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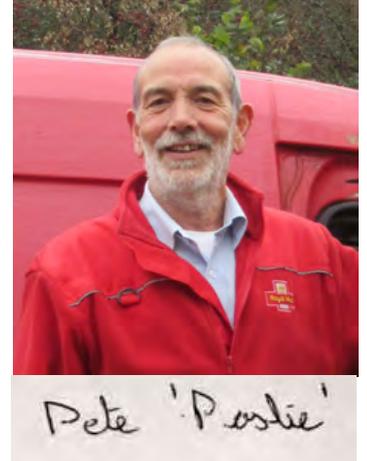
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Rubbish and Recycling Collections

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Wed 28 Dec	Fri 30 Dec	Green and food (no garden waste)
Wed 4 Jan	Fri 6 Jan	Grey and food
Wed 11 Jan	Thurs 12 Jan	Green, food and brown garden waste

Happy New Year



Chinese New Year 28 Jan 2017 ▲



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Diary for January

6 Fri	Quiznight, MSSSC, Anson Field, 20.15	7	14 Sat	Surgery with our District and County Councillors, 09.00 – 11.00	11
9 Mon	Open Session for Prospective Parents, Marcham Primary School, 10.00-11.00	13	19 Thur	WI: Mercy Ships, Denman College, 19.30	7
10 Tue	Singing is Good for You, Duffield Place, 14.00 - 15.30	7	29 Fri	Deadline for February MADNews: editor@madnews.co.uk	
10 Tue	Marcham Society: Jane Smallman All Saints', 19.45	9	24 Tue	Singing is Good for You, Duffield Place, 14.00 - 15.30	7
11 Wed	Marcham Parish Council Meeting, Duffield Place, 19.30	3	26 Thu	Marcham Senior Citizens Christmas Party, Duffield Place, 14.30	7
12 Thu	Midweek Walk: The Vine, Cumnor 12.30 lunch, Farmoor Reservoir 13.30 walk	7	27 Fri	Quiznight, MSSSC, Anson Field, 20.15	7
12 Thu	Music at the Unicorn: Hannah James & Tuulikki Bartosik, Abingdon Unicorn Theatre, 19.15	13	28 Sat	Burns Supper, All Saints' Church, 19.30	15

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The big headlines look grim but underneath people are generally very good at just getting on with things...

Happy new year!



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MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Casual Vacancy

There is a casual vacancy on the Parish Council. Whilst the Council is currently waiting to hear whether a formal election is demanded or not, it has decided to see if there is anyone who may be interested in joining the Council to serve the community at what is a very busy time. If there is anyone interested in joining the Council then he/she is invited to contact the Parish Clerk for further information about the role.

Council Tax 2017/18

The Parish Council will be carefully considering the budget for 2017/18 at its meeting to be held on 11th January. Once finalised, the Council will set the amount of council tax that comes to the parish from the total amount paid by residents to the Vale of White Horse District Council.

Parishioner of the Year Award

Reminder that nominations are required for the Parishioner of the Year Award. The award is given to a local person or persons who have devoted much time and energy working within the community. There are many people who would be worthy recipients, so if you have someone in mind, then please contact the clerk, whose details appear below, a send a short statement of not more than 200 words, as to the reasons why the person should receive the award.

Neighbours

As we continue through winter, please give a thought for your neighbours, particularly the elderly and those without transport. Bad weather can bring chaos to businesses, travel delays, school closures etc, but also affects those who are unable to get out. Do please check on your neighbours, make sure they are all right, and see whether they need assistance with anything.

Additional rubbish

Christmas is a time when we all seem to accumulate extra packaging and items for the recycling bin. Please note of the re arranged collection days over the holiday period.

Street Lights - Sheepstead Road

Two street lights were removed some months ago on safety grounds as they had rusted through. The Council is continuing to pursue their replacement with the County Council, as there is no indication as yet as to when the new ones will be installed.

Planning Applications

The following planning applications have been considered by the Parish Council
P16/V2692/FUL Variation of condition 7: roads to remain private, and condition 13: no direct requirement for provision of charging points for electric vehicles at Priory East site. Packhorse Lane. The Council objected, and required all roads to be constructed in accordance with County Council's standards, and required charging points to remain to allow residents to have electric vehicles if they wished, in view of the air quality in Packhorse Lane.

P16/V2791/RM Reserved matters following outline approval P14/V2373/O

Land off Sheepstead Road. The Council

sought assurances regarding the linking of the paths, and maintenance responsibilities for open spaces. It sought an improved house design and assurances as to the adequacy of the sewer system.

P16/V2952/HH Internal and external alterations to existing outbuilding to provide additional residential use in connection only with 11 Church Street. Building known as 1718 building 11 Church Street. The Council supported the application, and requested standard conditions for listed buildings as it was sited to a grade II former farmhouse.

P16/V2887/FUL Erection of 3 bed detached dwelling at 1 Priory Lane. The Council supported the application and requested checks for archaeological remains, and appropriate materials to be used.

P16/V3052/LB Alteration to grade II listed barn to form 2 bed annex to 12 Frilford Road. Council requested sight of the plans for the alterations to the building where parking was proposed, and confirmation of the land owner's consent to parking.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday 11th January 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge, at Duffield Place.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs. L. Martin, 90 Howard Cornish Rd, 01865 391833
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Dear Editor

Coffee Morning at 50, North Street

A big 'Thank you' to everyone who came to the coffee morning at the above address on Friday, 2nd Dec. in aid of Nyakabungo Girls' School in S.W. Uganda.

We raised the wonderful sum of £386.90. This will be used to help the girls access health care, such as visits to the dentist, doctor or optician and provide such essentials as soap, toothpaste etc.

Many of the girls are A.I.D.s orphans and would not be able to have an education of any sort, so the support we give them is vital in enabling them to fulfil their true potential.

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A message from Pete the Postie

After 33 years in the PO, 26 of those delivering to Tubney and surrounding villages, it is with great sadness I have to tell you all that I will be retiring on December 17th.

I will miss you all as I feel as if I have become part of village life and a friend to most of you.

I have enjoyed my time with you. Thanks Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and all the very best for the future. Pete 'Postie'

Trish Wagstaff - Oxfordshire's amazing fundraiser - has coordinated a collection and raised over £950 to send Peter off with all our thanks.

James Bayley: Outstanding Ophthalmology Nurse

James is the first person to be nominated by a patient in the Bayer Ophthalmology Honours. The patient described him as "a devoted, compassionate, knowledgeable and totally professional nurse who may not expect to receive, but is wholly deserving of this award". James was presented with a Commended award in the category for 'Outstanding ophthalmology nurse'. The judges said that "James' nomination showcased the true care and attention that James takes with his work every day".

James received his award on 1st December 2016 at a special ceremony in London from Paralympian Danny Crates. James has worked in Oxford's Eye Department since qualifying as a nurse in 1995 and lives in Marcham with his family - who are extremely proud of him!

If you know a local hero or someone who deserves some praise in MADNews email editor@madnews.co.uk

ANSON TRUST - 2015 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The Trust's annual accounts for 2015 have now been submitted to Companies House. A full set of the accounts will be available on both the MADNews and Anson Trust (www.ansontrust.org) websites shortly.



In the meantime, here is a brief summary:

	Income	Expenditure
Anson Field (inc. MSSSC)	£11,139	£14,196
Institute	£6,811	£3,346
Trust operations	£2,308	£3,937
		Overall Profit/(Loss) £(1,221)
		Operating Profit/(Loss) £(2,251)

The Operating Loss excludes the income from the Trust's investments and their change in value and shows that the Trust is continuing to lose money on its day to day activities.

On a more positive note, the Trust can report that, following planning approval in the summer, it continues to work closely with the CFSG, the Parish Council and Thomas Homes to reorganise the Trust's assets and to provide vastly improved facilities for the village of Marcham. The precise timing of delivery of these facilities has yet to be finalised but as and when we have more concrete news about this we will share it with you all.

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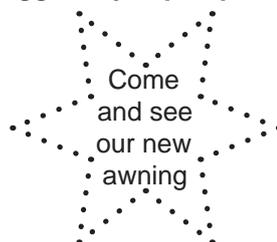
28, 29, 30 & 31 Dec: 08.00 - 12.00

New Year's Day, 2 Jan: CLOSED

3 Jan back to normal hours

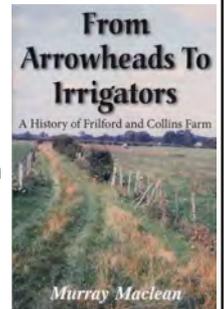


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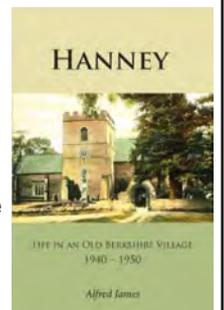
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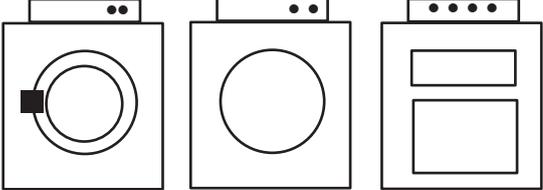
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We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back in January on Thursday 19th January, when **Ken and June Brazier** will be telling us about **Mercy Ships**. Do come along to what we hope will be a very interesting talk. New members and visitors are always welcome.

For further information, please contact:

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 We will be eating at the Vine Inn in Cumnor (Map Ref: SP 463041) at the usual time of 12.30, however we will be starting the walk at 1.30 from the Car-Park at Farmoor Reservoir, (Map Ref: SP 451061) just off the Eynsham Road, B4017. There is a small charge for parking there. In the walk of 3½ to 4 miles we will explore the Thames Path as far as Pinkhill Lock and the Nature Reserve nearby.



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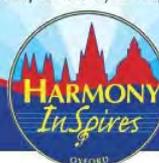
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- our Annual General Meeting in February followed by a discussion on Wartime Britain
- March meeting is a collection of video funnies. An outing to RAF Benson is also planned for March + Pub Lunch
- April we will have a discussion of our school days
- May meeting will be a general knowledge quiz. An outing to Yarnton garden centre is also planned
- June meeting will be members' memories of their early school days
- July meeting will be our usual Garden party with refreshments and party games.

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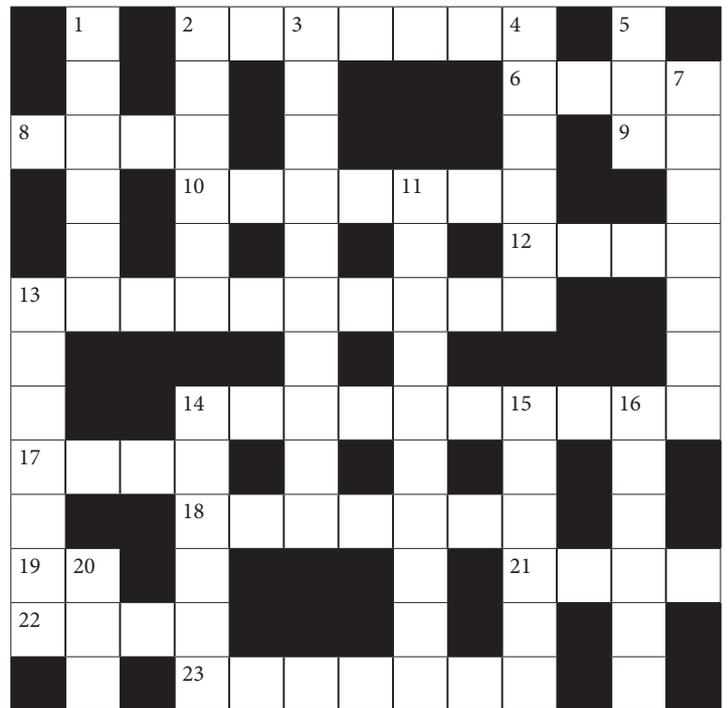
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- 13. Garden designer (10)
- 14. Part of three's work (10)
- 17. Cooker (4)
- 18. Beer mug (7)
- 19. Old English (2)
- 21. Imitation (4)
- 22. Close (4)
- 23. Liked having (7)

Down

- 1. Continent (6)
- 2. Moses' successor (6)
- 3. Home improver (4.6)
- 4. From whom letters come (6)
- 5. Perform (3)
- 7. Biscuits (7)
- 11. State of being no longer needed (10)
- 13. Very wise man (7)
- 14. Whole (6)
- 15. Really (6)
- 16. Relation (6)
- 20. Fish (3)

Drovers' Roads in Oxfordshire and Beyond by Tim Healey
The Marcham Society November talk

Tim Healey is well known for his illustrated talks to local societies, as well as being a broadcaster, writer of some sixty books and a record producer. His talk to the Society was well illustrated with both photographs of the drovers' roads as they are today, one of which he described as 'a green ghost of a once majestic highway', together with contemporary photographs of drovers' cattle fairs, markets, drovers' inns as well as the drovers themselves. The main theme of the talk was the contrast of the romantic view of the drovers' life, characterised in quotations, songs and even an opera by Vaughan-Williams and the reality of a 'hard hard life' lived out by 'tough little men' from the Welsh hills. They drove their herds from Wales to the markets of London and counties of the south east, a journey of c. 250 miles, three or four times a year. There was plenty of detail about how this was done, using corgi dogs for example to keep the herd together and planting Scots Pine trees as landmarks along the route (still in evidence today). He also showed maps of what roads were used and how the introduction of the turnpikes changed their routes, keeping them away from the major towns such as Oxford. The romantic view showed a way of life similar to the American Wild West, but this was balanced by the excerpt from the register of the Oxford Board of Guardians, who were responsible for poor relief. Sixteen drovers ended their lives either in the workhouse or as recipients of outdoor relief from the poor law guardians. Altogether this was an absorbing talk from a master of his craft.

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ED VAIZEY WRITES...

In Parliament this month I took part in a debate on press freedom and the Leveson inquiry. I also took part in the debate on the third reading of the Investigatory Powers Bill, on the same issue. Finally, I helped present the Defibrillator (Availability) Bill 2016-2017 to the House of Commons, a Private Members Bill drafted by my colleague Maria Caulfield.



This Bill would require all schools, sports centres and other public facilities to have a defibrillator and a train their staff to use it.

Myself and other local MPs have held a number of meetings to discuss the A34 with Ministers and representatives from Highways England. The meetings covered the upcoming safety review of the A34, which will focus on the M4 to M40 stretch with the most accidents. The review will also look at which laybys need to be closed, upgraded or used solely by the emergency services. The Minister for Highways assured us that he intends to make sure that short term measures and improvements are delivered as quickly and cost effectively as possible.

In local news, the Wantage based charity Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP) Action, of which I am President, has had their digital safety tool EpSMon accepted onto the NHS Innovation Accelerator (NIA) Programme. The tool was chosen as one of the 8 innovations to be selected for the programme as it can have a significant impact on the safety as well as the personal and financial costs of epilepsy. The charity is also funding a clinical trial of a Wearable Apnoea Device to stop epilepsy deaths.

I was extremely angry at the news this month that the consultation that will directly affect the future of Wantage Community Hospital is now not due to start until after the County Council elections next May. The Oxfordshire Healthcare Transformation Consultation is to be split into two phases with services provided out of community hospitals such as Wantage being considered later in the year. I was not happy at the announcement as it will prolong the closure of the hospitals 12 bed in-patient service which was closed in early summer while its long term future was decided by the consultation. There is now only a very tight window for the consultation to take place, so it is essential that the date does not slip again.

In other news, I was pleased to hold a meeting with the County Council and Environment Agency to get some action on preventing future flooding in Cholsey; catch up with Sovereign Housing Association; and attend the Didcot First Business and Community Awards, now in their eighth year. I also spoke at a very enjoyable lunch hosted by the Betjeman Society in Wantage.

So finally, as the festive season arrives, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all those who serve in the Armed Forces and emergency services, many of whom will continue to work at a time when most of us are enjoying ourselves with our family and friends. I was able to participate in the Remembrance Day services at Wallingford and Didcot this year.

My very best wishes to you for a prosperous New Year.

ED VAIZEY, MP Wantage and Didcot (Conservative)

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COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT

After a momentous year, where not everything has gone the way I might like, it is desirable that with Christmas and the New Year upon us, I should try to be positive and full of good will.

I want to praise the efforts of Sutton Courtenay Action Group supported by Parish Council and many village residents in getting the attention of District and County Councils to the very particular problems that are affecting their village. A near doubling of the number of houses, one of Europe's largest warehouses, a landfill

and recycling site, and an expanding Didcot and Milton Park, it seems that Sutton Courtenay has been a focus of growth, of environmental impact, and of infrastructure shortage. None of these problems on their own are unique to Sutton Courtenay, but by persuading the Councils to realize its problems, the experience of this village may encourage Councils to realize some of the effects being felt in many areas of the county. With a very high proportion of our land area being AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) Green Belt and Flood Plain, all the growth is being concentrated in a very small proportion of the County. Abingdon and its surrounding villages have been asked (some might say "told") to absorb much of the desired growth. The gaps between one village and the next are reducing dramatically. In many cases we are down to one field. Coalescence of towns and villages is now a serious issue for us. The Sutton Courtenay Action Group's actions have wide implications for the whole area.

I also want to praise all those beginning or thinking about beginning Neighbourhood Plans. The bravery and experience of Drayton in being the first large village in the area to get a fully made Plan will be used by others to improve and learn from the Drayton experience. Neighbourhood Plans are not about preventing development. However, they are, for the first time, an opportunity for local residents to play a major part in the planning process. The residents of Drayton can look forward to a village that they have helped to plan, and make a better connected, more attractive community with better facilities. Now that we have a Local Plan in place, large speculative applications should be a thing of the past. Meanwhile Marcham can look forward to its long awaited new Village Hall and Sports facilities on the Anson Field. This has involved the hard work and good will of dozens of people. True, it is taking longer than originally hoped, but many hours of work is nearing completion on the management of the new facilities. This will ensure the long term future of the project and is well worth waiting for.

There is plenty to say next year in praise of Shippon, Milton and Appleford, but not enough room in this report. In the meantime, a **Very Happy New Year to All**

RICHARD WEBBER CLLR OCC SC & Marcham Division.

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DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Local Plan Good news! AT LAST we have a local plan in place! It was voted in last Wednesday, 14th December, after a very rocky journey of five years, but now we can safely say that this will stop speculative applications throughout the Vale, as we have enough land for development. We need five years worth each year and at present we have seven years worth. The bad/sad news is that we need not have had to go through all this pain of feeling powerless against speculative applications! Back in 2011 there was a Local Plan almost complete which the present administration decided to abandon, saying that they wanted to review it again, only to end up using much of the old plan! As a result the whole procedure has added years onto its progress, and villages all round the Vale have had to take a lot of unwanted building, enough to change the whole character of many villages.

Don't misunderstand me. I am the first person to agree that we do need housing, but we need them in places where WE want to put them, NOT where a developer wants to put them, and this is where Neighbourhood Plans will play a major role. Thank you very much to the people who have got in touch with me about setting up a Marcham Neighbourhood Plan. And to those who are dithering as to whether to put their name forward, can I urge you to do so as we still need more volunteers. Let 2017 New Year resolution be to start a Marcham Neighbourhood Plan.

The next surgery to meet and air any local issues with your County Councillor and District Councillor will be held at Marcham shop on Saturday, 14th January between 9.00am and 11.00am.

May I wish you ALL a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Community Facilities Steering Group Plans moving forward...

The Community Facilities Steering Group has been
continuing to make progress with the new facilities as we
enter 2017.

New management arrangements for the facilities are being
detailed, legal agreements are being negotiated between
the key parties involved, and detailed budgets and design
specifications for the hall are being worked on. It is taking
some intensive work, and it is important to get these
details right for the future.

Can you help?

Until we have built the new facilities, we need as far as
possible to avoid spending money on the existing buildings
on the field, so that we use the limited funds available
for the new building. However, inevitably, some short-
term repairs and maintenance may be needed to keep
them secure in the meantime. We would be grateful of
any practical help that anyone, especially those with a
particular skill or trade, can offer to minimise the external
cash cost of any such repairs. Please let us know if you are
able to offer practical help.

*The Community Facilities Steering Group (CFSG) was
set up with the clear objective of developing plans for
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MARCHAM SCHOOL NEWS

Our next Open session for prospective parents is on 9th January
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01865 391448 a call if you'd like to come.

VIV HUTCHINSON,

Headteacher, Marcham CE Primary School.

PTA Round-up

Many, many thanks to
everyone who came to
our Christmas Fayre
at the beginning of
December. I am very



Parent Teacher Association

please to tell you that the initial count of the takings on
the night was £2,185, a wonderful sum of money that will
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children at Marcham Primary School.

Although this figure is £22 less than we took at 2015's
Fayre, at the time of writing we have not yet received the
takings from all stallholders, and I'm confident that the
final sum will significantly exceed last year's total.

It's now just over six months until our Summer Fete, but
between now and then we have some exciting events and
entertainment planned, and we'll be publicising them all
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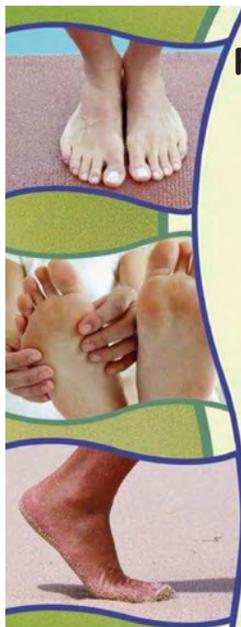
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We are working with Marcham PCC to organise a Burns Supper, to be held in Marcham Church on the evening of Saturday 28th January 2017, starting at 7:30pm. It will include the full traditional three-course meal, entertainment and some Scottish dancing. The event will be limited in numbers and tickets will be available in January on a first-come first served basis—£20 per person.

Those of you who have been to a Burns Supper in Marcham before will know what is involved in celebrating the world-famous Scottish bard, Robert Burns—and we will be very pleased to welcome new residents in Marcham and anyone who has not been to a Burns Supper before.

For further information and to book tickets, please call Jim or Denise Asher (391727) or email jim.asher@btinternet.com. We will also welcome offers of help to prepare for the event.



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Dear Friends,

A New Year dawns!

I wonder if you begin this year with any particular hopes and dreams? For yourself? For family and friends? I know I do. Are these hopes and dreams pure wishful thinking? Some may be, but others may be achievable as we apply ourselves to attaining them.

God knows everyone's heart, and the longings of all our hearts. The staggering event of Jesus's coming to the world is because God also has longings – he longs that as human beings we make room for him in our hearts, that we know and experience his love and forgiveness, and that he wants to send the Spirit of his Son into our hearts [Gal.4:6].

The beginning of a New Year can be an important time to take stock, for reflection upon our life's journey. It can be a time to make adjustments to our life-styles, time to make room for those important and life-affirming activities, spaces, and people that mean a lot to us and could mean more.

At the end of last year I put down a 'baton' that I have been holding for the past three years. In theory this should provide me with more space, but space for what? Do I simply fill that space with more things to do? Can I use that time more creatively? Can I re-imagine myself in some way, or re-imagine my ministry? Time for creative re-imagination is a precious gift. I heard the following recently:

'We are created by the Creator to be creative.'

That resonated with me. So one of my hopes for this year is that I can rediscover, re-imagine, find some new path of re-creation that will energise and provide new perspectives.

May 2017 be an energising year for all of us, enabling new horizons, new perspectives, new beginnings that will be life-affirming in every sense. And may there be room for the Lord of life at the very heart of each of us, and thus his creative Spirit being allowed to refresh and renew us to the very core of our being.

May I wish you and those you love a truly great New Year!

Richard

Revd Canon Richard Zair [Vicar]

Regular services

Sundays: 10am & 6pm at All Saints'

Wednesdays: 10.30am at Duffield Place

Sunday 1st January, 11am - Café style service

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