

# *A Magazine*

## *For the Villages of Folkington, Milton Street and Wilmington*

**Village Christmas Bazaar**

❄️ ...fun for all the family! ❄️

Wilmington Village Hall ❄️

Saturday 2nd December, 11am-1pm

- ❄️ *Seasonal Gifts & Plants* ❄️
- ❄️ *Raffle (to be drawn at 12.30pm)*
- ❄️ *Children's Games & Activities*
- ❄️ *Bric-a-Brac* ❄️
- ❄️ *Tombola* ❄️
- ❄️ *Homemade Cakes & Preserves* ❄️

Plus the café will be serving hot drinks,  
delicious homemade cakes, mince pies  
& sausage rolls and mulled wine too!



*December 2023*

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**The Reverend Peter Blee  
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**The Reverend Shirley Pearce  
01323 318 231.**

**CHURCH WARDENS**

**In Vacancies**

**Dates and Events for Your Diary**

2nd December	Village Christmas Bazaar	11.00 am
12th December	Arlington Village Market and Coffee Morning	10.00 am
22nd December	Richard Durrant Concerts	2.30 and 7.30 pm
24th December	Selmeston Christingle Service	3.00 pm
24th December	Wilmington Christingle Service	4.00 pm
<b>25th December</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	
8th January	Long Man Parish Council (LMPC) Meeting	7.00 pm

**FROM THE PARSONAGE**

Many years ago, I visited Bethlehem and the Church of The Nativity. I went below ground level into the confines of a richly decorated cave and was shown a silver star on the floor and told it was the spot where Jesus was born. Very few Christians remain in Bethlehem. Though it is in the West Bank and under Palestinian governance you cannot get into the city without going through an Israeli checkpoint. The church was under siege by the Israeli Defence Force when some Palestinian militants took refuge there in 2002.

If one thinks back to the time of Christ one wonders what the atmosphere was like then, living under Roman occupation. An occupying force lives with the insecurity of uprising and will often use fear to control and suppress. The occupation generates its antagonists simply by virtue of its own existence. In His time many thought Jesus might be a leader who would liberate the people from their occupation, that was what many thought the Messiah would do. Amongst his followers Jesus chose Simon. He was referred to as a 'zealot'. Little is known about him but the name suggests an angry, possibly extreme individual, passionate about freedom and justice for his people.

Jesus had other ideas and a different focus. Just as I went beneath ground to see his place of birth so He taught people to go below the surface to the root of problems. He replaced the commandment of 'an eye for eye' with 'offer the other cheek' too for the attacker to hit. Was this Jesus' lesson in pacifism? He guided people to go into their own heart and to find their own forgiveness and healing first before doing anything else.

Whilst researching at a Commonwealth War Grave I learnt about a movement in the Second World War called 'The Silent Minute'. It was the idea of W. Tudor-Pole in 1940 and had the approval of the government. The BBC took it on board and the broadcast of Big Ben on November 10th, 1940, marked the first time this silent minute was kept. The movement was revived in America after the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Centre by Dorothy Forster. A shepherd sitting on a hill, fishermen sitting by water, a Palestinian in a wheelchair cutting handheld crosses from a plank of olive wood, monks and nuns in their convents and monasteries at prayer. Does stillness and silence make any difference?

Our churches are places where one can usually keep a minute of silence with intention and focus on peace. As we enter a church we hope to enter more deeply into ourselves. At Christmas they become places where people can go to connect, through prayer and imagination, with that place where Jesus was born, into that presence and that peace which came into our world in its brokenness and fear with power and a message of love and forgiveness

Wishing everyone Joy and Peace this Christmas.

**Peter Blee**

## **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2023**

This year a reduced number gathered round the War Memorial in Wilmington to pay respects to those who fell or were severely injured in the Great War and subsequent conflicts. Fortunately, the rain held off.

Again, we were very fortunate to have Gavin Humphrey, playing the Last Post and Reveille to mark the beginning and end of our two-minute silence.

The sale of poppies and other donations in our villages this year raised the sum of £1,204.12. A great achievement, especially bearing in mind the appalling weather we have endured over the last few weeks.

Our sincere appreciation goes to Vicky Claxton in Milton Street, Tessa Flowers and Oonah Whittaker in Wilmington and Lizzie Chisholm in Folkington who braved the atrocious conditions selling poppies from door to door. The Long Man Inn in Wilmington, The Sussex Ox in Milton Street and The Barley Mow in Selmeston all accepted trays of poppies for sale and the churches in Folkington and Wilmington again generously donated the collections taken during the Remembrance Day Services.

The overall figures are as follows :

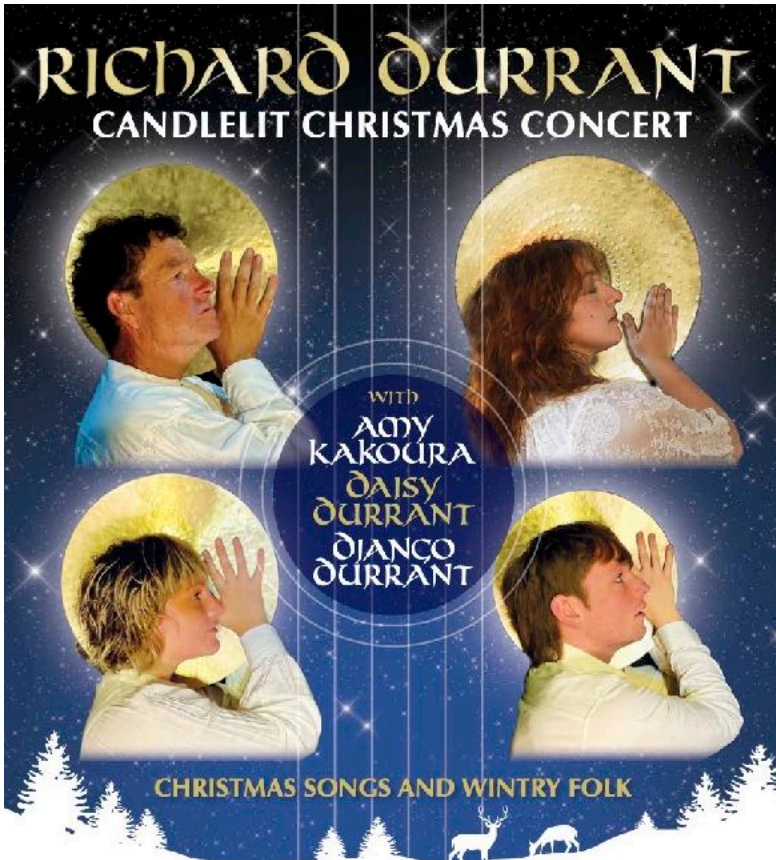
**House to House - £ 648.92 ( of which £ 180.00 was Gift Aid )**

**Static Point Collections - £ 48.00**

**Church Collections and Wreaths - £507.20**

**Very many thanks to all who contributed.**

**Nigel Willson**  
**Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser**



**Friday 22nd  
December**

**2.30pm &  
7.30pm**



**St Mary and St Peter's  
Church, Wilmington**

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contact Tim Berrett on: 07771 641856**

## What a Carry On

Friday, November 3rd was an uneventful day for most of us until 6.30pm in the Village Hall when members of the village met, or were introduced , to the Long Man Parish Council. It was interesting to note how many people crowded into the committee room. It was a great opportunity to meet their parish councillors and to ask relevant questions. They were given complementary drinks and nibbles and were able to discuss various parish concerns. This evening event was hosted by Tyler Butterworth who is the chairman of the Long Man Parish Council.

After this we all enjoyed Tyler's most interesting and absolutely hilarious account of his parents, Peter & Janet, and their life in the world of entertainment. There were amazing accounts of his father's life in a POW camp and even some extraordinary and amusing events that added to the evening's entertainment. There were approx 80 people in the hall and it would be difficult to recall an event that captured the imagination of such a large crowd or even vaguely came up to this number. Many people said there had never been such an hilarious evening where we laughed so loud and for so long. It was absolutely brilliant and an enormous thanks to Tyler for giving his talk for free with the takings going towards the upkeep of our village hall.

**Christine West**





# Village Xmas Bazaar - fun for all the family!

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
December  
11am to 1pm**

There will be lots of wonderful things to buy, drink and eat at the Wilmington, Milton Street and Folkington Christmas Bazaar!

- Fantastic **seasonal gifts** and **plants**
- **Raffle with fabulous prizes**, to be drawn at 12.30pm
- **Children's games& activities**
- **Bric-a-Brac**, bigger than ever!
- **Tombola**, with lots of prizes for adults and children
- **Homemade cakes and preserves** to take home with you

Plus the café will be serving **delicious homemade cakes, mince pies** and **sausage rolls** – plus **mulled wine** too

We look forward to seeing you all there!

# ARLINGTON CHRISTMAS VILLAGE MARKET AND COFFEE MORNING

**Tuesday 12th December**

The next Arlington Village Market & Coffee Morning will be the Christmas Market on Tuesday 12th December from 10-12 at Arlington Village Hall.

All are welcome, we will be pleased to see you. There will be fresh bread, cakes, quiches, local eggs, other regular stalls with Christmas goodies, a raffle in aid of St. Wilfrid's Hospice and festive refreshments.

Arlington's Pop-Up Museum will also be taking place at the same time. December's focus will be 'The Infant King'.

The Infant King, a play performed at Christmas time by local people at St. Pancras Church was produced by Patsy Webb's parents, Rev. Bill & Jean Hardy, who lived in Arlington at that time.

Thank you to all who regularly come to support this community event, please bring your friends, and if you have not visited before you will be very welcome. At the November market the village hall was buzzing once again with people chatting, visiting stalls and browsing in the museum which featured Phil Wooller's recollections of WW2. It was lovely to see so many faces from the village and also past residents of Arlington.

**For further market information contact Anne Hope, T: 01323 486219, E: [anntonyhope@gmail.com](mailto:anntonyhope@gmail.com) or the museum Wendy Holmes 07889 689844, E: [talkingteapot@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:talkingteapot@yahoo.co.uk)**

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## The Wistful Publican

Grogshop News 21

*How sad and bad and mad it was - but then, how sweet it was.*

Robert Browning



Did you know that during Victorian times there was one pub for every hundred people living in the country. Some might call this the good ole days, others an alcoholic calamity. However, if the same ratio of population to pubs existed today, Wilmington would have at least four grogshops - *good for choice, bad for business!*

Historically, pubs were seen as wilfully eccentric places. For instance, *The King Charles*

1st pub in London hosted '*Nude Alpine Climbing Evenings*'. This involved alcohol-fuelled participants climbing around the pub without touching the ground and without their clothes on. Yes, in the buff! Whilst I'm tempted to introduce these energetic evenings at the Long Man, I'm not convinced we could get them off the ground - *boom boom!*

*The George* in London was renamed *The George & Vulture* because the publican had a pet vulture which he kept chained to a perch outside the front door while '*Bag O'Nails*', a very popular pub name of the day, was corrupted from the French word '*Baccanales*', meaning French religious festivals. *God, get me a drink!*

Talking of tipples, '*Mother-in-law*' was slang for a stout & bitter mix, '*Pony*' a smaller than half-pint measure, '*Dog's Nose*' was beer with a drop of gin added and, if you were really hard-up, you could buy a meths & cheap red wine mix - appropriately named '*Lunatic's Broth*'!

The Gin Palaces of the 18th century - popular when the Industrial Revolution was in full swing - were opulent and alluring drinking establishments adorned with gaslight, glitter and gilding, catering for the common man. The rise in these establishments coincided with the government of the day slashing taxes on spirits and as a result, spirit production in the country doubled.

Charles Dickens famously described Gin Palaces as being perfectly dazzling when contrasted with the darkness and dirt of everyday life.

My thanks to Christopher Fowler and his excellent book '*Peculiar London*'.

*Things ain't what they used to be and probably never was.* **Will Rogers**

Wrap up warm,  
Wash your hands,  
God Bless The Queen and  
God Help The King!

**Peter Bridgewater**  
**Long Man Inn**  
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## LONG MAN'S FESTIVE DIARY



The Long Man Inn is the beating heart of Wilmington, offering something for everyone – superb local beers, wonderful home-cooked food, creative entertainment and a warm welcome. Family and dog-friendly, we're here for the village.

### **Thursday 30 November 6.30pm**

#### **Rev Shirley's Quiz Night**

Are you sharp enough for Shirley? Come on down and join us for a joyous evening of mind-bending fun.

*Tickets £5 and must be pre-booked.*

### **Wednesday 6 December 6pm onwards**

#### **Wilmington Wednesday**

Celebrate village community, shared values and friendship with supportive neighbours over a complimentary buffet.

### **Thursday 19 December 6.30pm onwards**

#### **Carols by Candlelight**

Festive carol procession from the church, through the village and into the arms of the Long Man.

*Mulled wine & mince pies on the house.*

### **Wednesday 3 January 6pm onwards**

#### **Wilmington Wednesday**

Celebrate village community, shared values and friendship with supportive neighbours over a complimentary buffet.

### **Acoustic Monday**

#### **Monday 15 January 7-9pm**

Tune into the melodious beat of Dennis & Peter with their soothing scaled-down sessions of semi-acoustic jazz, classical and blues.

### **Thursday 18 January 6.30pm**

#### **Rev Shirley's Quiz Night**

Are you sharp enough for Shirley? Come on down and join us for a joyous evening of mind-bending fun.

*Tickets £5 and must be pre-booked.*

### **Monday 22 January 8-9pm**

#### **Magic Monday**

Bring a little magic to your Monday evening and prepare to be dazzled by local magician Brad Monks and his AMAZING spellbinding trickery. Entrance is free but do not wear expensive items of jewellery!

### **Thursday 25 January 6pm onwards**

#### **Long Man Curry Night**

Who doesn't love a curry? The unbeatable combo of delicious Indian cuisine washed down with a few beers.

*2 courses £22, 3 courses £25. Booking recommended.*

## **FAMILY SUPPORT WORK (FSW) NOVEMBER 2023 UPDATE**

**Dear Friends,**

We are in one of our busiest times of the year at the moment, as we juggle the many needs of our families as well as all the preparations for Advent and Christmas. Parties are planned, hamper packing dates are scheduled and we are getting daily calls from churches and other organisations asking what gifts would be most appropriate this year. Thank you to everybody who is supporting us this year with food, presents, financial donations or by volunteering – we are incredibly grateful.

Away from the festive planning, things remain very difficult for our families with the increased energy costs over the winter months contributing to financial problems. We are very grateful to anybody who is supporting our 'Share the Warmth' winter fuel campaign, which makes a huge difference to these families who are struggling. There are still very long waiting lists for specialist services such as SEN support for children or access to mental health professionals, so our practitioners are really vital sources of support to families in these circumstances.

Funding continues to be challenging, with so many charities seeking support from grant funders and individual donors alike. We really do value all the support we receive from churches and their congregations as well as local groups including Rotary and Lions clubs. We are planning a skydive for 2024, so if there are any thrill seekers out there who think they might like to join us, do get in touch with the fundraising team on 01273 041401 or by email: [fundraising@familysupportwork.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@familysupportwork.org.uk).

### **October's work in numbers**

258 individual visits and 1181 calls with families supporting 324 adults and 301 children  
 39 supported meetings with other agencies  
 48 group sessions held supporting 589 parents and 334 children  
 108 food deliveries made

### **Prayer points**

Pray that all our staff will find an appropriate balance between work and rest during the upcoming busy Advent and Christmas period  
 Give thanks for a very generous individual donation we have recently received  
 Pray that a very important grant funding meeting taking place in early December will have a positive outcome

**Nikki Kerr**  
**FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing**

## **Pilgrim Poetry Group.**

Antony Mair has requested that I remind you that there is no Pilgrim Poetry Group in December and that it recommences on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 at 2.30 in Berwick Church.

**Michele Boys.**

# **LONG MAN PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Email: [longmanclerk@gmail.com](mailto:longmanclerk@gmail.com)**

**Copies of all Long Man Parish Council's meeting minutes can be found on the Council's website at [www.longmanpc.org](http://www.longmanpc.org)**

**Long Man Parish Council (LMPC) is here to share information with the residents of Folkington, Milton Street and Wilmington, and to liaise on your behalf with other higher local authorities and associated contacts on any issues that you may need help with or advice on.**

**LMPC will be developing a new website over the coming months where it plans to bring together a useful One Stop resource with links and information for residents on everything important to do with the parish.**

**The site will also share some local history for those interested in the area, so if anyone has any written anecdotal accounts or any old photographs of village life that could be included on the new site "gallery" please contact the Clerk.**

**The next meeting of the council is on Monday 8th January 2024, 7.00pm at Wilmington Village Hall. A copy of the meeting Agenda will be published on village notice boards and the council's website [www.longmanpc.org](http://www.longmanpc.org) from Tuesday 2nd January 2024.**

**Members of the public are most welcome to attend the council meeting, and there is a 15-minute Public Discussion item for people to express a view or ask a question on relevant matters on the agenda.**

## **Details Of The Clerk for Long Man Parish Council Are:**

**If you would like to get in touch with the Parish Council about any issue, or to find out the details of your local elected representative, please contact the clerk Jeanne Peterson**

**Email: [longmanclerk@gmail.com](mailto:longmanclerk@gmail.com)**

**Telephone: 07856 520699**

**Correspondence: Clerk, Long Man Parish Council, 42 Chichester Road, Seaford, BN25 2DL**

**The clerk's hours are part-time (7 hours a week) and your enquiry will be answered as soon as possible.**



# OUR PUZZLE PAGE

## A Seasonal CROSSWORD and a SUDOKU for DECEMBER 2023

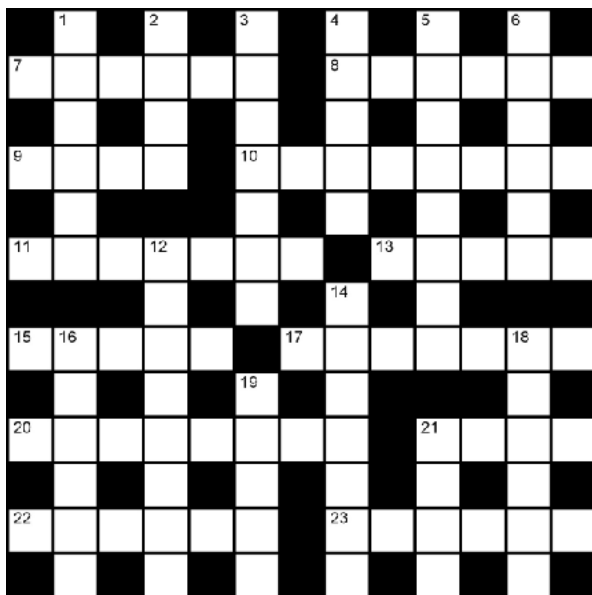
### CROSSWORD CLUES

#### Across

- 7** Godlike (6)  
**8** Type of punch including milk or cream, and egg (6)  
**9** Sweet dessert wine usually dark-red (4)  
**10** Season for Noel (8)  
**11** A day on which work is suspended by law or custom (7)  
**13** Female fox (5)  
**15** Fill quickly beyond capacity; as with liquid (5)  
**17** Engage in uproarious festivities, noisily, often indulging in drinking (best from the cup) (7)  
**20** Ruddy-nostrils suit an Arctic mammal (8)  
**21** Flexible armour of interlinked metal rings (4)  
**22** Greek goddess of wisdom (6)  
**23** Flow over or cover completely (6)

#### Down

- 1** Loose robe ~ origins Japanese (6)  
**2** Natural ability or quality (4)  
**3** Calendar year just begun (3,4)  
**4** The curse for Quasimodo (5)  
**5** Act undertaken to increase own power and influence or to draw attention to own importance (3,5)  
**6** Cook in nearly boiling water (6)  
**12** God is with us (8)  
**14** Small, playful beings with magical powers, human in form (7)  
**16** Made to be decorative for the Christmas Fayre and Coffee Morning (6)  
**18** Pendent spear, formed by freezing of dripping water (6)  
**19** Wood from coniferous trees, of genus cedrus in the plant family Pinaceae (5)  
**21** The members of Zoroastrian priesthood who came from ancient Persians (4)



Our Sudoku puzzle for December is graded as : **EASY**

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## Drusillas Offering The Chance Of A Magical Meeting With Baby Capybara Triplets



Drusillas Zoo in Sussex is giving away the most unforgettable opportunity to one lucky visitor - a close encounter experience with their baby capybara triplets, to raise money for Amaze – a charity that supports disabled young people and their families in Sussex.

The tremendously cute trio: Marmalade, Tango, and Squash, were born to adoring Mum, Clementine and doting Dad, Augustus, on 28th September this year. A public vote was held on socials to help name the cheeky gang, who keepers and visitors have fallen head over hooves for! Drusillas have been inundated with

visitor photos of the gorgeous capybara pups, often spotted playing in the feeding troughs in their habitat, and mischievously munching on their favourite browse branches.

Knowing how popular capybaras have become in recent years (weekend encounters with this sweet species are fully booked until April 2024!), and how rare the opportunity to have a close-up experience with baby capys is, Drusillas hopes that the excitement around the new arrivals will help to fundraise for their Charity of the Year, Amaze.

Capy fans who would like to be in with a chance of being up close to the terrific triplets are invited to enter the fundraiser prize draw, open until 9am on 15th December. Entrants can take part as many times as they like, with 100% of monies raised pledged to Amaze Sussex.

Drusillas hopes to raise enough money to help support Amaze's many projects which support SEND families - for example - £1000 pays for 25 families to take part in a fun day, enabling disabled children, their siblings and parents to connect with other families in a safe and inclusive space.

Amaze is a Sussex based charity that provides information, advice and support to families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). It was set up in 1997 by a group of parent carers to support other parent carers through the challenges of bringing up a disabled child. 25 years later and they are proud to continue to be user-led throughout.



Children and young people with SEND are more likely to live in poverty, have mental health problems, live in single parent households and not be in education, employment or training as they move into adulthood. To help combat this, Amaze provide a range of services aimed at improving the emotional, physical, social and financial wellbeing of parent carers and young people with SEND aged 14-25:

**Information and advice via their advice line and website**  
**Workshops and courses on education, health and social care issues**  
**Peer support groups for young people**  
**Education, employment and training support for young people**  
**Befriending support groups for parent carers**  
**Help with claiming disability benefits**  
**NDP Family Training and Navigation Service for families of children with neurodevelopmental conditions (eg. autism and ADHD).**

**With the arrival of the new babes, Drusillas now has six Capybaras, including the triplet's big brother Satsuma. Capybara fans can win the chance to be some of the first people to meet the whole 'cappy' family up close! An amazing one-to-one experience lasting between 30 and 40 minutes which will leave you grinning from ear to ear.**

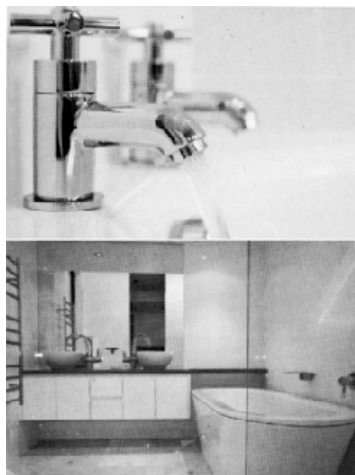
**Anyone wishing to enter the prize draw can do so at the link here: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/win-a-baby-capybara-experience>**

Located just off the A27 in Alfriston, Drusillas Park is open daily from 10am. For more information please telephone 01323 874100 or visit [www.drusillas.co.uk](http://www.drusillas.co.uk)

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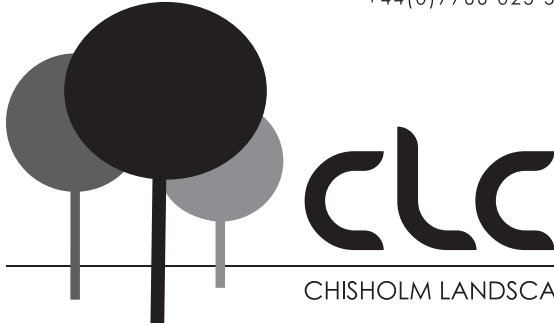
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Mrs Sabrina Harcourt-Smith**

**01323 482 036**

**Mr Alan Best**

**01323 487 754**

## **SERVICES IN DECEMBER AT FOLKINGTON**

**Sunday December 3rd at 11am - ADVENT SUNDAY Service with the Ashurst Wood Singers, Hymns and Readings~ Lighting of the Advent Candle ~ with The Reverend Christyan James~ Festive Refreshments after the Service ~ ALL WELCOME !**

**Sunday December 10th~ at 10.30 am ~ Holy Communion for the Second Sunday in Advent with The Reverend Colin Pritchard~ Refreshments after the Service**

**Sunday December 17th at 11am ~ The Third Sunday in Advent ~ CAROL SERVICE of Carols and Readings with The Reverend Damien Brennan ~ Festive Refreshments after the Service All welcome !**

**Sunday December 24th~ Christmas Eve- Morning Benefice Service at the Church of Saint Andrew, Alfriston at 10am and at Litlington with the Lighting of the Tree at 5 pm ~ No service at Folkington but the church will be open for prayer and visitors.**

**MONDAY December 25th ~ CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE at 11am with The Reverend Malcolm Elwis - Hymns/ Carols/ Readings ~ All welcome, including all walkers and visitors**

**SUNDAY December 31st ~ New Year's Eve ~ United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at 10 am, at Saint Andrew's , Alfriston with the Benefice Team ~ No service at St Peter's but the church will be open for prayer**

**Saint Peter's continues to be open for prayer on Wednesday to Friday and Sunday, and for part of Saturday.**

## **EARLY WINTER NEWS**

**From Saint Peter's Church, Folkington**

The month of November saw busy times at Saint Peter 's Church. Our usual popular first Sunday Holy Communion Service led by The Reverend Damien Brennan was held on the 22nd Sunday after Trinity. On November 12th we celebrated Remembrance Sunday with a special and well-attended service led by The Reverend Chris Macdonald. Katrina Best played 'O God our Help in ages Past' and the National Anthem on our elderly but stalwart Spencer piano. Lieutenant- Colonel Charles Harcourt- Smith read out the

time- honoured words from Laurence Binyon's Ode of Remembrance from his famous poem 'For the Fallen'. British Legion Poppy wreaths were laid at the altar by Morven Voorspuy, Alan Best and Charles Harcourt-Smith. The Reverend Chris gave a tribute to Morven's late brother Tristan, originally from Folkington, tragically killed several years ago in East Africa.

In his talk Chris gave us a moving wartime and family story from both wars. Following Chris's sermon, generous donations were given for the Royal British Legion, who look after service men and women from all conflicts and wars. Folkington and Wilmington joint donations, including the sales of poppies, achieved a considerable sum.

On Wednesday 15th November a PCC meeting was held, kindly hosted by Mrs Rose Isepp. The forthcoming restoration of the church exterior was discussed.

On Sunday November 27th The Reverend Neville Manning took a lovely service for the Feast of Christ the King. In his sermon he spoke of the Voice of God in the storm, vividly depicting the awe- inspiring majesty of the divine .

Readers and Parishioners - Notes for your DIARIES in **DECEMBER!**

To all and everyone ~~ do remember ADVENT SUNDAY service at 11am, taken by the Rev Christyan James, visiting choir: The Ashurst Singers, organ by Tim Berrett, readings and prayers. **Refreshments after the service.**

**Alan Best and Sabrina Harcourt-Smith**

## **Organist Wanted - Church of St. Peter ad Vincula, Folkington**

Join our modest parish as an organist for Sunday services, except for the first Sundays of November and January. Rest easy in December, for we have that month covered.

While we prefer unpaid dedication, we can offer £20 per Sunday if needed.

**Contact our Churchwardens: Sabrina Harcourt-Smith**  
**(sabrinaharcourtsmith@hotmail.com 01323 482036) or Alan Best**  
**(alnbst@gmail.com 01323 487754). Your musical talents are a blessing to us.**

**We are continuing to save milk bottle tops, ribbons, cartridges and stamps for the Friends of Eastbourne Hospitals. Boxes can be found by the organ. Many thanks.**

# Benefice Services

## December 3rd

### The First Sunday of Advent

9.30 am  
9.30 am  
11.00 am  
11.00 am

Arlington ~ Holy Communion  
Selmeston ~ Holy Communion  
Berwick ~ Holy Communion  
Wilmington ~ Holy Communion

Peter Blee  
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## December 10th

### The Second Sunday of Advent

9.30 am  
9.30 am  
11.00 am  
11.00 am

Alciston ~ Holy Communion  
Arlington ~ Holy Communion  
Wilmington ~ Holy Communion  
Berwick ~ Holy Communion

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## December 17th

### The Third Sunday of Advent

10.00 am  
3.00 pm  
3.00 pm

Alciston ~ Holy Communion  
Berwick ~ Carol Service  
Arlington ~ Carols

Peter Blee  
Peter Blee  
Shirley Pearce

## December 24th

### Christmas Eve

3.00 pm  
4.00 pm  
11.59 pm

Selmeston ~ Christingle  
Wilmington ~ Christingle  
Berwick ~ Midnight Mass

Peter Blee  
Shirley Pearce  
Peter Blee

## December 25th

### Christmas Day

8.00 am  
8.00 am  
9.30 am  
9.30 am  
11.00 am

Wilmington ~ Holy Communion  
Alciston ~ Holy Communion  
Arlington ~ Holy Communion  
Selmeston ~ Holy Communion  
Berwick ~ Holy Communion

Shirley Pearce  
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## December 31st

### New Year's Eve

10.00 am

Selmeston ~ United Benefice Service  
Peter Blee  
Shirley Pearce

## January 7th

### The First Sunday of Epiphany

9.30 am  
9.30 am  
11.00 am  
11.00 am

Alciston ~ Holy Communion  
Arlington ~ Holy Communion  
Wilmington ~ Holy Communion  
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## Pastoral Prayer or Talk

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Please note that these service details might well change!. Please look at the website ( [www.sussexdownlandchurches.org.uk](http://www.sussexdownlandchurches.org.uk) ) and check carefully on the Sunday link emails. If in any doubt please contact Jane Grutchfield:

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Our churches remain open for private prayer and reflection every day.