

Hankerton Church News



Hankerton Church Services

December 1st 9:30am Holy Communion
8th 4pm Christmas session
Decorating the Christmas tree, anyone of all ages is welcome to come and have fun.
15th 5pm Carol Service followed by mince pies and mulled wine

Other services around Christmas in the group

24th Christmas Eve
3pm Minety All age service
6pm Ashley Carol Service
9.00pm Communion Service Minety
11:30pm Communion Service Crudwell
25th Christmas Day
9:30am Holy Communion Ashley
9:30am Holy Communion Hankerton
10am Family Communion Minety
10am Family Service Crudwell
11am Holy Communion Charlton
11am Holy Communion Oaksey
January 5th 9:30am Holy Communion
19th 11am Informal Service
February 2nd 9:30am Holy Communion
16th 11am Informal Service

From the registers

On 21st September Heather Wyman and Mike Pain were married

On 18th October a service of thanksgiving for the life of Ken Rowland took place.

SIDE BY SIDE

We can hear a gentle tapping, but should we open this door to our hearts? - Our lives, we feel are established, do we need to make a new start?

We go to Church each week when Sunday comes around - We pay our tithes, we praise in songs, we pray on hallowed ground

Tap, tap, tap

It's all the same to us, for Church is always there, we make Christmas, Easter, Harvest, when we've the time to spare

Rap, rap, rap

If we keep busy all our days, we've no time to feel depressed - Afraid? Not us. Anxious? Who me? Lonely?

Well a little, we confess

Knock, knock, knock

Do we need to open our hearts? We're unwilling to say that we're weak - We suppose it's pride that is holding us back, to admit that our lives do look bleak We need courage to answer Your knock, to open up our doors - To let You in, Lord, admit our sins, to feel our spirits soar

Thank You, Lord, as You share Your Love with us, we'll open our hearts wide - We recognise our need of You, stay with us, side by side

We want to share Your fellowship, we need Your help in our distress - Oh, God, we need to turn to You in times of loneliness

Show us how to lose our pride, to face the reality That the minute we answer Your knock, Lord, You set us free.

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HANKERTON CHURCHYARD

As the autumn leaves are falling, it is a good time to thank all those who have helped in the churchyard over the year. Apart from the Parish Council who contribute towards the cost of the grass cutting, the rest of the churchyard is looked after by village volunteers. The north side looks particularly well maintained under Steve Davies' direction and he has been helped by Sue Beard, Chris Betts, Linda Davies, Mike and Carrol Geake, Ted Grierson, Lorraine McCallum, David Pynn, Pam Selwood, Dave and Sue Wood. Anybody is welcome to join the happy gang next year.

Philip Carter, Churchwarden

Emma Fry and Ritchie Plumb were married by the Reverend Sarah Wyman on August 19th 2013 at her first wedding service since being ordained. Emma, from Foxley, and Ritchie, from Hankerton, had a medieval themed wedding to reflect their shared interest in medieval architecture and life. The themed reception in Charlton village hall was enjoyed by friends and family who dressed to suit the occasion.



Sponsored Bike Ride @ Stride for Wiltshire Churches 2013

On 14 September 2013, three Hankerton bikers; Louise Thorne, Peter Robinson and Philip Carter, pedaled gently round the lovely local villages on the minor roads for about 30 miles. They stopped at 16 churches and 1 pub en route and between them they raised the wonderful sum of £585, half of which will be returned to Hankerton Church. A very big thank you to all three of them.

I also thank those 8 noble residents who sat for one hour outside the church, recording other entrants from neighbouring villages during the day. Perhaps next year there will be one or two other residents who would like to have a go! Keep it in mind for next year.

John Edwards

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Malmesbury Local Supporters Group.

Winter Talks Programme 2013 - 2014.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Speaker.</u>	<u>Title of talk.</u>
December 12 th Plain	Sharon Pilkington	Salisbury - a botanical tour
January 9 th Park,	Val Melville	Luanga National Zambia
February 6 th	Gemma Harding	Amphibians of the UK
March 6 th	Speaker and topic to be confirmed	
April 3 rd	Speaker and topic to be confirmed	

All talks take place in Charlton Village Hall and begin at 7.30 p.m. Non-members very welcome.

Admission £2.50, children free.

Malmesbury & District Link

Link continues to provide a support service enabling those without their own transport to access local services and facilities including their doctor and hospital appointments. It is a charity which uses volunteer drivers and, although it relies on donations from users, it is partly funded by Community First. In order to make it easier for users of the service to contact Link at any time, they now have an email address,

coordinators@malmesburylink.co.uk.

The phone number is still 01666 840861 and the line is manned Monday to Friday, 9 am to 1 pm.

We are looking for a volunteer to join our team of co-ordinators to man the Link phone line (from home) on alternate Wednesdays from 9am to 1pm. No specialist knowledge needed - just a friendly telephone manner!

If you are interested please contact Malmesbury Link on 01666 840861 (weekdays 9am and 1pm) or email coordinators@malmesburylink.co.uk

Craig's thoughts for the month

A *paraprosdokian* (from Greek "παρά-", meaning "beyond" and "προσδοκία", meaning "expectation") is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to re-frame the first part. It is frequently used for humorous or dramatic effect, sometimes producing an anticlimax.

For example

Ø I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.

Ø Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

Ø The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on the list.

Ø Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

Ø If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

Ø War does not determine who is right — only who is left.

Ø Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.



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