

The Baldons and Nuneham Courtenay Newsletter



February 2022

FROM REVEREND TERESA STEWART-SYKES

This month we enjoy the annual celebration of  which is
Valentine's Day

Of course, love and a loving relationship takes many different forms. In our society we see a wonderful diversity of expressions of love which reflect the joyful differences between us and how we interact and live with one another. Whether you are gay, straight, married or single or somewhere in between any of these labels, you can enjoy the celebration of love that is Valentine's Day.

Rev Sorrel Shamel-Wood has been thinking about all of this and she gives us details of the Church of England's consultation on these issues called 'Living in Love and Faith'. She writes:

Christians believe that love and relationships are a gift from God, who is the source of all love and who is intrinsically relational, being three persons in one (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). Jesus also told his followers to "love one another, as I have loved you". Sadly, throughout history and today the church has sometimes fallen short of this ideal and can be accused of being judgemental or hypocritical instead of exemplifying the ideal of love. None of us is perfect, but as Christians this is the goal by which we strive to live.

Love takes many different forms, and our society today is very different from the one that St Valentine would recognise! People experience loving relationships in many different ways, including through deep and lasting friendships and through their close and extended families, as well as through the romantic love that comes from being with a partner.

*Later this Spring, the Dorchester Ministry Team will be participating in a consultation called "**Living in Love and Faith**". This is a course running across the whole of the Church of England, involving discussions, study and prayer as part of the process of discerning a way forward in matters of relationships, identity, sexuality and marriage. These discussions will take place within a framework of kind, respectful and considerate debate as part of our Lent programme. If you are interested in taking part, please see details under the Church Services page.*

So, whoever you are squeezing this Valentine's Day may you be blessed not only in one another but in the love that God has for you!

Rev Teresa x

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ringing the Dorchester Team Office 01865 340007**

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH



'Living in Love and Faith' is a consultation with all Churches across the Church of England about issues of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. In the Dorchester Team during Lent, you are invited to join a supportive and open group and explore your understanding of these issues.

- ❖ **WHEN:** 'Living in Love and Faith' sessions will be on **Wednesdays 2pm and 7pm** during March so people can join in at a time to suit them
- ❖ **WHERE:** All sessions will be held at **Berinsfield Church Hall** which has good parking available and step free access.
- ❖ **WELCOME:** The afternoon sessions will begin with **tea and cake at 2pm** and the evening sessions will begin with a **Fish Supper at 7pm**.
- ❖ **FIND OUT MORE:** You can find out more about 'Living in Love and Faith' on the church of England website here:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith/about-living-love-and-faith>

Contact Rev Teresa (revteresa@outlook.com 07823 809 112) if you are interested in coming along to any of the sessions

Session One Wednesday 9th March 2pm or 7pm

Session Two Wednesday 16th March 2pm or 7pm

Session Three Wednesday 23rd March 2pm or 7pm

Session Four Wednesday 30th March 2pm or 7pm

MUSICAL EVENTS IN DORCHESTER ABBEY

Saturday 5th February 7pm OSJ Concert Bucolic Britain

Elgar's Enigma Variations present a bucolic image of pre-war Britain, his cello concerto is a much-loved staple of late Victorian English concert repertoire. Latvian cellist Margarita Balanas plays the Charles Adolphe Gand 'Auguste Tolbecque' 1849 cello, on which the Saint-Saens Concerto No 1 was premiered by Tolbecque in 1873. Tickets £5 to £25 from <https://www.osj.org.uk/>

Friday 25th February Chiltern Arts Festival 7.30pm Tenebrae: Sounds of the Solstice The award-winning choir, described as 'devastatingly beautiful' by The Guardian, perform a dramatic programme charting a journey through the seasons, centering around the summer and winter solstices. Featuring music by Holst, Elgar, MacMillan, Maxwell Davies, Poulenc and many more. Tickets £22 to £35 from <https://chilternarts.com/whats-on-2022/>

NUNEHAM COURTENAY ADULT LUNCH CLUB



Are you interested in meeting up once a month to savour delicious food with a glass of wine?

Villagers from the surrounding area meet in Nuneham Courtenay Village Hall. It is a great way to make friends in our community.

If you would like to join our very informal monthly group please contact:

**Sheila Harris on 01865 340403 or
s.harris886@btinternet.com**

Memory Café every Tuesday 10.30am-12pm in Berinsfield Church Hall

Do you live with memory loss, or do you care for someone with dementia?

Our Memory Café is dementia friendly with quizzes, activities, sing-alongs and lots of friendly chat. Each week has a theme and we share our memories of times past.

You will be welcome to come along and join us. Contact Rev Teresa (07823 809112 – revteresa@outlook.com) for more information or just turn up!



MEMORY CAFE
BERINSFIELD CHURCH
TUESDAY 10.30AM-12PM
EVERYONE WELCOME

The graphic also features a coffee cup, a slice of cake, and three icons: a bingo card, a 'Sing Along Social' sign, and a quiz board.

JOHN AND BARBARA WRIGHT – 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

As many people will know, longstanding Baldons residents John and Barbara Wright recently celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary – I'd like to add my congratulations on this incredible milestone to those of their many friends – Natasha



Dear Family Friends and Neighbours

Yes - we have been married 70 years. Gosh when I write it down it seems impossible. We planned to let the day pass as so many others do at the moment but with an addition of a pleasant drive in the glorious rural sparkling Oxfordshire countryside and a pub lunch.

But our children and grandchildren it seems had other plans.

Unknown to us they had created a network of obviously willingly collaborators saying in spite of enjoying a quiet day B and J would love a card from anyone who cared to write.

So still blissfully unaware of any subterranean undercurrents we set off. Sue is a wonderful guide, her knowledge of Oxfordshire's villages could be second to none, this followed by a pub lunch in a great little community pub with freshly prepared delicious food. No it wasn't the "Stars" but it could have been. After this we continued on our motorised "amble" back home to the Baldons and our own little patch of England. The porch floor was covered with envelopes surrounding two beautiful bouquets of flowers which had arrived just before we set off. Throughout the rest of the day our letter box was "clinking"- cards popping through all the time.

John and I were totally bemused, how did they all know? Finally Sue looked at me, " I have to own up, I set the ball rolling"! I couldn't believe it! So thanks to all you kind lovely people who made the day so special. Thanks for the beautiful flowers- the "bubbly" - chocs and the kind thoughts and masses of good wishes, so thanks to you all and to our family.

Barbara and John

VILLAGE FIREWORKS (APOLOGIES FOR THE DELAY)

Once again the village fireworks event was a tremendous success and even the weather was kind to us this year.

A big thank you for all those villagers that gave up their time to help with marquees, car park, bar and all those other things that are necessary to hold an event like this, and a special thanks to Martin Delafield, Bruce Don, the School and Mr & Mrs Tidmarsh.

The village fireworks is such an important part of the Baldons Events Committee (BEC) calendar, as it is the only event which normally makes a profit, this in turn enables us to heavily subsidise other events we put on for the community.

The profit from the fireworks also enables the BEC, where appropriate, to make donations both in the Baldons and Nuneham Courtenay. For example, since the BEC was formed we have donated over £5750 in total to various village organisations such as the Churches, Seven Stars, Youth Club, Hand Bells, Village Halls, Lunch Club, Senior Citizens Party and Baldon Cricket Club.

Money is also invested in capital expenditure and over the years the BEC have bought and maintained a significant amount of equipment to be able to put on events for the community, and this equipment is often hired out at preferential rates for villagers. In addition, should at any point the BEC disband, this equipment which is stored on the village hall premises would belong to the community.

Finally, we can now report that after expenses, the firework night raised approximately £2830, which now gives the BEC a balance of £6876. For further information on the BEC account please contact our treasurer John Maskell on 343203.

We also take this opportunity of wishing everyone a happy and healthy new year.

BEC Committee

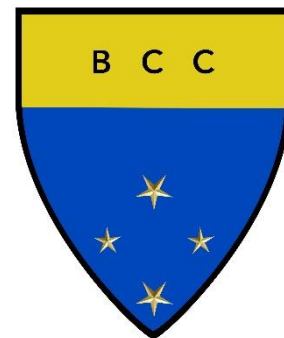
ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Items for the March 2022 newsletter
by 16th February please

Any villager is welcome to send items for publication in the newsletter. Please send copy to Natasha Eliot: tashaandjames@btopenworld.com. Alternatively, I can be contacted on 343478 or at Baldon House East, Marsh Baldon.

For advertising queries, please contact Leanna Maggs on:
leanna.maggs@gmail.com or on 01865 340 521

BALDONS CRICKET CLUB



As the dust settles on the barren wasteland of an England cricket decimation Down Under, it falls on Baldons CC to commence the grassroots fightback. To rally round, cast off the mental baggage, shed the Christmas pounds, and set our sights on a season that can restore the nation's pride in the sport. Failing that, we will of course be offering our own interpretation of a quintessentially British batting collapse.

Away from the ever-approaching rich prospect of play resuming, the BCC Committee has been in active duty eagerly devouring the upcoming calendar. Excitement piqued at the potential requirements for the preseason awards bash. The date may yet be pending - see next newsletter - but the grape and hops selection is in full flow.

Jump On-board

Sadly, life is not all Dionysian revelry. Although I would argue the first ball delivered on an uncovered track evokes similar feelings of excitement. The Club is also taking this preseason opportunity to call out to all members of the community to come join us in some way! Even if your playing days are behind you, in front of you, or perhaps, were rude enough to not show up for Christmas dinner without even so much as a note (okay maybe I haven't moved on), we would love to have you along. We are always in need of help in all facets.

Players
Scorers
Umpires
Tea makers

Each BCC member - playing or otherwise - makes it the experience it is and we hope to provide entertainment and laughter where we can. Please do email us at baldonscc@gmail.com if you think you might be able to help out, even if it's only on the odd occasion.

Committee Members

Like all great trees, it is the roots that make the branches grow. As such, we will also be looking to expand the BCC Committee. If you think you have what it takes to be the next Jackie Weaver, then this is absolutely not for you. If you're willing to lend the occasional hand, share some ideas on how you think we can push the club forward and generally just have a laugh with some great people in the community, then this could be your calling. Please email us at baldonscc@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions. We will be hosting a committee meeting in the Seven Stars in March 2022 to discuss fixtures, fittings and festivities. Date to be confirmed.

BALDONS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Solar Farm

SODC Planning Committee discussed the Solar Farm application on 15th December. The recommendation of the planning officer was for the committee to support the application on the grounds that the benefits of the scheme outweighed the objections and concerns at damage to the Green Belt and environment. Stephen Dance represented the parish council and reflected our objections and encouraged SODC to develop criteria to better judge the relative merits of Solar Farm applications.

Following all the arguments a vote to refuse the application put by Elizabeth Gillespie was lost on a tied vote and chairman's casting vote, a subsequent tied vote to support the scheme but refer the decision to the Secretary of State Michael Gove because of the impact on the Green Belt, was won, again on the casting vote of the chairman.

The referral to the Department for Housing and Communities was made and SODC were recently informed that the Department did not wish to intervene and have referred the decision to support the application back to SODC to confirm and this was announced on 11th January.

The Parish Council had been informed that we could submit further comment to the Minister and despite the decision being made earlier than was expected we have submitted comments and evidence asking for a review of the decision, more in hope than expectation.

The Parish Councils only other recourse would be to seek a Judicial review which would require legal advice and be costly for the village which would require much more discussion and consideration and fundraising.

Parish budget for 2022

Following detailed discussion of the impact of rising inflation and the demands on the Parish Council to fund improvements and maintenance in the village the council agreed to inform SODC that we need a precept for 2022 of £11,999.00. This year the council has had to spend £5,250 on unplanned expenditure which was taken from our limited reserves and anticipate similar demands for 2022. A full financial report will be given at the Annual Parishes Meeting.

Flooding Beechcroft corner

Oxfordshire Highways department have undertaken a survey of the ditches and drainage on the corner north of the Croft. No drainage pipes have been found under the road, but the ditch banks have been built up and drainage channels on the opposite side of the road created to help to prevent flooding on the road. Luckily no flooding has occurred yet this winter, but the situation will be monitored and if more work is needed, we will raise it with the Highways Dept.

Southern Track Renovations

The council intends to arrange a meeting in February with all residents on the south side of the green to discuss the timetable and repairs to the track following completion of construction of houses at Durham Leys. An agreement on the tracks longer term maintenance is essential which will involve residents assuming responsibility. The Parish Council is not responsible for the maintenance of any of the unadopted tracks in the villages. Date and venue to be arranged covid compliance permitting.

20 mph speed limit

Following informal feedback of supportive village views the council has agreed to write to the Highways Dept asking for their support to progress this. The issue will be for further discussion with villagers in April at the Annual Parishes meeting.

Golden Balls Roundabout

In his report our County Councillor has informed us that OCC are establishing a project team to investigate a variety of possible options for development at the Golden Balls roundabout, which could include park and ride and bus facilities, as part of Highways infrastructure improvements following on from other planned road improvements from Didcot to Clifton Hampden. Parish Councils are to be consulted.

Bus services on A4074

A complaint was received and discussed at the meeting concerning the reduction in bus services to Oxford on the A4074. The council has agreed to refer the matter to our County Councillor who was unable to be present at the meeting.

Village spring Clean Sunday 3rd April

We haven't been able to have a good spring clean for a couple of years, so we hope to hold it on Sunday 3rd of April. Please put the date in your diary and come and help for an hour or so in the morning.

Annual Parishes Meeting Monday 4th April Village Hall 7.30 pm Covid willing!

This is the village meeting for Marsh Baldon and Toot Baldon when you can raise anything for discussion with other villager and the parish council. The council is required to give its annual report to you, but we hope this year to invite a land agent from Savills for Queens College following a request from a villager in November. We also hope to hear views on the possible introduction of 20 MPH speed limit discussed at parish council meetings.

Date of next Council meeting 14th March 7.30pm Village Hall

NUNEHAM COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Playing Field

The Playing Field may not be back in use yet, but the Trustees of the Nuneham Courtenay Sports and Playing Field Association have finally published a picture of the legal document that governs the field and a transcript of it after refusing for several years to let the Council see it – even though the Council’s lawyers said the Council could not possibly sign a lease without knowing what was in the document. And yet the Trustees blame the Council for not signing the lease...

You can see from the picture of the document that the legal handwriting is a bit of a nightmare to read so it’s not surprising that the transcript has mistakes in it – for example, the transcript calls the document a convergance but it’s actually a conveyance. However, it’s still great to have something everyone can see.

It’s a little disappointing that the Trustees keep publishing statements such as that the Council refused to insure the Playing Field when the records show that the Council has repeatedly offered to pay for insurance, but this won’t matter if the Trustees now arrange some insurance and let children onto the field again. Otherwise, the Trustees’ refusal to accept the Council’s offers will be more than just annoying as it means the field will remain a sad patch of overgrown grass.

Housing Infrastructure Fund 1 road

The Council has decided not to pay for a speed survey or a seismological survey relating to the A4074 but to argue that the County Council has a duty to commission this kind of research before it creates another surge in traffic on the A4074 by constructing the Clifton Hampden by-pass – one of four road schemes the Government is funding in connection with Didcot Garden Town.

There is a consultation about this road. The Council has written a separate article about it in this Newsletter – see p12.

Solar farm

The District Council has granted planning permission for a huge solar farm to be built between here and Grenoble Road. The District Council has imposed lots of planning conditions covering archaeology, badgers, trees, etc.

If you’re not a fan of the scheme, don't worry: it's only temporary - just for 35 years. Many readers are young enough you will be able to see it dismantled in 35 years' time. Not me, obviously, as I would have to live to over 100 years old.

Christmas tree collection-point

Did you take your Christmas tree to the collection point at the Village Hall car park? The last couple of years it was over three months before the District Council’s contractors collected them. Is it going to happen in January this year? At the time of writing, I just don’t know.

Meetings

The Council next meets on Tuesday 1st March at 7pm in the Village Hall and the Annual Parish Meeting, open to all, will be two days later on Thursday 3rd March at 7pm in the Village Hall – refreshments and snacks will be available. The Council last met on 4th January. The County Council has asked parishes if they would like the speed limit reduced on any roads in residential areas to 20mph, so the parish council decided to say yes, please, for the main road through the village. The Council also agreed to give a grant of £250 to Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice.

NUNEHAM COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The village hall committee would like to announce that as of March June Harris will be retiring from the committee. June has been an amazing member, serving the Village Hall for 50 years. We know that you will join us in thanking her for all she has done for the village.

We are meeting in early January to put plans in place as so many of us are used to asking June's help and advice when it comes to the village hall. The village hall is run by a group of villagers. Currently that includes Pete Brookes, Jenny Taylor, Caroline Duffy, Madhvi Saini, and Mandy Rigault. Two of these members are also on the parish council. It would be great to have new members join the committee. These are not elected positions. Anyone in the village can join. As the saying goes, many hands make light work, so the more people involved the better! If you would like to get involved, talk to any of the people I have named or email me at jenny@datadaysolutions.com. Alternatively drop a message on the village WhatsApp group.

Craig Taylor recently reminded us all that the village planned to have a party. Tom has sent aside money from running the food exchange to do this. There have been a couple of suggestions for this, such as running it along the lines of our 250th anniversary party. Would people prefer Saturday July 2nd or to hold the event earlier to coincide with the Platinum jubilee bank holiday ?

The village hall is still available to rent. Yoga continues in the village hall on Mondays. We would like to hold an Easter Bingo as well, date TBC

HIF1 – CONSULTATION ON PLANNING APPLICATION REF R3.0128/21

Oxfordshire County Council has submitted a planning application to itself for the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) 1 project (new road from Didcot, via a new bridge at Culham, to a new bypass of Clifton Hampden).

This final phase then stops at the sharp right-hand bend on the B4015 just before you get into Clifton Hampden from Nuneham Courtenay but there will be a HIF2,3 and possibly 4 leading towards the M40, although no plans of the intended overall scheme have been published. HIF1 has been called the Expressway by stealth.

Nuneham Courtenay Parish Council is opposed to this plan as, if built, it would bring a vast increase in traffic through the village. We have joined with the neighbouring parishes of Clifton Hampden, Culham, Appleford and Sutton Courtenay to oppose it by commissioning expert reports and engaging a barrister.

The consultation ended formally on 11th December 2021 but the County Council has confirmed that because of the scale of the project all comments received prior to the target Planning and Regulation Committee on 11th April 2022 will be accepted and reported to members making the decision on the application. No comments will be turned away.

Emily Catcheside is the officer preparing the report and she advises that she will be drafting her report ready to be finalised by mid-March 2022, so encourages comments to be submitted to her sooner rather than later please.

The application can be viewed at <http://myeplanning.oxfordshire.gov.uk> using the reference above. Responses can be sent directly to Emily at Emily.Catcheside@oxfordshire.gov.uk (tel 07867 467817) or you can comment online.

The following is an extract from an email I sent summarising the main concerns relating to Nuneham Courtenay. The other parishes have some additional issues, all of which will be addressed by the expert reports commissioned by the consortium.

“Vibrations from traffic, particularly LGV’s obviously, are causing serious structural damage to the cottages along the A4074 which were built in 1760 with no foundations but by laying bricks directly on the earth. Photographic evidence of the damage can be supplied. The A4074 was designated as a lorry route by OCC with no mitigation for the potential damage possible.

The current transport plans by OCC, if carried out, would result in a significant increase in traffic through Nuneham, which could only add to the damage already inflicted. As far as we can ascertain no traffic surveys have been carried out as part of the project plans, not is there a projected increased figure published.

The vibration, noise and exhaust pollution impact adversely on the quality of life of the residents living so close to the road, which affects both physical and mental well-being. It is not uncommon to be woken up at night by LGV's thundering through the village nor is it uncommon to be unable to cross the road for periods in excess of 10 minutes at current peak flow times.

It is the view of Nuneham residents that the fact that no traffic data is available and no noise or seismological surveys have been carried out by OCC to determine the extent of the potential problem is tantamount to negligence.


POETS have tried unsuccessfully on a number of occasions to obtain traffic data from OCC, who simply failed to respond. One question was "what plans are there for the remodelling of Golden Balls roundabout?" but the answer was "this is being looked at by a different team".

Nuneham pressed for a site meeting, following the previous consultation, which happened. Dr. Malcolm Airs, former conservation officer and noted expert on the village, was able to be there but the project team were unable to answer specific questions as they simply didn't know! The lack of cohesive planning, overview, community involvement and transparency seems to reinforce the idea of negligence."

Please feel free to use this as a basis for your own response, along with anything you feel I have failed to mention.

The Parish Council asks you please to make your voice heard and respond to this application, to show the depth of feeling and scale of the opposition to these plans.

Thank you.



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Please read the link for volunteers on the website and email us as some have already done at ncspfawebly@gmail.com.

Thank you from the trustees of the NCSPFA.

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Happy New Year! We hope you are all well and keeping safe and the festive season has been full of seeing friends, family and plenty of celebrations!

February is always filled with the optimism of spring just around the corner and we are getting excited about some great ideas we have planned for the Seven Stars, so please give us a follow on social media to keep up to date with all the latest activities.



@sevenstarsatmarshaldon

After a few years of each of us enjoying our own company we need to get back to grips with the art and love of sharing. We will be exploring new small plates menus and sharing boards over the coming months for you to enjoy with your nearest and dearest in the relaxed atmosphere of our little village pub.

Rest assured that all measures are in place as we focus on providing a safe, sociable and fun environment to get together with loved ones, friends, and family

DATES FOR THE DIARY THIS SPRING!

VALENTINES NIGHT

Romance is in the air on Monday 14th February with a scrumptious menu perfect for sharing.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Treat your Mum on Sunday 27th March in our cosy surroundings with our delicious Mothering Sunday menu.

EASTER

15th - 17th April. Keep your eyes peeled for family fun activities and our special Easter menu.

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The Seven Stars at Marsh Baldon, The Green, Marsh Baldon, Oxford, OX44 9LP

Hello from The Maple Tree!

If you have recently had a baby or have young children at home, we have a place for your children to play and learn and for parents to meet new friends! Did you know that we are open every weekday?



A great place to grow

Monday: Messy Mondays at 10:00-11:30am (drop in)

Tuesday: Story and Rhyme Time at 10:00-11:30am and Maple Babies at 1:00-2:00pm

Wednesday: Cruisers and Crawlers at 10:30-11:30am and Maple Babies at 1:00-2:00pm

Thursday: Little Explorers at 10:00-11:30am and Twinnies at 2:00-3:30pm

Social Butterflies at 10:00-11:30am (drop in)

Family Fun at 10:00-11:30am 3rd Saturday in month

Village Outreach: The Maple Tree at Forest Hill Village Hall on Thursdays from 11:00am-12:00pm (drop in)

Our sessions are bookable through Eventbrite; bit.ly/mapletreeeb. There is a suggested donation of £2.50 per family per session.

Ways to volunteer; would you like to enrich your own life by helping young families?

We are in desperate need of volunteers during our sessions; DBS and training provided. All you need is a pair of hands, a willingness to get a bit messy, a couple of spare hours a week and a friendly smile!

Or become a trustee – do you have extra time and experience in grant-writing, accountancy, maintenance, fundraising, teaching or early years? We would love some extra help and have something for people with all sorts of life experience.

Check out our Website and Facebook pages for our special events, our popular First Aid classes and helpful information!

We are here to help young families, if you need advice or support: 01865 236700 or 07849 466249



Email: info@mapletree.org.uk

Website: www.mapletree.org.uk

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Laura Spencer - The Maple Tree Centre Manager



DOG WALKING

If you are not always able to walk your dog as much as you'd like I may be able to help, either as a one-off or regularly. I am a Sandford-based dog walker, charging reasonable rates and with good references.

Contact Anna

at sandfordpetsitting@yahoo.com or 07368 256770



Textiles in Oxford

invites you to join a friendly group of stitchers and textile lovers.

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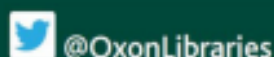
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CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

6th February	10.30am	Toot Baldon	Holy Communion
13th February	4.00pm	Toot Baldon	Evensong
20 th February	9.30am	Marsh Baldon	All Age Holy Communion
	3.00pm	Marsh Baldon	Forest Church
27 th February	10.30am	Long Wittenham	Team Service

CHURCH FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY

Toot: Ann Druce and Jenny van Dijk
Marsh: Veronica Sandilands and Iris Wright

Lent (from 2 March) – NO FLOWERS

TOOT CHURCHYARD

To all residents of Toot Baldon and Marsh Baldon, and to any who enjoy walking the pathways near Toot Church, I would like to explain why I and the Parochial Church Council have decided temporarily to close the path through Toot churchyard. You will have noticed that during the recent wet spell the path has become very muddy, this accompanied with so many people enjoying a country walk through the churchyard, has meant the path has started to encroach upon some of the graves, which is upsetting.

We invite you to continue visiting Toot churchyard and enjoying the wonderful vista across the valley, please come with your families and your dogs! We only ask that you tread carefully as you make your way through the churchyard (follow the signs), keep your dogs on leads and be patient with us as we try to find a more permanent solution to this matter.

If you have a comment to make or a good idea to share, please get in touch with myself (revteresa@outlook.com 077823 809 112) or with Ian Gillespie (Church Warden) or Oni Sandilands (PCC Vice-Chair). We would love to hear from you!

Rev Teresa x