

## Lydeard St Lawrence & Tolland Village Newsletter - December 2018

Available via email, or in the Church or from the Village Hall Mondays & Thursdays 10:00 am to 12:45 pm

**Deadline for items – 25<sup>th</sup> of each month – to Liz ([liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com](mailto:liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com) or 667375)**

Date		Morning	Afternoon / Evening
Sat	1 <sup>st</sup>		
Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	LSL Morning Prayer at 11.15am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting, LSL Village Hall. 7.30 pm Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	4 <sup>th</sup>	Household Waste (Black) & Recycling Collection	Mobile Library: Tolland Glebe Farm (TA4 3PR) 11.50 - 12.05 LSL Old Post Office (TA4 3SB) 12.15 - 12.30 LSL School (TA4 3SF) 1.10 – 1.40
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup>	Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.30 am – 10.30 am	
Thu	6 <sup>th</sup>	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm Beat Surgery, LSL VH, 10.30 to 11.30 am	Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	7 <sup>th</sup>	The Dance Club Workout LSL Village Hall 9.00 – 10.00 am	SCHOOL Christingle in LSL church 2.00 pm
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>		
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	CF Holy Communion at 9.30 am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup>	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	11 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Waste (Green) and Recycling Collection	
Wed	12 <sup>th</sup>	Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.30 am – 10.30 am	
Thu	13 <sup>th</sup>	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	W.I., LSL Village Hall Meeting Room. 7.30 – 10.00 pm Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup>	The Dance Club Workout LSL Village Hall 9.00 – 10.00 am	SCHOOL Christmas Fare 3.00 – 6.00pm In the Village Hall – See advert
Sat	15 <sup>th</sup>		
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>		Scarr Chapel Carol Service. Refreshments. 2.30 pm LSL Carols by Candlelight with refreshments. 4.00 pm
Mon	17 <sup>th</sup>	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	18 <sup>th</sup>	Household Waste (Black) & Recycling Collection	
Wed	19 <sup>th</sup>	Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.30 am – 10.30 am	SCHOOL Good Work Assembly in the church, 1:45 pm
Thu	20 <sup>th</sup>	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	CF Outdoor Carols round the tree followed by refreshments next door. 7.00 pm  Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	21 <sup>st</sup>	The Dance Club Workout LSL Village Hall 9.00 – 10.00 am	SCHOOL Last Day Of Term
Sat	22 <sup>nd</sup>		
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>	CF Carol Service at 9.30 am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	24 <sup>th</sup>	POST OFFICE CLOSED	CF Crib Service at 3.30 am
Tue	25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> CF Christmas Holy Communion at 9.30 am Tolland Christmas Service 10.30 LSL Christmas Holy Communion at 11.15 am	
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BOXING DAY</b>	
Thu	27 <sup>th</sup>	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm Recycling Collection Only	
Fri	28 <sup>th</sup>		
Sat	29 <sup>th</sup>		
Sun	30 <sup>th</sup>		Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>NEW YEARS EVE</b> POST OFFICE CLOSED	
Tue	1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>NEW YEARS DAY</b> New Years Day Village Walk – see notice Meet in the LSL Village Hall Car Park at 11:00	
Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Household Waste (Black) & Recycling Collection	

# CHURCH REPORTS AND NOTICES

## **‘I want to be Joseph .....**

As you are probably aware, we are not hosting a Christmas Tree Festival this year but – we are offering a series of reflections on the Nativity characters called ‘I want to be Joseph .....

Many of us remember doing the nativity play at school or in church, and the battles we had over the different characters we wanted to be. Some of us may have longed to have the part of Joseph, but never got beyond being an angel or a star! And that may be the last time you thought about the characters involved in the Christmas story.

The reflections we are presenting give the opportunity to refresh our memory on the Nativity and the different characters but also to think about what they might teach us today. Around the church will be different reflections. Where there are activities to do, then please take part and use the materials provided and take the various things away with you. Once you’ve completed the reflections, there will be an opportunity to fill in the comments book and there will also be contact details if you want to talk further with someone about anything you’ve encountered.

The stations will be positioned in various parts of the church from the afternoon of Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December until Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January. They will feature: Elizabeth (Mary’s cousin); Mary; Joseph; and the shepherds. After Twelfth Night – 6<sup>th</sup> January – the station for Elizabeth and the shepherds will be dismantled and, in their place, there will be a station regarding King Herod; and the Wise Men – as these are believed to have visited at some point after the birth of Jesus.

Please make a note of this in your diary and come along to have a look and take part. This is something a bit different. So often we hear the story in a carol service or on Christmas Day, but perhaps there is so much more to discover if we sit with the characters for a while. We look forward to welcoming everyone.

## **THANK YOU**

THANK YOU! to whoever left a very generous donation at The Rectory in November, towards the Church Development Project. The Project team are most grateful and would like to acknowledge their thanks by means of this message.

## **CAROLS LSL Carols By Candlelight**

ON SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER at 4.00pm we have Carols by Candlelight here in St Lawrence’s church. If you would like to, you are invited to come along and sing some carols and hear the Christmas story but also to come dressed up – as Mary, Joseph, a donkey, a sheep, a shepherd, an angel or even a star! There will be mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. Everyone welcome.

## **Carols At Combe Florey**

ON THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER at 7.00 pm in Combe Florey there will be Outdoor Carols around the Christmas Tree followed by mulled wine and mince pies hosted by Irene and Robin at Inmans – next door to the church. All welcome.

## **GOODBYE**

As you are probably all now aware, Matthew and Antonia are moving to a new parish at the start of next year. Matthew’s last service in the Benefice will be on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019. It will be a Benefice Eucharist at 10.30am in St Mary’s Bishops Lydeard to say Farewell to him. There will be refreshments afterwards. Everyone welcome.

**EXCITING OPPORTUNITY**  
**18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019**

If an item on your “bucket list”, or one of your ambitions, is to experience abseiling, now’s your chance.

Plans are afoot for a sponsored abseil down the tower of St Lawrence’s Church on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019, as part of our fundraising programme to make the church a more accessible building for all our community to use. The abseil will be in conjunction with the church at Cotford St Luke, where a new building has been constructed – but they have no tower. This is why our church tower has been examined and considered suitable for such an activity.

The day will be supervised by several qualified instructors who are also involved in organising the Wellington Carnival, and all relevant insurances will be in place to cover the event. Entrants will be harnessed at ground level and then steep steps up the tower will need to be negotiated while clipped to a rope. There is also a narrow entrance to get onto the roof.

Up to 60 participants can be accommodated; the community at Cotford St Luke already have between 10 and 20 interested potential abseilers. We need to find 30 volunteers – village residents, family members, friends etc. who should – ideally – be at least 13 years old with no upper age limit; this is to ensure that they “fill” the harness and so that the rope devices operate properly. This is a strict requirement for anyone wishing to take part.

There will be toilet facilities provided and refreshments available on the day. Family and friends are invited to come along to watch. A Certificate of Achievement will be awarded on completion.

PLEASE – put this date in your diary if you would like to attempt this and support your village church by obtaining sponsorship and having fun!

**CAKE STALL FOR THE CHURCH**

The church will be having a cake stall at the school Christmas Fare on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 3.00pm to 6.00 pm in the Lydeard St Lawrence village hall to raise funds for the church. If you can help out either by baking some delicious goodies or by volunteering to man the stall on the day please contact Helen Foster on 01984 667207. Cakes etc. may be left with Helen beforehand.

**ADVENT**

ADVENT begins on Sunday 2nd December. There will be a two-session Advent Course - Wednesday 28th November and Wednesday 5th December @ 7.30pm in Bishops Lydeard Church Centre. Refreshments on offer from 7pm. The sessions will be looking at various forms and aspects of prayer.

**DECEMBER SERVICE DATES**

**Sunday 2nd December**, 4pm. Bishops Lydeard Advent Carol service.

**Monday 3rd December**, 2.30pm. LSL WI Carol Service, including the blessing of a new banner

**Friday 7th December**, 2pm. Lydeard St Lawrence School Christingle.

**Sunday 16th December**, 4pm. Lydeard St Lawrence Carols by Candlelight. Mulled wine and mince pies

**Thursday 20th December**, 7pm. Combe Florey Outdoor Carols around the Christmas Tree

**Tuesday 25th December**, 11.15am. Lydeard St Lawrence: Christmas Holy Communion with Carols

## REMEMBRANCE

### Messy Church

We had a fantastic turn out for the Messy Church for Remembrance. Children and adults made painted stones, coloured flags of the nations involved in the conflict. Made poppies, decorated plates, adorned bismuits and created a remembrance banner at the Village Hall. All these creations were then taken to the church and added to the poppy display. The huge variety of ideas and the enthusiasm of the children and adults was both delightful and heart-warming.

### Remembrance Service

Thank you so much to everyone who came to our Service of Remembrance on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. We were so fortunate with the weather, and it was really great that people admired the way the church and churchyard had been so carefully, delicately and tastefully decorated. Thank you, too, to Jonathan Marshall, Parish Council Chairman for the part which he played in the service and to Matt Hele for reading; to Phil for playing the Last Post and Reveille on his trumpet and for playing the organ. A truly awesome and inspiring morning, not least because of the 70 or so people, including youngsters, who joined our usually much smaller congregation! Thank you all, and bless you

### Poppies

I would like to thank everyone who played a part in creating the poppies we used to decorate the church for Remembrance. In total we had over 700 poppies in all shapes and sizes. A fantastic effort from a tiny village. The poppies looked lovely displayed inside and outside the church, a credit to everyone's hard work. Ed.

## VILLAGE REPORTS AND NOTICES

### Proposed Road Closure.

Wessex Water are planning to close the top 100m of the road that leads from Handy Cross to Tolland, Tarr Road, on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 for 5 days. Please visit [www.roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org) for further information on the alternative route

### Post Office Opening Over Christmas

Please note that our village post office will be CLOSED on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December and again on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December. Open as usual on all other Mondays and Thursdays.

### Over 60's Lunch in December

Please note that because of the day that Christmas falls this year, there will be no Over 60's lunch in December. Back to normal for the end of January.

### New Year's Day Village Walk Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 11:00 in the Village Hall car Park

Come and join us for a merry amble around the village of Lydeard St Lawrence on New Year's Day. Starting at 11 o'clock in the Village Hall car park, we will explore some of the footpaths and byways around the village. Everyone is welcome, young and old, two legged and four. The walk will be about 2 hours in length. An excellent way to start the new year. *(I have specifically requested less water than we have had in the last two years! Ed)*

## FREE TO A GOOD HOME

A fully working piano – pianola complete with rolls.

This looks like an upright piano and is 5' high and 5' 3" inches long. The width from the keyboard is 2' 6"

It has a brown veneer which is in need of a French polish or a paint.

It is heavy but help can be provided to move it.

If you are interested or want to know more, please contact Janet Bond on 01984 667372

**Lydeard St Lawrence  
School Christmas Fete**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**In The Village Hall  
3.00pm – 6.00 pm**

**Fun For Everyone!**

**Raffle**      **Games**      **Cakes**  
**Tombola**      **Competitions**

**Festive Fayre**

## Free To A Good Home

One of the villagers has a second-hand bike and a computer desk, both of which are no longer required so are free to anyone who would like either or both of them.

If you are interested or would like some more info, contact me on 01984 667375 or by email at [liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com](mailto:liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com) and I will put you in contact with the owner.



Surviving Winter 



October/November 2018

## Spread some warmth this winter by donating your Winter Fuel Payment

Somerset Community Foundation has launched this year's Surviving Winter campaign, which encourages people to join the growing number of contributors who donate some or all of their Winter Fuel Payment to help local people living in fuel poverty. This year, any online donations to the campaign made during the week-long Big Give Christmas Challenge - midday Tuesday 27 November to midday Tuesday 4 December - will be doubled!

Last year, over 500 older people living in fuel poverty in Somerset were helped to keep warm and better connected through the winter months, thanks to pensioners and other local donors who gave to Surviving Winter.

Help Somerset Community Foundation to help more isolated and vulnerable older people this year.

To donate to Surviving Winter, visit [www.somersetcf.org.uk/winter](http://www.somersetcf.org.uk/winter) or call 01749 344949. Please remember that all donations will help the Surviving Winter campaign, but if you donate online between midday Tuesday 27 November and midday Tuesday 4 December your donation will be doubled.



**Not sure who to turn to? Village Agents are a charity that work with individuals and social groups to give confidential support and advice. We can enable people to be more independent in their home, manage personal finances, care for family members and advise on just about anything!**

**You can find Gaby at the Talking Café at The Bear in Wiveliscombe on a Thursday Morning and the drop-in at Milverton's Creedwell Orchard Meeting Hall on Monday mornings, Lister House Surgery on Monday afternoons and all day Friday. Also Wiveliscombe House on Tuesday Mornings. You can also find me at local coffee mornings, groups and events Call and email me. [gaby@somersetccc.org.uk](mailto:gaby@somersetccc.org.uk) 07746 340546**

# Harvest Poem

I'm back in the barn, what a mixture of days,  
Snow and wind, then sunshine ablaze.  
Watching the seeds from when they were sowed,  
Til into large ears of corn they grewed.

I'm back in the barn with the bales of hay,  
After months of standing, night and day,  
Scaring the crows while mice nibbled my toes  
And pigeons munched on my carrot nose

I'm back in the barn with apples in racks  
And swedes and turnips and spuds in sacks.  
I'm resting my feet, what's left of them now,  
Hearing the final strains of the plough.

I'm back in the barn, along with the herds  
And empty nests which once held birds  
Who've all flown south to find more sun  
And won't be back til next year's begun.

Farmer was pleased with all I had done  
Thru wind and snow and blazing hot sun,  
So pleased in fact he said he'd remember  
To give me an outing come November.

## REFUSE ADVICE

**No garden waste collections** 24 December - 4 January; resuming 7 January.  
Revised days also apply to assisted and clinical waste collections.

**Recycling sites** follow usual schedules, except **all sites close at 4pm** on Monday 24 and 31 December. All sites closed 25-26 December and 1 January.

**Christmas trees** - either: home compost, or take to a recycling site or, if you have a garden waste subscription, undecorated trees under 6ft can go out for collection on your usual garden waste collection day from 7 January, or look for local charity shredding/collections.

(Last resort: send tree to costly, wasteful, polluting landfill. Place next to your rubbish bin on your usual collection day 7-18 January 2019).

## CONTACTS

Event	Contact	Tel	Email
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<b>Lydeard St Lawrence Primary School</b>	<a href="http://www.lydeardstlawrenceprimary.co.uk">www.lydeardstlawrenceprimary.co.uk</a>
<b>LSL Village Web Page</b>	<a href="http://www.lydeard-st-l.co.uk">www.lydeard-st-l.co.uk</a>
<b>Benefice Churches</b>	<a href="http://www.bishopslydeardbenefice.org">www.bishopslydeardbenefice.org</a>

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