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Seasons Greetings



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Pam Evans, Sian Wiltshire, Lauren Wiltshire, Priscilla Moxey, Geoff Procter, Vai Procter, Jasmine Mcfazean, Janet Drury, George May, Vee Catteano, Sally Fox, Catherine Tilbury, Mair Morgan, Alan Tilbury, Jackie Gillam, Trish Joel, Malcolm Titcombe

A Service of Celebration to mark the 400th Anni- versary of the King James Bible

An historic and special pilgrimage took place on Wednesday 16th November by parishioners of St Laurence Parish Church Hilmarton to a service in Westminster Abbey.

The service took place in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh and his Royal Highness The Prince of Wales.

The advance party taking the 400 year old King James Bible from St Laurence Parish Church Hilmarton to Westminster Abbey

for the processional service was John Henly, Churchwarden, St Laurence Parish Church Hilmarton with his daughter Lauren Henly, Chris Mastin-Lee Deputy Chair of Hilmarton Parochial Church Council with two of his children, Tom Mastin Lee and Annabel Mastin-Lee. Chris Mastin-Lee and Tom and Lauren Henly took part in the Service. They all had to leave Hilmarton and Goatacre very early to be at the Abbey in time for the rehearsals at 8.30.

A coach party, from the Parish arrived at the Abbey at 11.15 in readiness for the service starting at noon. The Archbishop of Canterbury The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dr Rowan Williams gave the address and there were various readings and prayers including one by The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dr John Sentamu Archbishop of York. New hymns and other musical works specially written for the event were performed. All this with a back drop of five King James Bibles resting on the High Altar.

After the service the King James Bible Trust invited all those involved with the St Laurence, King James Bible to a reception at Church house, Westminster, where the party, among others, met Frank Field MP, The Most Honourable the Marquess of Salisbury, Sir Donald Sinden and Revd David Smith who is Curator of The Museum of the Book in Limehouse London and was the latest expert to authenticate the St Laurence Bible.

The representatives from Hilmarton Parish included members of the Parochial Church Council and benefactors toward the design and building of a special display lectern which will house the St Laurence Bible. This is being undertaken by local artist and designer Alan Tilbury who attended the reception with his wife Catherine.

Westminster Abbey Report on the service:

<http://www.westminster-abbey.org/press/news/news/2011/november/hm-the-queen-attends-king-james-bible-service>

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

On the 9th & 10th December there will be a Nativity Festival in St Laurence Church, Hilmarton. In order to make this a really special event we need your Nativity Sets, any size, any material (including knitted!!) hand-made or bought, the more interesting the better and from all corners of the globe. If you would be happy to allow your Nativity Set to be displayed at the Festival please give Elaine a call on 760537—email elaine.f.leighton@btinternet.com or Val on 760312—email val-andgeoff@talktalk.net.

Lingmara will be singing at the Festival on the Friday evening between 7:30 and 8:00pm. Those who attended the Hilmarton Music & Arts Festival will have heard them, they are fantastic.

We would be very grateful if you could kindly let us know by 30th November if you would like to have your Nativity Set included, in order to allow us to plan the display arrangements. Please rest assured that your Sets will be well looked after.

The Choir will be singing carols on Saturday 10th December and there will be a Christmas Raffle Draw at 7:45pm that evening.

A BIG THANK YOU to all the people who sponsored Nigel and I for doing the Coneston Challenge for GUIDEDOGS!!! We completed the triathlon of walking up the Old Man of Coneston, 17 km off-road cycling and 3 km kayaking on the Coneston lake on a lovely warm autumnal day in September, complete with fog, rain, wind and sun all mixed in! We raised an amazing £300 just in the village which has contributed to our group of 24's total from the Eastcott Veterinary Hospital in Swindon of £10,000! This should help secure a much needed guide dog for a blind person in the future. Nigel and Ida Gilbert

STAY WARM & HEALTHY THIS WINTER

Did you know that:

- There are ways of reducing electricity and gas bills!
- There are specific tariffs that are cheaper than others!
- There is help to switch supplier!
- The cheapest energy deals for your usage are available to you, calculated by a third party!
- There is help if you're struggling to pay your energy bills!
- There are insulation grants! Every home in Wiltshire may apply for a quotation, and in some cases installation is free.
- There are tips available on keeping homes warmer!



DONATE CURTAINS & WARM SOCKS

Did you know that installing a second, thick pair of curtains behind your existing ones will keep a room considerably warmer, and wearing bed socks at night helps you stay snug and healthy. If you would like to donate a pair of unwanted curtains or some warm bed socks they would be most gratefully received. **Drop off points: Hilmarton Post Office and Breda Cottage, Hilmarton!** If you would like to receive a pair of curtains for this purpose please let me know.

Contact me with regard to any of the above and I will do what I can to provide information and put you in touch with the right people.

Emma Dowie Good Neighbour Co-Ordinator for Hilmarton, Compton Bassett & Bremhill **Tel: 07557 922029**

The Library Bus will be at the School Hall Car Park on 5th & 19th between 1.30 and 1.50pm.

THE CHAPEL ACTIVITIES IN DECEMBER

SUNDAY	4th & 18th	6:00pm	Worship	CONTACT
SUNDAY	11th	4:30pm	Carols & Tea	
TUESDAY	6th	7:00pm	Knitti Natters	Joan Sparrow
WEDNESDAY	14th	2:00pm	Ladies Meeting	760227
WEDNESDAY	7th	10:00 - 11:30am	Coffee Morning	
THURSDAY	1st & 15th	10:00 - 11:30am	Smile Group	
FRIDAYS	2nd, 9th & 16th	2:30pm	at Audrey Pegler's	Dauntsey

PHOENIX GROUP

Phoenix Group have their Christmas Party in December so there is no meeting. Phoenix Group usually meet in the Community Room of Hilmarton School/Community Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm (no meeting in August) only £15.00 for annual membership or £2.00 on the door for visitors. All are welcome. Under 18's pay half fee. For more information call Ruth 760205



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM TRISH JOEL I will not be sending local Christmas cards this year, so I am taking this opportunity to wish everyone (especially to those whom I normally send cards) a Happy and Peaceful Christmas Season.

Christmas Greetings

This year please forgive us if we do not send a card, instead, the money saved will go to help Cancer Research UK, The British Heart Foundation and The British Lung Foundation.. We would like to thank all our many friends and neighbours, throughout the Parish, for all your kindness and great support during what has been at times a difficult year, we don't know what we would have done without you. We send you every good wish for Christmas and the New Year. With love Val & Geoff Procter.



A special oak and glass display lectern has been commissioned to provide a permanent home for the 400 year old bible. We are still a few hundred £'s short of our target so any donations would be welcomed and payments may be made to Hilmarton PCC via Adele at Hilmarton Post Office. Thank you.

CALNE COMMUNITY CAMPUS

Calne Community Area Partnership is assisting in the second consultation about the possibility of there being a Community Campus in Calne. The consultation will again be taking place in Calne and the surrounding villages by people completing a hard copy of the consultation form or by completing the consultation on line. A full explanation of the results of the first consultation and the draft plans for a possible Calne campus will be given in the first part of the consultation form which will ask for people's views of the project so far.

This is quite an important issue and it is suggested that Parishioners either complete the consultation paper online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communitycampuscalnesurvey.htm or pick up a hard copy from the Post Office in Poynder Place.

THANK YOU

Another year is almost over, some good times, some not so good but life continues in our wonderful Parish. It's time to thank all those involved with our Neighbourhood News - the regular contributors to the content, Rob at the Duke for sponsoring the printed copies, the selfless people who deliver the printed copies and to all of you for taking the time to read it.

If you would like a personal message or advert included in the Neighbourhood News (space permitting), we ask you to please make a donation to one of the Parish Groups named on the front page. Please submit your request to the editors together with your donation, stating the group you support. For more information contact the editing team as below

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS-EDITING TEAM NOTES - ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE JANUARY EDITION BY 20th DECEMBER PLEASE TO : Mel Wilkins 760572 melwilkins@blive.com - Jacquie Henly, Jays Cottage, Compton Road, Hilmarton 760401 jacquie88@btinternet.com - Geoff Procter, Breda Cottage, Church Road, Hilmarton 760312 valandgeoff@talktalk.net. FOR MORE NEWS & INFORMATION VISIT THE HILMARTON PARISH WEBSITE www.hilmarton.org

Christmas is coming

This month's picture is of this year's Christmas stamps with our genuine King James bible, which was used in Royal Mail's launch. As I write, I am conscious that Christmas related events are beginning to happen. I hope it will be possible for everyone to join us for a Christmas event or even better, some worship at this special time of year, when we mark the coming of Jesus Christ to earth and celebrate the hope and peace of 'God with us'. There is much to choose from – if you have children may I particularly commend to you the following:-

- Our Christingle service at 4pm on Sunday 4th December at St Giles Tockenham followed by tea in the village hall. *This is preceded by a children's workshop exploring Christmas at 2:45pm that day for key stage 1 and 2 children in Tockenham village hall. Let me know if you wish your child to attend this work shop so we have enough resources for all!*
 - Our Christmas eve family service on Saturday 24th December at St Lawrence's Hilmarton at 5pm. For this please come armed with a nativity headdress
- Our Christmas day family communions on Sunday 25th December at St Peter's Clyffe Pypard at 9:15am and at St Giles, Tockenham at 11am. For this please come with an opened present!

More for the grownups can I recommend this year's round of traditional Carol Services, one in each Church of the benefice – full details in the grid below. This 400th anniversary year we will be using the King James Version of the Bible for the readings, which so many people particularly appreciate for the beauty of the language and the sense of God within the powerful texts of Christmas. Also our midnight mass this year is in Christchurch Broad Town at 11pm on Saturday 24th December.

May I wish you and yours a happy and holy Christmas. With love in Christ, Alison Way, Rector of the benefice of Woodhill. The Rectory, Wood Street, Clyffe Pypard, Wilts, SN4 7PY, alisonway@tiscali.co.uk, 01793 739044

PS A diary date for 2012 – January 21st 3pm in St Laurence Hilmarton – the Bishop of Sherborne is coming to a special service to bless the lectern being made locally to store our genuine King James version of the Bible. More info about this next month!



Date	HILMARTON	Date	Other Benefice Churches
Wednesday 7th Dec	2pm Worship in the Week (at 48 Poynder Place) Communion followed by tea & coffee	Sunday 4 th Dec	10:30am Benefice Communion, Broad Town 4:00pm Christingle Service, Tockenham
Sunday 11th Dec	10:30am Benefice Communion	Sunday 11 th Dec	5:00pm Carol Service, Clyffe Pypard
Saturday 17th Dec	5:00pm Carol Service	Thursday 15 th Dec	6:00pm Carol Service, Broad Town
Sunday 18th Dec		Sunday 18 th Dec	10:30am Benefice Communion, Clyffe Pypard 5:00pm Carol Service, Tockenham
Saturday 24th Dec	5:00pm Family Service for Christmas Eve. Please bring a nativity style headdress to the service.	Saturday 24 th Dec	11:00pm Midnight Mass, Broad Town
Sunday 25th Dec		Sunday 25 th Dec	9:15am Family Communion, Clyffe Pypard 11:00am Family Communion, Tockenham <i>Please bring an opened Christmas present to these services.</i>

CHURCH CLEANERS FOR DECEMBER

5th Dec. Cynthia Fry & Sally Fox - 12th & 19th December Jackie Gillam & Adele Owen

Thank you to all on the flower rota. **Christmas greenery in the Church for the weekend of 11th. December will need to be completed by Friday 9th. in time for the Nativity Festival .** If anyone is interested in joining the Church flower team on a regular basis or just occasionally please contact Jasmine McFadzean on 760611.

Enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or other special services to Rev'd Way, Lay Pastoral Assistant, Val Procter 760312 or Church Warden John Henly 760401