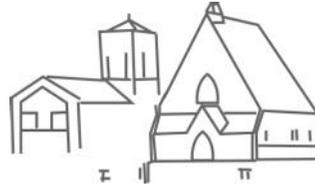


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# The Messenger

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## January

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It was lovely to be with you for all the services and celebrations over Christmas and to welcome in the new year with a peaceful afternoon walk and get together at St. Barnabas. No-one volunteered any new year's resolution when asked, possibly because people are not keen to promise anything they know they may not keep beyond

January. Good intentions sometimes remain just that. Yet I still think it good to begin the year with hope and a prayer that what has been less than good in the year passed might be so much better in the days to come. One person did volunteer her hope that we be more, not less, tolerant toward others this year. I think this very commendable as being respectful of others is a real virtue. The 'golden rule,' expressed differently but essentially the same in all faiths, 'In everything do to others as you would have them do to you,' is a reminder of the real need for greater love and respect at a difficult time in our national life. Neither is life in our villages always quiet and gentle for those who live here. As for the faithful in our two churches, may you continue to show that genuine care

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for those in need that is so evident in many aspects of our life and witness. Jesus goes that one step further than the universal golden rule when he says to those who follow him, 'Love each other, as I have loved you'. If we, like the wise men, are to have a light to guide us through this year, may it be that love of God that Jesus' makes known to us, the height and depth, length and breadth of which is beyond measure. Peace & love for 2019

*Nigel*



## Thank you -

to everybody who helped to make Advent and Christmas this year



such a special time at St Barnabas and Holy Trinity. Clergy, choir, churchwardens, flower arrangers, caterers, - a whole host of angels!

And a big 'thank you' to organist, Robert Rideout, who has been such a stalwart and played for so many services at both churches. Don't know what we would have done without you! *Ed*

## St Barnabas/Claverham news

### New Year's Day Walk

A good crowd of us started the New Year in energetic fashion by doing a circular walk round the Claverham lanes, setting off at St Barnabas and returning there for cups of tea and cake. Others joined us at the church for New Year prayers. It was a good beginning to 2019 for both body and soul! Thanks to Nigel and the ladies of St Barnabas for organising this get together.

### The Other Wise Man

On the afternoon of 6th January there was a very special event at St Barnabas to celebrate Epiphany. Lit by candlelight there was a

contemplative atmosphere in the little church and Nickie read us the story of the Other Wise Man taken from a book written by Henry Van Dyke in 1895. It related the quest of Artaban, the fourth wise man who was too late to see the holy family at Bethlehem and spent his life on a quest to find Jesus.

**Claverham Market** will take place as usual on the 3rd Saturday of the month, the **19th January** from 10 – 12 noon. Come and buy your home made cakes at the St Barnabas stall and your plants at Trevor's stall – the proceeds of both go to the upkeep of St Barnabas. There are other stalls, of course, and you can browse round, catch up with your friends and neighbours and have a cup of tea with them.

### **Celebratory meal.**

On Wednesday **30th January** Claverham lunch club which meets monthly, celebrate being in existence for ten years and are marking the anniversary by having a meal out together.

*Jean*

*That's very appropriate. Hope it's a gourmet one! Ed.*

## **Holy Trinity Organist**



We are grateful to Robert Rideout for being such a wonderful interim organist. His contribution to services has been well received and much appreciated. As Robert steps down the congregation at Cleeve are now looking for the right person to play for us at Sunday services on the 1st and 3rd Sunday in the month.

Some positive suggestions have already been offered and we hope to follow these up. In the meantime we will be welcoming visiting organists/pianists at the 3rd Sunday services from this month to Easter and then, possibly, from the 1st and 3rd Sundays after until a more permanent replacement is found.

*Nigel*



## **All MU members**

The start of our new season is on Tuesday **15th January** at Holy Trinity. It will start with the Eucharist at mid day followed by the AGM and distribution of this year's Programme and a hot lunch.

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Also we have A Wave of Prayer Service at Holy Trinity on Saturday 2nd February at 9.30am. All welcome.

## Pancake Lunch

Shrove

Tuesday –

**5th March  
2019**

Holy Trinity  
Church

Room – noon until 2pm

With Easter being very late this year, Pancake Day does not actually fall until **5th March**.

However there will still be a Holy Trinity Pancake Lunch, but this year it is being held at Cleeve Village Hall.



The Lunch will consist of a jacket potato with a choice of many delicious filling, plus salad, and will be followed by a tasty sweet filled pancake. [Vegetarian options for the potato fillings will be available]

The cost of the whole meal, including tea/coffee, will be £6. There will also be a cake stall, bric-a-brac stall, plus a raffle.

Tickets will need to be booked [to plan catering requirements] and are available from Gill Roe.[832917] Proceeds from the event will be used to redecorate the Church Room, which has survived another year, but is in very much need of some TLC!

## Chalice Handbell Team.

Geoff Marchant reports that they had a busy Christmas period and were able to send £50 to Weston HospiceCare from donations received. They are restarting practices on Thursday **17th January** at 2.30pm at 37 Mendip Road Yatton.

Anyone interested in joining the Team is welcome to come along then, or on subsequent Thursdays. Phone Geoff and Eleanor beforehand - 834550 to check they will be there or for further details.

## Holy Trinity - Lent Lunch

An early note for your diaries that Holy Trinity's Lent Lunch is to be held on Wednesday **3rd April** in the Church Room.



# St Bride's Day

Celtic Legend and Christian Saint

A Celebration of the return of Spring



**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 2pm**

**St Barnabas Chapel Brockley Way Claverham**

**Outdoor Celebration – Storytelling – Live Music**

**Art & Craft – Refreshments – Something for all ages**



'On The Edge' is a newly formed Arts-based initiative meeting regularly  
at St Barnabas – the chapel on the edge

Co-ordinated by Michael Loader [foolworks@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:foolworks@yahoo.co.uk) 01934 830124,  
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and Heidi Hollis [writerwithboots@gmail.com](mailto:writerwithboots@gmail.com)

**Our next event - Stories & Songs On The Edge  
Wednesday 27 Feb 7pm @ St Barnabas Chapel**

## Services from the second week of January until the second week of February 2019

### The second Sunday of Epiphany

2nd Sunday 13th January 09.30 Holy Communion Claverham

3rd Thursday 17th January 09.30 Prayers for Healing & Wholeness Cleeve

### The third Sunday of Epiphany

3rd Sunday 20th January 09.30 Holy Communion Cleeve

4th Wednesday 23rd January 11.00 Holy Communion Claverham  
(Book of Common Prayer)

4th Thursday 24th January **No** Service/Prayers at Cleeve

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th - 25th January)  
Theme "Only Justice"

### The fourth Sunday of Epiphany

4th Sunday 27th January 10.00 Cafe Celebration Court de Wyck School

5th Thursday 31st January 09.30 Prayers for Healing & Wholeness + Holy Communion Cleeve

### The fifth Sunday before Lent

### Or (The Presentation of Christ) Candlemas

1st Sunday 3rd February 09.30 Holy Communion Cleeve  
11.00 Informal Communion Claverham

1st Thursday 7th February 09.30 Prayers for Healing  
& Wholeness + Holy  
Communion Cleeve

## The fourth Sunday before Lent

2nd Sunday 10th February 09.30 Shared Parish  
Communion Claverham

2nd Thursday 14th February 09.30 Prayers for Healing  
& Wholeness Cleeve

## DANCING TOGETHER



Sunday **10th February 2019** from  
2 - 5.30pm at Claverham Friends  
Meeting House, Meeting House  
Lane. Cost £10 -£15.

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two dance traditions.

Dancing in circles is a timeless  
way of building communities.

In the Dances of Universal Peace  
we sing words from the different  
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Live music. For more information  
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## Esme Hamlin



**May 1923 - December 2018**

There are many people in Cleeve  
and Claverham with fond  
memories of Esme who died just  
before Christmas.

She and her husband, Trevor lived  
at the top of Rhodyate Hill until  
Trevor's death, when Esme moved to  
Millier Road. She was an  
occasional attender at Holy Trinity

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and also a strong supporter of the Quaker movement. I met her when we moved to Claverham and joined the local CND group. She was also a member of a friendship group working towards good east/west relationships. She had strong political views and was always concerned for the oppressed and needy people of the world.

She was also an accomplished singer and pianist, playing for an octogenarian jazz band that performed at local venues around Cleeve.

I used to visit her when my children were small and although her piano was a fine instrument, she allowed them to abuse it with no apparent alarm. We never left her house without a jar of home made jam or some garden

produce. She was a truly generous and gracious person.

We send condolences to her three children, Susan, Linda and Mark, who still lives in Cleeve, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Esme was a life long supporter of Oxfam and donations can be made to them in her memory. *Ed*

## Thank you -

For your contributions to this month's Messenger.

Articles/photos/funnies for the February edition should be with me by Wednesday 6th February. They can be sent by e-mail to [carole.perrott@gmx.com](mailto:carole.perrott@gmx.com), put through the door of 15 Chestnut Drive, Claverham or given to me at church.

## Holy Trinity Cleaning Rota

Carole Perrott Jennie Ford	January 20th
Helen Bailey	January 27th
Jenny Haworth	February 3rd
Sandra Warham Jack Warham	February 10th
Jen Lankester	February 17th

