

*The Pillertons Parish News ...
The Magazine for All
November and December 2022*

Church services at St Mary's (www.stourdene.org)

Please check the church notice board for changes to service times, and the website for information about services in other Benefice churches.

<i>Services at St Mary's</i>	
<i>November</i>	
Sun 6 November	11.00 am Common Worship Communion
Sun 13 November	10.50 am Remembrance
Sun 20 November	8.00 am Holy communion BCP
Sun 27 November	11.00 am Family /All Age for advent with bacon butties
<i>December</i>	
Sun 4 December	11.00 am Common Worship Communion
Sun 11 December	11.00 am Morning Worship
Sun 18 December	pm Carol Service (time TBC)
Sat 24 Dec	pm Crib/Christingle (time TBC)
Sun 25 December	am Christmas Day Holy Communion (time and venue TBC)
Sun 1 January	10.30 am Benefice C W Communion (venue TBC)

The church now has a card reader for donations. The reader is set at £5 and can be changed for any sum above this amount – please just tap for instant giving. Thank you.

Church Warden's Notes - Following the death of our beloved Queen Elizabeth, two services were held to enable the parishes to remember, reflect and give thanks for her life of duty and service. Thank you to all who contributed - at very short notice - to these occasions, and to James and his team for tolling the bell for an hour. The book of condolence will be held by the PCC for the time being.

Harvest Festival was eventually held in October with a full church followed by an enjoyable tea. All donations and gifts will be sent to the food bank.

Songs of Praise: This was a great sing-a-long with lots of favourite hymns interspersed with short readings, and we will try to repeat this event next year.

The First Thursday 'Cuppa Club' – a new venture - launched in September, with a very pleasing attendance at both the September and October gatherings. We had lovely weather on both occasions and were able to enjoy the sunshine in the churchyard. In November and December, we will transfer to P/Priors small hall. The Cuppa Club is open to anyone who would just like coffee, tea, and a chat for an hour or so, and we hope people from Priors will drop into the winter venue. No commitment is necessary. Please telephone for more information: 01789 740 688

Remembrance Sunday will be on 13 November and we will again be joined by the Scout troop. At the moment we will meet at the Memorial (the exact timing not available at the time of writing, but will be around 10.50), and we will move to the church after our Act of Remembrance.

Advent Sunday will fall this year on the 27 November, marking the start of the church's new year. Our family-friendly service is an ideal way to start the period of anticipation of Christ's coming - and especially as bacon rolls will be available!

Christmas services: The timings will be advised – please look on the church notice board.

The Grapevine is the weekly Benefice Newsletter that contains details of services and events, and is e-mailed to anyone who subscribe (please contact the parish administrator Jane Evans admin@stourdene.org to do so). Details are also on the website Stourdene.com *Jennifer Lewthwaite, Church warden*

Jottings from Hersey - I am delighted to report here that Susan spotted a kingfisher perched on a branch over the stream, and John's CCTV has filmed hedgehogs in his back garden. We've been planting trees well protected from deer and rabbits.

Since we have so many new residents recently, I thought it worth repeating some of the history of the village. William the Conqueror gave the town of Pithard to Hugh, Earl of Chester, and The Domesday Book recorded that the earl held land in Pilardetune (Nether Pillerton). The estate later passed to Hugh de Hersey, from whom the village got its present name. The enclosures act in 1794 marked a major change in the medieval ridge and furrow fields. At this time Briar Furlong was given to the village "*for the benefit of such industrious persons belonging to the parish as should not receive relief from the poor rates*".

In 1798, Charles Mills bought the manor, and much of the estate remained in the hands of the family until Miss Phoebe Mills died in 1971. The Ladywalk behind the church is named after Madam Horseman whose ghost was said to appear there. William Allibone, is remembered on a headstone in the churchyard. *Ros Williams*

Pillerton Hersey Parish Council - The date of our next ordinary meeting is 15th November, to be held in Pillerton Priors village hall. Agendas (including the venue) are posted on the village notice board next to the post box and on our website.

The Council have decided to meet every other month (rather than quarterly). Dates for 2023 meetings will be available on our website in the near future.

Thank you to those who joined us outside the church for a Moment of Reflection the evening before the late Queens' funeral in September.

In September two Councillors attended a meeting of the Low Carbon Warwickshire Network and learnt more about the pros and cons of heat pumps and using thermal imaging cameras to assess your home's energy efficiency. Representatives from the Heating Hub (www.theheatinghub.co.uk) gave practical advice for householders about how to reduce energy bills and optimise boiler performance.

As we enter the darker months, please remember to take a torch with you if out walking your dog first thing in the morning or later in the evening to make it easier to see and clear up any mess. The countryside code has lots of advice, including the importance of keeping dogs under effective control and respecting other people, so we can all enjoy our time outside.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code>

To support residents, over the next few weeks, we will be updating our website with a resources section. This will provide people with information for services local to the area that residents may have used. If you have a suggestion, please share it, but please note that, if it is posted, this is not an indication that the parish council personally recommends the service.

The Councillors and Clerk wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

To keep up to date with information and the latest news visit our website www.pillertonherseypc.org.uk and follow our Facebook page (Pillerton Hersey Parish Council).

The Pillertons and Butlers Marston Village

Fund is a small charity whose object is, where possible, to provide, either generally or individually, for the relief of need within these parishes. Anyone who resides within the above parishes who is suffering severe financial hardship at this time is invited to provide brief written information about their personal circumstances to help the trustees assess their need, and to determine if the fund is able to assist. The information provided will be treated with the strictest confidence. It is important to stress that the charity has limited funds available for distribution and that, under the terms of the Trust, the applicants must reside within the parishes of The Pillertons and Butlers Marston. Please contact: Chair of the Charity, Church View, Pillerton Hersey, Warwick. CV35 0QJ.

News from Hastings House Medical Centre - As

you have probably already read, Dr Martin Whittaker will hang up his stethoscope and retire from general practice this November. After graduating from medical school in 1993, Martin joined the practice as a GP trainee in 1997 and he went on to become a partner in 1999. Dr Whittaker is a firm favourite with many patients over the last 25 years, dedicating much of his life to the surgery. Martin will be sorely missed by patients and staff alike and I am sure that you will join us in wishing him an enjoyable and much deserved retirement. We are definitely going to miss him.

Our PPG (Patient Participation Group) is still looking for new members. Are you interested in improving the communication between GP's, practice staff and patients, and improving awareness of how the practice operates? For more information, please contact the surgery by emailing hastingshouseppg@gmail.com

Stay safe this bonfire night! As a child I remember the firework code being drilled into me and the numerous scare tactic TV adverts - but firework injuries still happen! In 2020/21 there were

116 hospital admissions for people injured by fireworks, and 21 of these were children aged younger than 14. Please take care if you have fireworks or even sparklers at home. It's best to go to an organised display and enjoy them safely.

“Movember” is responsible for thousands of moustaches on men’s faces throughout the UK but as fun as it is to “grow a Mo,” there is a serious message to be shared. Men on average die 5 years earlier than women for largely preventable reasons. “Movember” is the leading charity for men’s health, focusing on mental health and suicide prevention, and prostate and testicular cancer. If you want to know more then head to uk.movember.com. *Emily Taylor*

Carers4Carers at Kineton Village Hall - On Friday, 25 November, from 10.30 - 12 noon, Carers4Carers monthly meeting will celebrate its 10th anniversary with coffee and cake! During the morning we'll be unveiling a joyous work of art created with ceramic artist Penny Varley. If you have been supported by Carers4Carers in the past, we would love you to join us. Please let us know by 16 November if you'd like to come so we know how much cake to bake! On Friday 9 December, 10.30 - 12 noon, our meeting will have a festive flavour and we look forward to welcoming you with chat, coffee and biscuits. Our companionship group will be on hand to look after your loved one. For more information about our self-help support group, including help with transport to/from meetings, phone Gillian on 07947 893504, email us at kcarers4carers@gmail.com or take a look at www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk.

Shipston Home Nursing events in November and December - Shipston Home Nursing will be holding another **designer clothes sale** on Thursday, 10 November from 5.30 to 8.30pm, and Friday, 11 November from 9am to 4pm at Darlingscott Farm, Darlingscott CV36 4PN. This popular pop-up will include stunning designer clothes including Armani, Paul Smith and Luisa Cerano (with up to 80% off), and cashmere

knitwear and accessories too. 10% of sales will go to Shipston Home Nursing. Special thanks to John and Maggie Sargent.

The **Christmas Gift Fair** (entry £5) will be held on Tuesday, 15 November from 5.30 to 8.30pm, and on Wednesday, 16 November from 9.30am to 3pm at Ettington Community Centre, Rogers Lane, Ettington CV37 7SX. The Christmas Fair attracts local shoppers from far and wide, and is the perfect opportunity to discover unique presents you can't find on the high street. This year there will be some fabulous new stalls including The Cotswold Fox, Elly Dunford Wood, Rebecca Tracy Aromatherapy, and Pom Pom Galore - to name a few. Of course, we welcome back our firm favourites too.

Stratford Beekeepers' taster day - Are you interested in beekeeping but not sure what is involved? Why not join our Taster Day at Luddington Village Hall on Saturday, 28 January 2023 from 10-4pm? ... An informal and low-cost opportunity to find out more that will include practical demonstrations (no live bees)! The cost is £20 including light refreshments. Please visit our website for more details and our Introduction to Beekeeping Course: www.stratfordbeekeepers.org.uk

Church opening rota - During the winter, the church opens only at weekends – thank you!

5-6 November	J Lewthwaite	10-11 December	A Brooks
12-13 November	C Hitchman	17-18 December	J & F Young
19-20 November	P & S Kelsey	25-25 December	J Lewthwaite
27-27 November	G & C Thomas	31 December-1 January	C Hitchman
3-4 December	T & E Fillmore	7-8 January	P & S Kelsey

Church cleaning rota - The key is available from Mair Howell (740107), Gill Ison (740534), or any PCC member. Thank you!

<i>7 November</i>	Mrs Kerr & Mrs Goodwin	<i>12 December</i>	Mrs Young & Mr Kerr
<i>14 November</i>	Mrs Waters & Mrs Dumas	<i>19 December</i>	Mrs Lewthwaite & Mrs Kelsey
<i>21 November</i>	Mrs Hitchman & Mrs Eveleigh-Jones	<i>26 December</i>	Mrs Percival & Mrs Ingall
<i>28 November</i>	Mrs Ison & Mrs Brades	<i>2 January</i>	Mrs Fidler & Mrs Curtlin
<i>5 December</i>	Mrs Archer & Mrs Stephenson		

Church flower arranging rota - Please prepare your flowers in time for the dates noted on the rota. Church keys are available from the churchwardens and from the Old Vicarage. Thank you for your help – it is very much appreciated. If anyone would like to join the flower rota, please contact Fiona Young (741000) – you would be very welcome!

<i>30th Oct & 6th Nov</i>	Alice Kerr & Rosie Featherstone-Dilke	<p><i>No flowers during Advent, starting 27 November</i></p> <p><i>Flowers to be arranged, and church to be decorated, for the carol service on 18 December, please</i></p> <p><i>Coffee and biscuits will be available during the morning of Saturday, 17 December to help sustain any arrangers!</i></p>
<i>13th and 20th Nov</i>	Fiona Young & Debs Brotherton	

Next newsletter - Please send any news for the next newsletter (covering January and February 2023) by Saturday, 17 December (pillertonscoop@gmail.com)