

*The Pillertons Parish News ...
The Magazine for All
January and February 2023*

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>January</i>	
Sunday, 1 January	10.30 am Benefice C W Communion at Halford
Sunday, 8 January	11.00 am Morning Worship
Sunday, 15 January	No service at Pillerton
	CW Communion 9.30 am Alderminster 11.00 am Ettington
Sunday, 22 January	11.00 am All age /family service
Sunday, 29 January	10.30 am Benefice CW Communion at Newbold
<i>February</i>	
Sunday, 5 February	11.00 am Common Worship Communion
Sunday, 12 February	10.30 Songs of Praise PP Village Hall
Sunday, 19 February	No service at Pillerton
	CW Communion 9.30 am Alderminster 11.00 am Ettington
Sunday, 26 February	11.00 am All age / family service

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 -

The First Thursday Cuppa Club – A New Venture: The Cuppa Club enjoyed a Christmas-themed ‘get together’ in December. The meetings on 5 January and 2 February will again be in Pillerton Priors small hall at 11.00 am. The Cuppa Club welcomes anyone who would just like coffee, tea, and a chat for an hour or so in the warm and we hope people from Priors will drop into the winter venue. No commitment necessary. For details contact Jennifer on 740688.

Christmas services: All were very well attended with lots of families enjoying the festive music. A big ‘thank you’ to all who helped arranged them and decorated the church so beautifully, and to Jonathan and Fiona for the churchyard tree.

The collection of £283 at the Christingle will be sent to the Church of England Children’s Society.

We received a warm welcome at Butler’s Marston Church for the Christmas Morning Communion - and the Pillertons were well represented.

The eagle-eyed may have noticed our beautiful new purple altar frontal in advent made by Mrs Pat Crookes. The original (date unknown) is disintegrating but Pat hopes to be able stabilise the embroidery and conserve it under glass for display in the church - a labour of great skill and love. Thank you, Pat!

Songs of Praise: Everyone enjoyed this sing-a-long of favourite Hymns in Pillerton Priors village hall, and by popular request we will be holding another on Sunday, 13 February at 10.30 am in place of Morning worship in Church.

Services: Please note there will be no 8.00 am BCP communions on 15 January or 19 February. However, there are communion

services in other churches in the Benefice - please see the Service Rota.

Grapevine: This weekly benefice newsletter is e-mailed to anyone who requests it, and contains details of services and events within the six parishes. Please contact the Parish Administrator Jane Evans at admin@stourdene.org to register your interest. Details are also on the website ww.stourdene.com *Jennifer Lewthwaite, Church warden*

Jottings from Hersey - We have been reminded recently of the welcome we had here 40 years ago. Within days we were invited for sherry with Cecil and Freda, joined The Friends of St Mary's and signed up onto the church mowing and cleaning lists and, by the way, could we help with the fete in the summer? *[Editor's note: the 2023 fete is on Saturday 10 June – so mark your diaries, please!]* We were warmly greeted at the Village Lunch in the church hall. Flo and Peggy, on their daily walk explained, “Don't you worry if you find bones buried in your garden. The village butcher had your land and an abattoir across the lane.” Our neighbour, Eve Willington, recommended the chimney sweep and the piano tuner who would “fit us in” when they came to her. Her husband, Alec, asked so charmingly if we would open our garden for the Garden Walk: how could we refuse? So welcome to Simon, Gini and Richard, Jonathan, Rob, Ron and Anne.

Everyone was sad to hear of the death of David Jones who had helped in so many gardens in the village. A lovely man, he will be much missed. Fondly remembered, a long-time resident of Watery Lane, Flo Bayliss, died at her care home, a few days before her 100th birthday in August. *Ros Williams*

Pillerton Hersey Parish Council - The date of our next ordinary meeting is 10 January. The meeting will start at 7pm.

Agendas are posted on the village notice board next to the post box and on our website. Please check the agenda for the meeting venue.

Thank you to Ros and Peter Williams for their ongoing efforts mowing the grass and tending the flower beds around the war memorial. I'm sure everyone agrees this keeps it looking its best as a central feature of our village.

In November two Councillors attended a meeting of the Warwickshire Cost of Living Summit, at the University of Warwick. The purpose of the summit was to discuss collaboration and cooperation to better support residents and businesses in the area. The summit featured the launch of a cost of living website, designed as a one-stop shop for practical and financial advice from county, district and borough councils and partners. The website can be found at www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk

As we progress through the winter months the council would like to remind all landowners of their responsibility to keep ditches clear alongside their land to prevent flooding on highways and footpaths.

Please be aware there is likely to be traffic control in place on the Kineton road between 23 – 27 January as contractors work to connect mains services to Overwell (the new build next to School Cottages).

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).

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Field and place names in Hersey and Priors -

Have you ever wondered about some of the curious names around the area? In 1817 some of the following field names existed ... a few have obvious origins, such as, Carrier's Close, Brick Kiln Gorse, Millfield, Windmill Hill, Sandpits, Thatchers Close, Gravel Hill and Dove House Close. Others are a mystery (unless you can solve them), - such as, Little Castle Hill, Monkford, Meadows, Cadbold, Dickensbury, Nineveh (a biblical name quite often found but we don't know why it is used here), and Blakelands (possibly from the Anglo Saxon meaning bleak or desolate). But some do relate to predecessors, such as - George's Ground, Smith's Hill, Arnolds Close, Hooleys Close, Brunts Close, Tomlers Stile and, in more recent times, Kiblers Lane. Who were these people? If anyone knows, please let me know!

A recent book written by Peter Johnson called "Joe's Story - A Century of Change in the South Warwickshire Countryside" revealed (to me at least) the identity of the Kiblers. It is a fascinating and recommended book. The author has kindly given me permission to quote the following: "Frederick Kibler, formerly a successful building contractor, was appointed land agent for the Walton Estate by Sir Charles Mordaunt in 1892. Two years later he was given charge of two other estates owned by the Mordaunt family in Somerset. The family lived rent-free at Dene House in the village of Walton. This was a large property with a coach house and stable block which was situated next to the estate yard. The family were wealthy enough to employ a live-in cook and housemaid. His son, Herbert, later took on the tenancy of Nutshell Farm in Wellesbourne."

I would like to hear of any other names of places within the parishes with unusual names. *Tim Newcombe*

News from Hastings House Medical Centre ,

Wellesbourne - So this month marks a whole year of my blog. I hope that you have enjoyed reading it, and find the information useful.

See the right healthcare professional to ease the availability of GP appointments. The new minor illness pharmacy referral is available by choosing option 3 on our 'phone system. You will be put through to a receptionist who will take your details and refer you to a local pharmacy for a convenient same-day call back to discuss any minor ailments. They can deal with: Acne, spots, skin rashes; bites and stings; aches and pains

in joints; colds and flu, sore throats, coughs; issues with constipation, diarrhoea and vomiting; earache, ear discharge and wax; sticky, irritable or itchy eyes; thrush and urine infections/cystitis in women aged between 15—64.

As part of my current job, I have added a new role at the surgery - I am the liaison administrator for Friends of Hastings House, which raises money to fund equipment and services that the NHS doesn't currently provide. Currently, the Friends fund the Wellbeing Navigator Role and provide the surgery with an Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitor, allowing patients to accurately record their blood pressure for 24-hours and improve the diagnosis of high blood pressure. Our priorities for 2023 include a toe nail cutting and foot care service for the elderly, and appointment of a dementia wellbeing navigator to complement existing Hastings House staff.

The Friends raises funds locally with raffles and events, but would you consider donating or making a regular contribution? If so, then please pop into the surgery to collect a leaflet or visit the website friendsofhastingshouse.co.uk I am also looking to develop a bank of volunteers. If you could spare time to help, please contact me.

See you in March for the first days of spring! *Emily Taylor*

Carers4Carers at Kineton Village Hall - Friday 27

January 10.30 - noon: **Carers4Carers monthly meeting** at Kineton Village Hall. You'll receive a warm welcome with friendly chat, coffee and biscuits. This month's speaker is from Act on Energy who will have timely information on how we can save money on our energy bills. On Friday, 24 February 10.30 - 12 noon, please join us for a friendly chat, coffee and biscuits as well as First Aid training provided by the British Red Cross. Your loved ones can attend our Companionship Group while you are with us. *Pre-booking for the Companionship Group is essential.* 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.

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!

7–8 January	P & S Kelsey	11-12 February	J Lewthwaite
14 – 15 January	G & C Thomas	18-19 February	C Hitchman
21-22 January	T & E Fillmore	25-26 February	P & S Kelsey
28-29 January	A Brookes	4-5 March	G & C Thomas
4-5 February	F & Young	11-12 March	T&E Fillmore

Church cleaning rota - The key is available from Fiona Young (0791 7771157), Gill Ison (740534), or any PCC member. Thank you!

2 January	Mrs Fidler & Mrs Curtlin	6 February	Mrs Waters and Mrs Dumas
9 January	Mrs Williams & Ms Brotherton	13 February	Mrs Ison & Mrs Brads
16 January	Mrs Marshall & Mrs Crookes	20 February	Mrs Jean Young & Mrs Hughes
23 January	Mr & Mrs Fillmore	27 February	Mrs Archer & Mrs Stephenson
30 January	Mrs Kerr & Mrs Goodwiin		

Church flower arranging rota - Please consider joining the flower arranging rota for our beautiful church. No particular skill is required – please contact Fiona Young (0791 7771157) for more information. Thank you!

For those on the rota, please prepare your flowers in time for the dates noted on the rota. Church keys are available from the churchwardens and from Fiona at The Old Vicarage. Thank you for your help – it is very much appreciated.

1 & 8 January	Fiona Young & Debs Brotherton
15 & 22 January	Alice Kerr & Rosie F-D (note there is no service in the church on 15 Jan)
29 January & 5 February	Jane Waters & Sue Ingall
12 & 19 February	Olga Brades & Gill Ison (note there is no service in the church on 19 Feb)
<i>Please remove flowers on 21 February for Ash Wednesday on 22 February – there are no flowers during Lent</i>	
9 April	Easter Sunday – Festival Flowers
23 & 20 April	Muriel Fidler & Fiona Young
7 & 14 May	Helen Marshall & Patricia Crookes

Next newsletter - Please send any news for the next newsletter (covering March and April) by Friday, 17 February (pillertonscoop@gmail.com)