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A very warm welcome to the first Messenger of 2025!



I hope that everyone had a good Christmas and that you are keeping warm and well in the chilly spell that has kicked off this New Year!

Despite having no incumbant vicar in our Parish as yet, Christmas was celebrated as usual with Christingle, Crib Service at Bickley, Carol Services in both churches and with the children of Court de Wyck school at Holy Trinity with their teachers and 'Christmas in a box' at the school..

Many thanks to both clergy and lay people who gave so much of their time and talents over this period.

During this very cold weather don't forget that you can switch off your heating every Thursday afternoon from 12 - 4pm and enjoy Soupa Thursday with friends in the Warm Room at Holy Trinity where there is soup, tea and cake as well as good company. Everyone from Cleeve and Claverham is welcome and lifts are available. Ring Dave on 838515 for more information.

Services for Cleeve/Claverham - January/February

January 2025

2nd Sunday 12th January - Baptism of Christ
10.00am - St Barnabas - Lay led Morning Worship

3rd Sunday 19th January - Second Sunday of Epiphany
10.00am - Holy Trinity - Morning Worship

4th Sunday - 26th January - Third Sunday of Epiphany
10.00am - St Barnabas - Shared Parish Communion
10.00am - Cleeve Village Hall - Cafe Church.

February

1st Sunday 2nd February - Candlemas - The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
10.00am - Holy Trinity - :Shared Parish Worship - Lay Led

2nd Sunday - 9th February - 4th Sunday Before Lent
10.00am - St Barnabas : Shared Parish Communion

3rd Sunday - 16th February - Third Sunday Before Lent
10.00am - St Mary's - Group Communion

4th Sunday - 23rd February - Second Sunday Before Lent
10.00am - St Barnabas - Morning Worship
10.00am - Cleeve Village Hall: Cafe Church.

Weekday Services at Holy Trinity



Prayers for Healing and Wholeness every **Thursday morning at 09.30** with Bread of Fellowship on 23rd of January, 13th and 27th February. Everybody is welcome to this friendly service.

Music at our Churches



We are very grateful to all those talented organists who play for us at our Sunday services. However it is not always possible to obtain organists, despite being in touch with numerous organists in our area and beyond.

We do not want to have to sing acapella when we are without accompaniment [although we do have a few accomplished singers within our congregations.]

Therefore, we have purchased a set of CD discs that accompany our hymn books, and which we will launch at St Barnabas's service on this coming Sunday.

Hopefully the need to use the CDs will only occur on a few occasions during the year!



Dave

Christmas at Court De Wyck Church School

It was great, as church members, to be with Court de Wyck in some of their Christmas activities.

For a third year, we were able to take "**Christmas in a Box**" into school and share the story of Jesus's birth with children of Y1/2 class.



Our Saviour's story is told through the discovery and sharing of various elements contained in each of six boxes.

The programme was set up by the charity Bristol Schools Connection [BSC] and we were again pleased to be joined by Jane Gillis, one of founders of BSC.

Each child goes away with their own small box, which they have coloured, and in which are small mementos to keep from each box.

The children were engrossed in Jesus's story and joined in with great enthusiasm. It took the whole of the afternoon to tell the story, but Jane, with June, Jennie, Elizabeth and Barbara left special moments that will last long in the memories of all those in Y1/2 class.



On Wednesday 18th December, we welcome the whole of Court de Wyck Church School to Holy Trinity for their Carol Service. This annual event, which started in the 1990s, is a highlight for those church members present. This year Rev John Angle kindly led the service, which told the story of Jesus's birth and Mary and Joseph's journey through the eyes of the innkeeper, shepherds, and wise men.



There was a tableau detailing the story, the school choir led the singing, prayers were provided by Y6 children - and everyone went home with an appropriate Christmas Tree decoration.

Rev John Angle also led a Christingle service at the school, the children having previously made their own Christingles.



Many thanks to all those who brought the meaning of Christmas to the children of Court de Wyck school.

Electoral Roll

Every six years it is a requirement for a full review of the church electoral roll and therefore over the next few weeks I will be in touch with all those present church members with a fresh application form inviting it be filled in and returned to me to be included on the up to date register.

This is also an opportunity for those presently not on the electoral roll to complete an application. For those on email I will be corresponding in that way but otherwise you will receive a letter from me with the application form.

If you need to contact me my telephone number is 01934 834621.

Diana Cook

Santa Flight for Bristol Airport

Just before Christmas Bristol Airport teamed up with airline Jet2 to take children on a special one-hour flight where they could play games and meet Santa Claus. The airport first started running the Santa Flight for poorly children and their families more than 30 years ago, but this was the first to take off since 2019 and Covid.



Charities that nominated families include the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity, Children's Hospice South West and the British Heart Foundation. Primary school children from villages close to the airport were also invited on the flight.

Sophie Pascoe, who raised so much money for The Great Weston Air Ambulance Charity and her family were given places on this flight. There were also eight children from

Court de Wyck Church School, who had been nominated by the School for coping so well during difficult times for them and their families.

The day started with free parking at Bristol Airport. Wow!! The whole family were issued with their tickets at check-in and then given a designated escort to get them smoothly through security.

A wonderful surprise was waiting for them at the gate with face painting, a magician, presents and treats. Everyone has a guard of honour to the plane provided by the firemen and policeman of Bristol Airport, who gave the children lots of high fives.

As for on the plane itself. The cabin crew were Elves and reindeer, more treats and snacks were provided for the flight and the children were told to look out when the plane got high enough as they may be able to spot Santa practising for Christmas Eve with his sleigh.



Wonderful games and imitation snowball fights were included on the flight but the highlight for the children was when the pilot told the children that they had a special visitor as Santa had stopped off from his training to visit them.

There were some very happy and excited children by the end of the flight. What a gift this was from Jet2 and

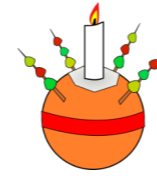
Bristol Airport. Children that have lost a close relative, or coped with serious illness themselves, or for a sibling were smiling and talking about the special time they had. Children that had been nominated from Court de Wyck for their perseverance in difficult times arrived back at School buzzing, but tired. They had memories of a special day that will stay with them forever.

How lovely that whatever had happened to the children over the past year they were able to have such a treat, smile and laugh. Thank you Jet2 and Bristol Airport.

Jenny Pascoe and Dave Mortimer

Mothers' UNION

Christingle Service



Our annual Christingle service took place on the afternoon of December 8th and was taken by Revd John Angle. The service was well attended, and 45 candles shone out from the Christingles in the darkness of Holy Trinity. As usual the collection, which amounted to £212.67 was sent to the Children's Society, an increase of about £80 from 2023. Many thanks to all who made the Christingles and to John for taking the Service.



Our December meeting -

was on 10th December at Bickley, home of Elizabeth and David Vaughan. We were seated round two long tables and after prayers we had a Carol sing-along accompanied by Margaret Stanton on the keyboard.

This worked up a healthy appetite for the feast to follow which finished with Christmas pudding or trifle. Hard to choose! It was lovely to get together before the real busy-ness of Christmas ramped up.

Bickley Crib Service

The crib service at Bickley was well attended. About 50 adults and 20 children enjoyed Miss Marple Mouse's account of the birth of Jesus, as told to Jack, a top reporter from the Jerusalem Times.

Carols were sung and afterwards everyone enjoyed mulled wine, mince pies and cake and the children were then able to feed the llamas in their field next door to the shed.

Many thanks to Elizabeth and David for hosting the MU Christmas lunch and the wonderful Crib Service at Bickley. Two very enjoyable events! *Ed*



Claverham news



There will be no Market at Claverham Village Hall in January due to the hall being used for the Panto. The February market will be from 10 - 12 noon on Saturday 15th February.

As usual there is no Ladies' Guild meeting in January, just a committee meeting. The next meeting will be on 6th February and will be a talk on 'Pioneers of TV comedy' to cheer us up! *Jean.*

Yatton Music Society



**BOLD BRASS at St Mary's Church
Yatton**

Saturday January 25th

Bold Brass will give a rousing performance to welcome the New

Year, lift our spirits and look forward to a cheerful Spring.

An ensemble of trumpets, horn, euphonium, tuba, trombones, flugelhorn and percussion will play light classics, swing and big band, as well as music from the great musical shows, jazz and pop - in short, music that will make you want to smile, hum and tap your feet.



Based in the North of Somerset, Bold Brass was originally formed in 1977 as a quintet. The larger ensemble was set up in 1977 to play just one concert, which was so successful the band decided to stay together.

Bold Brass has provided music for the Open University award ceremonies in Torquay and Cheltenham for over 18 years and for many years have been an essential part of the Bristol Evening Post carol concert in Bristol. The group also plays at concerts in churches, and indoor and outdoor music events in the UK as well in former Czechoslovakia, Germany and France. The Bold Brass concert starts 7.30pm, tickets £12, students £6, children free.

For details of this concert please see www.yms.org.uk.

Yatton Local History Society

Tuesday February 4th talk by Elizabeth Vaughan on Frontline health care in WW1
7 30pm Yatton Methodist Church BS49 4DW. Contact yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com

Tuesday March 4th

Yatton Local History Society talk by NHS70 : Bristol Healthcare by Clive Burlton after AGM and Refreshments **7 30pm Yatton Methodist Church**

HOLY TRINITY PANCAKE LUNCH

Shrove Tuesday – 4th March 2025

Cleeve Village Hall – 12 noon until 2pm



Enjoy a treat before the start of Lent, at the Holy Trinity Pancake Lunch.

The Lunch will consist of soup, a bacon or cheese roll, and then followed by two tasty sweet filled pancakes, together with as much tea/coffee as you can drink.

The cost of the event, including tea/coffee, will be £6.

Tickets will need to be booked [to plan catering requirements]

and are available from Lin on **838515** or Gill on **832917**

Come along for some great food, some good fun and lots of friendship.

PS – another date for your diaries – **Holy Trinity Lent Lunch –**

Tuesday 11th March, noon until 2pm, in the Church Room

Lost Vase



The twin of the vase pictured on the left belongs to Janet Angle who has used them both for flowers at St Barnabas. She thinks that she may have given it to someone together with the altar flowers following a service. If you have it, could you please return it to her or to St Barnabas church so that it can be reunited with its twin!

Thank you

FOCOS Panto 2024

The FOCOS Panto players launched into their latest production, **Peter Pan**, at Cleeve Village Hall on 7th December. Pictured are the dastardly pirates intent on the destruction of Peter Pan, Wendy and Tinkerbell! Before the rip roaring performance we were treated to a delicious meal laid on by Lin and her catering team. It was a super evening and many thanks to the brave thespians who entertained us so well. There will be repeat performances on 23rd and 24th January for other lucky audiences!!



Holy Trinity Cleaning Rota

Enid Pring Ron Pring	January 12th
Kath Hunt	January 19th
Helen Bailey Gill Roe	January 26th
Carole Perrott Jennie Ford	February 2nd
Jenny Haworth	February 9th
Jen Lankester	February 16th

What do the reindeer decorate their Christmas tree with? Hornaments!

What did the stamp say to the Christmas card?
Stick with me & you'll go places!

Thank you Chris!

*It was an awful cruise. Rained all the time.
Great buffet though, I had two of everything!*



Funnies!

Can't finish the first Messenger of the year without some awful jokes! These have been culled from this year's crackers by Chris Maurin.

What is an old snowman called? - Water

What did Frosty the snowman's girlfriend give him when she was cross with him? - The cold shoulder

What did the snowman say to the very cross carrot? - Get out of my face!

Thank you for your contributions to this month's Messenger. Articles, jokes, photos, words of wisdom for the February edition should be with me by **Wednesday 5th February.**

They can be e-mailed to carole.perrott@gmx.com, given to me at church or put through the door of 15 Chestnut Drive, Claverham.

Keep warm and well Everybody!

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