What have we been up to?

Officers have conducted several 'drop-in sessions' around the patch. Even if the session is not in your village, you are more than welcome to attend any drop-in session to speak with us. This is a great way for you to understand what we are doing in your village, and if there is something that you believe we are not doing, it's a great way to tell us.

Officers attended several Firework displays. No issues were reported at these events.

We attended Cavendish Park Care Home for the launch of their poppy wall. We have also attended various Remembrance services.

Various schools have been attended due to concerns over parking at drop off and pick up times. We are encouraging parents to walk to school when they can and park safely if they can't walk.

During the week of 13 - 19 November, West Mercia joined police forces up and down the country to support 'Operation Sceptre'- a week long national campaign aimed at tackling knife crime. Officers have attended various schools to discuss this matter along with conducting knife sweeps in local parks where ASB has been reported.

All the above is set out in detail through Neighbourhood Matters.

PC Alex Prentice 21115

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Evesham Police Station, Abbey Road, Evesham, WR11 4SS

Mobile: 07811 973304 **Direct Dial:** 101 or 0300333300

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Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

NEWS FROM FIELD BARN

Another busy month from Noel and Gina

HEART OF ENGLAND FOREST: Our volunteers have been busy this month looking after our woodlands and orchards. 9 volunteers attended a General Pruning course provided by Heart of England Forest. This was focused on pruning woodland trees and builds on our previous training which dealt with fruit trees. An expert trainer who passes on their skills gives our volunteers essential knowledge needed to maintain the health of our trees and keep them free from disease. Heart of England are in the process of obtaining some additional fruit trees for us through a Wychavon Grant Scheme.

December and January see the start of the major job of pruning our fruit trees so if you have a few hours to spare on a Tuesday come along to Field Barn at 9.30am and one of our volunteers will show you what to do – even picking up the prunings is a great help and speeds up the process. Work will recommence on **Tuesday 9 January** after our Christmas Break.

SCHOOL VISITS: Badsey First School returned with 21 7/8 year olds to learn about Settlements and Land Usage. Ian Robinson devised a special presentation showing the children how the village and its inhabitants and their work has changed over the centuries. Learning where our food comes from and what is special about this area, which is still famed for its produce, is a really important lesson for youngsters. Evolving jobs and population is also significant especially in this fast moving world. Thanks to all the Volunteers who shared their knowledge and enthusiasm to make the day a great success. The children clearly enjoyed themselves and learnt a lot. One boy was worried about where Mr Wheeler plugged in his mobile phone in the Hovel. Trying to imagine a world pre mobiles and pre electricity proved to be a challenge too far!

Cleeve Prior First School – we are in the process of planning a tree planting visit – we are just awaiting the medlar and quince trees from Walcot Organic Nurseries! They will add diversity to Perry Pear Orchard and in time, fruit for jam and quince jelly.

CIDER: We have finally got the harvest in from our orchards and have been pressing many kilos of apples to produce juice for consumption now and cider for consumption in early summer 2024. Volunteers celebrated the Harvest with a shared lunch at Field Barn. **Our newly pressed apple juice is now available at £3 a 75cl bottle. No additives just juice from the Orchards. A small quantity of cider and plum jam is still available.**

LOOKING FOR A SMALL CHARITY GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS? Our **Poetry in Nature** booklets featuring local poets and lovely photographs are light to post! £5. All proceeds go towards maintaining the Trust Orchards, woodlands and buildings.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the Trustees and Volunteers.
Gina Carr, Chairman 07769 967243

Claire Dyson and CK Racing ran their annual fundraising event for the Midlands Air Ambulance in the Village Hall on Friday 10 November.

Thanks to the generosity of those who attended we raised £6K on the night, which brings the overall total raised for the Midlands Air Ambulance to £109K. We were very fortunate indeed to have been given the beautiful village hall as our venue.

There were countless villagers who attended and supported us in so many different ways. It's a **MASSIVE** thank you from us all. We couldn't have done it without you.

Claire Dyson

Medics to Medics



We had a great turn out for the recent defibrillator training and fundraiser for Medics to Medics. Kate is a paramedic and, after demonstrating how to use the defib she went on to talk about how she got involved in taking medical supplies to Ukraine and set up Medics to Medics.

It was a fascinating story of how the work began with Kate deciding to do, what she thought would be, a 'one-off' trip. Through incredible tales of amazing

'coincidences' where she was able to meet up with various contacts across Ukraine, we learnt about how the work has grown. Kate knows exactly what is needed in the hospitals and "shops" accordingly. She is constantly raising money for supplies and juggles her paramedic role and family life with three children!

We were so pleased to raise £410 which will be used immediately to provide medical supplies. A trauma first aid kit costs £85 and we know that some of the people who attended from further afield were keen to provide some of these.

Kate is happy to come back again next year. If you missed the opportunity to donate, please contact mandyenglish.me@gmail.com or give Mandy a call on 01789 773623. You can follow Kate's progress via her Facebook page - Medics to Medics.

Christmas Lights switch on Sunday 3 December

Come to the Memorial Hall at 5.30 pm
Lights switch on at 6 pm

Live music and carol singing, mulled wine, mince pies.

Inside Hall if wet.

Thank you

Over the many (nearly 50) years we have lived in Cleeve Prior the one thing that hasn't changed is the spirit of friendliness, and I sincerely thank all those who have shown us such care and concern during my recent inconvenient predicament. Thank you and long may the happiness and friendship remain in Cleeve Prior.

Bridgett Walker



The Art Club

November has been another interesting month for the Art Club and we have had the pleasure of welcoming another new member.

This month we were able to benefit from another session led by Mike Bagshaw and our sitter Tim. This time, at the request of the group, Mike focussed on the basic rules of portrait painting to help us gain more understanding of how faces are constructed on paper. This was greatly appreciated and will help guide our drawing and painting in the future. A relaxed and enjoyable session which was very informative. Thank you Mike.

We also had opportunity to experiment with soft pastels. This medium has the potential to be rather messy so members were advised to wear apron or older clothes. Happily most were able to manage, making a minimum of dust and gaining an understanding of the potential of using pastels.

One theme suggested by the group for focus was that of card making. With Christmas just around the corner, members will have the opportunity to design and produce their own cards. It will be interesting to see how we get on. Whatever transpires, it will be enjoyable for all.

Our final meeting before Christmas will be on 14 December, giving us another 3 weeks before the Christmas break.

We plan to begin our new session in the New Year on 11 January 11 at 10am in the village hall. Again, any newcomers wishing to join the art club would be very welcome. It is always good to meet new faces and share experiences. Hopefully we will continue to meet until 21 March 21, the week before Easter

For further information please contact Louise Conneeley
(louiseconneeley@gmail.com) 01789772749



November Report

The room was full, expectations high – the first phone call was about to be made – would we have the correct answer to Clue 12? It was the start of the Annual Telephone Treasure Trail organised by National Women's Register. We did indeed have the correct answer – the clue was “Eats shoots and leaves?” and the answer was Panda, which was much simpler than our original suggestions. We had thought about options such as grammar or punctuation but it was quite straightforward, neither a trick nor cryptic question.

There is always a theme to the quiz and this year's was Black and White. The clue which cracked the code for us was “Alexandre's connection with the Netherlands or Keukenhof perhaps”- and Lis came back lase- like with TULIP and as we needed another word to complete the answer, we lighted upon Black because of the Alexandre Dumas book – and we were off!! Everyone was able to contribute to the answers and we worked our way through all twenty-three questions in good time. These evenings are always fun but I think because there were nine of us, and the questions not TOO difficult, it was one of the best quiz evenings we have had.

There was one clue we are still not sure about – and we won't know the answer for a few weeks. This clue is given out before the start of the quiz and the answer will be used as the decider if more than one group get all the other clues correct. This clue is: Pub passcode. We submitted Barcode as our answer - a barcode being black and white. Any other suggestions? Here is another clue for you to puzzle over: Quietly opens doors. Answer in the next Newsletter.

We don't have a meeting on December but several of us and partners will be attending the Christmas Concert by Pershore Choral in the beautiful Pershore Abbey. It will be a lovely way to get into the Christmas spirit.

Evelyn Wilson

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Cleeve Prior Ramblers

The Cleeve Prior Ramblers held their last outing of the year on Saturday 18 November. Organised by Donald and Margaret Lindsay, Margaret used her local knowledge to guide the group around the beautiful surroundings of Welford on Avon.

Leaving our cars at The Bell Inn, the route took the ramblers down a little-known lane to Synder Meadow, heading along the river bank skirting the village and then a slight climb to arrive at Cress Hill. Terrific views over the Avon plains. We then walked down Braggington Lane into Coxmere Wood, part of the Heart of England Forest. Following the hedgeline for a pleasant stroll through the new woodland, we then joined the public footpath which took us towards Hunt Hall Farm.

We walked down Hunt Hall Lane for a short time until we rejoined the footpath taking us to Barton Road opposite Headland Road. After a short walk along the pavement we were led, by our capering canine companions, along one of Welford's many secret lanes eventually bringing us out onto the main road with a clear view of The Bell where we all enjoyed a fine lunch. 4.2 miles circular walk to the Bell 'What's not to like'.

The weather was perfect for the walk and the sun even came out to warm us on our final mile. It was also good to see some well-maintained paths and despite the recent heavy rains, the walk was quite manageable. Welford has many secret lanes, wending through the houses, and I hope having been taken through our local countryside we will return to explore again.

Happy Rambling.

Margaret Lindsay

Pershore Choral

Saturday 16 December

A Celebration of Christmas: Pershore Abbey at 7.30 pm.

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Memorial Hall 200 Club

November Draw

£50: Berry & Anne Marshall

VILLAGE and LOCAL EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Venue
3 Dec	Christmas Lights and music	5.30 pm	Hall
10 Dec	Christmas Carols	6 pm	St.Andrews
11 Dec	Parish Council meeting	7.30 pm	Hall
12 Dec	Seniors' Lunch	12.30 pm	Hall
26 Dec	Walking Treasure Hunt	12 – 2 pm	Kings Arms*
8 Jan	Parish Council meeting	7.30 pm	Hall

Cleeve Prior Art Group meets in the Hall at 10 am on Thursdays.
Pilates classes are held on Friday mornings in the Hall at 9.30 and 10.30 am.-

The CP Bowls Club meets in the Hall on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday evenings, Contact Les Bratt on 01789 773651.

Kings Arms Tavern open 5pm – 10pm, Fridays and Saturdays
bookings@kingsarmstavern.co.uk

*The walking Treasure Hunt around the village on Boxing Day will take place between 12.00 and 2.00, hopefully from the pub. If there is a problem with the Kings Arms then we will move it to the Memorial Hall. Please do not let this uncertainty stop you coming out and enjoying yourselves and getting some fresh air and exercise

EVESHAM RURAL NORTH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Up-coming Cleeve Prior Drop-in Sessions with your Local Police Officers at the Village Hall:

Thursday 7 December 10am, Thursday 14 December 7pm

Thursday 21 December 10am

[PC 3838 Matt Beards / PCSO 40246 Bradley Sansom](mailto:PC3838@pcso.gov.uk)

St Joseph The Worker Catholic Church, Bidford

There is no priest in residence at present so,
If you need to speak to a Catholic priest urgently,
contact St George's Worcester 01905 236888
or Canon Brian McGinley 07917 341957

The Church Rotas for December/January

Sidesmen

3 Dec	Mrs M Greenwood
10 Dec	Mrs L Hughes 6.00pm Mr A Taylor
17 Dec	Mrs L Hawkins
25 Dec	Mrs L Hughes
7 Jan	Mrs M Greenwood
14 Jan	Mrs J Taylor
21 Jan	Mrs L Hawkins
28 Jan	Mrs L Hughes

Church Flowers

3 Dec	Advent	Sunday
10 Dec		No Flowers
17 Dec		During Advent
25 Dec		Mrs A Carless
31 Dec		Mrs A Carless
7 Jan		Mrs J Selby
14 Jan		Mrs L Hughes
21 Jan		Mrs G Carr
28 Jan		Mrs A Carless

Church Cleaning

Mrs J Davenport
Mrs A Carless
Mrs J Winter
Mrs L Hughes
Mrs L Hughes
Mrs B Walker
Mrs N Blakely
Mrs L Hughes
Mrs M Sylvester

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