

Hankerton Church News



Hankerton Church Services

February - April 2014

	February			
March	2nd	9:30am	Holy Communion	
	16th	11am	Informal Service	
April	2nd	9:30am	Holy Communion	
	5th		Ash Wednesday	
	16th	7:30pm	Group Service Oaksey	
	23rd	11am	Informal Service	
		10am	Group Holy Communion service Ashley	
		30th	Mothering Sunday	
		11am	Special Mothering Sunday Service	
April	17th	Maundy Thursday service		
			followed by a meal	
		6:30pm	Crudwell	
	18th	Good Friday service of Devotion		
		2pm	Charlton	
	20th	Easter Sunday		
		9:30	Holy Communion	

Thank you to all those who supported the various services in December. There were very good attendances for the Carol service and the Christmas Day service, supplemented with visiting families. There was also a Group service on the fifth Sunday on a wonderful bright frosty morning. For this last service, we were joined by 25 people from the nearby villages in our Braydonbrook Group (Ashley, Charlton, Crudwell, Minety and Oaksey).

As in previous years, Nick Durnford kindly donated a lovely Christmas tree, the biggest yet, for the North Aisle. The church looked beautiful throughout the Christmas festival, thanks also to the various flower arrangers.

Philip Carter, Churchwarden

Our Annual Cheese and Wine Supper is at Charlton village hall on Saturday 8th March. 7 for 7:30pm for a buffet supper and raffle tickets will be available in due course

Light at the end of the Broadband Tunnel!!

One of the few drawbacks of living in Hankerton is access to usable broadband bandwidth. The distance from the exchange in Crudwell means that, even with the introduction of fibre optic service, the bandwidth we will see in Hankerton will NOT increase to the level many anticipate. There is however 'light at the end of the tunnel'. I have recently had discussions with Cotswold Wireless on the possibility of getting their wireless broadband installed at home. The survey revealed that we had inadequate signal strength from their transmitter on Braydon water tower. Cotswold Wireless raised the possibility of setting up a relay in the village using a suitable location such as the church tower. This solution is not as cheap as standard broadband however it will deliver data rates of between 10-20 Mb.

BEYOND MEASURE

Some look on wealth as diamonds, rubies, pearls or other gems
But my best jewel is My Lord's Love, most priceless of all
diadems
I cherish His scripture, His Word, this is His way of communication - It carries music, poetry and fills me with elation
His Word to us and our replies to Him are one big prayer - His
reassurance to us that He is always there
"Through My Love for you, My Spirit starts to show - That
when you become rebirthed, your life in Me begins to grow
You learn that you have value as you become reborn
Awaken to My Love; let your darkness give way to dawn
Now tell of My blessings to others, explain that they will never
fade - If they place themselves into My Hands, and
acknowledge the price My Son paid
So fill your life with prayer, thankfulness and learning - Let My
Love shower on you, let it still your soul's yearning
Do not isolate yourself thinking you can do this on your own
As a member of My family, you know that you belong,
no longer are alone
My Love fills the length of your lives from your birth to when
you die - It pulls you from the depths of despair, and wipes the
tears from out your eyes
It covers the breadth of your feelings, seeking out those who
need to be consoled - Bow your head in prayer, reach out to
Me; here is My Hand to hold
My Love has no measure, is unending, be sure of its Power.
With Me by your side, you will find that your life will blossom
and flower
Remember, I can forgive your sins of the future, present, past
Jewels lose their lustre, but My Love lasts."

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(Ephesians 3:14-21)

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Cotswold Wireless have also undertaken to provide WiFi to the North Aisle and I have indicated I will provide a refurbished PC for the North Aisle as a village resource.

I am pleased to advise the Parochial Church Council have accepted this suggestion and I am working with Cotswold Wireless to have the relay installed as soon as possible. Once we have the installation in place, I will update you on speeds achieved. Target date for the installation is under discussion with a stated target by Cotswold Wireless of week starting 13th January (weather dependent).

In the interim if you would like to benefit from these improved broadband speeds you can register an interest on the Cotswold Wireless website <http://www.cotswoldwireless.co.uk/ccn/wireless.html> (there is no obligation). If you would like to discuss the service feel free to call Geoff Preston on 07785 106035. Can I thank Tristram and the team at Cotswold Wireless for their help and all in the village who have worked so hard and actively supported this opportunity, which should deliver viable broadband to the village.

Geoff Preston

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The Hannah Ludlow Charity

The above registered charity is an amalgamation of three small charities, the earliest of which dates back 20 1848. Income is generated by rental income from two small fields in Hankerton known as Little Tanknalls and Oaklands, currently being used by a smallholder. The object of the charity is to "relieve either generally or individually, persons resident in the Parish of Hankerton who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress".

Emotive words indeed, bit with the cost everything going sky high and our increasingly fluctuating weather pattern, there may well be those in the village who find themselves actually in need of help due to hardship and distress. Any requests for financial assistance will be treated with utmost confidentiality and should be made in writing to:

The Chairman, The Hannah Ludlow Charity,
1 Cloatley Road, Hankerton,
Malmesbury, Wilts,
SN16 9LQ

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Malmesbury Local Supporters Group. Winter Talks Programme 2013 – 2014.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Speaker.</u>	<u>Title of talk.</u>
February 6 th	Gemma Harding	Amphibians of the UK
March 6th	Peter Basterfield	Garden Birds and Adventures of a Wildlife Photographer
April 3rd	Bob Rogers	Mull. One Foot in Paradise

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



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