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The Thameshead Benefice

St. Matthew, Coates: All Saints, Kemble: St. Michael and All Angels, Poole Keynes: St. Kenelm, Sapperton with St. Luke, Frampton Mansell: St. Peter, Rodmarton with St. Osmund, Tarlton: All Saints, Somerford Keynes with All Saints, Shorncliffe

WINTER TRADITIONS

We all have traditions. Some are part of our regular life, such as our morning routine or having fish & chips on a Friday. Others come around at particular times of the year, such as Christmas and New Year. We often inherit traditions from other people and add to them as we go through life, so they become varied and unique to each person or family. When I was a teenager, it didn't feel like Christmas until we'd got all the decorations up, eaten our first homemade mince pies and started playing board games with my uncle while watching 'The Muppets' Christmas Carol' on the TV.

Another big part of Christmas tradition for many is music. Whether it's trying to avoid hearing Wham's Last Christmas (Whamageddon), grumbling about hearing the same songs on repeat in shops while secretly loving them, or singing Christmas Carols together, these are all a big part of the feel of the season. The traditional service of nine lessons and carols has an enduring appeal, whether shared with friends and family in our villages or watching the yearly broadcast from King's College Cambridge.

I still remember how empty it felt during my first Christmas as an ordained minister in 2020 when singing in church wasn't allowed due to Covid restrictions. That year I gained a new appreciation for the words of these songs that some of us sing every year. The images they conjure in our minds connect us to the enduring story of God sending Jesus to be born in that little town of Bethlehem as a sign of his love for us. When we sing about shepherds and angels, we encounter values of love, peace, joy, and care for one another that are still sorely needed in the Holy Land and throughout our world today.

Then, as December turns to January, we may find time to reflect on all that has happened in the past year. In this we may want to establish new traditions which bring life and health to ourselves and those around us. One of the enduring lessons from Covid times was the importance of community, friends and family. At a time when some can feel lonely and isolated, each of us can do our bit in looking out for those around us and putting the values of Christmas Carols into practise in very practical, down-to earth ways. These acts of care and kindness have a value beyond measure.

My hope and prayer is that in our community traditions this winter, each of us will feel welcomed and valued, that we will know that we are loved by God and those close to us, that we will start the New Year well and share the best of ourselves in whatever lies ahead. That would be a pretty good tradition to hold to and a good present to both give and receive this winter.

God bless, Joe

FORTHCOMING SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

3 December

10.00 Kemble
Church

10.00 Poole Keynes

11.00 Somerford Keynes

11.00 Sapperton

11.00 Rodmarton

15.30 Poole Keynes

First Sunday in Advent

Communion (streamed) + Children's

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Advent Sunday Holy Communion

Wild & Messy

10 December

9.30 Coates

10.00 Kemble

11.00 Tarlton

15.00 Kemble

Service

18.00 33 West Hay Grove

Second Sunday in Advent

Holy Communion

Morning Source all age (streamed)

Holy Communion Christingle

Deer Park Kemble Scouts Carol

Evening source with refreshments

17 December

11.00 Rodmarton

15.00 Coates

16.00 Frampton Mansell

17.30 Somerford Keynes

18.30 Kemble

Third Sunday in Advent

Carols

Carols

Carols

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Carols

Wednesday 20 December

18.30 Poole Keynes

Carols

24 December

15.00 Somerford Keynes

16.00 Kemble

17.30 Tarlton

18.00 Kemble Tavern

18.00 Frampton Mansell

23.00 Coates

Christmas Eve

Nativity

Nativity (streamed)

Carols

Carols

Crib Service

Holy Communion

FORTHCOMING SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

25 December

8.00 Tarlton
 10.00 Kemble
 10.00 Poole Keynes
 10.00 Coates
 10.00 Somerford Keynes
 10.30 Sapperton
 11.00 Rodmarton

Christmas Day

Holy Communion BCP
 Family Holy Communion (streamed)
 Holy Communion
 Holy Communion
 Holy Communion
 Holy Communion
 Holy Communion
 Holy Communion

31 December

11.00 Shorncote

First Sunday after Christmas

Carols Please dress warmly

7 January

10.00 Kemble
 Church

First Sunday after Epiphany

Communion (streamed) + Children's

10.00 Poole Keynes
 11.00 Somerford Keynes
 11.00 Frampton Mansell
 11.00 Tarlton

Holy Communion
 Morning Prayer
 Holy Communion
 Holy Communion Feast of the Kings

14 January

9.30 Coates
 10.00 Kemble
 11.00 Rodmarton

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Family Service
 Morning Source all age (streamed)
 Morning Prayer

21 January

9.30 Coates
 10.00 Kemble
 10.00 Poole Keynes
 11.00 Rodmarton
 11.00 Frampton Mansell
 11.00 Somerford Keynes

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Communion
 Morning Prayer (streamed)
 Morning Prayer
 Morning Prayer
 Morning Prayer
 Holy Communion

28 January

8.00 Tarlton
 10.00 Kemble

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Communion BCP
 Benefice Service



Follow The Star Join the Song

Advent Discussion Group

As part of our programme of events and services this year we are running an advent discussion group about songs and carols.

Each session will stand on its own, held in a different parish in a pub or village hall, though we hope you'll want to come to as many as you can.

- 5 Dec 7:30-9pm – Poole Keynes
- 12 Dec 7:30-9pm – Rodmarton with Tarlton
- 19 Dec 7:30-9pm – Coates
- 24 Dec. 6pm – Carols at the Tavern, Kemble
- 9 Jan. 7:30-9pm – Somerford Keynes

Please contact Rev Joe Mottram, for more details, especially if you plan to attend so that we have an idea of numbers email: revjoemottram@gmail.com or phone: 07746211093.

We hope to seeing you there!



RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE WITH LONGFIELD

Get organised and book your Christmas tree collection before you've even cooked the turkey. For a voluntary donation, you'll get your tree whisked away by Longfield's team of volunteers and taken to recycling sites where it will be chipped into mulch, then scattered on pathways and car parks at Painswick Rococo Garden. Last year, Longfield collected 3,000 trees from the Stroud, Cirencester and Gloucester districts in just three days, and raised nearly £50,000 for essential hospice care. This year, they're aiming to beat last year's record – costs of care are rising and they need every penny to provide free hospice care for dying people and their families, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Check whether Longfield can collect from your postcode and book your collection at www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree.



SERVICE AND COFFEE



We hold a said communion service, followed by coffee on the first Tuesday of the month. The next one will be on **Tuesday 5 December and 2 January** at Woodstock in Frampton Mansell. The service will start at 11am with coffee and a natter at 11.30am. We would love to see you for either or both. Want to know more?

Need a lift? Phone Pepita or Paul on 760211



**Wild, Messy and
Sweaty Church**

**Sunday 3 December 3.30-5.30pm
Light in the darkness**



Poole Keynes Village Hall

**Fun, games, craft, tea and worship both
indoors and outdoors for everyone**

Please contact Liz Collins for further
details

If possible, please let us know if you are
hoping to join us.

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07774104990

**Bringing the light and joy of Christ into
our communities; that all may flourish**

Crib Service

**Sunday 24 December
Starting with a lantern procession
from the church gate
3.45pm at All Saints Church, Kemble**



We would love you to come dressed as
angels or shepherds!

Please bring a lantern or torch to light the
way.

**Bringing the light and joy of Christ into
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NEWS FROM COATES

We are open on a Friday and Saturday evening (8pm-11pm) every week. Everyone in the village is welcome to come down, have a drink and meet new people, friends and neighbours. We have local craft ales, craft gins and a selection of fine wines and non-alcoholic drinks.

The Village Club
— COATES —

Friday 1 December - 6:30pm Quiz night - Bar opens at 6:30pm with the quiz at approximately 7pm.

Saturday 16 December - Christmas Squares! Our traditional fun event with all money raised going on prizes.

Friday 5 January - 6:30pm Quiz night - Bar opens at 6:30pm with the quiz at approximately 7pm.

Situated within the village hall, the village club is committed to offering something for everyone in our community. The Village Club really needs the support of the whole of the community especially with younger Adults/Parents/Teenagers to offer a new perspective on what future events are organised, so come along any Friday or Saturday - we need your support. If you can help, or would like to know a bit more, please email coatesvillageclub@gmail.com

Coffee, Cake and Chat

"Delicious sweet & savoury home bakes, gluten-free too, proper coffee, various teas & decaf at this friendly event"



NEXT: 19 December & 16 January
(always the 3rd Tuesday)



10.30am to 12 noon Coates Village Hall

Takeaway bakes from 11.45am, they go fast!

£3.00 Two bakes of your choice + bottomless tea/coffee

£1.50 Bottomless tea/coffee

Well behaved dogs welcome

See our notices on the village hall notice board & Coates parish website or contact us on 770596 / 07794 678 928

NEWS FROM SAPPERTON AND FRAMPTON MANSELL

ENDS AND BEGINNINGS

I believe that the ancient Romans depicted their god, Janus, after whom the first month of the year is named, as looking simultaneously backwards and forwards.

As we stand at the beginning of the last month of the year, it is not a bad idea to stop and look at once both backwards and forwards - backwards to be thankful for past blessings and to learn from our mistakes, forwards into the unknown maybe with a touch of curiosity or even trepidation but also with determination to improve in the best way we can.

The swifter than usual reddening and falling of the leaves this autumn reminds us that there is no holding back the progress and so it is with our lives in general. As I contemplate leaving this beautiful valley and 'moving on', I feel it is also good to 'look back' in thanks - firstly for being able to live more than 20 years in one of the loveliest places in the county, but also for the village community which adds warmth and juicy to our lives.

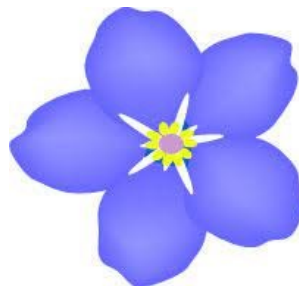
The approach of Christmas gives us added opportunities to show neighbourliness and friendship. It celebrates the beginning of an amazing new era- the coming of the Christ child, the long-expected Saviour and Messiah whom the Jews longed to see. But he will also show up the shortcomings and failures of the last year, as we compare ourselves to his selfless standards. Mercifully, he came to save sinners, not already perfect people.

New Year's resolutions will give us a chance to make a new start, but let's not try to do it in our own strength, for we will soon fail, but rather with the help he brings.

I wish you all a wonderful Christ-mas season
and a very blessed New Year,

Forget-me-not

[Thank you to Forget-me-not who has been writing for the Watershed for many years. She is moving out of the area but we have someone else to write for us. Ed]





Join us for our Wreath Making Event

Sapperton School Hall

Saturday 9th December

Session One 2pm-4pm

Session Two 5pm-7pm

£35 a ticket

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Refreshments and Nibbles will be available

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Contact:

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RSVP to Lucinda,
Aileen or Julie

NEWS FROM SAPPERTON CofE SCHOOL



Autumn has descended on Sapperton with a splash of fiery colours. We have had the chance to spend time outdoors, watching these colours change. The oranges, browns and red leaves have become our backdrop and our carpet.

We celebrated the Harvest Festival in St Kenelm's, saying a big 'Thank You' for all that we have. The younger children performing the poems they had learnt and written with such confidence and the cute smiles of their faces was our favourite part. Once again, we donated lots of food and household items to the Foodbank so we could help those who need it a little more than us.

We loved our day at Cheltenham Literature Festival this year. Beech and Maple (Reception, year 1 and 2) heard from Michael Rosen. What an amazing person he is! They loved listening to him performing some of his poems – the Chocolate Poem was their favourite. Rowan class (year 3 and 4) met Joshua Seijal who shared some of his funny poems about his animals. In Elder Class (year 5 and 6), we met the author A F Steadman. She told us about her book series, gave us secret clues about her next book and signed bookmarks for each of us. This is always such a great day as we get to spend the day reading and we love our picnic lunch too!

During the last few weeks, we have had the opportunity to represent Sapperton at sporting events at Deer Park and Kingshill. We have had teams in netball and hockey matches and played in a football tournament with a number of other schools.

During our Remembrance Service, we spent time reflecting on sacrifices others have made to keep us safe. Lois sang 'Somewhere over the rainbow' and we performed the famous poems: In Flanders Fields and For the Fallen. Every pupil had made a 3D cardboard poppy that we decorated the church with, making it even more special for us.

By Elder Class, Sapperton C of E Primary

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NEWS FROM RODMARTON, TARLTON, CULKERTON AND HAZLETON

RODMARTON, TARLTON, CULKERTON AND HAZLETON NEWS & EVENTS

All services are listed at the front of the magazine but please note especially:

3 December	11am	Advent Sunday Holy Communion at Rodmarton
10 December	11am	Christingle Holy Communion at Tarlton
17 December	11am	Carol service at Rodmarton
Christmas Eve	5.30pm	Carol service at Tarlton
Christmas Day	8am	BCP Holy Communion at Tarlton
	11am	Christmas Day Eucharist at Rodmarton
7 January 2024	11am	Feast of the Kings Holy Communion at Tarlton

Daily prayers during Advent will be said Monday – Friday during Advent at St Peter's Rodmarton at 9.30am.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 2 December in Rodmarton Village Hall, 2.30 – 4.30pm. Father Christmas will be in his grotto from 3 – 4pm, and refreshments and festive stalls await you all. Please see separate flier.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION POINTS

There will be boxes in both St Osmund's Tarlton and St Peter's Rodmarton. We will be sending out locally a list of items that are needed. Donations gratefully received.

RBL KEMBLE AND DISTRICT WOMENS' SECTION

Following on from the recent AGM the officers remain the same namely Chair/Secretary Mrs Pat Ayres and Treasurer Mrs Pat Ferris. It was agreed to hold a couple of meetings a year so the remaining members can get together. It has been suggested that the RBLWS and RBL branches have a joint Annual Meeting with a speaker, this is under discussion.

We do have planned a coach trip to the Birmingham Tattoo on Sunday 11 February which we have joined forces with Cirencester and South Cerney branches. The cost is around £42 per person. If anyone would like more information then please contact me.

Pat Ayres 01285 770385 ayrescares50@gmail.com

RBL - KEMBLE AND DISTRICT BRANCH

Friday 1 December. Christmas Meal at the Thames Head Inn. This popular annual event has been arranged for the above date and members will be receiving more information about this event nearer the time.

If you would like to join our Branch and support the work of the Royal British Legion, please contact me for details.

Ian Czapiewski - Branch Secretary - 01285 770255



CIRENCESTER EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP

The next meetings in Coates Village Hall are on Wednesday 6 December and 3 January at 7.30pm.

Meetings are generally on the first Wednesday of the month.

Further details can be obtained from Pat in confidence on 770385 or email ayrescares50@gmail.com



KEMBLE AND EWEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

No open meeting for visitors in December as members will be enjoying a festive lunch at The Tavern.

If you would like to know what we are planning for 2024 and get the dates in your diary please contact me and I will let you have a copy of what we have in store!

Pat Ayres - Secretary 01285 770385



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10am-12pm
First Wednesday
of every month

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- ♥ 6th September
- ♥ 4th October
- ♥ 1st November
- ♥ 6th December

Profits from September's
coffee morning will be
donated to

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RODMARTON CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2023

2:30PM – 4:30PM

AT

RODMARTON VILLAGE HALL



Join us for a festive family event with....

A Christmas Tree of Wishes Raffle, Festive Cakes and Gift Stalls,
Children's Craft Workshop & Jewellery, **plus** much more!...

Plus, exclusive offers which include:

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And of course....



FATHER CHRISTMAS!!

3pm-4pm



Treat yourself and others
to homemade mulled wine
and mince pies on a wintry
December afternoon ...

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU

THERE

!!!

In aid of Rodmarton and Tarlton churches

As ever with our December Watershed article, it's all about Christmas at Rodmarton School this month!



At the end of November, the children enjoyed their annual Christmas Craft Week making all sorts of goodies to sell for the Friends of Rodmarton School at the Rodmarton Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 2 December. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

In the first week of December, the whole school is once again off to the panto in Cheltenham - "oh yes they are!" - this year to enjoy Mother Goose with local legend Tweedy! And the following day, Oak Class is heading to Sevington Village School in Wiltshire to spend the day as Victorian school pupils as part of their Victorians topic.

On Thursday 7 December, Rodmarton parent (and resident) Candida Feversham will once again be holding her Christmas Wreath Making Workshop for parents – and anyone else from the local area who would like to come – in Rodmarton Village Hall. With a bar serving festive fizz, and food from Masterchef finalist and fellow Rodmarton parent Koj, it promises to be a really fun evening.

Tickets, which include full wreath/garland kits and a varied selection of foliage and embellishments (you will also need to source your own foliage), are just £30 each with proceeds going to the Friends.

And on Thursday 14 December, Rodmarton teaching assistant Beth Hendry will be holding a Christmas cake decorating masterclass for parents and local residents. Tickets are £25 each and include marzipan, fondant and buttercream icing, sprinkles, decorations, ribbons, and festive boxes. You just need to bring along your cake of choice and any specific decorations.

For both these events, please just transfer payment (£30 for wreath making and £25 for cake decorating) to the Friends of Rodmarton School account (sort code 30-92-06, account number 01666558) with your surname and either WREATH or CAKE as the reference.

And December is also Nativity and Carol Service time for our pupils! The younger children will be putting on two Nativity performances with the first one - at 2pm on Tuesday 12 December - being open to locals as well as parents. And Oak Class's Carol Service will be taking place in St Peter's Church, Rodmarton, at 3.30pm on Wednesday 20 December. Please do come along and join us at both these events.

Have a great Christmas and we'll see you in 2024!

Nutty <https://www.rodmartonschool.co.uk/> 01285 841284

NOTES FROM CULKERTON

GARDENING TIPS FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

For some years recreating deep, springy mossy lawns of my youth seemed only distant memory. These verdant luxuriant cushioned areas seemed impossible to establish with ever increasing warming and drier climate ...but not this summer and autumn. Moss is beautiful, and an essential ingredient nesting material for bumblebees, birds, and hedgehogs to name a few. As an ecological gardener it is very pleasing and the silver lining to a cool wet summer and warm, wild and wet autumn.

Also good for growing leafy green vegetables and climbing beans, it would also have been very suitable for sowing peas, if notice hadn't been paid to the likelihood of a hot August. This year's weather has also prolonged reblooming of roses, and for some in sheltered valleys a long season of harvesting runner beans into October!

Although long range weather forecasts are not reliable, a rough guide so far seems to be wet until the end of 2023 and then a cold, dry start for January and February 2024.

The wet weather has been interspersed with some warmer sunny days and whenever possible clearing and weeding plots ready for early spring sowings is underway. Annual weeds are composted, and nasty weeds like bindweed can compost in a hot bin composter.

Perennial ornamental borders are left until later in March for a tidy up, ladybirds often hibernate in hollow standing stems or bark.

So far there have only been light frosts and leaves are hanging on to the deciduous trees despite several named storms. As soon as leaves fall, and the trees and shrubs are dormant winter pruning can swing into action. Removing dead or damaged, crossing, and inward growing branches, completing the job with an overall shaping.

Tulip bulbs for planting this autumn include: 'Francoise', cream/pale yellow, 'Burgundy' lily shaped, 'Apriconia' salmon with a touch of green, 'Elegant Lady', blends of creamy yellow and lavender, 'Royal Celebration' cream blended with purple, 'Chansonette', two tone white with purple, 'Orange Marmalade' obviously orange, with a green flame, and finally 'Colour Fusion' a rainbow mix of purples, dark reds, pinks, oranges, yellow and white. This selection will bloom in succession from April to May, large pots with plenty of gritty compost will be planted with two varieties (approximately 20 bulbs per pot).

NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

Pots of *Iris reticulata* planted in previous years are expected to bloom from February onwards, there is plenty to look forward to in late winter and spring.

Anytime over winter is a great time to grow salad sprouting seeds and microgreens. These are very nutritious, easy, and quick to grow on a windowsill. Larger quantities of seeds are now readily available and compliment the more traditional mustard and cress.

Over the next two months, decide what and where you will sow during the coming year, and make a plan for quick reference.

Wishing you all Happy Gardening for 2024.

Sally Oates

WAXWINGS AHOY!

Autumn has successfully sogged and bogged itself into winter. By mid-November we had recorded 370mm of rain in our garden rain gauge, and the Thames Head sources either side of the A433 were heavily swollen. Hopefully, all that will subside into a dry(ish) winter, as we've collectively Had Enough... Oddly, the leaves remained green on many types of tree in the absence of frost – elms, hawthorns, willows, and many garden shrubs (the ash trees cast away their leaves as per usual, they're driven by day-length and don't shift their habits).

Winter's flocks are gathering. There are some large flocks of wood pigeon around. At present, these are feasting on the abundant supply of beech mast (nuts), but that supply will probably be exhausted by Christmas. They could then become an agricultural pest, on oil seed rape fields.

Flocks of fieldfares and redwings have been scarce in our district to date (mid-November). They haven't needed to venture this far south, and west, given the mild weather and the abundant supply of berries – this is the best crop of hawthorn 'haws' I can recall. Their time will come, and they will strip that berry crop. Already I have seen them feasting on holly berries, suggesting that berried holly may be scarce by Christmas as the (abundant) berries are ripening early.

Fortunately, there are some later-ripening holly varieties in gardens.

This promises to be a good waxwing winter, perhaps the best since that of 2012/13 when waxwing flocks could be viewed feeding on *Sorbus* (whitebeam) berries in Cirencester's Forum carpark, and even on some now-removed *Sorbus* trees at Tetbury Tesco. These are soft

NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

-berry feeders that travel here from Scandinavia in varying numbers. Rowan berries are their favourite, and there is a goodly supply of them this winter. Waxwings tend to be oblivious to people and traffic, and sit around in trees close to an urban or suburban food source (berried trees), apparently suffering from indigestion. Silhouetted by winter's perpetual gloaming, they look like dumpy starlings, each with a Pterodactyl-like crest (in proper light, they're pinky-grey, with a strand of golden wing feathers).

If you want peace and reconciliation with Nature, then don't miss out on the three-figure linnet flock a little way along Emerson Lane (to Cherington) from Chapman's Cross on the Stroud road. There's a winter birdfeed crop of sunflowers there, just past one of the (currently weedy and great for goldfinches) Sapperton Wilder fields. The linnets are feeding on the sunflower hearts and perching – and twittering joyously – on overhead wires. Experiences like that help guide us through winter.

Matthew Oates



Coates Cinema presents: The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry ^{12A}



**Thursday
11 Jan
Coates
Village
Hall**

**Admission £5
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Contributions should be sent by e-mail to the Watershed magazine at watershedmag@gmail.com. Articles should be in Arial font at 11 point with **formatting kept as simple as possible**. The editor reserves the right to edit any articles. **Articles should be submitted by 12 December at the latest for inclusion in the next month's issue.**

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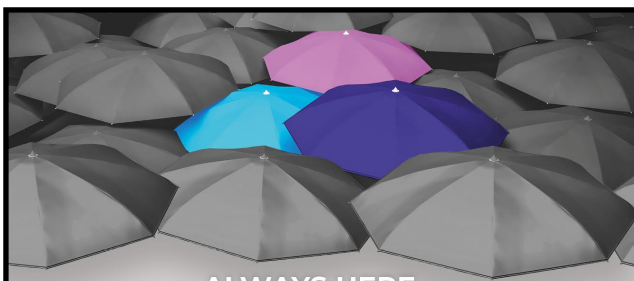
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

Friday 1		RBL Christmas Dinner at The Thames Head
Friday 1	6.30pm	Quiz Night in Coates Village Club
Saturday 2	2.30pm	Rodmarton Christmas Bazaar
Tuesday 5	11am	Service & Coffee in Frampton Mansell
Wednesday 6	7.30pm	BEAT meeting in Coates Village Hall
Thursday 7		Wreath Making Rodmarton School
Saturday 9	2pm & 5pm	Wreath Making Sapperton School
Wednesday 13	10am	Village Craft Group in Frampton Mansell Village Hall
Thursday 14		Christmas Cake Decorating at Rodmarton School
Saturday 16		Christmas Squares in Coates Village Club
Tuesday 19	10.30am	Coffee, Cake and Chat Coates Village Hall

JANUARY

Tuesday 2	11am	Service & Coffee in Frampton Mansell
Wednesday 3	7.30pm	BEAT meeting in Coates Village Hall
Friday 5	6.30pm	Quiz Night in Coates Village Club
Wednesday 13	10am	Village Craft Group in Frampton Mansell Village Hall
Thursday 10	7pm	Coates Cinema <i>The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry</i>
Tuesday 16	10.30am	Coffee, Cake and Chat Coates Village Hall



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