



**BITS AND PIECES** Many thanks for your expressions of kindness and goodwill over the Christmas season, they were greatly appreciated by me and my family (especially the Gin!!)

Thank you to all the clergy and individuals who helped in any way to make our Christmas Services very special.  
Nick.

### **A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL**

**TEWKESBURY AND WINCHCOMBE DEANERY –Epiphany Carol Service on Sunday 8th January at 6.00 pm.** in Tewkesbury Abbey. All are most welcome to this lovely candle lit service. Do try and go along.

**Church Leaflet Distribution.** Many thanks to all the volunteers in the four villages who deliver the leaflet to every house every month. Your help continues to be greatly appreciated.

**North Cotswold Food Bank** Many thanks to all those who have donated food items / donations to the food Bank for Christmas—it was very much appreciated. It helped to give those in need a happier Christmas.

### **ALDERTON**

**The Christmas Bazaar** was a great success and made a total of £1,500—£100, more than last year, despite the inclement weather. It looks as though we attracted some of the newcomers

to the village, which can only be a good thing. Our thanks to the stallholders, to those who manned the kitchen and especially to Father Christmas, who went well beyond the bounds of duty

**The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols** was well attended. It was good to see so many villagers taking part, from all walks of life. Afterwards all enjoyed a mince pie and mulled wine

**The Christingle Service** collection was £151.35 which was an excellent amount raised for the Children's Society. We had a very enjoyable service led by the Rev'd Michael Hand with great audience participation. With many thanks to all involved and those who attended it.

**Christmas Card Distribution.** Very many thanks to the youngsters who helped with the delivery of cards round the village. A total of £27 was made for Church funds.

**Christmas decoration .** Many thanks to those who helped to decorate the Church for the festival—both flowers and Christmas tree. It was greatly admired and appreciated

**Alderton Nativity and Crib Service.** Again this year this was very well supported. Many thanks to the children who took part portraying the Christmas story and to the younger ones who helped to build up the Crib with the animals and figures before it was blessed. The collection of £123 was given to Laura Webb in aid of her trip to South Africa where she will be undertaking teaching experience with Project Trust

**Many Thanks** to the bell ringers for ringing out the old year and ringing in 2017.

**Church Cleaning Rota.** We need more volunteers to go on the cleaning rota. It is organised

for 2 people together to clean church 2 weeks in succession. The more people on the rota the fewer times their turn will come round in the year! Please speak to Carla if you feel you could help (620600)

### **R.I.P**

December 8th - Thomas Hepplewhite

### **MOTHERS' UNION**

We meet on Thursday 19th January at 2.30 pm in Beryl's home for our AGM. Subscriptions of £20 are due at that meeting. If you are unable to be at the meeting please make sure Lilian

### **GREAT WASHBOURNE**

**Our Informal Carol Evening** How lovely it was to have so many families and friends at this event. Many thanks to all who took part especially to Pam on her harp and to Fenella on her guitar—it was a lovely way to begin the Christmas festivities. After the Blessing of the Crib it was good to meet socially over a mince pie and mulled wine. Very many thanks to Fred Sherwood for making the lovely wooden Crib - it has been greatly admired

**Christmas Day Service.** It was lovely to have a returned visit of the Rev'd Bruce Granger to preside at this Service and to have a good congregation.

**The PCC** meets on Wednesday 18th January 7.45 pm in Great Washbourne House..

### **DUMBLETON**

**New Year's greetings to everyone,** and a sincere thank you to all who have supported this work and activities at St. Peter's in 2016. We were pleased to see the completion of the "Refresh Project" in 2016 and would again like to thank all who contributed in any way. The Christmas trees in the church for the Advent services looked lovely and set the scene for all the December activities. Many thanks to all who made a special effort with Christmas decorations.

**The Coffee Morning and Raffle** in St. Peter's Church raised sufficient funds for the refreshments and Christingles over the Christmas period. Many thanks to all who provided raffle prizes and who supported this event.

**The Carols by Candlelight and Christingle** service (recorded by Radio Winchcombe) raised £321 for the Children's Society, and the service of **Nine lessons and Carols** raised £223 to be split equally between the Acorns Children's Hospice and Save the Children. Many thanks to all who came along and all who helped to make these such successful and enjoyable occasions.

**Coffee mornings** at the Cricket Pavilion resume on 3rd and 17th January 10.30 - 12 noon  
**New activities in church.** Our church now has **toilet facilities**, including a baby changing unit and are also suitable for use by the disabled. We also have a **servery/kitchen** in the north transept which has been cleared of pews and can be used as a meeting/social area. The servery includes a dish washer and a sink with a boiling water tap. A trolley can be wheeled out to provide a surface for serving refreshments. If you would like to make use of these new facilities by holding an event in church please contact a member of the church council (Tricia Steggles : 01386 882049; pmstegles@icloud.com or Jenny Maher : 01386 881474 ; jennylynne71@icloud.com).

### **Holy Matrimony**

December 9th 2016 - Nicholas Stephen Rout and Tasmin Elizabeth Tullett

December 17th 2016 - Matthew David Dixon and Elizabeth Louise Lazenby

### **R.I.P.**

November 19th 2016 - Joyce Hilda Walker (interment of ashes)

### **WORMINGTON**

**Christmas.** Many thanks to those who kindly decorated the Church for Christmas and to all who came along to the service.

### **Holy Baptism**

December 11th 2016 - Isabella Lilian Green