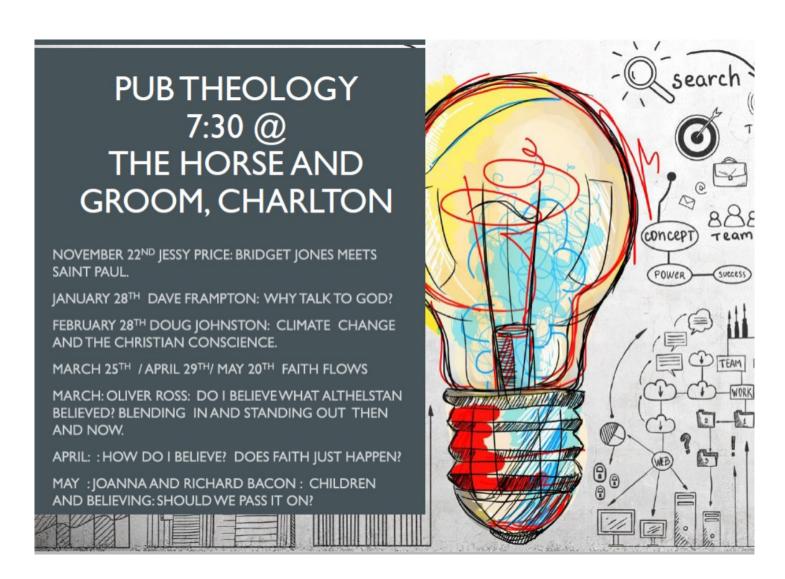


The new post box has arrived - hopefully it will have been unwrapped by the time you read this!



### Submissions for the next issue of the Chat

Next Chat "deadline": Input would be appreciated by 10<sup>th</sup> January, but can probably be accepted a few days after this date - please check with the editor.

Please email articles to the editor at <a href="mailto:charltonchat@yahoo.co.uk">charltonchat@yahoo.co.uk</a> or by post/hand delivery to Peter Holland, 25 Park Street, Charlton, or phone 01666 823719.

Do you know anyone outside the village who would like to receive a copy of Charlton Parish Chat? Annual subscription - £5. Call Marion Adkins on 824684

#### Small ads...

Charlton Chat accepts adverts from local people, businesses and organisations.

Per issue, a small display box, approx. a twelfth of a page costs £1;

a quarter page £5;

a half-page £10 and

a full page £20.

Contact the editor, or Marion Adkins 824684

### A Christmas message from Revd. Sarah Wyman

Before Christmas in the Church's year, we have a period called Advent. The themes of Advent help us look at Christmas in different ways.

This year the word Hope occurs; we hear it in the news; hoping that wars will end; hoping that we can survive all the changes that are occurring in our lives.

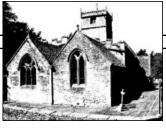
In the Old Testament, Hope is always to do with waiting or the expectation for God to act to help a situation and this is more than optimism.

In the New Testament we have a 'living hope'; Jesus, who listens and helps us when we call to Him. We look back to a 'Risen Jesus' who is Christ, and know that he is able to do more than we can imagine and that he cares about each of us.

Jesus helps us look at the world in a different way.

Look at Christmas; who would think of a God sending a small baby into the world to save it. Being born in a stable, just the first of many things that could go wrong. Herod wanting to kill him; so they became refugees. Shepherds, the lowest in society, with their sheep were the first special visitors. Later on, foreign Wise men giving them what seems very inappropriate gifts for a baby. Yet this baby has changed the world, by changing individual lives. Many years have passed since his birth but Jesus' life is still remembered and still changes so many lives in this world. His love is for each of us, no-one is left out as we all matter to Him.

This Christmas may you feel hope in your hearts and may it give you strength and courage to face each day knowing that you are not alone, but loved by a God- a God who gave his son to help us, bringing love and light that can brighten our lives even in the dark times. Amen



## **Charlton Church Opening**

The church will continue to be open at weekends from 10 am until 4 pm during December. If you wish to visit the church at other times we will arrange to open at the church at a mutually convenient time.

Please ring 07909 911753. We would appreciate 24 hours' notice.

### Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals at Charlton

Baptism

20th October

Clementine Elizabeth Rose Castellorizios

#### CHARLTON PARISH CHAT DEC 24, JAN 25 - PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

#### Parish Council Website

- The Parish Council website address is about to change. We are changing to a .gov.uk address which is strongly encouraged by the Government and is much more secure.
- It will take 3-6 weeks to come through so it may have happened by the time this Chat is delivered or it may happen a few weeks later – we cannot know at the time of writing.
- The new address will be: www.charltonnorthwilts-pc.gov.uk.
- At about the same time the Clerk's email address will change to: <u>clerk@charltonnorthwilts-pc.gov.uk</u>.
   But the old address of <u>mrbgl@outlook.com</u> will still exist.

### SID (Speed Indicator Device)

- Residents will have noticed that the SID has been absent for much of the past month. By the time you read this it is likely to be back in position and working.
- The SID has been away for repairs after it suffered damage which we can only think was caused by a deliberate physical attack, by vandalism.
- Meanwhile the Parish Council has bought a second SID specifically to work on the western side of the village, mainly to influence the speed of traffic approaching the War Memorial junction and double bend.

### Community Resilience – Emergency Contact Hub

- There is renewed emphasis nationally and specifically in Wiltshire on <u>Community Resilience</u> – the ability to respond to and recover from a range of emergencies, from flooding and severe weather incidents to pandemics.
- The idea is that communities should have a location that can act as an Emergency Contact Hub that can be activated in the event of an emergency.
- In Charlton planning has just started for the Village Hall to act as our Emergency Contact Hub.
- The idea is that in an emergency those residents who can offer help and/or can offer to cover the various roles needed in the Contact Hub would come along and do their bit, while those residents who need help also make contact and can be provided with the help and support Additionally they need. the Emergency Services will know that we have an Emergency Contact Hub and where it is and can make contact more quickly.
- Planning has only just started and we should be able to explain more at the Annual Parish Meeting likely on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April '25.

### Coffee Mornings @ Charlton Village Hall

Funds raised support Charlton Recreational Centre 279819



### 10.30am on Mondays: 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 6<sup>th</sup> January and 3<sup>rd</sup> February



### All are welcome

Hand sanitiser supplied Well ventilated hall

Widely spaced chairs
Bring your own cup if you prefer

£1 Charge

Do ring me if you want a lift.

Anne 823719

## Christmas goodwill

The days running up to Christmas are meant to be a time of goodwill to all men, but my temper is being tried. I am appalled at the number of scam texts, emails and calls I am receiving, pretending to offer me grants towards my energy costs if I just give my bank details or telling me that there is a problem with my visa. Some mention the UK government or Wiltshire Council.

PLEASE BE VERY WARY OF EMAILS, CALLS AND TEXTS YOU DO NOT EXPECT – if in doubt, consult someone you trust for advice. You can contact me for help.

I cannot understand how the people responsible for these attempted frauds sleep at night, particularly those who are targeting the most vulnerable.

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Winter Fuel Payment – if you are not yet claiming - but think you might be eligible for - Pension Credit and the associated grants, please do check or ask someone you trust to check for you. You must apply for Pension Credit by 21 December 2024 to qualify for the 2024 to 2025 WF Payment.

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I wish you and your families and friends a merry Christmas and a happy new year. 2025 holds more challenges but I will keep battling on to support you wherever I can.

Please do contact me if I can help with anything to do with the Council (or even if you are not sure whether it is a council matter). I attend all the parish council meetings and I am always available on elizabeth.threlfall@wiltshire.gov.uk or 07778110936.

Elizabeth Threlfall Wiltshire Councillor for Brinkworth Division Tel: 07778 110 936



### **CHARLTON RECREATIONAL CENTRE**



We must start by thanking those of you who supported the village hall by attending the Autumn quiz in October. Once again your kind contributions led to a profit of just over £1000 on the evening. These events are the main fund raiser for the hall and as such we thank you for your continued support and we look forward to the next one, probably in the spring 2025. We would also like to pass on our thanks to Anne and Peter Holland for putting on the local history of the village and surrounding area event. It was great to see so many of the local residents taking an interest.

By the time you are reading this, the Charlton Recreational Centre AGM will have been completed in November. After many years of service to the hall, the committee would like to pass on their sincere gratitude to Margaret Medland who has stepped down as the fixtures secretary. Her role has been taken on by Tracey Hobbs who is looking forward to handing on her role as the Charity Secretary to Mrs Vanessa Rawlings who was voted in at the AGM.

Regular users of the field will have noticed that there is now a football pitch marked on the east side by the zip wire. We have agreed that Avonvale junior club can use the area on a handful of occasions throughout their season. I'm sure that they would appreciate some support if you have any spare time on a Saturday morning

when they are playing (details can be found on the website).

The last issue of the Chat mentioned that the committee were unsuccessful in requests for grants from the Sports Lottery. Since then we were also unsuccessful in getting a grant from a local energy company to try and improve the hall lighting whilst also looking to add some solar panels and a battery to try and improve our energy efficiency. However we have been successful in obtaining 2 smaller grants from the Malmesbury Area Board. We will look to use these to make some improvements to the hall and to the children's play area. More news to come on these as details mature!

Following the last chat issue, we can confirm that the Parish council and Charity Charlton Recreational Centre committee have agreed with the Wiltshire and Swindon Prepared team to use the hall as an emergency contact hub during local emergencies. Work is on going as to decide what this actually means for both the hall and for you as residents. We will keep you all informed as the plans mature. However, if there are any of you who believe you may have skills that could be used and are willing to volunteer, please get in touch with either the local Parish Council or the Charlton Hall Committee.

There are still a few numbers left in the Charlton 150 club, so if you would like the opportunity to support the hall whilst also being in with a chance of winning a monthly cash prize, please speak to the committee members or send an email to 150clubcharlton@gmail.com.

Doz James

### Charlton Village Hall Hire for parties, events, business hire, etc.

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Children's Parties: 4 hours access to the Hall.

**Friday and Saturday Evenings**: Access to the Hall from 6.00pm to midnight. All other event and party bookings are chargeable by the hour. The hirer should request a booking that covers their total occupancy of the Hall (i.e. including setting and clearing up).

Event Type	Deposit	Charge (Local*)	Charge (Other)
Special Event	£100	£450	£550
Children's Party	£50	£35	£55
Friday or Saturday Evening	£100	£100	£150
Other Events	£50	£10 per hour	£15 per hour

The Local rate is available to residents of Charlton, Hankerton & Garsdon

**To enquire about using the Village Hall or Playing Field,** whether for a one-off event or regular booking please email us on enquiries@charltonvillagehall.co.uk or call Tracey Hobbs on 07557 124628.

See: www.charltonvillagehall.co.uk/bookings/ for details of the current bookings and a copy of the booking form and terms and conditions.

## Charlton Recreational Centre -150 Club Monthly Prize Draw Winners



October		November			
1st	32	Duncan Hobbs	1st	12	Amanda Fisk
2nd	8	Carolyn Brothwood	2nd	46	Helen Sutherland
3rd	62	Steve Roberts	3rd	39	Vanessa Rawlings

If you would like join us & support the upkeep and improvement of the village hall and its facilities then please email

150clubcharlton@gmail.com

or call Tracey on 07557 124628 to reserve tickets.

An annual ticket is £20 and your number will be entered into each monthly draw for a chance to win a £20, £30 or a £50 prize.



### Charlton Church - Path Renewal



As part of the ongoing work to reduce the effect of damp and rainwater on the church fabric the concrete strip alongside the north wall of the church (nearest Charlton Park Estate) has been broken up.

Currently the resulting area is uneven and caution is needed. It will be improved when we are able to lay some gravel; but until then please take extra care if you do need to traverse the area.

### **BELL RINGING ANNOUNCEMENT**

ON THE 10TH MAY 2025, THERE IS TO BE A RINGING WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT AT CHARLTON CHURCH, TO HAVE AS MANY PEOPLE RING FOR 5 MINUTE PERIODS THROUGHOUT THE DAY 9.00AM - 9.00PM

Parking will NOT be down Park Street. Events will also be at the Village Hall. This will be a fund raiser for new heating, a kitchenette and a toilet in the church.

Anyone wishing to learn, so as to participate, please contact: Bob Blanden. 07860689391

### News from the North Wiltshire Flower Club

We are the North Wiltshire Flower Club and we meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 for 7.30pm. We are just folk who love flowers. Some of us are florists but many are not so please don't be anxious about joining us. There is plenty of car parking space and there is good chatter and free tea/coffee and cake at the end of the evening.

In October, we had Arnaud Metairie demonstrate his "Garden in the Sky" which was about his visit to Equador and Colombia. His floral arrangements were truly lovely and were raffled at the end. On November 20th we have National Demonstrator Angela Turner coming to Malmesbury Town Hall to give us a "Natural Christmas". There will be a raffle for her arrangements too and for Christmas Hampers.

It was good fun last year and so we hope this year will be too. If you have problems parking then there is a lift from Old Station Yard carpark ....and afterwards. There is also a glass of something and finger food to have, all included in your ticket price, which is £15 for members and £20 for non members. The Mayor of Malmesbury has agreed to join us too.

In December we have a fun quiz and American Supper and in February we have Persephone Violet with "Aestheticism" (which means the practice of looking at everything as if it were art). That should be very good.

My name is Cathy and my mobile no. is 07703299277. We are also on Facebook.



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# Services across the Braydon Brook Benefice



All are welcome to attend any of the services taking place across the Benefice













Data	Comitons in Chample			
Date	Services in Church			
Sunday 1st December	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Hankerton			
	10am, Friends & Family Dressing the Christmas Tree Service @ Crudwell			
	11am, Holy Communion @ Oaksey			
	1pm – 4pm, Christmas Tree Festival @ Minety (Not a service)			
	6pm, Evening Prayer @ Ashley			
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	10am, Benefice Service of Holy Communion @ Charlton			
	5pm, Carol Service @ Minety			
Sunday 15th December	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Charlton			
	11am, Holy Communion @ Minety			
	11am, Nativity @ Oaksey			
	4pm, Carol Service @ Crudwell			
Saturday 21st December	5pm, Carol Service @ Oaksey			
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Ashley			
	11am, Holy Communion @ Crudwell			
	11am, Morning Praise @ Minety			
	5pm, Carol Service @ Hankerton			
	6pm, Carol Service @ Charlton			
Christmas Eve	3pm, Family Christmas Service @ Minety			
	4pm, Carols at the Potting Shed, Crudwell (Not a service)			
	6pm, Carol Service @ Ashley			
	11.30pm Midnight Communion @ Crudwell			
Christmas Day	9.30am, Shortened Communion on Christmas Day @ Ashley			
***	9.30am, Shortened Communion on Christmas Day @ Hankerton			
	10am, Shortened Communion on Christmas Day @ Charlton			
	11am, Family Christmas Celebration @ Crudwell			
744	11am, Shortened Communion on Christmas Day @ Minety			
11am, Shortened Communion on Christmas Day @ Oaksey				
Sunday 29th December	10am, Benefice Service of Holy Communion @ Crudwell			

#### **Mid-Week Services and Events**

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Monday	Every other week	10am	Bible Study via Zoom
Tuesday	Weekly	9.30am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	Coffee & Chat @ Crudwell
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	Five Voices – Ladies Advent Study Group @ The Rectory
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.45am	BCP Communion Service @ Minety
Friday	Weekly	9.30am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am –	Café Church with Advent Sale - Raffle, Bring & Buy, Cake Stall. All
		12.30pm	donations are welcome.

Please visit our website www.braydonbrook.co.uk and Braydon Brook Churches Facebook Page to find out more.

# January Services across the Braydon Brook Benefice

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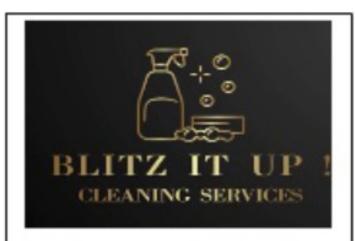


Date	Services in Church	Services on
		Zoom
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Hankerton	
January	10am, Friends & Family @ Crudwell	
	11am, Holy Communion @ Oaksey	
	6pm, Evening Prayer @ Ashley	
Sunday 12th	10am, Benefice Holy Communion @ Hankerton	
January		
Sunday 19th	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Charlton	6pm
January	11am, Holy Communion @ Minety	Evening
	11am, Matins @ Oaksey	Prayer
	4.30pm, Prayer, Praise & Story @ Hankerton	
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Ashley	
January	9.30am, Morning Praise @ Charlton	
	11am, Holy Communion @ Crudwell	
	11am, Morning Praise @ Minety	
	10.15am Sunday School and 11am, Family Service @ Oaksey	
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Tuesday	Weekly	9.30am	Morning Prayer via Zoom	
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> January (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed)	10.30am	Coffee & Chat @ Crudwell	
	Weekly	7.30pm	Men's Bible Study	
	300	19	1 Days Court, Crudwell	
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup> January (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu)	9.45am	BCP Communion Service @ Minety	
Friday	Weekly	9.30am	Morning Prayer via Zoom	
Saturday	4th January (1st Sat)	11am – 12.30pm	Café Church @ Hankerton	

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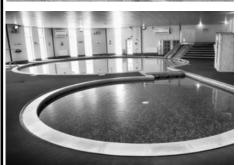
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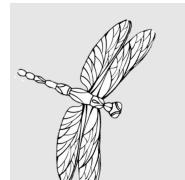
Since 2007 the reserve has been home to a plethora of wildlife from insects to otters and offers the opportunity to get lost in the nature we endeavour to protect.



Open all year round, the Dragonfly Café and Nature Centre is the perfect spot to sight otters, herons and (of course) the many species of dragonfly, ideal for professional and amateur wildlife photographers and passionate nature enthusiasts.

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Contact us for wedding or baptism inquiries and other matters regarding the Braydon Brook Group (Ashley, Charlton, Crudwell, Hankerton, Minety & Oaksey).

### **Useful Websites:**

The Village Hall website is at: www.charltonvillagehall.co.uk

The Parish Council website is at: www.charltonnorthwilts-pc.gov.uk

Charlton Church website is at: www.braydonbrook.co.uk

Also see the Charlton Community Hub on Facebook



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