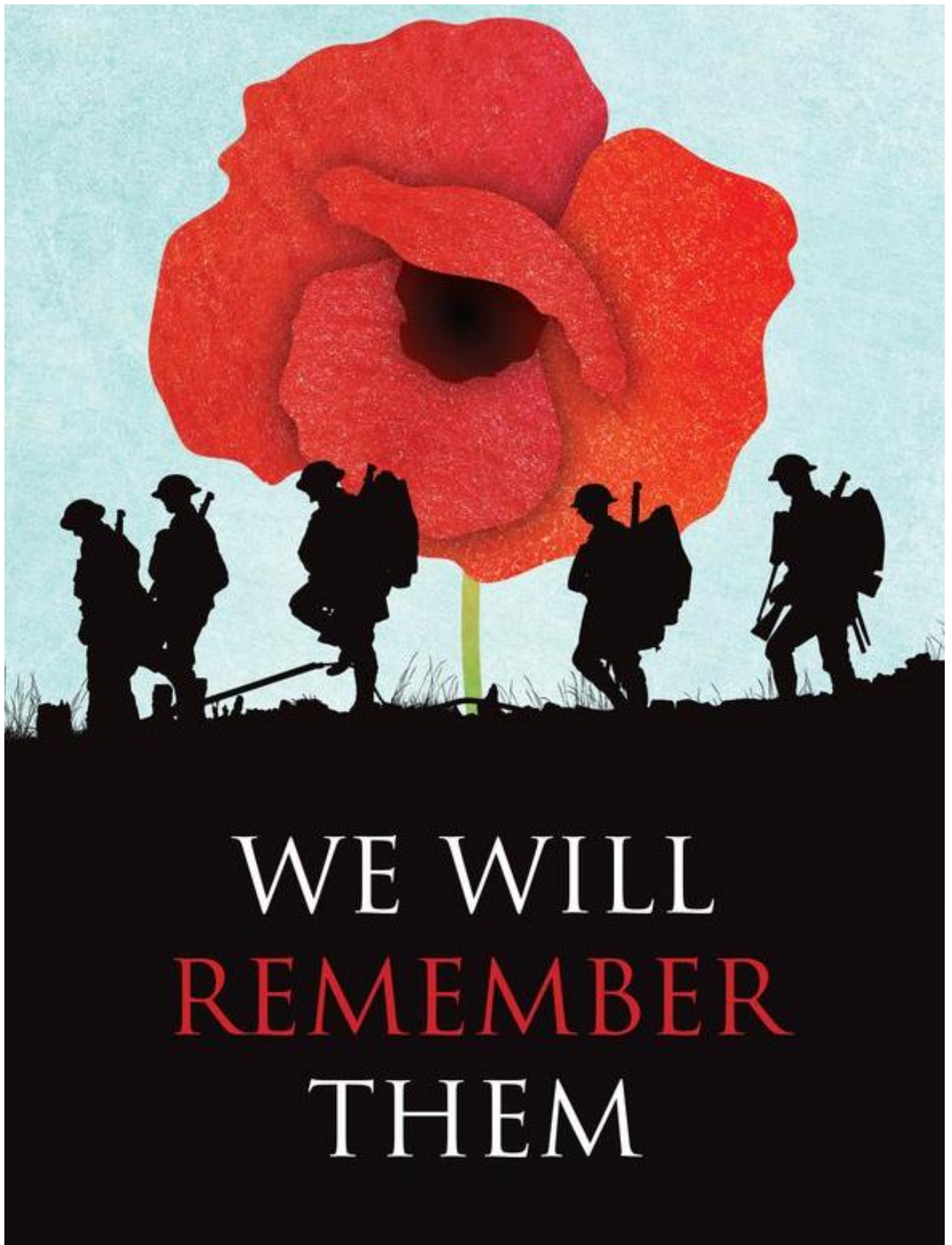


The Baldons and Nuneham Courtenay Newsletter



November 2018

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

The Season Of Remembrance

This year Remembrance Sunday will have a particular poignancy as it falls on Armistice Day, exactly 100 years since the end of the First World War. In common with many towns and villages across the country, we are marking this event with a special concert at 6.30 pm in St. Peter's, in addition to holding our traditional Remembrance service at St. Laurence's in the morning.

Our churches have been central to life in the villages for 800 years and they are places where generations of families have come together, have celebrated and also mourned. In them we can feel very connected to history and our own communities. They have been places of inspiration, of refuge, places of quiet peace and perhaps there have been times when they have been places of conflict. They are beautiful ancient buildings and they are there for us all.

The Armistice Day concert will take the form of a sequence of words and music in a variety of styles. It will be celebratory but also reflective, and performed by villagers and local friends. The school choir will be taking part and we hope everyone will join in with some community singing. The concert will start at 6.30 and will be followed by wine and canapés.

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From the Churchwardens

Thank you to our Church Treasurer Graham Hobbins who has kindly put together the note you will find over the page on the finances of our two Churches. Graham's figures do not include the costs of repair or any much needed improvements to the two Churches. The note also hides the fact that it is only a small number of people who provide this money to keep the churches going all year round. When you read this, we will have just celebrated Harvest Festival, and you will also read of the planned Armistice Day Concert on 11 November and our ever popular Carol Service on 16 December. We have also been there for a number of weddings, baptisms and important village funerals. I know that many of you give generously when you come to events, but please do think about helping us out throughout the year. We want to keep both Churches open and available for the villages to use and enjoy.

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BALDONS ARMISTICE DAY COMMEMORATION VILLAGE CONCERT

With words and music from local friends
(including our own School Choir)

Sunday 11th November at 6.30 pm

in St. Peter's Church

Wine and Canapés afterwards

Free to all - donations on the door



CHRISTMAS CHOIR
CALLING SINGERS OF ALL AGES



The Carol Service this year will be on Sunday 16th December
at 5pm.

We are always delighted to welcome new singers. Do please
contact Veronica Sandilands if you would like to join the
Christmas Choir.

vsandilands@btinternet.com or telephone 01865 340562.

Sue Booy is Team Rector for the Dorchester Team. Any queries about services, or if you would like to speak to someone about a baptism, wedding, or funeral the person to contact in the first instance is the Administrator in the **Dorchester Team Office** on **01865 340007**. Or, if you prefer, email admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk.

01865 340007 is also the number you can ring **at any time** if you need to contact a clergy person urgently.

Baldons Churchwardens: Debbie Dance (341323) and Ian Gillespie (341398).

OUR CHURCH FINANCES

A number of villagers have asked about the financial position covering the day to day life of our two churches and the maintenance of the buildings. In one word, they are precarious.

Here is a summary of the annual financial statements for the past 2 years:

	2017	2016
	£	£
For general purposes		
Total income	22,728	21,780
Total expenditure	<u>24,585</u>	<u>24,925</u>
Loss for the year	<u>1,857</u>	<u>3,145</u>

Our church life and buildings have to be financed entirely by villagers. **We get no help from the central church authorities.**

In 2017, 66% of the income is from gift aided giving, plus income tax recovered thereon, and we are extremely appreciative of the support received. The remainder of the income is derived from donations, fees and fund-raising activities. 82% of the expenditure covers clergy salaries, pensions, housing (otherwise known as the 'Parish Share') and expenses, together with insurance premiums for both churches. So just 18% is spent on items such as electricity, services, music and a contribution towards the newsletter costs.

The losses on general purposes have been financed from past giving and the reserves at 31 December 2017, stood at £6,830. The present forecast for 2018 is another loss of between £2,000 and £3,000.

As can be seen, there is nothing that can be done to reduce costs and the only way to eliminate these losses is to increase income and restore the reserves to a reasonable operational level.

Please help. Regular giving (monthly, quarterly or annually), supported by a completed Gift Aid form, is the most beneficial, or a one-off donation would also help significantly.

Gift Aid forms are available from Graham Hobbins – 01865 343227.

For bank transfers, the account details are: Barclays Bank, PCC Parish of Marsh and Toot Baldon with Nuneham Courtenay, account number 20692441 and sort code 20-65-21, with your surname as the reference.

The costs of repairs and maintenance to our 2 church buildings are covered under separate Fabric Funds – one for each church. Details for each will follow shortly.

Treasurer and PCC



FIREWORKS NIGHT

Bonfire, Fireworks, Funfair, Bar, Mulled Wine, Food and more

SATURDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

Marsh Baldon Green

6.30pm Lighting the Bonfire
7.15pm Fireworks

Bonfire – We need your help. We shall be building the bonfire on the morning of 3rd November so bring material suitable for burning to The Green between 10am and 1pm. Please DON'T leave anything on The Green before 3rd November (we've had tyres and other totally unsuitable stuff dumped there presumably by people from outside the villages which costs a lot of money to dispose of). Start collecting now!

Helpers - If you can offer any help, whether putting up marquees, marshalling (which is simply wearing a hi-viz jacket and helping in the event of an emergency) or car parking on Saturday or litter picking etc. on Sunday please do get in touch.

If you have any questions about bonfire night, feel free to get in touch with one of the committee, or email baldonsevents@hotmail.com

THE BALDONS AND NUNEHAM AT DORCHESTER ABBEY FLOWER FESTIVAL



This photo from Graham Hobbins shows the wonderful contribution made by **Jenny van Dijk, Heather Maskell and Ginny Baker** to the Dorchester Flower Festival on behalf of the Baldons and Nuneham. Our thanks to them for this beautiful display.

FAREWELLS

It is with sadness that we report the passing of two much loved villagers.

Connie Barrett passed away peacefully on Monday 8th October, aged 97. The funeral will be at 2pm on Tuesday 30th October, at St Lawrence's, Toot Baldon.

Hazel Johns passed away peacefully in Axbridge, Somerset on Sunday October 14th, aged 97. The funeral will be at 1pm on Thursday 1 November, at St Peter's, Marsh Baldon.



Wednesday 14th November

7.30pm

Marsh Baldon Village Hall
OX44 9LL

Our speaker at the November Filling Station is Gareth Black of the Zacharius Trust in Oxford. He has a passionate interest in the relevance of Christianity within contemporary culture. He will be speaking on Modern Ethical Christianity.

Come and join us for an informal Christian celebration. We meet at 7.30pm for coffee/tea and cake, followed at 7.55pm by worship, a talk and prayer. All are welcome.

If you are interested you can find out more at <http://thefillingstation.org.uk>. Or contact Catherine Mason (07879 626828) or Tom Hunnings (07778 104806).

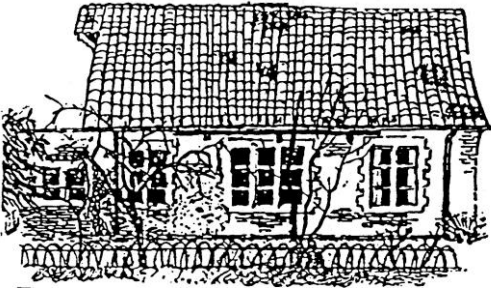
BALDONS PARISH COUNCIL SEEKS NEW PARISH CLERK

Due to the recent resignation for family reasons of Lisa, our Parish Clerk, the Baldons Parish Council is looking to appoint a new clerk as soon as possible.

This paid post provides important support to the council without which we cannot function properly. It involves minute taking at 6 council meetings per year and general administrative support.

The post is for 4 to 5 hours per week.

**More details can be obtained from Dorothy Tonge, Chairman:
01865 343234**



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Headteacher: Mrs Beccy Harris

Chair of Governors: Mr Kevin Moyes

Good News!

Firstly, we'd like to share the outcome of our recent Ofsted Inspection with you. We are now a 'Good' school, achieving a 'Good' rating across all key Ofsted areas. We are extremely pleased with this outcome and would like to thank the community for their support. We look forward to taking the next steps on our exciting school improvement journey.

We will be holding an **Open Morning** for prospective parents on **Friday 9th November from 9.30am - 12.00pm**. If you know of families who might be interested in a place at our school, please spread our good Ofsted news, and let them know of the Open Morning or suggest that they might like to make an appointment to visit the school at any time.

We'd like to thank the Parish Council for the road surface in our designated parking areas; we are extremely grateful for this. The work was finished 4 days before the Ofsted inspector arrived. It was excellent timing!

We'd also like to thank The Elizabeth Lane School Foundation for their continued support this year. They have provided financial support for school enrichment activities and offsite visits. We are particularly grateful for their funding of a new school fence and hall floor.

Finally, we wanted to let you know of our forthcoming Christmas events to which you are warmly invited.

Tuesday 11th December – Nativity in St. Peter's Church, Marsh Baldon

Thursday 13th December – Christmas Market in the school hall

**Monday 17th December – Cinderella - Visiting Pantomime in the school hall
(Family Tickets £5, Individual £3)**

We look forward to welcoming you to the school soon.

Best wishes
Beccy Harris
Headteacher

BALDONS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

Following the referendum on October 4th the result of the vote is as follows:

Electorate eligible to vote: 320

Votes Cast: 154 or 48.1%

Votes Yes: 140

Votes No: 14

A big thank you to everyone who voted and supported the plan. It will now be formally adopted by SODC and used by the parish council and SODC when considering planning applications and development in the villages.

Planning applications

Highfield Nurseries. Baldon Lane. SODC has recently approved the outstanding application for a house on the redundant site of the paving previous paving slab business.

Oxford to Cambridge Expressway

There isn't a lot of new information on planning for the Expressway this month although there is regular comment from different bodies in the local media.

The Expressway action group (EAG) are seeking more information from the Highways about the route planning to give a better idea of those communities likely to be most affected by the options and those less so.

It is also likely that villages will have to undertake substantial fundraising and campaigning in preparation for and the during the consultation period in 2019.

Live Well Oxfordshire

Oxfordshire County Council have developed a new web site which provides a comprehensive database of support services and help and advice available in Oxfordshire. If you are looking for information it is easy to use and search and provides a signpost to a wide range of services near you and across the county whether for care at home, care homes and nursing homes, staying independent, money matters, transport etc. www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/livewell

Date of next meeting

Monday 12th November 7.30 pm Village Hall

NUNEHAM COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting of the parish council is on Tuesday 6th November at 7pm in the Village Hall. Meetings are always open to the public but, if you want to address the Council Meeting, please let Madhvi know in advance.

I'm afraid the Parish Council does not yet have a date for the parish meeting to discuss South Oxfordshire District Council's new guide to the Nuneham Courtenay Legal Agreement.

South Oxfordshire District Council's contractors have arranged to come to the parish for three days from 16 - 20 November to carry out a deep cleanse.

The team will be litter picking, sweeping and removing weeds/moss on pavements. It will not spray weeds, cut grass or vegetation or remove weeds and moss that is on roads and it only clears land to which the public is permitted access and that is under the direct control of South Oxfordshire District Council.

If there is anywhere in particular in the parish that you would like to be cleaned, contact the Parish Clerk (nunehamcourtenay.clerk@gmail.com or 07419 991623) or speak to a member of the Parish Council. The Clerk will send in the final list.

And on a related subject the Parish Council has bought four smart new litter bins (dual purpose - for litter and dog waste) which will shortly be installed on the main road.

The Parish Council has taken legal advice about a lease offered by the Playing Field Association and decided it did not, unfortunately, provide a basis for negotiation so is going to put forward a draft of its own.

NUNEHAM COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Jumble Sale

Jumble Sale- Nov 3rd, 2-4. Come along and bag a bargain. Or book a table for £6 and have a clear out. Contact Jenny @ 01865 353459 or jenny@datadaysolutions.com. Or just come for a cup of tea and a chat.

Bingo

Christmas Bingo is Friday December 7th.

And...

Our new disabled ramp is really looking good! Thank you to Brian Ball for all his hard work! We'll be having an official opening soon.

Yoga is on most Monday evenings at 7:30 pm. Contact Jenny to make sure it is happening each week. 01865 353459 or jenny@datadaysolutions.com

OWN A PUB – BECOME A BNCS SHAREHOLDER!

The Seven Stars is a community-owned asset in the heart of our villages. It is run by Matt and his team and supported by the Baldons and Nuneham Community Society (BNCS), which was set up to save the pub. Villagers chipped in to buy shares and it's now owned by over 150 shareholders, represented by the BNCS committee.

There is an opportunity to buy shares in BNCS, which will give you not only a stake in the pub but also a small rate of interest annually. We'd love to have new members, so if you are interested please click on the website or contact any of the committee.



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ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Items for the **December 2018 - January 2019 DOUBLE ISSUE** newsletter
by **16th November** please

Any villager is welcome to send items for publication in the newsletter - this can be anything from articles, poems or pictures, to publicising your event. In addition, if you have an image you would like us to consider for the cover, do send it in!

If you would like to receive a reminder e-mail each month for newsletter contributions please let me know.

Natasha Eliot: tashaandjames@btopenworld.com. Alternatively I can be contacted on 343478 or at Baldon House East, Marsh Baldon.

For advertising queries, please contact Sheila Harris on:
sheilaharris778@yahoo.co.uk or on 340403.



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Thursday 8th November

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Tuesday 20th November

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Parry: Songs of Farewell

A concert to mark the death of Hubert Parry and the centenary of the Armistice with music by Parry, Stanford, Ireland, Elgar, Vaughan Williams and Jonathan Dove, interspersed with readings appropriate to the theme of war and remembrance

Benjamin Nicholas *Conductor*

Stephen Clarke *Organ*, Athena Hawksley-Walker *Violin*
Tom Herring *Baritone*, Francesca Millar *Soprano*

Paul Ansdell and Anna Tolputt *Readers*

Friday 23 November, 7.30pm
St John the Evangelist Church, Iffley Road, Oxford

TICKETS: £30, £20, £12 from tickets.oxfordbachchoir.org
or tel: 01865 980220

Registered charity no: 233688



Concert repeated as below

Sunday 25 November, 3.00pm
St Helen's Church, Abingdon

TICKETS: All tickets £15, available from tickets.oxfordbachchoir.org
or tel: 01865 980220



L I G H T

A Spiritual Journey

The Science and Spirituality of Light

Discussion event

29th November, 7-8.30pm

An evening event open to all with speakers discussing their views on the science and spirituality of light, followed by Q&A from the audience. Suitable for GCSE and A Level students.

Speakers/Presenters include:

Dr Emmanuel Joffrin, Culham Plasma Scientist

Professor Alister McGrath, Oxford Theologian

Brian Catling, RA artist

Bishop of Dorchester

**For further details, or to obtain a ticket to the event please contact the
Education Officer Margaret Craig on
education@dorchester-abbey.org.uk or call 01865 343164.**

EVENTS IN DORCHESTER ABBEY

Thursday 29th November Evening event as part of LIGHT exhibition in the Abbey. The Science and Spirituality of Light. The evening will explore some of the 'big ideas' of the exhibition with important speakers from science and the arts. Further information and tickets from Margaret education@dorchester-abbey.org.uk

Fri 30th November 7.30pm Galway plays Mozart We are thrilled to present our 50th Anniversary Concert with a very special Friday night concert, blending new and classical music in one of our favourite venues: Dorchester Abbey. Tickets from www.osj.org.uk

Sat 1st December 7.30pm A Plea for Peace Music to include Vaughan Williams - *Dona Nobis, Pacem, Fauré – Requiem* and Elgar - *Serenade for Strings*. Tickets from www.bensonchoralsociety.org.uk

Thursday 6th December 8.00pm HFT's The coming of Christmas The beautiful Abbey, bathed in the glow of more than 1,000 tealights, creates a truly magical backdrop for this much-loved Christmas celebration. Sit back and enjoy some superb festive music from The Choir of Magdalen College Oxford – conducted by Mark Williams – and readings performed by actress Juliet Stevenson, CBE* and actor Michael Pennington*. Mulled wine and mince pies are included in the ticket price, and will be served in the Abbey after the concert. Juliet Stevenson is best known for her leading role in 1991 film *Truly, Madly, Deeply* and her roles in *Emma*, *Bend It Like Beckham* and *Mona Lisa Smile*. Recent and upcoming theatre appearances include *Mary Stuart*, *Hamlet* and *Wings*. Michael Pennington has played most of the major Shakespeare roles for the RSC and for his own English Shakespeare Company. His TV and film credits include *Star Wars: Return of the Jedi*, *State of Play* and *Waking the Dead*. Ticket information available from www.hft.org.uk

Team Events:

Advent Carols Our Team Advent Carol Service on Sunday 2nd December will take place in the Abbey at 6pm – please join us as we worship together and focus on preparing our hearts and minds for Christmas.

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2018

4 th November	9.30am	Holy Communion <i>Jon Roberts</i>	Toot Baldon
11 th November	10.45am	Remembrance Sunday <i>Jennifer Morton</i>	Toot Baldon
18 th November	9.30am	Holy Communion <i>Jon Roberts</i>	Marsh Baldon
25 th November	1100am	Cluster Family Communion <i>Sandra Millar</i>	Berinsfield
2 nd December	9.30am	Holy Communion <i>Marcus Braybrooke</i>	Toot Baldon
9 th December	4.00pm <i>please note time</i>	Evening Worship <i>Brian Newey</i>	Toot Baldon

Please join us

On **Sunday 25th November** we will be having a Cluster Service with Drayton St Leonard and Berinsfield. This will be a Family Communion at **11am at Berinsfield** led by **Sandra Millar**. Everyone is welcome to join us, young, old or in between. Sandra is looking forward to seeing you all.

SIDESDUTY

	Marsh Baldon	Toot Baldon
4 th November		9.30am Jenny van Dijk
11 th November		10.45am J & H Maskell
18 th November	9.30am Stephen Dance	

FLOWERS

	Marsh Baldon	Toot Baldon
28 th Oct & 4 th Nov	P & J Slaney with all help welcome for Harvest on 28 th October	S Hobbins & J van Dijk
11 th & 18 th Nov	Veronica Sandilands	H Maskell & J Knight
25 th November	Veronica Sandilands	J Brook