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Welcome to the February edition of the Messenger

I would like to share a poem by Donna Ashworth with you sent by a friend.

Hello February.

When I think of February, I think of More...
More Light, More Life, More Hope, more Faith,
Nature has no fear that Spring will return,
That better days beckon,
And neither must we.



Our first service of February



at Holy Trinity was a celebration of Candlemas led by Jenny Pascoe. Candlemas takes place 40 days after Christmas day and commemorates the presentation of the baby Jesus in the Temple by his parents and the prophesy of Simeon who referred to him as a light to the Gentiles.

Jenny talked about our dependence on light in our everyday lives and of Jesus, the Light of the World who we can rely on to guide us if we rely on Him.

During the service we received the Bread of Fellowship after which we all placed a lighted tealight on a cross (covered by glass!) which had been beautifully made by Gill and June.

Blessed are you in whom the light lives, in whom the light lives, in whom the brightness blazes. Your heart is a chapel, an altar where in the deepest night can be seen, the fire that shines forth in you in unaccountable faith, in stubborn hope, in love that illuminates every broken thing that it finds.

Jan Richardson

Services for Cleeve/Claverham -February/March

February

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 with Archdeacon Charlie Peer.

4th Sunday - 23rd February - Second Sunday Before Lent

10.00am - St Barnabas : Morning Worship

10.00am - Cleeve Village Hall : Cafe Church

March

1st Sunday - 2nd March -1 - Sunday Next Before Lent

10.00am - Holy Trinity : Shared Parish Communion

Wednesday 5th March -Ash Wednesday

7.00pm All Saints :- Group Communion with Imposition of Ashes

Friday 7th March - World Day of Prayer

2.00pm - St Mary's : With Methodists & for all five churches this year.

2nd Sunday 9th March 2 - Lent 1

10.00am - St Barnabas : Shared Parish Communion

3rd Sunday 16th March -3 - Lent 2

10.00am -Holy Trinity : Morning Worship

4th Sunday 23rd March 4 - Lent 3

10.00am St Barnabas : Shared Parish Communion

10.00am - Cleeve Village Hall : Cafe Church with children's crafts for Mothering Sunday.

5th Sunday 30th March - Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday

10.00am - St Mary's : Shared Holy Communion for Yatton, Cleeve and Claverham.

11.00am -All Saints : Shared Holy Communion for Kenn and Kingston Seymour

Weekday Services at Holy Trinity



Prayers for Healing and Wholeness on **Thursday mornings** at **09.30** with Bread of Fellowship on 13th and 27th February, and 13th and 27th March. Everybody is welcome to this friendly service.

NB. There will be no service on 20th February as it is half term.

Geoff Marchant.

The funeral service for Geoff Marchant has been arranged to take place at St Mary the Virgin Church (Yatton) at 12:00noon on Tuesday 18th February 2025 followed by his wake in the Chapter House. This is during the schools half term holidays. Our thoughts and prayers are with Eleanor and the family at this sad time.



Allan Attwood - RIP

We have just received the sad news that Allan has died very suddenly at home. He will be sorely missed by the congregation of St Mary's. Please pray for his son, Stewart and family.

Ukrainian Support

Cleeve and surrounding areas.....you've done it again! I had Andy running back and forth THREE times, he was overjoyed with the amount of donations from our generous villagers and certainly didn't mind returning to Cleeve from Nailsea to collect.

Not only was my porch and hall filled with bags arriving from those who I wasn't expecting but had heard.....word of mouth.....that there was a collection going on in Bishops Road, but my lounge was awash with humanitarian aid from those who'd already promised donations and brought to me earlier.

A very big **THANK YOU** to you all.

I understand that Microwave Ovens and Candles (unfragranced) along with warm clothing and all bedding are still wanted. However, I won't be doing another collection until the Spring and if you'd like to hold onto items until then I would be most grateful.

It will possibly be around April that I will be back in touch but if you'd like to contact me before and let me know if you have items for Ukraine I'll put you on my "Promises List".

As usual, as soon as I have enough for a collection from Andy I'll be in touch with a firm date.

So much generosity and love....thank you.

Libby



The first Cleeve and Claverham Mothers' Union meeting of the New Year was held on Tuesday 21st January. It was our AGM with communion service led by John Angle. Andrea read her report detailing all we've done through 2024 (what a busy year!) The programme for the next six months was handed out.

Thanks go to the committee for putting together another thoughtful and interesting programme. The meeting was concluded with a delicious lunch.

On Saturday 1st February we held our Wave of Prayer service at Holy Trinity thinking about this year's MU theme "Join us & Join in" This was followed by refreshments in the church room.

MU is a Christian organization which promotes the well-being of families worldwide. We meet at 12 noon on the third Tuesday of the month, always finishing with a home-cooked lunch.

Details Andrea Stoddart- 01934 832458 or Lin Mortimer -01934 838515

CLEEVE & CLAVERHAM MOTHER'S UNION PROGRAMME Feb-July 2025

18th February – Modern day Slavery – Bishop Alastair Redfern

12 noon Holy Trinity Church room

18th March – MU Chaplain – Louise BaleTT

12 noon Holy Trinity Church room

15th April – YMCA – Juley Howard

12 noon Holy Trinity Church room

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MU events cont'd..

20th May –Tour of Portbury Docks – Jeremy Hillier (Seafarers Chaplain)

N.B This is a morning trip – time to be arranged

17th June – World Wide lunch

12 noon till 2pm Cleeve Village hall

Wednesday 9th July – Toddlers Picnic

12 noon Cleeve Village Hall

Focos Panto

Panto season continued into January when there were two performances to delight the audiences.



The first of these raised £1185 for BUST the Breast Cancer Unit Support Trust at Southmead hospital. The second raised over £800 for FOCOS which will benefit the over sixties of Cleeve and Claverham.

Two brilliant evenings and many thanks to Jo who wrote and directed the production and to our intrepid performers who encountered the dangers of close combat battling the pirates, the perils of



synchronised underwater swimming and the expense of the vet's bill when Tom the Cat drove over his own tail with the mower! Also huge thanks to Lin, her catering team, and the bar staff who fed and watered the audience so well.

Holy Trinity Pancake Lunch

Shrove Tuesday – 4th March 2025

Cleeve Village Hall – 12 noon until 2pm

There is still time to book up to 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. come along for some great food, some good fun and lots of friendship.

All proceeds will be split between the Clevedon Foodbank and a Mothers' Union charity



Holy Trinity Lent Lunch

Tuesday 11th March In the Church Room – 12 noon until 2pm

A more refined lunch than the Pancake Lunch, but nonetheless just as delicious.

There will be soup, a cheese roll and a pudding - all for just £6, with the proceeds going to charity.

Tickets will need to be booked for the above events [to plan catering requirements] and are available from Lin on **838515** or Gill on **832917**

A date for your diary -

Sunday 23rd March – Café Church with a Children's Craft session making Mothering Sunday gifts Cleeve Village Hall – 10am

Come along to enjoy our normal Café Church Sunday with coffee, cakes and a chat PLUS children's crafts, – with all things provided to ensure the young ones will be taking home a super Mothering Sunday gift for their Mums for the following Sunday.

More details in next month's Messenger.

Yatton Music Society

Wyvern Afinado Guitar Orchestra with Graig Ogden at St Mary's Church, 7.30 pm, Saturday, March 1.



The Wyvern Afinado Guitar Orchestra (WAGO) was formed in 2020 as a group of amateur guitarists who enjoy playing the classical guitar together. A 'Wyvern' is the 2-legged dragon, a version of which is on the flag of Somerset. 'Afinado' is a Spanish word meaning 'in tune' or 'polished'.



WAGO presents the guitar in a range of formats including: solos, duets, quartets, and as a full WAGO ensemble. In the Gerald Garcia premiere composition, we showcase WAGO's use of a range of non-standard guitars including: a Requito (a 4th above a standard guitar tuning), a Quint/Alto (a 5th above standard), a Soprano (an octave above), and a Contrabass (an octave below). This mix of guitars offers a larger musical scale, colour, and provides a wider range of tonal possibilities.



WAGO are honoured to be joined and supported by Craig Ogden for this concert. Craig will play a solo repertoire, a guitar and flute duet with Nicola Russell, as a member of a WAGO quartet, and as part of the full guitar orchestra. Additionally, there will be a premiere performance of a new composition by Gerald Garcia for guitar orchestra entitled 'Westland Wyvern' (named after the famous Westland carrier-based strike aircraft of the 50s).

Guest musicians:

Craig Ogden

Described by BBC Music Magazine as 'A worthy successor to Julian Bream', the Australian born guitarist Craig Ogden is one of the most exciting artists of his generation. In 2004, he became the youngest instrumentalist to receive a Fellowship Award from the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester.

Nichola Russell

Nicola is currently co-principal flute in the Bath Symphony Orchestra and a member of the Baroque Ensemble 'Sonority 18 C' which is based in Wiltshire.



Tickets £12 non members £10 society members, students over 16 half price, children free. Unreserved seating but please respect Covid prevention advice -Tickets on the door.

Holy Trinity Cleaning Rota

June Richards	February 16th
Sarah Cush Nick Cush	March 2nd
Andrea Stoddart Lin Mortimer	March 16th

Yatton Local History Society

Tuesday March 4th 7 30pm Yatton Methodist Church

NHS70 : a talk on Bristol Healthcare over 70 years by Clive Burlton followed by short AGM and refreshments

Claverham news

Our monthly market at the village hall will be on **15th February** from 10am – 12noon. Come



along, meet your friends and browse the range of local crafts and stalls.

Ladies' Guild on **6th March** from 2 – 4pm. There will be tea and cake and we will have a speaker about the Nationwide Association of Blood Bikes – one of the charities that we are supporting this year.

Jean

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Facebook			facebook.com/Cleeve-and-Claverham-Messenger

Ron's Funnies -

When I told "wifey" I was looking at flights on the internet she got very excited! Which was odd as she's never shown an interest in darts before!

Reminiscing the other day I asked her "have I been the only one in your life?" "Certainly, she said "all the others were 8's and 9's.



"Just a head scratch today, Carl."

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

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.