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With a fresh New Year in front of us, I always wonder what it has on offer; joys, sorrows, surprises? Who knows?

As I write this, the Climate Change Conference in Paris is coming to an end with high hopes of a global agreement being signed to come to effect by 2020. With floods and other climate catastrophes all over the world it seems we are so slow to react to what could end up being the elimination of the world, as we know it. One very small part of what we are talking about is our attitude to what we do in our own lives to keep carbon emissions to a minimum. The Wiltshire Core Strategy asks for the development of building sites so that residents can reach facilities in a **'sustainable'** manner. By sustainable we are talking non-car journeys.

Back in December we saw the Parish Council reject the proposed enlarged application for Blount's Court. Part of the argument was that there is difficulty in crossing the A4 by foot or bicycle. There were 50 plus objections to the development sent in with nearly half of the writers expressing worry about crossing the A4 by foot. It's heartening that this ever-present fear is now becoming more documented and discussed.

One thing for sure is that having a major road running through the middle of our **'Large Village'** can't help us travel in a sustainable way locally.

Who knows? We may yet be pleasantly surprised and an agreeable solution found.

All the best for the New Year!!

Ed

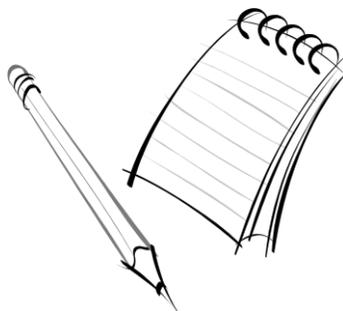
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In **1468** John Cricklade sold Studley Manor to his brother-in-law Edward Hungerford, whose title was disputed c**1470** by John Cricklade, (John Cricklade's uncle and feoffee¹), and in the earlier **16th** century by other descendants of Thomas Cricklade. Hungerford (will proved **1507**) retained the Manor. It descended with Great Durnford Manor in the direct line to Robert (d**1517**), Robert (will proved **1558**), Walter (d**1601**), John (d**1636**), Edward (d**1667**), Sir George (d**1712**), and Walter Hungerford (d**1754**). (Under Walter's will it passed to his nephew George Hungerford (dsp²**1764**), whose relict Elizabeth held Studley House and Norley Farm c60 acres, for life, and in turn to Walter's grandnephews Lumey Keate (dsp**1766**), who took the surname Hungerford, and John Luttrell. By **1770** the part of the Manor not held by Elizabeth Hungerford had passed, perhaps by sale or exchange, to George Walker (d by **1792**), the husband of Lumley's sister Henrietta Keate (d**1803**); George also took the surname Hungerford. On Henrietta's death that part of the Manor passed to her daughter Henrietta Hungerford (d**1820**), from **1807** the wife of John Crewe (Lord Crewe from **1829**, d**1835**).



In **1777** Luttrell sold Studley House and Norley Farm, and Elizabeth Hungerford surrendered her life interest, to William Petty, (Earl of Shelburne). The house and the farm descended to Lord Shelburne's son John, (Marquess of Lansdowne,) who sold them to Henrietta Hungerford in **1807**. (Henrietta's heir was her son Hungerford Crewe (Lord Crewe from **1835**), who in **1843** held c**175** acres at Studley and c**545** acres elsewhere in Calne parish.

Studley Manor passed from Lord Crewe (d**1893**) to his nephew Robert Milnes, Lord Houghton (from **1894** Robert Crewe-Milnes, created Earl of Crewe **1895**, then Marquess of Crewe **1911**, d**1945**), and from Robert to his great-grandson Raymond O'Neill, Lord O'Neill, who in **1996** owned c**475** acres in Calne Without parish including c**160** acres at Studley).

¹ Historical (*In feudal law*) - a person to whom a grant of freehold property is made.

² dsp – (Latin, decessit sine prole) – died without issue.

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Roger of Studley's manor house at Studley in **1240**, (Studley House north of Norley Lane) was probably on the same site as a manor house lived in by members of the Hungerford family in the **18th** century. It stood in a small park, and a formal garden and a canal, presumably ornamental, lay east of it. The house was replaced by a farmhouse, Studley House Farm, probably between **1773** and **1800**, which is still there.

All around you are clues and extant fragments of our long history on these Islands. It is part of who we are. Without it we are nothing.

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DERRY TOTS – DERRY HILL UNDER FIVES

It's been a busy start to the new year of Derry Tots. High from our success in the Summer Fayre wheel barrow competition we have been getting very creative at the craft table: painting, sticking and making. Our crafts have included wriggly snakes, autumnal hedgehogs, colourful fish and more recently beautiful Christmas decorations!



We have been on lots of visits - twice visiting Reverend Ann at the church. We took baskets of food to donate to the churches food drive at harvest and Reverend Ann read us a beautiful Christmas story recently and we all joined in with some carols.

We also enjoyed a fantastic trip to Whitehall garden where we all enjoyed ice skating and then warmed up with a hot drink afterwards.

There is so much more fun to be had in the New Year with more crafts, singing, stories and playing to be done. To find out more about us look us up on our Facebook page.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year from all of us at Derry Tots

Emily and Rachel (chairdhufs@gmail.com)

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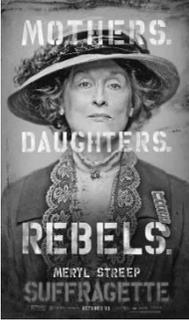
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For our Christmas outing we met at Bowood Hotel. We enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea and had a lovely afternoon. Thank you to Robyn for organising this for us.

Our **next meeting** will be on **Wednesday 6 January** at **2.30pm** in **Christ Church**. As well as looking back over the last year we will be planning our programme for **2016**.

Our theme for this year is A Celebration of Faith, **2016** marks **140** years of the Mothers Union so we will be looking to hold some special events.

Our next **New Start Coffee Morning** will be on **Friday 8 January** from **9am** when we look forward to welcoming parents/grandparents whose children are in their first year at school.

If you would like to know more about the Mothers Union or think you would enjoy coming to our meetings I would be pleased to talk to you.

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Wishing you a Very Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Deirdre



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Craft Club will be at Andrea's on **Tuesday 12 January at 7.30pm**. Do come – if only for a chat!

The **January lunch** on **Friday 22 January** will be at **Fay's Bistro in Calne at 12.30pm**. If you said you would come but subsequently find that you are unable to make it, then please let Sally know.

Our **Members' Meal** will be on **Wednesday 24 February**. As before, there will be a sub-committee to arrange things and everyone will be allocated a task. Everyone is looking forward to it.

We have registered for the '**Clean for the Queen**' campaign in **March** and expect to be tidying up the village! Look out Derry Hill!!

The **summer outing** to **Wilton House** will be on **Thursday 16 June**, so please put the date in your diary.

Our **next meeting** will be on **Wednesday 27 January** when Claire will be **Keeping us Fit** and the competition will be '**A Low Calorie Recipe**'. I expect we shall all be in desperate need of both after Christmas!!

If you are interested in coming to a meeting please phone Sally, on **817945**, or Tina, on **814145** or just pop in - we'd love to see you. Our meetings are held on the **fourth Wednesday** of every month at **The Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill**, starting at **7.30pm**. *Sheila*

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Sunday 3 January	11am	Holy Communion (CW)
	4pm	Explore @4 Together - Meditation
Sunday 10 January	11am	All Age Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday 17 January	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11am	Family Service
Sunday 24 January	11am	Holy Communion (CW)
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10 February 2016 – Ash Wednesday

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11:00am	Holy Communion (CW)
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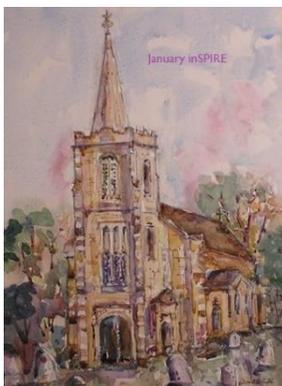
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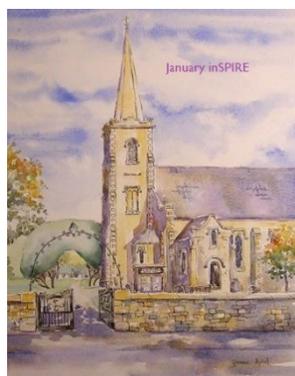
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Happy New Year!

After reaching the shortest day on **21 December** the days gradually get longer. I usually notice this just after Christmas, and for me, this is a reminder of the growing light in the world that follows Christ's entry into the world. The light that brings the promise of peace, joy and love from God the Father.

This year many of you will have been to Christ Church and seen the Peace Light from Bethlehem glowing in the dim light. The Peace Light arrived in mid-December having started its journey from the Eternal Flame in The Nativity Grotto in Bethlehem.



As we enter **2016** we look forward to the **30th** anniversary of this Austrian initiative which is now the centre of the light being distributed across Europe and to Canada and America.

The Christingles and individual candles for adults were lit from the flame in our Carol Services so that the flame could be extended into our homes. The light links all together who work for peace.

Mother Theresa said "*Peace begins with a smile*".

As we make our New Year resolutions maybe we can carry Mother Theresa's words in our hearts. Maybe too we could also vow to not complain, criticise or compare.

As Jimi Hendrix also said "*When the power of love overcomes the love of power then the world will know peace*".

Through our commitment to peaceful ways we can change the world. So, let's do it!

With love and best wishes for **2016**.

Ann



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Start to force Rhubarb. This encourages tender young stems. Clear away all dead foliage from the crown and cover the plant with an old dustbin or large pot. Cover the forcer with a pile of horse manure as this gives it a good start.

More next month. Let's hope we get some seasonal weather soon.

Happy gardening. *Stephen Starr* - Bowood Gardener.

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2015

What a great time we all had! There were even more stalls this year and more visitors than we dared hope for. A good amount of cash was raised for the upkeep of the church and we believe that stall holders did well. We were serenaded by the Rigbys and friends which gave a lovely atmosphere to the whole event, aided by mulled wine!

So thanks for all your support, whether you manned a stall, donated bottles or gifts or came along and spent your cash. It's much appreciated.

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- **Saturday 23th of January 2016 at 2pm and 7pm.**

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Please contact *Laura* on **07910 709303** or ljhill93@gmail.com to book your tickets.

THE RNLI FLAG DAY COLLECTION

On behalf of the **RNLI** I would like to thank the residents of Derry Hill for their generous support for the **RNLI** during the recent **2015** House to House Collections. A sum of **£200.06** was raised out of a total for the branch of **£5,256.40**.



Lifeboats

Our volunteer crews around our coastline go out in sometimes horrendous conditions to rescue those in distress and the **RNLI** rely entirely on voluntary donations and your support to help us to provide the best possible equipment for the crews to undertake their role. We are always in need of additional collectors so if anyone feels able to support us with our collections which are held annually around the end of September I would be delighted to hear from you on **01249 720686**.

Lance Workman.

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DISTRIBUTION HITCHES

A number of folk were quite late receiving their December copy of the magazine. Please accept our abject apologies. Hopefully our distribution performance will be better from now on.

Ed

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM REPORT

Overnight on 6/7th December at Yatesbury, lead flashing was stolen from the roof of a business premises.

On 5th December, the rear double glazed door was kicked in by Offender/s at a property in Spirthill to gain entry. They then conducted an untidy search of the house.



Speed Checks

We have conducted further speed checks in the Rural areas this month.

At East Tytherton, Quemerford and Cherhill

This resulted in three drivers being given words of advice for being slightly over the limit. Two Fixed penalty tickets were issued (and licences endorsed).

One driver was caught using his mobile phone at the wheel and issued with a hefty fine and licence endorsed.

Community Speedwatch volunteers continue their invaluable work with speeding issues through our villages, supporting us in the fight to keep speed down. Thank you to them all.

WPC 319 *Sonya Stockhill*

Community Beat Manager – Rural Calne NPT.

NEWS FROM KINGSTON HOUSE



As we recover from the lovely festive celebrations our minds turn towards future events. There's lots coming up, but especially, we intend to have a big Easter or pre-Easter Fayre. So keep checking our news please, to see when it is.

We hope to see you then if not before. Don't forget if you want to come in as a volunteer, chat to residents or employ one of your skills, which you think might be useful or entertaining, please do get in touch.

Linda. **01249 815555.**

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CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

(Derry Hill and Studley are a part of the Calne Without Parish).

The Council met on 7th December. A large number of residents attended to hear decisions on two planning applications.

Before this happened the council heard that the sinking roadway in Church Road was still being monitored by the Highways Department of Wiltshire Council, but the tree at the top of Lansdowne Crescent had now been pruned. The council discussed joining in with Calne Town Council with the speed warning signs initiative. This was agreed in principle.

Councillor Kate Morley discussed the Marden Farm new application and it was agreed that this should be opposed.

Turning to the Blount's Court second application, for **53** houses, the council heard from several residents of Studley; Messrs Robbins, Rees and Cleverley, who were unhappy because of traffic, ecology and environmental reasons. Mr Lawson spoke as the developer's consultant and pointed out what he considered to be the advantages of the site. On being questioned why the Bowood Trust was going forward with this application, despite saying they were working with the Neighbourhood Plan, he replied that there were compelling commercial reasons for the Trust to go ahead at this moment in time. Wiltshire Councillor, Christine Crisp outlined her thoughts on the application saying that the situation was unclear on whether or not a crossing over the **A4** was possible and whether any government inspector would allow the application on appeal. Although at the moment it appears that Derry Hill and Studley have met their Wiltshire Council Core Strategy building allocation, if the original Blount's Court (**28**) application is taken into account, the Inspector would also look at the wider North Wiltshire **5**-year supply, including the Chippenham and Calne area. If this fell short then the new Blount's Court application (**53**) may be allowed. The Parish Council were not swayed by this argument and voted to oppose the application.

The **next meeting** will be **1st February 7.30pm** in the **Lansdowne Hall**. (The Council does not normally meet in January).

Further information about how you may bring an issue to the council is now on the website www.calnewwithoutpc.org as are the official minutes once passed and other information.

These are my unofficial jottings from the meeting, which I hope you find informative. *Richard Aylen*, Parish Councillor



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350g (12oz)	Self-raising flour, sifted
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½ tspn	English mustard powder
50g (2oz)	Butter, soft
100g (4oz)	Mature cheddar cheese, grated
1 clove	Garlic, crushed
1 egg	Beaten
150ml (5froz)	Milk
Bunch of spring onions	washed & roughly chopped



Preheat oven to **220°C, 425F, GM 7**.

Mix flour, salt and mustard powder together. Rub in the butter until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Add most of the cheese (keep back a little for later), garlic, egg and milk and mix well.

Tip mixture onto a floured board and knead lightly. Roll out to a rectangle about **9x12** inches. Scatter the spring onions over the surface. Roll up like a Swiss roll, starting from the narrow edge. Cut slices about ½ inch thick and lay them flat on a baking tray. Sprinkle the remaining cheese over the top of the slices. Bake for about **15-20** minutes until golden. Remove from the oven and eat warm.

I've taken this recipe from a book I've had for years; in the book they use celery instead of the onion, but I'm not a massive celery fan so changed it to suit me. Feel free to do the same.

Happy Baking! *The Secret Chef*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – 4 MARCH 2016

In Christ Church at **7.30pm**. The Service comes from Cuba this year and the music within it reflects Cuban culture. At the heart of the service are issues surrounding children that the Cuban women would like to see addressed. Our prayers join with theirs as they seek change. There is acting and dressing up as part for this time together so please do come and take part in a very different style of worship from what you may be used to!

For more information: *Averil Davis* **01249 814411**



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DEFIBRILLATOR NEWS

Christmas Decorations at Studley Chapel

On the morning of Friday 11 December some of the ladies of the Methodist Chapel decorated the chapel ready for Christmas. There were several trees and a lot of lights and sparkle. They were cheered in their task by Linda playing carols on the organ as they worked. It all looked lovely at the end.

The photo shows Val, Pauline, Tina, Janet and Linda by the tree decorated with hearts to



celebrate the defibrillator outside the chapel. The next day, Saturday 12th, the community of Studley held a Christmas Coffee Morning in the chapel. Among other Christmas delights and crafts some of our defibrillator mugs, tee shirts and pens were on sale. Thank you to the chapel and the villagers of Studley for your generosity as usual.

It was a good start to the festivities.

Let there be light. Our venerable old phone box, next to the shop, has a light in the ceiling, with electricity still being supplied by BT, which helps people to access the defibrillator after dark. A few weeks ago the ancient fluorescent tubes gave out and the box was plunged into darkness. I am pleased to report that light is now restored. After a bit of scrabbling around we managed to obtain the right replacement tubes, insert them and eventually got them to shine out like a beacon! All in a day's work!

Please visit and 'like' us on our Facebook page at Derry Hill and Studley Heartbeat.

Emma Dadd 01249 817438 emmadadd@hotmail.co.uk

Paula Edwards 01249 816364 bryher3@talktalk.net

LENT 2016

No sooner do we come to the end of Christmas that we start preparing for Easter. **Ash Wednesday** is on **10 February** and we will have an evening service (**7.30pm**) in Christ Church. This begins **40** days of listening to God's call and what he may be calling us individually to do in the world. Part of our preparation is to deny ourselves the luxuries in life and to live simply. We will do this together once per week with a lunch of soup, bread and water. Donations will be given to a charity that will be chosen at the first lunch. Lunches will take place on **Saturdays** from **12.30pm – 1.30pm**. Do come along and enjoy the company of others as we travel through Lent together. **The Lent Lunch Saturdays are: 13th February, 20th, 27th, and in March 5th, 12th and 19th in Christ Church from 12.30pm – 1.30pm.**



If you would like to join in a **Lent Study Group** then please let Reverend Ann know on **01249 817926** or e-mail: ea.massey@btinternet.com. If sufficient people are interested, we will begin our meetings the week beginning **8 February 2016**.

WEDDING FAYRE – FEBRUARY 2016



Calling anyone who may like to be part of a **Wedding Fayre** in **Christ Church** on **Saturday 13 February**. The Fayre will run from **1.30pm** until **4.30pm**. It will be promoting a celebration of Christian marriage and a means by which couples who are still wondering where to get married can come and ask their questions without feeling they have to commit there and then to a church wedding.

We would like to extend an invitation to traders who would like to come along and display or demonstrate their wares? Traders please let us know very quickly if you would like to take part! **Reverend Ann: 01249 817926** or **Deirdre Lias: 01249 822157**.

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Warm & Safe Wiltshire can help to improve energy efficiency in the home which can reduce fuel bills. The service can also advise on possible benefit entitlement and available grants such as the **Warm Home Discount**. Insulation is one of the best ways of lowering your energy bills and a new grant offer means that if you are a homeowner or privately-renting tenant in Wiltshire with a suitable property you can have cavity wall insulation installed in your home, free of charge – helping to make your home warmer and cheaper to heat. Please contact the team if you would like any advice.

Call **0300 003475** or email warmandsafe@wiltshire.gov.uk

STUDLEY VILLAGERS

Studley Villagers held their second Christmas coffee and mince pie morning on 12 December. We decorated some of the Methodist Chapel's Christmas trees as part of the event. We now have a consistent group of Studley Dumplings (aka villagers) coming to our coffee mornings and many new friendships have been formed. Despite the season, there was a lot of serious discussions taking place this time regarding housing applications, wildlife and even sewage, but despite this every one enjoyed the occasion and we are looking forward to seeing lots of you again at the **Book Swap on 27 February**.

Many thanks to all who attended and helped out. We were again able, through donations, to make a contribution toward the running of the defibrillator. *Angie Cleverly*

THANK YOU!

Heartfelt thanks to Lord Lansdowne for providing such a magnificent tree for our Christmas celebrations in Christ Church.

And thanks particularly to the men who risked their lives putting it up and to the army of children supervised by Claire Satchell who did such an excellent job of decorating it.

Thanks too to everyone who decorated the church and made the Christingles and to Stephen and his team who provided refreshments for the many events that took place over the Christmas period.

Thank you to Carol Rigby and the choir who put so much effort into leading our Carol Singing and Christmas Music.

Finally, without the support of the Churchwardens and Deputy Churchwardens it would have been very difficult to achieve so much in such a short time.

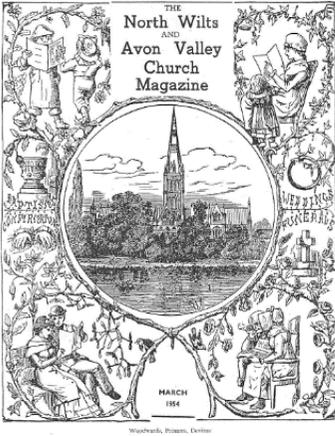
On a slightly different note, thank you to Stephen for organising our Christmas Raffle and to everyone who donated prizes and bought tickets.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Reverend Ann



ARTICLE FROM THE PAST



Hints for Women, Jan 1955

(We have now used all the old articles we found from the Derry Hill Vicar, so now we are moving on to the household hints page from the same church magazine)

Monday's Washing

Save your Linen. Mildew can be removed from linen with powdered starch, half the quantity of salt and a piece of lemon, with soft soap. Paint with brush both sides of the mildew. Leave on grass in the open air till the stain is gone.

Tuesday's Sewing

Button Sewing. Men's overall buttons often come off. Just take two pieces of elastic, three inches long and three-quarter-inch wide, double it, sew each piece where the buttons go, leaving the double end one inch above the top of the trousers. On this sew the button. As the wearer bends the elastic gives,

Wednesday's Nursing

Cake Stand. I find an old-fashioned cake stand with four shelves most useful for holding articles for immediate use, such as knitting, writing materials, etc. Having things within easy reach makes one feel less dependent on the family, however kind they may be,

Thursday's Cooking

Brandy Snaps are easy to roll if you use a clean clothes-peg. Place the snap between the lips of the peg and withdraw the snap.

Friday's Household

Moth Balls. When using the vacuum cleaner, especially in spring cleaning, crush up one or two moth balls and suck them into the cleaner bag. This stops the smell of dust and also prevents moths getting into the carpets. If preferred, talcum powder can be used sprinkled on the floor in small quantities before use.

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Floodlighting the Spire can be arranged through Dave Massey Tel. **01249 817926** or jd.massey@btinternet.com. A donation to the church for the cost of the lighting is welcome.

ALTAR GUILD

Flowers in Church: The Flower Guild are inviting flower sponsorship for the single pedestal in Christ Church, Derry Hill each week. If you would like to do this or sponsor part of a pedestal, in memory of a special occasion then, to find out more contact Claire Satchell, on **07968 091217** or email newleaffloristry@hotmail.co.uk

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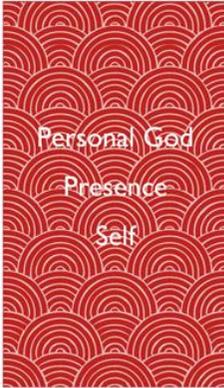
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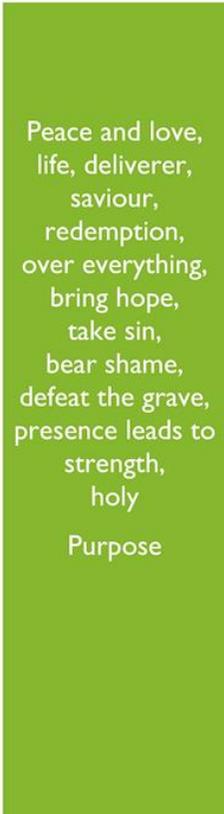
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