THE TRIANGLE

THE REGULAR NEWSLETTER FOR THE VILLAGES OF COXLEY, GODNEY, HENTON AND WOOKEY

DECEMBER & JANUARY 2026-2027

A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS
Wednesday 9th December

We are delighted to invite you to our Christmas Special - A Victorian Christmas! Our guest speaker, Katherine Kear, will explore the food, music, decorations and foliage that have shaped our Christmas today.



We meet at Henton Village Hall (BA5 1PD). Doors open at 6.30 pm, and you can catch up with friends and enjoy a glass of wine with some festive food before the talk starts at 7.30 pm.

All are warmly welcome. Members free. Visitors/Guests: £5.

Further information: www.hentongardenclub.weebly.com

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Please save the dates for our community candlelit carol services.

- 6:30 pm on Wednesday 16th December at Henton Church
- 4 pm Sunday, 20th December at Wookey Church
- 6:30 pm Thursday, 24th December at Coxley Church.



Lots of carols plus the traditional mix of poems, reflections & bible readings, with candles and mulled juice / wine to follow. Half the money donated during these services, will go to a charity chosen by that church and the remainder to support the ongoing work of the churches. We look forward to welcoming you!

NATIVITY PLAY
Christmas Eve at 3pm in Coxley Church

Who is your favourite character in the Christmas nativity? On Christmas Eve, we will act out the Christmas Story, and we need lots of helpers. We can provide costumes, or you can come dressed and ready. Please join us for carols, laughter and hot chocolate.





THE NATIVITY WINDOW IN WOOKEY CHURCH

A recent survey of Wookey church found that repairs are urgently needed to this window. The Nativity window was installed in 1902 and is signed by Alfred O. Hemming.

We are very glad to have been awarded a grant to cover about half the cost of the conservation work for this and other windows.

Could you help preserve these beautiful windows with a financial donation? If so, please get in touch with Revd Jan (see details on page 8), or Wookey Church Treasurer Keith Abercomby (email: kabercromby@btinternet.com or phone: 01749 670725).

If you'd like to admire the windows, Wookey church is usually open between 10am and 3pm

GODNEY CAROLS AT GLASTONBURY WEDDING & EVENTS VENUE
Sunday 6th December at 3 pm



Glastonbury Wedding and Events Venue, in Godney BA5 1RX, is kindly hosting Godney's Carol Singing at 3 pm on Sunday 6th December. Enjoy singing lots of carols and hearing the Christmas Story in this beautiful, historic former church building.

HENTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB.
Wednesday 20th January 2027



Come and join us for a very informal 'Gardeners' Question Time'. Come armed with your thorny questions, your horticultural dilemmas and your perennial problems! Meet at Henton Village Hall, near Wells, at 7 pm for refreshments and a 7.30 kick-off. Visitors welcome, £5. We also have a very exciting programme of speakers lined up for 2027; you can find the full programme online: www.hentongardenclub.weebly.com

SACRED SPACE

Sacred Space - an hour of quiet to ponder Christ, Light of the World, who comes to us in these darkest days and waits for us to let him into our lives and transform us by his presence.

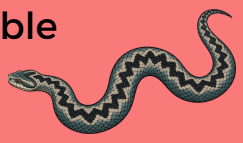


At 7:45 pm, we will lead prayers and reflect on angels and the messages they carried from God at first Christmas. Please join us at Christ Church, Henton, at any time between 7 and 8 pm on Thursday, 3rd, 10th, and 17th December

A TALK ON ADDERS BY JOHN DICKSON

The adder is Britain's only venomous snake, but also its fastest-declining reptile and the subject of considerable conservation concern, having recently seen its conservation status raised to vulnerable.

John's talk, which will take place in Christ Church, Henton, on Thursday, January 21st, 7 for 7.30 pm, will shed light on the ecology and life cycle of the species. It will review the threats facing adders and discuss measures being undertaken to prevent their extinction. Tickets at £10 are available from jennycrossley@mbzonline.net. There will be a cash/card bar, and all proceeds will go to the church revitalisation fund.



ENJOY SOME CHRISTMAS MAGIC WITH THE MENDIP MALE VOICE CHOIR



The Mendip Male Voice Choir will give a concert in Christ Church Henton, on December 5th, 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets, at £12.50, are available from Viv Chalk on email vivianchalk@icloud.com or on WhatsApp 07445808079 There will be a cash/card bar, and all proceeds will go to the Christ Church revitalisation fund. Come and enjoy some wonderful singing as we approach Christmas!

MEDITATION GROUP
Monday 7th December & Monday 4th January:

Join a friendly group for a time of meditation/silent prayer once a month at Buxton's Community Room (left of Buxton's Close), Vicarage Road, Wookey, BA5 1JW. Please arrive from 2pm, so that we can all be seated by 2:15pm. Contact Julie Moore at: stuart.moore3@btinternet.com

ADVENT ON WEDNESDAYS



On the Wednesdays in December, during 10 am Communion services in Wookey Church, we will be looking at artworks with Advent themes (2nd, 9th & 23rd December), These are stand-alone Advent sessions so please feel free to come along when you can.

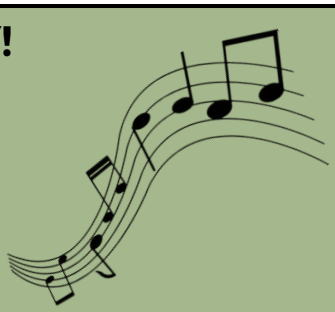
COXLEY COMMUNITY CAFÉ



Coxley Community Cafe will be open 2:30-4pm on Thursdays in December including 31st December, except on Christmas Eve, when instead it's the Nativity Play.

The Community Cafe is a welcoming, Warm Space, with free hot drinks and a chance to chat, or you can bring a book, a game or a craft activity with you to enjoy in the warmth. Coxley Café will be open every Thursday in January.

LIVE MUSIC AT THE SHEPPEY!



- 05/12 Cobalt Blue 19:30-22:30 American folk
- 12/12 Riki Buckingham 19:30-23:00 funky soul blues
- 19/12 Vertigo 20:00-22:00 Soul Funky Jazz
- 20/12 Newton's Toad 19:00-21:00 Gypsy Style Jazz

All free to attend

NEW YEAR'S EVE £15 - Swamp Stomp Swing Band 20:30 till late!

COVENANT SERVICE AT COXLEY CHURCH

Coxley Church is starting off 2027 with a covenant service at 10:30am on Sunday 3rd January. This is an opportunity to review priorities and commitments. Everyone is very welcome to come along to this thoughtful service where we'll be celebration Holy Communion.

TESSA MUNT SURGERY DATES

- Friday 4th December – Dinder Village Hall 19:30-20:30
- Saturday 5th December – Coffee #1, Wells 08:30-10:00
- Saturday 12th December – The Bluebird Café, Wedmore, 09:00-10:00

All surgeries are on first come, first-served basis. No appointment necessary.

WOOKEY LADIES WALK FOR BREAST CANCER



On Friday 30th October, Wookey Ladies did a village walk for Breast Cancer Now - Wear it Pink - and raised a fantastic £1,400. Many thanks to everyone who took part and to all those who sponsored us. Wookey Ladies meet for a coffee morning on the first Thursday of each month from 10:00 to 12:00. Everyone is welcome!

FEBRUARY AND MARCH EDITION

If you have any news, events, or information you would like included in the next edition of The Triangle, please send your articles to ameliestrick@gmail.com by the 5th of January. From everyone at The Triangle, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR LOCAL YMCA:

YMCA Brunel Group provides 174 safe beds a night to 16/25 year olds and adults, covering Bath, Bristol, Mendip and South Somerset.

They aim to give every person staying with them a small box of gifts; for many these will be the only presents they receive. Suitable items include: chocolate, biscuits, Christmas treats, smellies (including shower gel), shampoo, toothpaste, tooth-brushes, deodorant and socks, gloves, scarves, beanie hats. If you could help to provide some of these gifts (please do not wrap them!) drop them off at:

Henton – Carol Service - Wednesday 16th December
Coxley – All Together Communion – Sunday 20th December
Wookey – Carol Service - Sunday 20th December

MIDWEEK SERVICES IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Please see the list of services on the last page of The Triangle for the dates when Afternoon Prayer in Henton, Morning Prayer in Coxley and Midweek Holy Communion in Wookey will be taking place in December and January.

CANDLEMAS



When they took baby Jesus to the Temple, two faithful believers recognised him as the Son of God. At Candlemas, we remember Jesus as the Light of the World and remember how we are called to be lights in the world.

This year we are all gathering together at Wookey Church on Sunday 31st January and we hope that you can join us.

COME AND SEE THE DECORATIONS IN WOOKEY CHURCH

Everyone is invited to come and see the gift themed decorations inside Wookey Church, made by local individuals and groups. The Church is usually open between 10am and 3pm, and the decorations will hopefully be in place between Monday 30th November and Christmas Eve.



LOCAL VILLAGE LIFE THROUGH TIME



Hello Yarbletons. Are you looking for something to do during the long winter months? How about searching through photograph albums, in drawers or on your shelves for photographs, pictures, documents and artifacts which show your house, generations of your family, old businesses, farming tasks, village events and celebrations etc as we are planning to put together an exhibition showing life as it was, and is, in our local villages.

Information relating to the context, events, dates and names of folks and locality would be most helpful, and even if unknown, there is often someone who can put a name to a face. Items would need to be labelled for return, together with permission to copy documents if necessary.



This project would be interesting to both long-term residents and the newer members of our community looking for information about their homes. Our revitalised church has plenty of lovely space, so start looking now.

Don't send anything at this time, as we will share further plans in the New Year. Happy hunting!

CHRISTINGLE CELEBRATION AT WOOKEY CHURCH

3pm Sunday 13th December



Making a Christingle reminds us of God's love for us and is part of the joy of getting ready for Christmas.

Please join us in Wookey Church with activities for children, carols and hot drinks. (If you have gifts for those staying with the YMCA, we will be collecting those, other donations for The Children's Society.)

MIDNIGHT MASS

Our popular Midnight Mass focuses on Jesus' birth and the hope we have because God came to live as one of us.



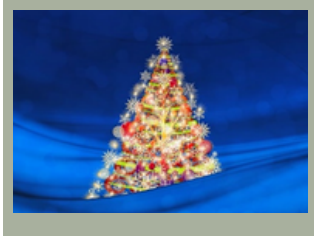
Join us at Wookey Church with the traditional Bible readings, carol singing, prayers and Holy Communion. We start at 11pm, so we are celebrating the birth of Jesus at midnight as Christmas Day begins.

CHRISTMAS DAY ALL AGE WORSHIP

Celebrate the birth of Jesus together, at Henton Church at 10:30am on Christmas Day for a lively Holy Communion Service with something for all-ages. Please wear your Christmas jumper (if you have one) and if there's a Christmas present that you can't be parted from, bring it along with you.



ALL TOGETHER COMMUNION



On Sunday 27th December, we're all going to Coxley Church for a Holy Communion service. There will be carols to sing and we continue to celebrate the birth of Jesus, with Holy Communion, prayers, Bible readings and a short talk.

THE THREE WISE MEN

The Christmas Story continues, with the visit of the wise ones to Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We remember the search for a new king and the unusual tributes. Come along and hear all about this at 10:30 in Henton Church on 17th January.



THE BENEFICE OF COXLEY WITH GODNEY, HENTON & WOOKEY

December Services

Sunday 6th	08:30 at Wookey	- Quiet Holy Communion
	09:00 at Henton Village Hall	- Sunday Breakfast
	10:30 at Coxley	- Holy Communion
	15:00 in Godney at Glastonbury Wedding & Event Venue	- Carol Service
	18:30 at Henton	- Evensong
Sunday 13th	09:00 at Henton	- Holy Communion
	15:00 at Wookey	- Christingle Celebration
	18:30 at Coxley	- Evensong
Wednesday 16th	18:30 at Henton	- Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 20th	10:30 at Coxley	- All Together Communion
	16:00 at Wookey	- Carols by Candlelight
Thursday 24th	15:00 at Coxley	- Nativity Play
	18:30 at Coxley	- Carols by Candlelight
	23:00 at Wookey	- Midnight Communion
Friday 25th	10:30 at Henton	- Christmas Day All Age Worship
Sunday 27th	10:30 at Coxley	- All Together Communion
EVENTS: Thursdays: 3rd- 17th	19:00 - 20:00 at Henton	- Sacred Space
Monday 14th Tuesday 8th & 22nd Wed. 2nd, 9th, 23rd Thurs 3rd-17th, 31st	16:30 at Henton	- Afternoon Prayer
	09:15 at Coxley	- Morning Prayer
	10:30 at Wookey	- Holy Communion
	14:30 - 16:00 at Coxley	- Coxley Community Cafe (Warm Space)

Extra parking for Coxley Church is available at Wells Reclamation car park.

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January Services

Sunday 3rd	08:30 at Wookey	- Quiet Holy Communion
	09:00 at Henton Village Hall	- Sunday Breakfast
	10:30 at Coxley	- Covenant Service with Holy Communion
	18:30 at Henton	- Evensong
Sunday 10th	09:00 at Henton	- Holy Communion
	10:30 at Wookey	- Morning Worship
	18:30 at Coxley	- Evensong
Sunday 17th	10:30 at Henton	- All Together Communion
Sunday 24th	08:00 at Henton	- BCP Holy Communion
	10:30 at Wookey	- Holy Communion
	10:30 at Coxley	- Sunday Brunch
Sunday 31st	10:30 at Wookey	- All Together Communion
Events: Thursday 21st:	19:00 at Henton	- Talk: Adders
Monday 4th & 18th Tuesday 12th & 26th Wednesdays Thursdays	16:30 at Henton	- Afternoon Prayer
	09:15 at Coxley	- Morning Prayer
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