



Seasons Greetings for a Happy, Blessed and Merry Christmas

Holy Trinity Church

Services fir December:

2nd Dec 11.15 Christingle

9th Dec 14.30 Carols in the Barn

16th Dec 15.30 Lessons & Carols

23rd Dec 11.15 Eucharist

25th Dec 11.15 Family Eucharist

Village Hall

Dec 16th 4.30 pm — Village Get Together — all welcome

Parish Council

Dec 6th 19.00 Council Meeting

Connecting Generations

Dec 5th 14.30 Weekly Meeting

Dec 12th 17.00 End of term celebration — all welcome

May Day Committee

Dec 11th 19.00 Planning.Meeting

Bell Ringers

Dec 5th 19.00 Quarter Peal in celebration of the lives of Marcie and her mother Lindsay



A Christmas Message

A time for family, for friends, for mulled wine and carols by the tree. A time to celebrate winter and the warmth of both fire and friendship. A time to remember the birth of a little child more than two millennia ago, born in a manger in Bethlehem. A time of rebirth as we cherish the remembrance of Christmases past, the joy of Christmas present, and our faith in Christmases yet to come.

And, of course, yet another chance to watch Elf on the television. Oh what joy... Be still my beating heart...

As Scrooge said;

"I will honour Christmas in my heart. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach."

I am light as a feather, I am as happy as an angel, I am as merry as a schoolboy, I am giddy as a drunken man".

And, from Tiny Tim: " God bless us, every one".



Bath Spa University

Dec 5th 18.00 Launch of the Bath Business School MBA programme

Dec 14th End of Term

Rory's Reminders

Recycling collections normally take place every Friday during the month, with refuse collections every other Friday (the 14th is the next date).

Bins should please be put out either the night before or by 7 a.m. on the morning of collection.

Special collection date changes over the holidays mean that the collections scheduled for Friday December 28th will actually take place on Monday 31st December.

Similarly in the New Year, the scheduled collections for Friday 4th January will take place on Monday 7th January.

Lastly, the scheduled pick-ups on Friday 11th January will now take place on Saturday January 12th.

The next collection of garden waste in green bins is scheduled for Friday February 1st.

Note that the recycling centres in Bath and at Pixash lane will be closed Tuesday December 25th, Wednesday December 26th and Tuesday January 1st.

News from the Village Shop

Christmas card deliveries around the village: please pop into the shop in the village square to post your local cards — they will be delivered by volunteers all round the village on the weekend of 15th and 16th December.

All proceeds go to a local charity — so please support this traditional service, save some money on postage stamps, and benefit the charity with your donations this Christmas.

Bath Abbey carol service

The annual concert of carols arranged and performed by the staff and students of Bath Spa University takes place this year on Monday, December 3rd, from 7 p.m. All parishioners are warmly invited by the Vice Chancellor, Prof Sue Rigby.

A coach has been arranged, leaving from outside Holy Trinity Church at 6.20 pm and returning around 8.15 pm. Please come and support and enjoy the traditional concert in this wonderful setting, thanks to our neighbours and fellow parishioners at Bath Spa University.

Holy Trinity carol service

The annual concert of lessons and carols — arranged and performed by the outstanding choir and congregation of our local church — will take place on Sunday, December 16th at 3.30 p.m. Do come and join us and bring your children, grandchildren, or even your neighbour's kids if you have none yourself!

Immediately following the service, you are warmly invited to come over to the Village Hall for refreshments as below.

Village Hall — Seasonal Get Together

The committees of the Village Hall and the Registered Members Club invite you to join them for refreshments and a free drink starting from 4.30 p.m. after the carol service above.

Take the opportunity whether as long term residents or as village newcomers to meet your neighbours at this convivial event. And, for those that can stand it there'll be another showing of Elf on the big screen.

Christmas greetings from the Duchy of Cornwall

The management and staff of the Duchy of Cornwall at the Old Rectory wish to take this opportunity of thanking the residents for everything they do over the year to preserve and build our village community, and to wish everyone a very happy holiday.



Connecting

Generations

Wednesday 12th October at 5 pm
Newton St Loe Village Hall

We invite you to come along and join us in the village hall on 12th December for a festive celebration, and to recognise the fabulous efforts of all of our wonderful university volunteers!

There'll be drinks and food and of course, plenty of 'tech talk' if needed!

Even if you have never attended a session - residents or volunteers - everyone is welcome!



News from the Parish Council

The meeting scheduled for November did not take place owing to the fact that a quorum was not present.

The next meeting will be on Thursday December 6th starting at 7 p.m. The full agenda is on the parish council website: it includes an action to consider further co-options onto the Parish Council to avoid the cancellation of meetings in the event that a single councillor cannot attend.

There are a number of significant issues which are current and not on the agenda, and the council would like to hear residents' views. These include:

- The current consultation by Bath & North East Somerset into establishing a Clean Air Zone around Bath. The councils preferred option is for a scheme which will charge 100 pounds per day for HGVs, buses and coaches entering the zone, and 9 pounds per day for all cars, light goods vehicles and taxis etc which do not meet the new emission standards. The effect on NSL will be a significant increase in traffic along Pennyquick for vehicles skirting the zone, and that a significant number of existing parishioners' cars will have to pay even to go to the shops.
- The joint Spatial Plan (in conjunction with Bristol City, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire) moves into its examination phase shortly. The plan sets the overall approach and location of new development in the light of the region's ability to meet its housing and transport needs for the next twenty years. All who are interested in what may happen to our parish over the next two decades should make their views known to the parish council.
- DEFRA has announced a consultation into the government's plans to look housing and other development on woodland and open countryside, provided they pay a tariff to promote wildlife. But conservationists note that cherished green spaces in localities such as ours could be destroyed without alternative sites being created nearby, as the offset scheme will allow developers to pay into a 'habitat bank' where it could be spent hundreds of miles away.

News from the Bellringers

Newton St Loe and Corston bellringers will join together on the evening of Wednesday 5th December at 7pm to ring a quarter peal on the bells at Newton St Loe to remember little Marcie Tadman who sadly passed away one year ago, and also to celebrate the life of Marcie's mother Lindsay.

The quarter peal will be 1,260 changes on the bells and will take about 45 minutes of continuous ringing.

News from the May Day Committee

The May Date committee met last month and new, vibrant and exciting ideas are starting to emerge for the 2019 event. The hope is to change much of the format and variety (or lack) of stalls throughout the village, giving the event a more 'country' feel.

There's still room for more to be involved and give their views. Please come along to the next meeting on Tuesday the 11th December at 7 p.m. in the village hall to make your views — and willingness to help — known.

News from the Bath Business School at BSU

Our rapidly growing Business School is launching its own MBA programme on Wednesday December 5th at 6 pm in the Commons building. Bath Business School looks to develop tomorrow's business leaders and entrepreneurs, and is positioned within the UK's leading University for creativity, innovation and enterprise. Prof Sue Rigby, will lead the discussion, alongside Martyn Phillips, the CEO of Welsh Rugby.

News from Bath Spa University

The university closes for the end of the first term of the academic year on Friday December 17th.

“What is a University for?”



Vice-Chancellor Professor Sue Rigby gave a talk in the picture gallery of the Holburne Museum in November, asking a rather direct question: what is a University for when all knowledge is available via the internet?

A packed audience of over 100 heard Prof Rigby conclude that, in these uncertain and fast-changing times, a modern University needs to help develop graduate talent, support economically-valuable innovation, undertake research to expand knowledge, and play an active, positive role in the communities in which they are based.

Bath Spa University launch Voices of the Elders project with Fairfield House

Bath Spa University is teaming up with Fairfield House to launch the Voices of the Elders project, capturing the stories and voices of the Bath Ethnic Minority Senior Citizens Association members who use the facility.

Building on a rich tradition of oral histories, the project, led by the University's [Institute for Education](#), will spend the next year gathering the memories and stories of BEMSCA members who travelled to Bath to build their lives.

Bath Students raise £190k for British Heart Foundation

An estimated £190,000 has been generated for the British Heart Foundation (BHF) thanks to the generosity of students and members of the local community who have got behind this year's 'Pack for Good' campaign. This BHF initiative, spearheaded by the Student Community Partnership (SCP) – a joint venture between the University of Bath, Bath Spa University and Bath & North East Somerset Council – is designed to encourage students to part with unwanted items as they prepare to leave student accommodation and to cut down on waste.

Building on success from previous years, almost 14,000 bags were donated from 1 April – 30 September this year. Items ranged from books, to clothes and DVDs.

News from the Farm Shop

Hugh, Celia and the Newton Farm Team invite you to join them for complimentary festive refreshments at their annual Crafts and Carols event on Sunday 9th December. The event runs from 11am – 3.30pm. Carols will be held in the barn at 2.30pm. Expect to find craft stalls, food and drink stands, Father Christmas and Chuffy the train.

Christmas order forms are in the shop ready to pick up, return deadline 14th Dec.
The shop is packed full of delicious festive food and wonderful gifts
Christmas trees and festive plants and flowers available

Christmas trading:

24th Dec 08.00 – 12 noon (café closed)

25th – 26th closed

27th – Mon 31st 10am – 4pm

1st Jan - closed

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Please bring this coupon along with you (or photo it on your phone) to obtain your residents' complimentary refreshments.



Help please!

November's newsletter contained a memoriam to those from Newton St Loe who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the Great War, as recorded on the War Memorial at Holy Trinity church.

Your newsletter was alerted to the fact that the names chiselled in stone on the memorial do not align with village records of people known to have lived in the parish at that time, though parish boundaries have changed in the intervening years.

This has led us into research to find out the origins of the war memorial, and we now have unearthed a copy of the Bath Chronicle of November 1919 which describes in detail the monument and the service of dedication.

Very interestingly, the monument appears to be made up of three separate sections:

- The lower level steps — which were original medieval preaching steps dating from around 1400, where the preacher would stand to be seen by his congregation
- A relatively modern upright stone shaft, dating from 1919, supporting:
- A fascinating restored churchyard cross dating from the 13th century, one of only two in the whole of the UK, with pictorial representations of Calvary on the East; a Dove with hand above upraised in blessing to the West; the Blessed Virgin Mary on the North and St John the Evangelist on the South, with a Chalice in his right hand and the Bible in his left

If anyone in the village has further sources of information which allow us to trace the history further — and to explain the different names on the outside memorial from those remembered on the plaque inside the church, we'd be very pleased to receive them. Our goal is to have a full history which we can present at the centenary of the erection of the war memorial, which will fall in November 2019.

News re Electronic Editions of the monthly Newsletter

With more information coming forward each month to include in the newsletter, we are getting to a stage where printing costs (thank you Duchy!) are becoming significant. Additionally, the sterling work of the volunteers in distributing a copy of the printed version to every property is substantial, and many people appear to wish for an emailed copy.

Creating a distribution list in these days of GDPR legislation (General Data Protection Regulations) is not necessarily as simple as it used to be, and we formally have to declare our purpose and privacy protection arrangements prior to establishing the list.

We undertake:

- To only collect such information as is essential for the formation and maintenance of the distribution list — this means your name, your preferred email address and your physical address (so we do not duplicate the information by giving you a print copy in addition)
- That we will not use the list for any purpose other than distribution of newsletter information
- That we will, under no circumstances other than a valid court order, make available your information to third parties
- That we will only store your information on approved servers within this country; and
- That you will be allowed at any time to see the information we hold about you, and allow you to be removed from the list upon your request.

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newtonstloenewsletter@gmail.com

Thank you, and have a very merry Christmas and Wirth every best wish for the happiest of New Years!