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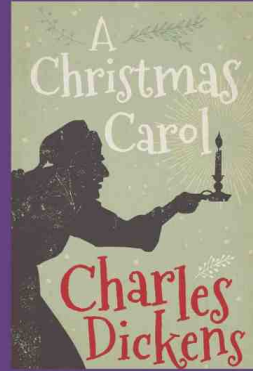
Host our Crib figures as they journey
around the village every night in
December on their way to the Crib Service
on Christmas Eve at 5 pm in the Church
Details 01288 341221

Bright Sparks Music and Drama Club will lead a Christmas Service

“ A Kinder Christmas ”

featuring shadow acting and a young people's play based on Dicken's A Christmas Carol

Join us for an uplifting, fun event led by local young people on Sunday 22nd December at 10.30 am at Week St Mary Chapel. Tea and coffee after.



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**A Very Happy Birthday on the 9th
Sue Booker**

**A Very Happy Birthday on the 20th
Lily-Mae West**

**A Very Happy 15th Birthday on the 21st
Nieve Booker**

**A Very Happy 15th Birthday on the 24th
Robert Gribble**

**A Very Happy 15th Birthday on the 24th
Pat Booker**

**A Very Happy Birthday on the 27th
Lila Rose Connor**

**A Very Happy 5th Birthday on the 29th
JANUARY 2025**

Ronnie Samuel Walpole

A Very Happy 6th Birthday on the 1st

Any Birthdays or Anniversaries always welcome.



WEEK ST MARY COMMUNITY SHOP & PO

The Management Committee would like to wish all our customers, volunteers and suppliers a very **HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**

A big thank you to all our loyal customers who have supported the shop throughout 2024.



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES

Monday 23 rd December	8.00am to 1.00pm and 3.00pm to 5.00pm (Christmas order collection)
Tuesday 24 th December	7.30am to 1.00pm (Christmas order collection. Please collect all orders no later than 12.30pm)
Christmas Day 25 th Dec	Closed - MERRY CHRISTMAS
Boxing Day 26 th Dec	Closed – ordered papers in Bunker
Friday 27 th December	9.00am to 1.00pm
Saturday 28 th December	8.00am to 1.00pm
Sunday 29 th December	10.00am to 12.00 midday
Monday 30 th December	9.00am to 1.00pm
Tuesday 31 st December	9.00am to 1.00pm
Wednesday 1 st January	10.00am to 12.00 midday HAPPY NEW YEAR
Thursday 2 nd January	Normal hours resume



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Week St Mary Bonaventures **Women's Institute - November Meeting**

At our open meeting in November our talk was given by Frances Stuart who is an Ambassador for Lundy. nb do NOT call it Lundy Island! Lundy is ancient Norse for Puffin and ey means Island (you will see that the name of many of the UK's islands ends in "ey") and it was given this name by marauding Vikings in the 9th century. It is 3 miles long and ½ mile wide and is 400 feet above sea level. It is made of granite and is a volcanic plug although there is one thin strip of rock at the southern end of the island which is called Lundyite and is unique. The difference in height between high and low tides there in the Bristol Channel is one of the greatest in the world. Historically the island was visited by Welsh saints and hermits and was a strategic base for pirates. In fact, in 1244 Henry III built a castle there after the downfall of the piratical Mariscos who had leased the island. The remains can still be visited. It was also a Royalist stronghold during the Civil War.

Travel to the island for residents, staying guests and visitors is by ship, MS Oldenburg, from either Bideford or Ilfracombe which takes under 2 hours. In the winter there is a helicopter service from Hartland Point for residents and staying guests which only takes 6 minutes. The ship is not only used for passengers it also transports food, drink, animals and their foodstuffs – in fact all the supplies that are needed – and returns with recycling and rubbish. Good news is that a jetty was built in 1998-99 – a much easier way to arrive and depart than previously!

The island was purchased in 1967 from the Harman family by the National Trust (who received the gift of the purchase price from Jack Hayward) and is leased to the Landmark Trust which owns all 23 buildings. There are 28 permanent

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residents who are all employed by the Landmark Trust/ Company. The Landmark Company is the commercial arm and feeds all its profits into the Trust. They also provide first responders, coastguards, first aid and fire service. The island boasts the oldest privately owned Post Office in the world and the stamps bear its own currency which is 1 puffin = 1 penny. The only hostelry is the Marisco Tavern which is open 24hrs for shelter. The first lighthouse was built in 1821 on the highest point in the island. Unfortunately, it was subject to fog (who'd have thought it?) so 2 new lighthouses had to be built in 1896: one at NW point and the other at SE point.

The wildlife is the main attraction for visitors. The island has been designated a Site of Scientific Interest but is still a working farm with a small herd of Highland cattle – which can cope with the weather! It has its own breed of ponies who are feral as well as Sika deer and Sohay sheep. In order to protect wildlife and nature it is important that correct numbers are held in order to maintain balance. Pygmy shrews are the only truly native species. Atlantic seals breed there in the autumn and did you know that seals can sleep whilst they are in the water? Lundy cabbage is unique and is food for a unique herd of goats.

The most famous residents are the puffins after which the island was named. Unfortunately, in 2001, the population was reduced to 5 because of an infestation of rats. These have been removed and the puffin population in 2023 was 1,800. The record for the number of sand eels held in a beak (as you see in many photographs) is 126! Puffins spend 7 months at sea during which they separate from their mate. However, they mate for life and always nest in the same spot from May to July. Like Manx sheer-waters, they burrow in the ground and have one egg per year.

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From her talk it is obvious that so much about Lundy is unique and that there is so much more to learn about it. A visit there must surely be put on to the “to do” list.

The date of the next meeting is
Thursday 5th December at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start
which will be held in the **Methodist School Room.**

For details of our next speaker see page 35



For more information about our WI,
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Lunch Club

Week St Mary Church Lunch Club will
meet again on **Wednesday**
December 18th at 12:00 noon



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Week St Mary Church



Christmas Eve Crib Service
with pop-up nativity and collection of
Gifts for Truro Women's Refuge &
cash collection for Salvation Army

5pm Christmas Eve

Nativity Parts/costumes at the Adventure Church
Party on 17th December 4.30 or bring your own
costume on the day
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Poppy Appeal 2024

An excellent return this year. The weather was very kind to me. Only the first Monday was rained off. The rest of the fortnight was dry and still and allowed me to make steady progress. For the first time in over 30 years I managed to complete our round a day early.

The money raised was as follows:

House to House Collection	£588.73
Gift Aided Donations	£100.00
Community Shop	£ 84.53
Chapel Collection	£183.00
Parish Council Wreath	£ 20.00



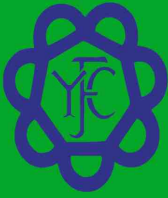
Total for 2024 £976.26

In addition to the above, a couple of donations were made by mobile phone using Week St Mary's Royal British Legion QR code. These donations, together with gift aid return from the Inland Revenue should tip Week St Mary's contribution to over a thousand pounds.

Thank-you to Len Davies for helping to open the boxes and count the money. Thank-you to our Community Shop for having a static collection box and a great thank-you to all who contributed. Thank-you to our Post Office, through whom I was able to bank all moneys collected. Now that the banks in Bude are closed, it would have meant a special trip to Launceston to do so.

Poppy Appeal Organiser Bob Booker





Stratton Young Farmers Club Carol Service

Wednesday 18 December
at Week St Mary Chapel
7.30pm

Please come and join Stratton
YFC for a short Carol Service,
with guest singers, followed by
soup and refreshments by the
Young Farmers.



Adventure Church



3rd December Week St Mary Adventure
Church

10th December Christingle at St Anne's Home

17th December Christmas Party & Nativity
casting at WSM Church

14th January 2025 resume regular meets

We welcome all children (preferably at least 4 years old) and at least one parent or carer per family at 4.30pm at WSM Church, where we have a story and adventurous or crafty activity (depending on the weather), a prayer and a shared meal - all for £1.50 per child.

Contact Lesley on **01288-341221** for details or join our Facebook Group *week st mary adventure church* for further details. We usually communicate through FB Messenger.

Week St Mary Church Events at Christmas

Week St Mary Church is very busy over the Christmas period - as you would expect.

We start with the Journey of the Crib Figures on 1st December when three groups of our church crib figures - Mary, Joseph and the Donkey, the Shepherds and the Kings each start on a journey around the village, staying at a different house each night and finally arriving at the church on Christmas Eve.

On 6th December is the annual Mulled Wine evening at Wentworth House - all are welcome and it has become a traditional and lovely way to start Christmas. Thanks to Dick and Victoria Sowerby for hosting this year, 7-9pm

On 10th December Adventure Church will be going to St Anne's Home to celebrate with a Christingle Service alongside the Residents.

On 11th December the Bell Ringer's will be having their Christmas Feast gathering strength to ring in a joyous Christmas and New Year.

On 17th December there will be a Christmas Party for children where we choose costumes for all those who want to take part in the Nativity on Christmas Eve. We'd love to include some adults this year, so do get in touch if you have ambitions to ACT! We also need a Baby Jesus as this year for the first time in 25 years, there is not a small baby in the village. So if you have visitors coming for Christmas with a below 6 months old baby - please let us know asap (01288 341221/ 341468)

On 18th December the Church Lunch Club will be having their Christmas meal (sorry - Invitation only for this occasion but new members are welcome around 3rd Wednesday of each month next year- details in the magazine)

And so on to the excitement of Christmas Eve! On this evening we
























have a Gift Service at 5pm where toys and women's essentials are collected for use by the Women's Refuge in Truro throughout the year. We tell the Christmas Story with an Instant Nativity and shortened carols. It is a glorious chaotic evening when the church is full and the Crib figures finally make their way to our lovely crib scene - brand new for this year. Our Christmas Service will be on Christmas Day at 10am. News of other services in the Benefice can be found in the Voices Together Magazine available in the church or from the Church Notice Board.

Rev David, the Week St Mary Church Leaders (Sue and Lesley) and Churchwardens (Linda and Lesley) thank everyone for their friendship and support over the last year and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

The Week St Mary Magazine Team
would like to wish all our readers near,
far and wide a
**VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS & A VERY
PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS NEW
YEAR**

PLEASE NOTE RECYCLING CHANGES

THE NORMAL FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR
RECYCLING & FOOD WASTE ON
FRIDAY 27TH DECEMBER
WILL BE COLLECTED ON
MONDAY 30TH DECEMBER
AS PER THE CORNWALL COUNCIL LEAFLET
AND WEB PAGE.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
December 2024						<i>1 All Age Worship 10:00 see p38 Advent Journey see p1</i>
<i>2 Meet & Eat see p39</i>	<i>3 WSMPG see p41 Adventure Church see p19 & 40 PC Meet see p31</i>	<i>4</i> NATIONAL COOKIE DAY	<i>5 Coffee Morning MSR 10:30 to 12:00 noon - WI Meet see p16 & 28</i> 	<i>6 Mulled Wine Evening see p5</i> 	<i>7 BINGO see p35</i> 	<i>8 Evening Prayer 18:00 see p38 Xmas Fair see p35 Xmas Lunch see p2</i>
<i>9 HMMC see p40</i> 	<i>10 WSMPG see p41 Adventure Church Christingle at St Anne's see p7</i>	<i>11</i>  	<i>12 Johnny Cowling see p36</i> CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY	<i>13</i> 	<i>14</i> 	<i>15 Holy Communion 11:15 see p38</i>
<i>16</i> 	<i>17 WSMPG see p41 Advent Church see p19 & 40 - Carols from the Van see p2</i>	<i>18 Lunch Club see p16 - Stratton Young Farmers Service see p19</i>	<i>19 Coffee Morning MSR 10:30 to 12:00 noon</i> 	<i>20 CAMEO see p41 Xmas Tree Fest see p35</i> 	<i>21 Xmas Tree Fest see p35 Father Christmas arrives see p35</i>	<i>22 Morning Prayer 10:00 see p38 - Xmas Tree Fest see p35 A Kinder Xmas see p2 Carols by Candlelight see 42</i>
<i>23 HMMC see p40</i>	<i>24 Crib Service 17:00 see p17 & 38</i> 	<i>25 Holy Communion 10:00 see p38</i> CHRISTMAS DAY	<i>26</i> BOXING DAY	<i>27 Recycle Note see p21</i>	<i>28</i> 	<i>29 Benefice Service 10:30 see p38 Café Church see p38</i>
<i>30</i> 	<i>31 Tamar R&R New Years Eve Party see p34</i> NEW YEARS EVE			Regular items appear as these symbols on the calendar - PH is Parish Hall, MSR is Methodist School Room, WSMPG is the Play Group, WSMWG is the Walking Group  COFFEE MORNING  MEETING  MOBILE LIBRARY  Recycling & Food Waste Day  Rubbish & Food Waste Day  Craft Group MSR		

**Week St. Mary Parish Council
held on Thursday, November 7th 2024**

1. **Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this – on matters on the agenda only)
2. One member of the public (MOP) spoke about the application PA24/07181. She said 12 objectors have submitted their disapproval at the plans. She questioned why the applicant wants to use their drive for access. Another MOP said there was already a problem in the area with water. He questioned how vehicles, especially bin collections and delivery drivers can access the area. He feared a large number of cars would be generated from the houses, if built. He said it is a blind turning, and raised concerns about what will happen to the rest of the field if planning permission is granted. He said there is also evidence of Sparrow Hawks, Buzzards and Gold Crests.

A MOP asked about the funding application from the football club towards to goalposts. He said the club is keen to get the new goal posts put in on the top pitch. He also addressed the council about the need to extend the lease on the pitch – this is needed if they are to apply for FA and Football Foundation grants.

2 To receive County Councillor Nicky Chopak’s report on matters arising

Cllr Chopak said there had been a vote of no confidence in the leader of Cornwall Council. Although this failed, it is hoped that it will be a wake-up call. Cllr Chopak said she sits on the Health and Adult Social Care Committee, and there have been lengthy discussions about putting fluoride in water. Cornwall Council will be writing to the Secretary of State, and there will be a public consultation to ask people if they would like fluoride in their water. Cllr Chopak has recently given £500 from her Community Chest to pay for toothbrushes, which some children do not have. Cllr Chopak said the new waste and recycling scheme has begun and there have been some issues. There will be a meeting on November 18 to discuss how Stratton Minor Injuries Unit will operate in the future.

3 To note councillors present

Cllrs Slade (chair); I Richardson (vice chair); S Gubbin; R Shipton; T Hamlyn; R Bolt; S Peters and L Stephens. Also in

attendance: Cllr Chopak; S Cleave, clerk, and seven members of the public.

- 4 To receive apologies for absence with reasons**
Cllr May.

- 5 To receive Declarations of Interest and approve Dispensations**
Cllr Peters – PA24/08539 and PA24/07696.



- 6 To approve the minutes of:**
Councillors approved an amendment that in the public participation section, it is stated that Cllr Hamlyn needs two days' notice to remove the posts.
With the amendment, councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Thursday, October 7, 2024.

- 7 To receive clerk's report on matters arising**
The clerk's report was noted.



- 8 Planning**
Any late applications received will be discussed under this section

- 8a. To discuss and make a consultee comment on application:**
PA24/06829 – Conversion of butchery and office to residential dwelling. Swannacott, Week St Mary.
Councillors raised no objection to the plans.

PA24/07181 – Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved for proposed residential development (up to five dwellings). Land east of The Coach House, Week Green, Week St Mary.

Councillors raised objection to the plans on the grounds of – narrow entrance; safety concerns around the entrance; not consistent with the intention around an AGLV designation; market housing and not starter homes; environmental impact (habitats); overdevelopment.

PA24/07340 – Conversion of integral garage and extension to

rear, and other alterations. Church View, Week St Mary.
Councillors raised no objection to the plans.

PA24/08039 – Works to trees in a Conservation area (TCA): to reduce the crown of T1 Oak tree by approximately 1m to maintain distance from property number 17. 14 Ashbury Grove, Week St Mary.

Councillors raised no objection to the plans.

PA24/07696 – Works to trees in a Conservation Area (TCA) T1 Ash tree – remove to ground level (ash dieback) and T2 Oak tree – reduce approximately 1 metre. 14 Ashbury Grove, Week St Mary.

Councillors raised no objection to the plans.

PA24/05722 – Change of use of land to form part of garden and construction of summerhouse. Lambley Park, Week St Mary.
Councillors raised no objection to the plans. They did stipulate that it cannot be used as separate residential accommodation, and can only be used with the leisure and recreational use in connection with the main property.

PA24/08195 – Extension to main dwelling house to provide ground floor accessible bedroom and bathroom. Higher Bakesdown Barn, Marhamchurch.

Councillors raised no objection to the plans.



8b. Decisions

The following decisions were noted:

PA24/05261 – Conversion of a stone barn into a single dwellinghouse with associated private amenity space and parking. To also include the demolition of an agricultural building and the construction of a bat house building. Marhayes, Marhamchurch.
APPROVED

PA24/07154 – Works to trees in a Conservation Area. Works include native cherry tree to be removed due to root damage to underground sewer pipe and lifting of patio stones. Box Tree House, Week St Mary.

Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps)



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8c. Planning - to note

The following appeal decision notice was noted: APP/D0840/W/24/3341312 – Appeal decision – Land at Causey, Week St Mary (application ref: PA23/01661 – construction of a new field entrance). The appeal was dismissed.

9. Portfolio Reports:

• **Playground**

No report.



• **Highways, Footpaths & Greens**

Cllr Slade noted that Brenda Crocker White had donated some more seeds. Many thanks to her. Cllr Hamlyn has also trimmed the Lambley Corner area.

Cllr Hamlyn said he has reported a number of pot holes, although county council funds are stretched. He has removed the centre posts for the football club and has re-written the lettering on the emergency sign inside the gate.

Cllr Slade said some people are querying the spraying in the village. The clerk will go back to Jamie to check the areas sprayed.

10 Correspondence including (all relevant emails forwarded):

The following correspondence was noted: Dates for gov.uk domain briefing; Invitation to the Cornwall Council budget briefing; street lighting initiative; Local Council Planning Training information; Cornwall Council Town and Parish Council newsletter; Cornwall Together newsletter.

11. Community Infrastructure Levy and Community Benefit Fund applications

None.



12. Agenda items

1. Street lighting initiative

Councillors noted information from Cornwall Council about the initiative to switch off the street lights. Cllr Slade said people have commented that it's dark.

2. South West Water

The clerk read a letter the council had received from South West Water in response to the follow-up complaint. Cllr Chopak said she had a meeting with SWW on October 10 at which they promise actions. She has also spoken with Ben Maguire, North Cornwall MP about it, and he will also follow up. A representative is to be invited to a parish council meeting.

3. Playing field

Cllr Slade said the parish council has taken over the cutting of the top of the playing field in line with the dividing fence, and the changing rooms. Also, the slip-way on the right-hand side and the bottom new area. The football club will continue to cut the bottom field, where their sheds are and where they park their cars. She urged that there be no grass tipping down there or in the ditches.

Cllr Slade said there had been damage done to part of the fence that goes between the two fields. Cllr Hamlyn repaired the damage at short notice, but this had to be carried out quickly.

Paddy Fay, chairman of the football club said there had been a break-in to the changing rooms, sometime from Saturday until late on Wednesday evening. There was possibly a window left open.

Cllr Slade urged councillors and members of the public to keep their eyes open for any damage sustained in the parish. The more money the parish council has got to spend on repairs, the less money that will be available to the parish.

Cllr Hamlyn commented on the initial reports from the playing field inspection. This picked up a couple of points with the ramp. The cost of materials to make this good would be £339.60 inc VAT plus a 10% discount.

Councillors agreed for Cllr Hamlyn to carry on with this work.

The clerk will forward on the email to the football club, as it contains a piece about a rotten fence post.

Mr Fay was asked for clarification on the posts. Cllr Slade reiterated that the goals must not be socketed, as the sockets cannot be left in the ground. The goals will be placed on the December agenda so that the parish council and football club are clear with what is happening.

4. Parsonage Green

Cllr Slade said that parking is a problem in the area, and recently it has been very busy. It has been an ongoing problem for years and is from the pub car park upwards, with vehicles solidly parked. She said there is a risk of the fire brigade or ambulance not being able to get through. The clerk and Cllr Chopak will go back to Oliver Jones at Highways to say that the current situation is not working and what can be done.

5. Christmas Tree Festival

The parish council is set to have a tree in the village Christmas tree festival at the parish hall. It was proposed that councillors would contribute to pay for any decorations needed.

6. Budget

Councillors agreed on a budget of £26,964.44, with the precept being set at £25,000. The parish council will reinstate the graveyard grants and community shop funding into the precept. Cllr Slade said she would be happy to look at grants to extend the path over the next few years.

13. **Accounts**

Balances October 23, 2024

- Current account £ 7,230.61
- Reserve account £21,716.95
- Community Benefit Fund £4,864.18



13a. To approve accounts for payment including:

Suzanne Cochrane – Salary October (inc HMRC PAYE and

NI) As per contract	
Cornwall Pension Fund (October)	
Suzanne Cochrane (mileage)	£ 43.20
Jamie Sachs – toilets	£ 120.00
Jamie Sachs – Greens	£ 150.00
Jamie Sachs – spraying	£500.00
EDF Energy – electricity toilets	£ 20.00
Cornwall Council – parish hall event (paid to council in error)	£ 22.00
London Hearts – new defibrillator	£750.00
Harley Friend – Back Lane	£136.00
WSM Community Shop – cleaning materials	£ 35.56
J D Retallick – playing field and roadside hedge trimming	£171.00
Royal British Legion – wreath	£20.00

13b To note income

Reserve account interest (Sept)	£ 27.16
CB Fund interest (Sept)	£ 5.98
Wayleave payments	£ 40.96
and	£ 8.19
Local Maintenance Partnership payment	£784.77

Councillors approved the payments and accounts.

14. Items for December 2024 meeting – Tuesday, December 3 at 7.30pm

Community benefit fund applications; hall; defibrillator.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Suzanne Cleave - 07853-298595 **wsmclerk@gmail.com**

Ruminations from the Rectory

In Victor Hugo's novel, "Les Misérables", Jean Valjean steals bread to feed his starving nephews and nieces. He is caught and sent to prison, serving 19 years after trying to escape. On his release, he is given a yellow passport, which marks him as an ex-convict making him unwelcome wherever he goes. When he steals some precious silverware from a Bishop who gave him hospitality, to his great surprise, the bishop, instead of accusing Valjean, covers for him, telling the police that he gave him the treasure as a gift.

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In a similar way, the gift God gave us at Christmas, His Son Jesus Christ, gives us life.

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So, as we approach the festive season, let's give thanks for the love God showed us in giving us his life-giving Son, and be inspired to offer life-giving generosity, not only to our friends and families, but also to the poor and vulnerable in our community.

Jesus said, I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10

Happy Christmas!

Revd David

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decorations, decoupage jars, personalised clothes, knitted
Christmas toys and other stalls.

Refreshments.

Christmas tree festival in Hall.

December 20, 21 and 22nd December, 1pm-5pm.

Father Christmas will be coming on

Saturday 21st December and there will be refreshments.

The Hall Committee would like to thank everyone who
donated gifts for Christmas hampers. Also thanks to the
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We wish everyone a

Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Hall Committee.

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I was impressed on the professionalism of the content of the missive, it was obviously put together using an AI system.

The speed of development in AI is also impressive as scammers have become very skilled at Deepfake presentations using your data profiles stolen from BT, Amazon, Google, Microsoft, Apple and many others (including Banks and financial institutions) but scam emails are common place these days and users are becoming complacent when receiving them and many are left on email servers.

Billions of scam emails are sent out every day and like telephone calls from loft insulation companies they are a nuisance, but they shouldn't be ignored or accepted as part of one of life's carbuncles. They should be deleted and cleared from your history files and caches, emails containing smart cookies can self-spawn and continue to monitor your activity without you knowing it.

The problem with AI is that it is not yet smart enough to discriminate between a truth and a lie, the person who could write such a program would become very rich indeed. So, for the time being AI remains a plaything and a scammers best friend. It can replicate a voice and facial features; it can be written to trick you into handing over cash and remember very personal facts about you and your family can be stolen for future scams, and believe me there will be plenty.

If you are asked to supply money to a loved one, ask them to relate a safe word, phrase or saying which you've previously arranged with them, the wrong answer will indicate a scammer.

As Christmas looms ever closer, your guard may be down and you could be easily duped in believing all kinds of stories or excuses, the scammers are well versed in hard luck, sob stories and get rich quick schemes so don't be fooled, you may truly regret giving, forgiving or being charitable.

Nonetheless, wishing you and your family a very safe, enjoyable Christmas and a prosperous New Year!



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Sun	15 th	10:30	Let's Meet, shared informal worship led by members.
Tue	17 th	18:30	Carols in the village (see separate advert for details)
Wed	18 th	19:30	Stratton Young Farmers Carol Service - all are welcome (see separate advert for details)
Sun	22 nd	10:30	Christmas Service led by Bright Sparks (see separate advert for details)
Sun	22 nd	18:30	Traditional Candlelit Carol Service
Sun	29 th	18:30	Cafe Church

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Services at St Mary's Church

December 2024

Sun	1 st	10:00	All Age Worship
Sun	8 th	18:00	Evening Prayer
Sun	15 th	11:15	Holy Communion
Sun	22 nd	10:00	Morning Prayer



Christmas Eve 17:00 Crib Service

Christmas Day 10:00 Holy Communion

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Forthcoming Events



Friday December 6th

Mulled Wine at Wentworth House see p5

Saturday December 7th

Christmas Bingo and Draw see p35

Sunday December 8th

Christmas Craft Fayre see p35

Thursday December 12th

Johnny Cowling Carols/Xmas Concert see p36

Friday – Sun December 20th, 21st & 22nd Christmas Tree festival with

Father Christmas see p35

Tue Dec 24th

Crib Service see 17 & 38



2025

Friday February 14th - Valentines Pop-Up Restaurant see p33

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