



**Welcome to this week's
Keeping in Touch (KIT) for
St Mary's and St Wilfrid's
in the Parish of Chidham.**



17th November

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OUR SERVICES THIS WEEK

This week we will be welcoming **Canon David Nason** to lead our **0800 Eucharist** service and our Lay Reader **Colin Ottewell** will lead our **Morning Prayer** service at **1000. Both services in St Mary's.**

Thurs 21st Nov – the leader for the **1030** service in **St Wilfrid's** will be Father Reji Raj-Singh.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – CAN YOU BELIEVE IT IS ONLY 3 WEEKS AWAY?

There are only **3 weeks to go** until our Xmas Fair.

Thank you to those who have already donated items towards our Christmas Fair. With only a month to go, do **please think of us when doing your weekly shopping** and perhaps add a small **'Xmassy' item** to your basket for our **Tombola**, especially if it is a consumable one!



Any **items to be sold can be given to Alyzn or Carol Vigor.**
For collection, email carolvigor1@outlook.com or call 07564 601091.

Are you free to help at the Fair? We really **need more volunteers** so if you are able to help please speak to Alyzn or Carol.

Above all, do come along to support the Fair. You could **win a stocking from Santa, a prize on the Christmas Tombola or one of our lovely raffle prizes.** There will be lots of Christmas items, cakes, refreshments, our popular preloved jewellery stall, new items for stocking fillers and lots of other things!

Hope to see you there!

CALLING ALL CAKE MAKERS

We have so many wonderful cake makers in our church family! If any of you are able to provide a cake for our Christmas Fair that would be fabulous.

Any donations of **cakes or produce can be brought** to the hall on the **evening before (Fri 6th Dec) from 5.00pm – 7.00pm** or on the **morning of the Fair.**

PARISH MAGAZINE – THANK YOU IF YOU HAVE RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION.

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their subscription so far.

If you do not currently receive our magazine, please consider subscribing.

The cost is **£11 for 11 copies** during the year. It will either be **delivered to your door or can be collected from St Mary's**. There is a renewal form attached to KIT this week too. The money this generates helps to maintain the church for now and future generations.

If you pay through online banking don't forget to email carolvigor1@outlook.com to confirm payment and give your address.

A reminder that, if you are paying by cheque or cash, you can return your renewal to:

- ❖ Alyzn Johnson, Dunelm, Main Road, Chidham
- ❖ Pauline Ashwood, 41 Maybush Drive, Chidham (for Maybush Drive residents)
- ❖ Juliet Probert, High Tide, Chidham Lane, Chidham
- ❖ Harry Bates, Crondall Lodge, Scant Road West, Hambrook
- ❖ Carole Holmes, Holm Leigh, Main Road, Nutbourne
- ❖ Editor, Carol Vigor, 21 Deeside Avenue, Fishbourne, PO19 3QF

Please do not return your renewals envelopes to the vicarage.

HOME VISITS

If at any time you are housebound, or because of illness cannot come to church and you would wish to receive Holy Communion or prayers for the sick, please contact one of our churchwardens

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – CHURCH EVENTS

7 Dec	Parish Christmas Fair – St Wilfrid's 1030 - 1230
19 Dec (Thur)	Nine Lessons & Carols – St Mary's - 1800
20 Dec	Carol Singing – St Wilfrid's 1900 + mulled wine & mince pies
23 Dec	Carol Singing – field opp. Old House + mulled wine & mince pies
24 Dec	Crib Service – St Mary's - 1600
24 Dec	Midnight Eucharist – St Mary's - 2330
25 Dec	Christmas Eucharist - St Mary's - 0900
18 Jan	Talk on Pitcairn Island & screening of 'The Bounty' (1984) starring Mel Gibson and Anthony Hopkins. In aid of St Mary's Project.
Early Spring	Book & Cake Sale – St Wilfrid's
10 May	Plant Sale – St Wilfrid's – 1030 - 1230

LOCAL AUTUMN EVENTS

There are a number of autumn and pre-Xmas events taking place locally for your delectation. Here are some we are aware of:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sat 16 th Nov	1930	Chichester Singers 'Elijah'	Chichester Cathedral
Sat 23 rd Nov	Events from 1100 to early evening	Light Up Chichester	City Centre & various venues (see info below)
Sat 23 rd Nov & throughout Xmas period	On going	Christmas Tree Stroll	Chichester City Centre
Sat/Sun 23 rd /24 th Nov	1000 - 1500	Queen Elizabeth Country Park Christmas Market	Country Park Visitors Centre. Free entry.
Sat 30 th Nov	1100 - 1600	Fishbourne Church Christmas Arts & Craft Fair	St Peter's Place (Church Hall), Fishbourne
Sun 1 st Dec	1100 - 1500	Open House & mini market	Edes House, West Street, Chichester
Thur 19 th Dec	1930	Solent Male Voice Choir Christmas Concert	St Faith's Church, Havant

LIGHT UP CHICHESTER EVENT - NEW FORMAT FOR 2024

Chichester BID, in partnership with Chichester City Council, is presenting '**Light Up Chichester**', a reimagined **Christmas Lights Switch On event** taking place on **Saturday 23rd November 2024**. This year's festivities will be a day filled with family-friendly fun, live performances and festive celebrations, ending in the brand-new Light Up Chichester: The Afterparty, to carry the magic late into the evening.

Daytime Festivities

From 1100, Chichester's city centre will come alive with festive activity. Visitors can enjoy live music, street entertainment, a light show, a snow machine transforming the streets into a winter wonderland, and interactive activities for families. Other highlights include the popular Starlight Trail at The Novium Museum and Pallant House Gallery, where children and families can create their own paper lanterns. There will be a **pop-up food market** on East Street offering seasonal delights from local vendors. The cast of Chichester Festival Theatre's Cinderella will lead the **countdown to the Christmas Lights Switch On at 5.00pm** outside The Assembly Rooms in North Street. The Rotary Club of Chichester's Tree of Goodwill will also light up. The traditional blessing of the tree by the Dean of Chichester will take place on Sunday 24th November.

Light Up Chichester: The Afterparty

For the first time, the festive fun continues after the lights are switched on! Light Up Chichester: The Afterparty will see restaurants, pubs, and bars across the city offering themed events, festive menus, live music, and Christmas cocktails **from 5pm until late**. Highlights include Victorian drinks at The Havana, live Christmas music at The Eastgate Inn, meet Elsa and Anna at The Chantry, festive singalongs at The Chichester Inn, and DJ sets at The Vestry.

CHRISTMAS TREE STROLL

Starting on Saturday 23rd November there will be a spectacular Christmas Tree Stroll within Chichester. Visitors can discover beautifully decorated Christmas trees located around Chichester city centre, with a special highlight of six unique Christmas tree sculptures created by local artists using sustainable materials. The sculptures have been specially-commissioned by Chichester BID to help bring a sense of creativity and environmental awareness to the festive celebrations.



The **trees** will be **on display throughout the Christmas period** and have been generously sponsored by Chichester District Council, Chichester City Council, Blue Spire Accountants, Kiwi Recruitment and Chichester Festival Theatre.

PICK UP A PRELOVED PAINT POT!

Did you know that you can now donate unwanted paint or pick up a pre-used pot for your own DIY at designated Recycling Centres across West Sussex?



In collaboration with Biffa and Community RePaint (sponsored by Dulux), WSCC have launched this initiative which is aimed at reducing paint waste and encouraging reuse of partially used pots.

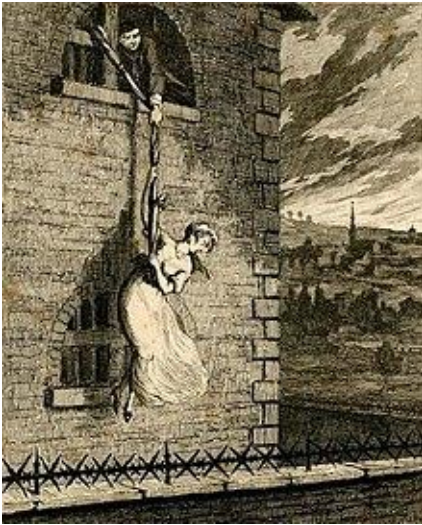
To donate or collect paint, you must book an appointment to visit a Recycling Centre in advance.

Donate or pick up some paint!



HONEST JACK SHEPPARD – HIGHWAYMAN OF THE PEOPLE

On 16th November 1724, a young thief turned infamous jailbreaker, John 'Jack' Sheppard's criminal escapades resulted in his death by execution. However, his legend lived on for many years. His life of crime was cut short. But his skill in slipping out of the authority's grasp made him a hero among the working classes. His story was retold in popular books and plays long after his public execution aged just 22.



Jack was born in 1702 in Spitalfields. In 1717, he became an apprentice carpenter but in 1722 with just one year left of his apprenticeship, Jack met a woman known as Edgworth Bess in the Black Lion Inn, and fell into a life of crime. He was arrested for the first time in February 1724 after committing burglaries with his lover Bess and his brother Tom. He was sent to the parish roundhouse of St Giles-in-the-Fields, but escaped by breaking a hole through the ceiling, climbing on the roof and using a rope made of bedclothes. His second prison escape was from New Prison in Clerkenwell the following May, when he and Bess scaled a 7.6 metre wall with a rope also made from knotted sheets.

Sheppard activities of burglary and highway robbery caught the attention of infamous vigilante Jonathan Wild, the 'Thief-Taker General'. Wild secured Sheppard's third arrest on 23 July. He was condemned to death at the Old Bailey criminal courts and sent to Newgate Prison. Again Jack managed to escape, not once, but twice. When he was arrested for the final time on 31 October for burgling a pawn shop on Drury Lane, he had prison guards watching him day and night. His prison escapades had earned him celebrity status. While at Newgate awaiting his execution, Sheppard welcomed many visitors who paid a fee to the guards to meet him. On 16 November, Sheppard was taken to be publicly hanged at the Tyburn Gallows. He had planned one more escape, but his pen-knife, intended to cut the ropes binding him on the way to the gallows, was found by a prison warder shortly before he left Newgate for the last time. He was hanged in front of a huge crowd, said to number 200,000. After hanging for the prescribed 15 minutes, his body was cut down. The crowd pressed forward to stop his body from being removed for dissection, but their actions stopped his friends from implementing a plan to take his body to a doctor in an attempt to revive him.



He remained a working class hero long after his death in 1724. His story was adapted for the stage almost immediately. *Harlequin Sheppard*, a pantomime, opened at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, on 28th November, only two weeks after Sheppard's hanging! His story was published in pamphlets, ballads and plays well into the 19th century. In the 1850 booklets about Sheppard were still being read aloud to young people in low lodging houses. The authorities attempted to ban the plays and publications, fearing their popularity would encourage a crime wave. Perhaps the most prominent play based on Sheppard's life is John Gay's *The Beggar's Opera*, written in 1728. Sheppard was the inspiration for the character Captain Macheath, whose nemesis Peachum is based on Jonathan Wild the 'Thief Taker General'. The play was spectacularly popular and was produced regularly for more than 100 years.

His story was revived three times as a movie in the 20th century, the last being *Where's Jack?* in 1969, with Tommy Steele in the title role. He has even made it into the 21st century in a novel by Jordy Rosenberg, which tells the story of a 21st-century academic who discovers a manuscript containing Sheppard's "confessions", which documents his childhood and his love affair with Edgworth Bess!

CAROLS ROUND THE LOBSTER POT

Saturday 21st December - 1100.

Carol around the Lobster pot Christmas tree on the quay at Emsworth. Supported by 'Village Voices' choir and supporting the RNLI.



CHRISTMAS EVENT AT EDES HOUSE IN CHICHESTER

Ever wondered what Edes House is like inside? On **Sunday 1st December** Edes House has a **free Open House Event** from **1100 – 3.00pm**, including a mini market. You can see the house decorated for Christmas, listen to some festive music and visit the story grotto. Something for everyone!



CAROLS IN THE SQUARE

Saturday 7th December - 1000 – 1200 - Emsworth Square

Carol Singers from Emsworth Churches will be singing and collecting money for Christian Aid.



Here is a reminder of the contact details for our churchwardens:

Mike Carroll – 01243 572646
Willem Van Niekerk - 07960 305427