THE KING'S STANLEY AND LEONARD STANLEY WITH SELSLEY MAGAZINE



December 2024 January 2025 **50p** for printed copy

CHURCH SERVICES for December 2024/ January 2025

Sunday 1st December		
11.15 am	Holy Communion	St George's, K/S
11.15 am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Selsley
Sunday 8th December		
8.30am	Holy Communion	St George's, K/S
9.30am	Holy Communion	St Swithun's, L/S
10.30am	Family Worship	All Saints, Selsley
Sunday 15th December		
8.30 am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Selsley
11.15 am	Holy Communion	St George's, K/S
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10pm	Christmas Eve Communion	St Swithun's, L/S
Christmas Day		
10am	Christmas Day Communion	St George's, K/S
Sunday 29th December		
9.30am	Team Service	St Cyr's, Stonehouse
Sunday 5th January		
11.15 am	Holy Communion	St George's, K/S
11.15 am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Selsley
Sunday 12th January		
8.30 am	Holy Communion	St George's, K/S
9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Swithun's, L/S
10.30 am	Family Worship	All Saints, Selsley
Sunday 19th January		
8.30 am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Selsley
11.15 am Sunday 26th January	Holy Communion	St George's, K/S
9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Swithun's, L/S
3 pm	Evensong	All Saints, Selsley
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Midweek Services

Tues 10 am Morning Prayer St George's, K/S Weds 10 am Holy Communion/Lay led St Swithun's, L/S



Our website www.stroudwaterchurches.org.uk includes lots of useful information about the Team, including our clergy, churches, contact details, enquiry forms for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, groups, calendar, blog and news.

Use The Stroudwater Team Facebook page for live services Monday – Friday at 9am and at 9pm. A reminder also that if you can't get to church, the 9.30 am service at St Cyr's on Sunday mornings is live streamed on their facebook page.

KING'S STANLEY BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES

The Church in the Village Hall Sundays 10.30am

Sunday 1st December Communion

Sunday 19th January

Sunday 26th January

Sunday 8th December Morning Worship **Rev John Taylor** Sunday 15th December All Age Worship **Rev David Sutcliffe** (Children's Service and Party) Sunday 22nd December Carol Service Rev David Sutcliffe Sunday 29th December Carols for All Leadership Team Communion **Rev David Sutcliffe** Sunday 5th January (Epiphany Party after service) Sunday 12th January Morning Worship **Rev David Sutcliffe**

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All Age Worship

Morning Worship

Rev David Sutcliffe

Rev David Sutcliffe

Rev Robert Draycott



FINDING HOPE AND LIGHT THIS CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

As the holiday season approaches, many houses and streets with be aglow with twinkling lights that brighten the winter nights. They are a good reminder of the themes of hope and light that resonate throughout this season.

Christmas is a season rich with hope. It reminds us of the birth of Jesus, who came to bring love, peace, and redemption to the world. The story of the Nativity is not just about a child born in humble surroundings; it's about the promise of a better future. In times of uncertainty, we can find comfort in this message, knowing that hope can emerge even in the darkest moments.

As I write this I give thanks for the many people in our community and church who extend hands to those who may feel lost or alone. Whether through volunteering, sharing meals, or simply offering a listening ear, we can all help ignite the flame of hope in the hearts of others.

Along with hope, the other theme of Christmas is light. Each light in a window, or on a tree serves as a reminder of the light Christ brings into our lives as well as the light we can bring into each other's lives. In the midst of winter's chill, these lights inspire joy and warmth, reminding us that even the smallest spark can illuminate the darkness.

This year, our churches will host several events to celebrate this theme of light using the them 'Follow the Star: Calm & Bright'. From events such as candlelit services to community carol singing, we invite everyone to join in sharing in the joy and togetherness that these gatherings encourage. Let's create a sea of lights—each one a beacon of hope that shines for all to see.

As we move from Christmas to New Year we can take time to reflect on our personal journeys and the collective path of our community. The New Year often brings with it a sense of renewal, a chance to set intentions, and a desire to embrace new beginnings. Let us carry the spirit of hope into the coming year, committing ourselves to be sources of light for one another.

In 2025, let's challenge ourselves to be more present, more compassionate, and more involved in the lives of those around us. Whether through acts of kindness, fostering relationships, or engaging in church and community activities, we can contribute to a brighter, more hopeful future for everyone.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with hope and light!

Rev Liz Palin Team Rector

I'm dreaming of a messy Christmas...

For many, Christmas can be a challenging time. For some, it will be the first Christmas without a special loved one. For some, the costs of gifts and treats will seem very high on top of the regular expenses of eating healthily and keeping warm through the winter. Others may find the season just too busy with too many events to attend, gifts to buy, cards to send and relatives to visit. It can indeed all seem a bit messy.

One of the many things I cherish about the story of the first Christmas is that it, too, was rather messy. Mary was expecting a child conceived out of wedlock. She and Joseph were forced by circumstances to travel to another town. Accommodation was in short supply and people had to make do. Jesus was born amongst the animals, and in the midst of ordinary people and messy, ordinary life. And then it got worse. The holy family became refugees, fleeing from the violence of Herod's militia. Into such a world, God came in Jesus.

This year, we'll be celebrating all this at our **Party Service** for village families. A what, I hear you ask? Well there'll be games, Christmas stories, carols and Christmas songs designed for all the family to share. It'll be a lot of fun with a serious heart to it all. It won't be as neat, tidy and hushed as church services sometimes are. In fact, there'll be games and sweets and carols and stories for everyone from nought to ninety (and beyond!) to enjoy. There may be some tidying up to do afterwards, but I have some lovely church members already lined up to do just that.

The party service is on **Sunday 15th December** in the **village hall** at **10:30am**. Everyone is warmly invited to join us.

And I hope and pray that all of us may find that the love of God comes among us, however messy our season might look. To be Christian, we don't have to be neat, tidy and perfect. We just need a little bit of faith in our rather wonderful God who came to live among us, messy as we may be.

Revd David Sutcliffe, Minister, King's Stanley Baptist Church



KING'S STANLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

EPIPHANY PARTY
SUNDAY 5th. JANUARY AT 12.15

We should love to see you if you would like to join us. For details please telephone 827439 or email grangecawstons@gmail.com



NEWS FROM ST. SWITHUN'S

Hello everyone, at the time of writing Advent is just two weeks away and marks the beginning of the Christian Year so we would like to wish you a Happy New Year! Just like a number of other faiths the Christian year has its own start-up date which is the first Sunday in Advent. The celebrations for this new year are low key as Advent is a sort of buffer zone when the church suggests the need to slow down and make time to consider the importance of Christmas,

make time for a little watching and waiting, and perhaps a bit of de-cluttering in heart and mind to make a space ready for the coming Christ Child.

But let's just look back as we leave the Season of Remembrance. We would like to thank Rev. Pat Freeth for leading the services for Remembrance Sunday. Thanks also to Dave Camm for once again reading names of the fallen, Jan for the sound system and bugle recordings at the war memorial and to those who laid wreaths on behalf of the Parish Council, the church and all who remembered.

Through the weeks leading to December 25th, we have planned a number of events in and around church and hope they might give opportunities to enjoy and explore familiar traditions and also make new and surprising connections with the Christmas story. Full details of these events are set out on other pages of the magazine.

The Soup Community Lunch has done well through the Autumn, and many thanks to all the people who have taken a turn with soup making and baking and all the jobs of setting up the tables and clearing up afterwards. We will do one more lunch in December, on Wednesday 4th, this is followed by Carols & Casserole on Monday 16th both are in church. We will then take a break until January. We are able to offer Carols & Casserole thanks to the support, once again, of LS Parish Council.

One more thing to mention. Our village cemetery is a well-loved place and recently a new bench was put there for everyone's use, in memory of a loved one. It was put securely on one of the concrete bases set in the grass and it has been very upsetting for the family to find on three occasions the fittings have been damaged and screws undone. The family are concerned that the bench has been targeted and it may lead to serious damage or theft so reluctantly they have removed the bench hoping in time to find some

different way of fixing it so that it can be replaced. Vandalism happens there now and then and is very difficult to prevent, please let us know if you see anyone causing damage. The cemetery is an important part of our village and needs the help of everyone to keep it in good order.

Just another thought, if you find the new year a bit downbeat and grey why not look forward to our next fundraising event. This will be a Race Night in the Village Hall on 15th February. It's a guaranteed winner! It will be exciting, colourful and packed with thrills and spills. What's not to like. Check out the poster in the magazine (page 35) and gallop along to purchase your ticket.

That's all for this year and we wish you Christmas Blessings Pat and Julia

ST SWITHUN'S ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

December 1st - 24th **Advent Windows** - The CofE theme this year is 'Follow the Star—Calm and Bright'. Thanks to Lily Fulton for organising the return of advent windows for the church this year. The first will be by St Swithun's church and the last will be in our own lowly stable (by the vending machine) .They will be around the church, The Street and a section of Bath Rd to Church Rd and will be posted on Love The Stanleys. Keep your eyes peeled and see if you can spot them all. The church has number 22.

December 10th Carols around the Brazier with Frampton Silver Band Starting at 7pm we will be singing outside the church at the Gypsy Lane gate. If it's wet or very cold we will be in church, where we will light candles and carol away indoors. Mince pies and Mulled wine will be served.

December 11th Christmas Cheer - 6pm See page 11

December 16th Carols and Casserole - a 12.30 start. See page 12

December 20th Carols by Candlelight - 7pm Carol Service with alternative readings/poems and items from our Cluster Choir. Refreshments afterwards.

December 24th Christmas Eve - Candlelit Holy Communion at 10.00pm

A warm welcome awaits you at all the above events



NEWS FROM ST GEORGE'S

November started with the "In Loving Memory" service at St. George's when 40 people joined us to remember loved ones and light a candle. The service was a quiet reflective time followed by tea and cake.

The following week was Remembrance Sunday when about 120 people met at the War Memorial for a service led by Revd. Richard Bryant and Revd. David Sutcliffe. The names of the fallen were read and tributes laid before the 2 minutes silence. A special

thank you to the bugle player.

On the 15th November a service of thanksgiving was held at St George's for Carole Deuten. The celebration of Carole's life started with a procession around the village consisting of a hearse pulled by two magnificent black horses with their black plumes, followed by about 40 family and friends. The family then accompanied Carole to Westerleigh Crematorium, before they returned for the service. The eulogies gave a most interesting insight of how Carole became known as "The Hedgehog Lady" when she started supporting and becoming a helper for "Help a Hedgehog Hospital". How she turned her home over to the care and support of injured and orphaned hoglets by first having them in cages in her kitchen where she could provide 24 hour care, then gradually extending facilities to a small garden shed, before turning her garage into a hedgehog hospital. and developing an overwintering facility for these fascinating creatures. A remarkable lady.

Looking forward to December we will be welcoming King's Stanley Playgroup to the church for their Christingle service on the 5th. Last year it was lovely to see these little people processing into church proudly carrying their lit Christingle and then singing a song.

On the 20th it will be the turn of King's Stanley Primary School to visit for their Carol service, a time of readings and carols.

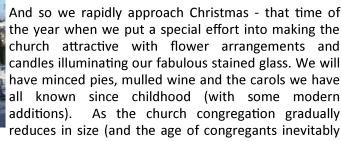
On the 22nd at 6pm it will be the Carols by Candlelight service, a time to join in with well known carols. Listen to the Christmas Story and enjoy the sound of the choir performing a selection of anthems.

You are all warmly invited to join us and share in the mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.

On Christmas Day we will be celebrating the birth of Jesus at 10am. We look forward to seeing you at any of the services.

With all good wishes for a Joyous Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. Carolyn and Sue.





increases) and in a tiny village such as Selsley with no school and so few children, we do our best to encourage families (including visiting grand parents) with their children to attend our services. The highlight for many will be the traditional "Christingle" service on Christmas Eve when children are given an orange each with a lit candle stuck in the top. As the service is at 3 pm, the outside light gradually fades, the children are encouraged to come to the crib and each place one of the main characters in this extraordinary story in their traditional positions around the humble crib. Timeless but nevertheless a fundamental part of our culture.

A few days before, at 3 pm on Sunday 22 December, instead of the usual 4th Sunday in the month Evensong, we will hold our annual village Carol Service. An experiment this year taking us away from the traditional mid evening time, to mid afternoon. We feel that this earlier timing might just encourage those who prefer not to leave home on a winter's night. All the candles around the church windows will be lit as usual and all the traditional carols and most of the traditional Lessons will be read out. We won't be able to compete with the 'Nine Lessons and Carols' from Kings College, Cambridge on BBC radio but you will be able to catch up that service later! So do come and persuade your friends and neighbours to do likewise!

At last month's Harvest Festival Service, I am pleased to report that we collected over £200 (instead of bringing foodstuffs to the church) which we were able to give to The Long Table in Brimscombe. In a letter of thanks, their Managing Director told us how much our gift was appreciated and that his organisation aims to support the idea that "everyone in our community should have access to great food and people to eat it with". Our donation will have funded 24 meals.

I suspect my PCC colleagues will want to continue our association with this very worthwhile enterprise.

Nigel Baldwin PCC Secretary



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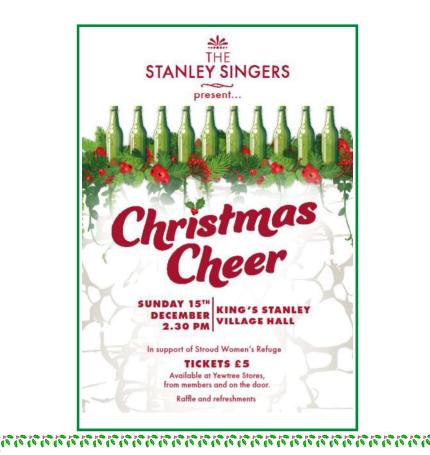
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CHRISTMAS CHEER

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St Swithun's Church, Leonard Stanley

on Wednesday December 11th at 6pm.

There will be mulled wine or fruit juice and mince pies on arrival and there will be a raffle at the interval. No entrance fee but donations to Church funds would be gratefully appreciated.



Carols & Casserole



St Swithun's Church

Monday December 16th 12.00 for 12.30

1 in 20 people suffer from loneliness all year round. We know that people are also struggling due to the current economic climate. These feelings of loneliness and stress are intensified during the festive season, and we want to do something within the villages to help! Once again, our hope is to bring people in the community together to share a meal this Christmas and our grateful thanks to Leonard Stanley Parish Council for a grant to support this community event.

Maybe you are on your own or maybe not however Carols and Casserole could be just what you need this Christmas. If you are feeling a little bit lonely and left out or the current economic climate is affecting you, why don't you come along. There is no charge for this event however if you would like to come and can, then just pay as you are able by leaving a donation on the day. A warm welcome, a delicious meal, conversation and some favourite carols with music are sure to give a good time. Last year's event was a great success and enjoyed by all. We have a team of volunteers just waiting to make you welcome

Getting there is not a problem as we have members of the team just waiting to chauffeur you to and from the afternoon if you are unable to make your own way. We can cater for most dietary requirements – we already have vegetarian and gluten free options

TO ALLOW FOR CATERING AND SEATING ARRANGEMENTS BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL. Last day for booking is Monday 9th December

If you would like further information or to book or know of anyone who may like to be invited, please contact

For Leonard Stanley: Julia Tel: 828372 or Pat Tel: 822996 email: julia@michalb.co.uk or For King's Stanley: Sue Page Tel: 826410



4:30pm King's Stanley Friday 20th December

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SELSLEY COMMUNITY GROUP MONTHLY WALK

Monday 13th January - Stanley Mill, Canal, St Cyr's Church Meet Kings Stanley Car Park for 10.15am start. Walk 2.5 hrs

Dog friendly, but some road walking, amount weather dependent

Any questions, please contact Bev Daniels - danielsunited@gmail.com



THE FRIENDSHIP GROUP

We had a full house of well over 50 people at November's meeting with two visitors who are also joining - may want some additional tables in the village hall at this rate but so gratifying to see how well people mix and enjoy their couple of hours. Our speaker was the popular Phil Collins and his friend Mike who gave a most amusing insight into a Dickensian Christmas, true facts but also great entertainment with audience participation. Some members were involved in a sketch which caused lots of laughs.

We had a Christmas Stall which raised approx £50 which will offset next years outing or Christmas lunch. and were also lucky to receive the gift of £200 from the Parish Council which helps so much with the cost of speakers, etc and we are very grateful for their donation.

On 9th December is the club's Christmas lunch at The George Frocester 12.30 for 1.0 pm. Wear a Christmas jumper and don't forget your Secret Santa and I am sure we will all have a good time. Happy Christmas to all our members - we wouldn't have such a great club without you!

Chris Phillips



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Monday 7.30—8.15pm	Intermediate/Advanced Class	Thursday 7.30-8.15pm	Intermediate/Advanced Class	
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Wednesday 7.30—8.15pm	Intermediate/Advanced Class			



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the crops are ruined and the villagers have no money to pay Baron Berkeley's taxes. When Mick the Miller rashly promises that his daughter Mary can turn straw into gold, the Baron kidnaps her, much to the horror of his virtuous son, Charles. With the help of his three doting Aunties, who happen to be Witches, Rumpy helps Mary with her impossible task, in return for an unspeakable reward.

You will also meet Baroness Beattie, struggling to keep the castle going with little in the way of resources, whilst dreaming of her long lost love, Will the Woodsman. Then there's Quads and Squats, the ever (*un*)reliable guards who get dragged into many an awkward situation.

And don't forget Handy Andy, the apprentice, always looking for a new job as he seems to be hopeless at most things. There are plenty of laughs with singing and dancing along the way towards a haunting show down in the evil Upside Down.

See the poster on the next page for more information



or www.ticketsource.co.uk/stanleyplayers

DIARY PAGES

MUSIC/DRAMA/FILM/ART			
Art Workshop	Thurs 9.30am (term time)	L/S Village Hall	Bailey Curtis 823375 baileycurtistextiles@gmail.com
Cotswold Area Music makers	Weds 7pm	Selsley Scout HQ	Karina & Kath Wyndow 750603
Film Club	3rd Sat 9.45am	L/S Village Hall	Chris Phillips 826510
Frome Valley Handbell Ringers	Tues 7.30pm	The Nursery, King's Stanley	Sue Page 826410
Stanley Players	Thurs 8pm	K/S Village Hall	Bill Parry 07774496913 Alan King 07594944245
Stanley Singers	Mon 7.30pm	Stonehouse Bethal Church	M.Donavan 759448
Stanley Strummers Ukelele Group	2nd & 4th Mon 2-4pm	K/S Village Hall	Tony Pritchard tonygoruy@live.co.uk
Stonehouse Singing Group	Tues 11am-12	St Joseph's Church Hall Stonehouse	Sophie on 07913 665587 sophie@sophiesterckx.co.uk
St Swithun's Bellringers	Thurs 7.30pm	Leonard Stanley Church	Richard Page 826410
Wycliffe Choral Society	Tues 7.30— 9.15pm Term time Sept-May	Wycliffe Preparatory School	Rosemary Robinson 297504



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Dance Fitness	М	Mon 9.30 -10.20 am				
Fitness Pilates	Fr	on 10.30 -11.30am i 9.20 -10.20am & 10.30—11.30am	IN/3 Village Hall			alisonholding@hotmail.com 07583633787 See page 23
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Stretch Pilates	W	eds 10.30-11.25an	n			
Short Mat Bow	ls 1s	t & 3rd Weds 7pm	n K/	s Village Hall		Martin Stockwell 762795
		Weds 9.30-12	L/:	S Scout Hut		Jim Morgan 822106
Slimming World	d _	Thurs 9.30am	K/	S Village Hall		Vicky Dunn 07973315324
Joe's Easy Tai Chi & Movement		Thurs 11.45am	K/	K/S Village Hall		07960753782 joe@passion4laughter.com
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Yoga	Tues 9.30—10.30am Fri 9.30—11.30am Weds 8—9.15pm			S Village Hall S School		Carol Maguire 791484 07814341092 See page 27
Yoga	Mo	Mon 5.30—6.30pm		S Village Hall		Amy West 07472191278
Yoga Flow	Мо	Mon 9.30—10.30am Tues 6-7pm		S Village Hall		Juanitazoe@hotmail.com
Chair Yoga	Tues	s 11.15—12.15am	L/S	S Village Hall		Juanitazoe@hotmail.com
Joy of Yoga		Thurs 10am	Se	Isley Scout Hut		Amanda 753635
Kishori Yoga		Fri 10am	Se	Isley Scout Hut		Elles 07815552952
AND MORE						
Five Valley's Training	Dog Mon, Weds & Fri 5-8.15pm		L/S	S Village Hall		Julie Cull 07487710767 See page 16
Patchwor	k Weds		K/:	S Village Hall		Jean Hunt 826044
Selsley Garde Club			Sels	sley Scout HQ	۲	Hilary Lambert 007765919472 Hilarydlambert@gmail.com
Stonehouse H	nehouse History 2nd Weds		Park	Junior School		Vicki Walker 826334
Stonehouse R Club			Т	The George Frocester		derekrogers@btinternet.com
Wine Circl	Wine Circle Last Weds		L/S	S Village Hall		Phil Bischler 828206

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE (all term time only)			
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Brownies	Tues 6pm	K/S Village Hall	Anita Nelmes 823115
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Selsley Beavers	Mon 6-7.15pm	Selsley Scout HQ	Cheryl Apps mamayga@hotmail.com
Selsley Cubs	Tues 6pm	Selsley Scout HQ	Andy Wasley 07813 886189
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Stroud News and Gloucestershire Advertiser - Friday 02 July 1897

STONEHOUSE. Mr Henry Baker, landlord of the Cross Hands Inn has placed at the convenience and pleasure (at a nominal charge) of the public a comfortable and tastefully arranged dancing ground, which was patronised by a select party of the village and neighbourhood on Thursday evening last. A quadrille band was engaged, and dancing was indulged in till nine o'clock. Quoits formed a pastime for those who preferred them to dancing. Similar entertainments will be continued, we believe, every Thursday evening during the summer months.

Stroud Journal - Saturday 16 June 1877



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FROM THE ARCHIVES continued

SELSLEY. Last week two entertainments of a musical and dramatic character were provided by Mr and Mrs Marling for the amusement of the inhabitants of Selsley village. The performances on both occasions were held in a large room over the Stanley Park coachhouses very well adapted for the purpose, and in which a capital stage with footlights, scenery, etc. had been constructed. The room, which is capable of accommodating nearly 200 persons, was fitted up with chairs and benches, the windows being tastefully decorated with plants and flowers from the conservatory. On Tuesday the audience, which was composed entirely of Mr Marling's tenants, took their places at a quarter to eight o'clock, and the evening's entertainment commenced with a musical performance. "God save the Prince of Wales" was sung by the choir', and this was followed by the production of an amusing farce, the various characters of which were undertaken by members and friends and Mr Marling's family. " Chiselling " was the name of the piece acted, which was originally produced in London at the Vaudeville Theatre. Throughout the piece the audience were continually provoked to hearty laughter by the jokes and fun with which it abounds. The plot is clever, and many of the situations most amusing and absurd, while the "get up" of the various actors were admirably chosen and some of them very ludicrous. The piece appeared to be thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by those for whose amusement it had been prepared, and the curtain fell amidst loud applause. A selection of vocal and instrumental music was next performed, in which Mr Real and Mr and Miss Holmes kindly lent their services. The evening's entertainment was then concluded by a few words from Mr Marling, in which he thanked the various performers, and expressed a hope that those for whom it had been impossible to find room on that occasion would be present at a similar entertainment to be given on the following Friday evening.

Stroud Journal - Saturday 23 January 1875

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GARDENING IN DECEMBER & JANUARY

Take heart, dear readers, for by the end of January, the Shortest Day and the darkest weeks will have passed, and we begin the long, slow climb towards Spring. Of course, we will have celebrated Christmas, and I trust, studied the seed catalogues, bearing in mind the successes and failures of the past season. With Christmas in mind, if you have a Christmas tree with few or no roots, treat it like a cut flower, standing it in a bucket of water, well propped up with stones, and the bucket disguised with wrapping paper. Try to site the tree as far away from fires and radiators as possible, and leave bringing it indoors to the last minute. If you still have berries on your holly trees, on a dry day, spray some of the more accessible ones with hairspray. The birds don't like that, and there will be some worth picking for the house. It will be well into February before it has worn off, and then the birds are welcome to them. You can spray cotoneaster berries as well, or any others you would like to preserve.

You can still plant tulips, in fact, some growers don't plant any of theirs until December, as there is less risk of disease. Alliums and Crown Imperials can go in now, as well.

Make a trench where you intend planting runner beans or sweet peas, and add half-rotted plant material, horse-manure off the road, and torn-up newspaper, and cover this in with top soil afterwards. All this can rot down before the planting-time comes, as the plants appreciate a nice, moist site to get their roots down into.

Now is a good time to prune grape-vines, when they are fully dormant, likewise apple and pear trees. Remember, hard-pruned trees grow well, but crop lightly, and lightly-pruned trees bear many fruits, but they may be small. Check up on what sort of pruning your tree needs, and do just some each year. Don't prune plum trees and the like, you may let in silver-leaf disease. Wait until spring or early summer. If you are planting new trees, beware of planting them too deeply; so many die for that reason. Get advice if you aren't sure about planting depth, but generally, use the soil mark on the trunk as a guide. Make the planting hole good and wide, and, a tip I learned recently, soak newspaper and line the hole with the thickness of a whole paper, sides and base, and plant the tree in that, filling in with good soil mixed with compost. Don't put lots of compost under the tree, because as it rots, it collapses letting the tree sink. Add the compost to the top layer. That way the tree won't want for water for a long

time. Don't use the Financial Times, on account of the dye.

When the ground is frozen, it can be a good time to gather pea-sticks, if you know of a good source. Tie them into bundles ready for use and tuck away into a corner. Also, you can barrow compost across frozen vegetable plots, but bear in mind that where you tip it out will remain frozen after the rest of the bed has unfrozen. If you have a favourite area for the earliest sowings, tip used compost from tubs and pots, and just rake it in — it will make a nice fine bed for seeds. If you have broad beans well-up, earth them up to support them in strong winds, and make sure there is no little funnel in the soil around each plant for water to collect in. Just firm them in gently.

Look after your garden birds during the cold months – some of them are so small, they need good fatty food to keep going, and if you have Mahonia, yellow jasmine and other winter flowering shrubs in bloom in your garden, look out for visiting bumble bees, they really depend on this source of nectar on mild days during the winter. Good Gardening until February – and the days begin to lengthen again. Gardening Club, 2 pm First Thursday, Scout H/Q, what better way to spend a Winter afternoon, listening to a good Talk.

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Hoping to collect and recycle more trees than ever this year, Longfield are aiming to raise more than £72,000, which could help fund over 1,300 hours of Hospice at Home care, wellbeing, bereavement and counselling services. This is a huge operation for Longfield and last year an army of volunteers collected as many as 3742 trees over four days from households throughout Gloucestershire.

The scheme is endorsed by Stroud District Council and Gloucester City Council (working with Ubico) is also supporting the scheme by providing two recycling sites.

To arrange collection of your tree, simply visit www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree and enter your postcode, where you can make a voluntary donation to your local community hospice. Bookings can be made from 15 November until 7th January 2025. All money raised helps to fund the hospice's vital work supporting patients, families and carers across Gloucestershire.

The fundraising team are also looking for volunteers, vans to collect Christmas trees, and tree chippers from Saturday 11th to Tuesday 14 January 2025. To volunteer either with your time or if you have a van or chipper, then please contact the events team on 01483 886868 — check this or email events@longfield.org.uk. www.longfield.org.uk

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Articles should be sent to the editors by email: stanselmag@btinternet.com , our deadline is usually the 21st. Please note that articles do not represent the opinions of the editors only that of the writer. Anonymous items will not be included. Art work and local photographs can also be sent. All are included at the discretion of the editors.

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Roy and Clare, Editors.

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JENNY JONES

Jenny Jones, retired Headteacher of King's Stanley Infant School passed away peacefully at home on Sunday 22nd September 2024.

Jenny was the Headteacher from 1982 to 2001. Being fully committed to her role as Headteacher, Jenny worked hard with kindness and understanding to support her staff, pupils and parents during her 19 years at the Infant School.

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Judy Evans





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can I turn if I find myself struggling?

The festive season can be a financially challenging time, and often borrowing money or using a credit card to fund Christmas can seem like your only option. But there are steps you can take to keep your spending under control and avoid falling into debt.

The first thing to do is make a budget and stick to it. Consider who you're buying gifts for, what other seasonal expenses you have, and how much you can realistically afford to spend. Always keep receipts, or ask for gift receipts, in case you overspend and need to return something. And remember that household bills may be higher during this period due to colder weather and spending more time indoors.

If you've built up debt, please don't ignore bills or letters. Speak to the organisation you owe money to, as they may let you pay smaller amounts.

Pay 'priority debts' first, like rent, mortgage arrears, council tax, and energy bills. For other types of debt like credit cards or loans, gather all the information on what you owe, create a budget, and contact your creditors to set up an affordable repayment plan. This might seem scary, but it's an important first step.

If your budget just doesn't add up and you need help to afford essentials like bills and food, see what cost of living support is available on the Citizens Advice website. It's especially important to check if you're eligible for the Winter Fuel Payment, which will now only be paid to those who receive Pension Credit or other means-tested benefits. If you make a claim for Pension Credit by 21 December, you might still receive the Winter Fuel Payment.

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