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The first day of the month is Ash Wednesday, which heralds in the six weeks of Lent, and ends on April 13th; the 14th April being Good Friday. Lent is a traditional time in the Christian faith to be reflective and prepare for the coming of Easter. To remind themselves of this important time Christians often give up food luxuries or sometimes fast. If nothing else it will help us slim and relish the things we gave up during this time once it's over! But I do hope we don't miss the deeper side of this time.

By the way 'Lent' comes from the Old English 'lencten' meaning 'Spring'.

Ed



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The short cut, rather narrow lane, between Sandy Lane and the **A3102** will be closed for road works from about **6th March** for **2 days**.

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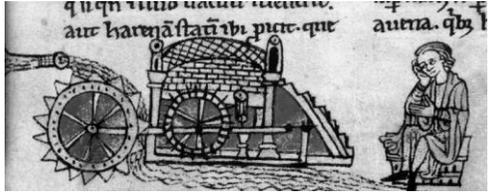
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a hive of activity. There were three mills spoken of in the Domesday Book in our own area. One was probably at Stanley, another just down the hill at the Marden, which is now a house where the weir/sluice gates stand nearby. The location of the third is not known. It is likely that the Abbey either directly controlled – or at least had a major share- in the trade of milling and fulling along the River Marden. In **1275** it is recorded that the Abbey exported forty sacks of wool a year to Italy.

The local cloth industry, centred on Calne, was in full swing by the early thirteen century. But in times past there had been fourteen mills on the River Marden, most of them at some stage in their history connected to the significant local broad-cloth trade, although when the trade waned they were converted to corn milling and other uses. The Chivers family of Quemerford were the most important clothiers and around the year **1570** cloths produced by Henry Chivers were sold to the merchants of Hamburg in Germany. St Mary's parish church was built by the generous donations of rich clothiers and wool merchants in the 15th century.

In **1620** and **1647** weavers in Calne were said to be in distress because of lack of work, but the industry was still strong in **1640** - enough for Calne to be named with Salisbury and three other Wiltshire towns in a proposal for corporations to oversee cloth making. Serge was also made at Calne in the 17th century.

Hazeland Mill, down the hill towards us from Bremhill, was recorded as a grist and tucking mill in **1534**. As for the Abbey building itself, it had its own fulling mill built on the river in **1189** (regarded as the earliest recorded fulling mill) with a mill race and fish ponds- the overall extent of the Abbey buildings and enclosure amounting to some **24** acres, surrounded by dykes and causeways.

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There was a fulling mill still in operation at Studley in **1602**. And by the middle of the 17th century New Mill replaced Hassell's Mill on the river Marden. This was converted to a corn mill in **1728** and continued working until the mid-20th century, when it was demolished in **1962**.

Along the River Marden now outside of Calne all is quiet and there is no sign of the once bustling use of water, which drove the local economy from before **1086**, right through to at least the Dissolution of the Abbey under Henry VIII. Hazeland is the last mill building remaining.

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THE LANSDOWNE HALL

Thursday 27th April 2017

Notice is hereby given of the forthcoming:

Annual General Meetings
of the **Derry Hill and Studley Village Hall Trust**
and the **Lansdowne Hall Management Committee**

which will be held

Thursday 27th April 2017
commencing at **8.15 pm**.



Light refreshments will be served after the meetings.

All who are interested in the Hall's wellbeing are invited to attend these meetings which will be in the New Meeting Room and hopefully be one of the first functions to be held in the extended room.

Residents would have noticed the building work being undertaken at the Hall and if further information is required about this or the Hall in general please contact:

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CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

(Derry Hill and Studley are in this Parish)

The Parish Council met on Monday 6th February. The council heard that the three new dog bins for Derry Hill had been ordered and would be installed by councillors as soon as possible. Councillors discussed applications for the Sun Edison grants, one of which was additional funding for the Lansdowne Hall extension. As this was a late application, a decision will not be made until the next funding round in April.



The draft Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan was discussed and its approval for submission for scrutiny by Wiltshire Council. Councillors felt that this approval for submission could not happen until they had sight of the alterations made as a result of the public consultation.

Councillor Cook outlined the Chippenham Friday morning rush hour High Street closure. This closure had caused significant hold ups on Avenue La Fleche and feeder roads, with probable knock on effects to surrounding rural roads as a result of motorists trying to avoid the jam. The councillors agreed to write to Chippenham Council to ask them to undertake a thorough measurement process to find out what was happening.

The Council agreed to go ahead with Calne Town Council, Wiltshire Council and use transport consultants Atkins to formulate a Transport Strategy for the area.

The next meeting is on **March 6th 7.30pm** in the **Lansdowne Hall**.

The website www.calnewithoutpc.org contains the official minutes, once passed, and other information.

Richard Ayles, Parish Councillor.



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Meditation is very simple and open to all. There are no “experts” in meditation. Some people come on a regular basis and some come occasionally. Everybody is welcome.

We continue to meet weekly in the church where there is heating. However, we like to make a small donation towards the cost of the heating, so **50p** to **£1** is suggested as a guide from those that are willing to give a donation.

Do come along and feel the benefit of a quiet still place amidst the business of life. *Janet Robbins* - **01249 814845**

GARDENING STEVE

March is the time when the garden starts to come to life, the spring bulbs start to bloom and the buds on the trees are beginning to swell up. This is a good time of the year to mulch the borders with well-rotted horse manure, garden compost, leaf mould or chipped bark. But first weed and tidy soil before mulching. Cover the soil with a thick layer of mulch, this will cut down the weeds and reduces the need to water in the summer.

Towards the end of March you can start mowing the lawns for the first cut. Set the blades to the highest setting, after this you gradually reduce the height. After the first cut give the lawn a good feed and weed control.

You can now prune both bush and shrub roses. When pruning roses its best to build a healthy framework of shoots that will produce a good display of flowers. Cuts must be clean so it's best to use a strong sharp pair of secateurs. Always clean off all the old leaves around the base as this will help control Blackspot.

In the vegetable garden you can now start preparing seedbeds and planting the first crop of potatoes and onion sets.

Enjoy your gardening, more news next month.

Stephen Starr Bowood Gardener

KINGSTON HOUSE

We had a brilliant **Valentine's Bingo** night in February, just before Valentine's Day. **£424** was raised for the mini-bus appeal which is now up to **£16,000**, so we are in sight of our target of **£21,000!**

Easter Fayre. Sunday April 9th 2.30pm we are having an Easter Fayre, do come along and join in the fun. All the usual stalls will be there; the bottle stall, bric-a-brac, tombola not to mention Easter Baskets with little chicks in! Refreshments will be served! If you have any suitable items for the bric-a-brac please drop into Kingston House with them from now on. Also can I put out a plea for knitting wool? Any spare quantities would be most welcome.

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The bar area is at the front of the pub, as you walk in and is tastefully set out with wooden floors and tables. The beers are supplied by Wadworth's and include 6X and IPA. The marvellous Swordfish was also on offer when I visited. There is a nicely balanced wine menu including a Brown Brother Orange Muscat.

I popped in for lunch last month and found a welcoming log fire in the front bar along with attentive staff. Well-behaved dogs, by the way are welcome. Looking at Trip Advisor and the meal I had, I can tell you the food is of a high standard and the service is excellent.

I tried the scallops Gruyere as a starter, which was an excellent combination. I followed that up with a beautifully baked whole plaice (with caper and butter sauce) served with freshly prepared seasonal vegetables and new potatoes. There are many interesting puddings too! I chose the chocolate and hazelnut fudge fondant served with Baileys ice cream, it was very more-ish! The imaginative menus can be found on line.

All in all this is a great place to visit whether you are going there for a drink, a sumptuous meal or a snack from the bar menu.

Starting this month, **every Wednesday night, 6pm to 9pm**, there is **£10 discount** if **two steaks** are ordered. In addition, Helen offers a **Tuesday lunchtime** special of **two courses** for **£10** from the specials board. But here's the real clincher! **If you bring this page with you and can prove you're from Derry Hill or Studley, you will be given 10% off all food!** (excludes Steak night special and Tuesday lunch special). *Ed*

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MARCH 2017 IN CHRIST CHURCH

1 March 2017

7.30pm Ash Wednesday – Imposition of Ashes

5 March 2017

11:00am Holy Communion (CW)

12 March 2017

11:00am Holy Communion All Age (CW)

19 March 2017

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11:00am Family Service

26 March 2017

11:00am **Mothering Sunday** Family Service

STUDLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Services for March 2017

5 March	10.30am	Rev G Floyd
12 March	10.30am	Mrs M Boyd
19 March	10.30am	Rev D Miller
26 March	10.30am	Mr E Clifford



World Day of Prayer

3 March - 7.30pm

We are looking forward to joining with our friends at Christ Church (the Parish Church) for the annual World Day of Prayer Service. This year it has been written by the women of the Philippines and promises to be a colourful service full of music and song.

Join us if you can.

Daffodil Day

6 March - 8.45am

Arrangements have now been made for a coach to leave Chippenham at 8.45am to travel to Central Hall Westminster and everyone is looking forward to a good day out.

Prayer, Poetry and Prose

Monday 13 March - 2.30pm

This month we will be meeting on Monday 13 March at the Methodist Community Hall at 2.30pm. If you would like to share some of your favourite poems and/or short stories, then do please feel free to come along. We look forward to seeing you there: homemade cake and tea awaits!

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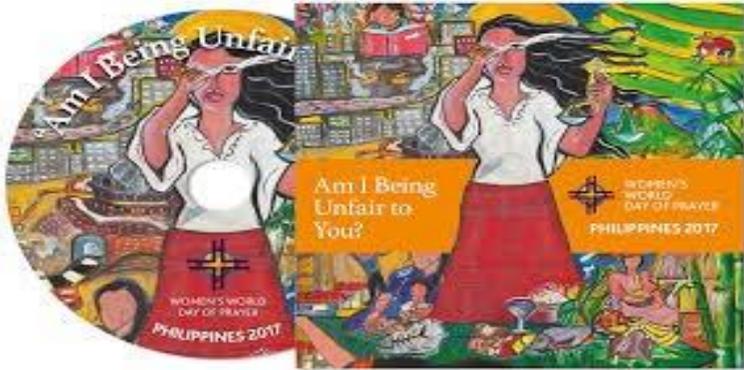
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Hope to see you there.

Averil Davis.

Who Cares?

Talks for Lent with conversation and coffee

Tuesday 7 March	<i>Who matters in our society?</i> Rev Mia Hilborn—Chaplain Guy's & St Thomas'
Tuesday 14 March	<i>Food & Faith</i> Rev David Osborne—Iona Community
Tuesday 21 March	<i>Our Response to the Refugee Crisis</i> Dr Tim Davy—Redcliffe College
Tuesday 28 March	<i>Human Trafficking, Lent and Me</i> Anna Townsend—Women Without Roofs
Tuesday 4 April	<i>Caring for Creation</i> Rt Rev Nicholas Holtam—Bishop of Salisbury

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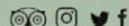
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2 April 2017

11:00am Holy Communion (CW)

9 April 2017

11:00am **Palm Sunday with Francis the donkey! Begin at Kingston House at 10.50am.**

6:00pm Evensong with Holy Communion at Bowood

16 April 2017

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11:00am **Easter Day Family Communion with Egg Hunt!!**

23 April 2017

11:00am Holy Communion (CW)

30 April 2017

11:00am **Service at Foxham. None at Christ Church!**

REVEREND ANN'S RETIRING!

Dave and I have decided to go home to North Newton!! You may know already!

I am retiring from stipendiary ministry and hoping to spend at least the next four years enjoying life with Dave.

You may know that Dave's prognosis is not good after his cardiac scare last summer and that a few months ago he was told that he may have 5 years before his renal problems become very life-style limiting.

As you may know ministry is very time consuming and it is difficult to balance family time with that required in the parishes. I have, after quite some deliberation, decided the time has come to put family first. They have sacrificed a great deal for me over the last six and a half years.

I thank all of you who have supported my ministry here and for your love and support in doing the Lord's work across all three parishes.

So that you know that there is an end date, I have agreed Sunday the 25th June as my last day for taking services and will move from the village on 10th July.

With love to all

Ann



Derry Tots

Derry Tots is your friendly local Under Fives Playgroup. We meet every Wednesday morning during term time at the Lansdowne Hall in Derry Hill.

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DERRY HILL AND DISTRICT WI

Owing to the indisposition of the scheduled speaker for the 25th January meeting, the ladies were pleased to welcome back Maura Rossini for a refreshing “**Walk in the world of Italian Style – Part 2**”. Maura showed puffer jackets, which she said, have remained popular since **1951**! She demonstrated novel complementary use of scarves. Her supporting visuals were noteworthy given the very short notice Maura had for preparation.



Official business included consultation of members regarding future outings including a possible coach trip to Blenheim Palace. A conducted group visit to Devizes Museum is also planned.

The scheduled topic for the **22nd March** meeting is “**Sir Thomas Lawrence, a Local Artist**” – a talk by Alan Padwick.

Meetings take place generally at **7:30pm** on the **last Wednesday** evening of **each month** at the **Lansdowne Hall**. Potential members are welcome to freely sample a couple of meetings before deciding whether to join. If you are interested in coming to a meeting, please phone Sheila on **814538**, or Janet, on **814152**, or just pop in - we'd love to see you.

Terry

CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

Notice of Annual Parish Council Meeting
Monday 6th March 2017, 7.30pm Lansdowne Hall,
Petty Lane, Derry Hill.

Members of the public are invited to attend and may address the meeting on any matter relevant to the Parish Council.
G Turner Parish Clerk. 7th February 2017

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A VERY SPECIAL BOOK REVIEW

Fragile Lives by Professor Stephen Westaby

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Ann was told to **“say goodbye”** and I underwent emergency heart surgery by the author of this book.

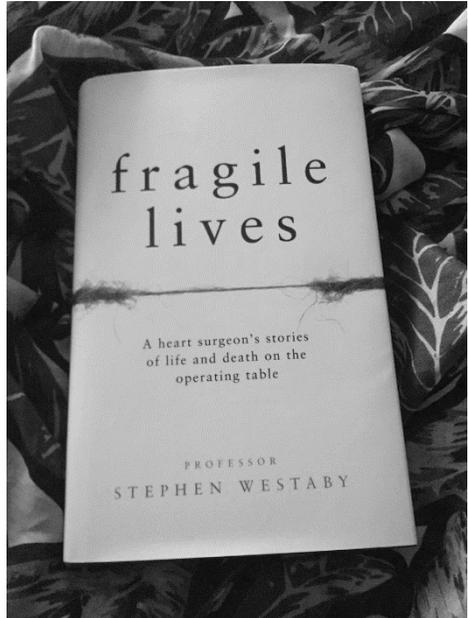
I survived, recovered, and returned to work for the next seven years,

Inevitably though, the damage wrought to my heart muscle had an effect.

In **2001** and then again in **2014** I underwent further open heart surgery by Steve Westaby to try to counteract the damage; the last operation being an eight-hour marathon. And I'm still here!

Fragile Lives is Professor Stephen Westaby's memoir. It pulls no punches and in parts it is extremely moving and shocking.

Since its launch on **9 February 2017**, deservedly it has reached number two in the Sunday Times bestsellers' list.

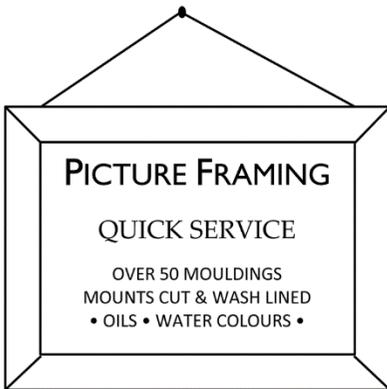


I cannot recommend this book strongly enough.

And I don't understand why Steve has not yet received an honour.

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FLOODLIGHTING THE SPIRE

This is a lovely thing to do to remember loved ones and to celebrate special anniversaries and birthdays. The Spire is currently lit between 7pm and midnight, though this varies with the time of year.

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 newleaf floristry@hotmail.co.uk

MOTHER'S UNION



Members met in Christ Church for the February meeting. The meeting opened with readings and prayers from Deirdre.

Robyn gave the treasurer's report and it was decided to use some funds to buy more chairs and an extra table for the children's corner.

Preparations for the 'Love and Marriage' service on 12 February were discussed and MU members agreed to arrange refreshments and floral decorations.

The speaker was Collette, she told us of her experiences when she attended a MU Volunteers' Day and took us out of our comfort zone by persuading members to act out a scene from a pantomime! Despite initial reservations all had much fun. This went to show that it only takes a little courage and effort to do something we are not comfortable with, and that we could put this effort into volunteering to help someone.

The Wave of Prayer was on Mon February 6th at 10.50am, this was a short session of prayer and readings that was part of a continuous wave of prayer across the country. The next **New Start** coffee morning is on **February 24th at 9am**.

During teatime we discussed modern trends in the Marriage Service, and it was interesting to see how the basic set service has being added to so that it becomes more meaningful to the couple being married.

Our next meeting is on **March 1st at 2pm** when the speaker will be from **Fair Trade**.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings held on the **first Wednesday of each month at 2.30pm**. If you would like to know more, please contact Deirdre on **01249 822157**. *nan*.



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MAGAZINE HELP

As Dave Massey will be sadly leaving the parish with Ann, we need someone to help with what he has been kindly doing for this magazine.

This involves putting edited articles and adverts into the magazine template ready to send them off to the printer.

Computer skills essential! Training given.
If interested, please contact the Editor.

LUCY'S OUTREACH TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Many thanks to all those who have already contributed to help Lucy take her team to man the Medical Ship going out to Papua New Guinea. She needs money for the flight to join the ship, which is already in P.N.G., and for inoculations etc.



On **11th March** a group of us are doing a sponsored walk along permissive paths though Bowood to Calne and then back along the Sustrans path. If you want to join us, please do, we are setting off at **9.30am** from **Christ Church**. If you would like to sponsor us please get in touch with Reverend Ann Massey, Stephen Starr or Mary and Richard Aylen.

Or sponsor Lucy directly by going to: www.youcaring.com/lucyinpng. You can also find there further information on what she is doing. Many thanks.

Mary Aylen 01249 814632.

WELSH SUPPER EVENING

Friday 31st march 7pm Christ Church Derry Hill.



Tickets **£10** for a **2 course Welsh Supper**. Please bring your own Drink. Contact Stephen Starr **01249 821325** to reserve your place.

Stephen

TOWN HALL MOVIOLA

The March film will be '**The Light between Oceans**' (12a) based on a bestselling book and starring Michael Fassbender and Alicia Vikander. A lighthouse keeper and his wife living off the coast of western Australia raise a baby they rescue from a drifting rowboat but there are consequences that they had not envisaged.

Showing in the Town Hall **Weds 22 March** at **7.30pm**. Doors open at **7.00pm**.

Refreshments available. Tickets **£6.00** available from the information office or on the door. *viv*

Can you help our Church Grow?

Derry Hill PCC are currently looking for 2 Church Wardens and PCC members to join our committee. We meet 6 times a year and discuss matters within the church i.e. ways we can move forward as a church and talk about fundraising and new events. New ideas would be great to help the church grow. If you are interested in joining, then please speak to Reverend Ann or Richard Aylen for more information.

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CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION

14th to 20th May 2017

It will soon be Christian Aid week again. Last year we did very well and collected over **£900** during Christian Aid week, and perhaps we might make **£1,000**



this year! We have a faithful band of volunteer collectors who are always ready to do their bit for Christian Aid. We do need extra volunteers, however, as there are usually a few regulars on holiday during the collection week. In particular we need additional volunteers to cover Studley!

Christian Aid supplies help to the needy across the world as well as campaigning on such issues as climate change, tax dodging, gender-based discrimination, sexual violence and human rights. In the medical field, it works to combat HIV and Malaria. In emergencies, such as earthquakes, civil wars and drought it is there to help the victims.

This is made possible by donations such as ours.

If you feel you can support this very worthwhile charity please contact Mary Aylen, tel. **01249 814632** or email maryaylen@aol.com

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ACTION FRAUD

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Protect yourself

Always check the email address is the same as previous correspondence with the genuine contact.

For any request of payment via email verify the validity of the request with a phone call to the person who carried out the work.

Check the email for spelling and grammar as these signs can indicate that the email is not genuine.

Payments via bank transfer offer no financial protection; consider using alternative methods such as a credit card or PayPal, which offer protection and an avenue for recompense.

If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud or by telephone **0300 123 2040**.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

27 February – 13 March 2017

Calne is hosting a special guest from Kenya on **Saturday 4th March** from **10:00 – 12:30** at **The Town Hall**, to celebrate **Fairtrade Fortnight** and to hear a producer's perspective on the difference Fairtrade makes around the world.



Patrick Kaberia Muthaura from the Michimikuru Tea Company, Kenya, will meet with people from the local community, Mayors and Fairtrade supporters from across the County as part of the Fairtrade Foundation's annual producer tour.

Patrick has been a tea farmer for **24** years and currently sits on the Fairtrade Premium committee for the cooperative that became Fairtrade certified in **2007**.

Fairtrade has made a huge difference to the lives of tea farmers from the Michimikuru Tea Company, their families and local communities, by enabling them to earn a stable income and the Fairtrade Premium that they have used for school fees and to build new classrooms and maternity wards.

The Company is also implementing programmes to help farmers adapt to climate change that is affecting their crops and threatens their food security.

The Fairtrade Fortnight **2017** campaign aims to inspire people to hold a Fairtrade Break and shine a light on the struggles farmers face to feed themselves and their families.

Despite working hard every day to grow the food many of us have for our daily breaks and take for granted – coffee, tea, bananas and cocoa

– millions of farmers don't earn enough to know where their next meal is coming from.

500 million small-scale farmers produce **80%** of the world's food. Out of these, **400 million** smallholder farmers are undernourished.

Fairtrade works with more than **1.5 million** farmers and workers in developing nations enabling them to earn a sustainable income and the Fairtrade Premium that they can invest in vital community, business and environmental projects, including programmes addressing food insecurity.

We are inviting people to come along and listen to Patrick's compelling story, enjoy a cup of Fairtrade tea or coffee and browse the Fairtrade stall.

You can find out more about Fairtrade Fortnight, and how to get involved in your local area, at WiltshireFAIRTRADE's website:

<http://www.fairtradesouthwest.org.uk/wiltshire-fairtrade.aspx>

DOG WALKERS' DELIGHT!



You will be delighted to hear, I hope, that the Parish council has installed two new dog bins along Church road. Well actually it's not for dogs so much as for the poo they leave behind. The Parish council has been aware of the many complaints over the years about dog poo being left on pavements and other places by antisocial owners, so has decided to beef up the bin provision in Derry Hill. A further bin is awaiting installation at the Lansdowne Hall end of Ayles Way, which will be installed once the extension to the Hall is finished, on a suitable fence post.

The green bins include a cunning hook, which can be used to attach a dog lead so that the dog walker has both hands free to dispense the dog poo into the bin. The bins will be emptied weekly.

Ed

THE WAR MEMORIAL

(This is an extract from 'The Wiltshire Gazette' 13th May 1920)

War Memorial At Derry Hill Unveiled by the Marchioness of Lansdowne

The war memorial, which had been erected at Derry Hill, was unveiled on Friday evening by the Marchioness of Lansdowne; her ladyship deputized for her husband who was not well enough to be present. Twenty-one men from the parish gave their lives in the war, one of whom was Lord Charles Mercer Nairne, second son of the Marquess and Marchioness, and his name heads the list on the monument. In the brief speech, which preceded the unveiling, Lady Lansdowne mentioned a pathetic incident. Two months before war was declared she said that she was talking to her son about death and he said to her "**Shall I tell you mother, the death of all others that I should prefer to die? I should like to die in action, fighting for my country.**" The memory of that speech, added her ladyship, "has been the greatest comfort to us in our sorrow."

The memorial is a stone shaft, which has been erected on the greensward in front of the Workingmen's Institute. It is from the design of Mr. H. Brakspear and has been erected by Messrs. Osborne of Corsham. The base is octagonal and is built of Vellely stone, and the shaft of Box Bath stone, the ornamentation at the top including a figure of St. George. Facing the highway, on Forest of Dean stone, are the names of the fallen. There was a good attendance of parishioners at the unveiling ceremony including Lord and Lady Walter Hervey, Mrs. Baines, the Rev. A.L. and Mrs. Scott, Mr. Cowley, Mr. H.A. Cruse (hon. Secretary), etc. The school children under Mr. Collett took up a position on the green and grouped near the memorial were many of the mothers of those who have made the great sacrifice. A verse of the National Anthem having been sung.'

The article then goes on the quote Lady Lansdowne's speech part of which said: "**This monument is intended to keep alive the memory of the gallant men who left this village never to return to it, in order to serve their country in the great war it is none the less right that there should stand here in the neighbourhood of their homes some enduring memorial of them, which will in times to come remind the people of Derry Hill that their forefathers did not fail the country when it called upon them in its hour of need.**"

With thanks to our current Lord Lansdowne who kindly supplied a copy of the article. Ed

REVEREND ANN WRITES

Dear All

Lent is upon us and we will be having a series of Lent Lectures with **Dayspring** in **Christ Church** at **7.30pm** on **Tuesdays** during Lent. The speakers are excellent and we, at Christ Church, are incredibly grateful to Dayspring for booking them!

There will be refreshments and time to discuss the content of the lectures and ask questions. It is a time together when we can learn more about the world in which we live in and where our support would be best placed. There are so many projects around for us to choose from in order to care for God's creation – not just human but the whole of it! Do come along – the church will be warm in temperature and welcome!

There will also be refreshments in the form of a mug of soup and bread roll after the 11am Sunday Worship in Christ Church during Lent. The idea is that this simple lunch can replace what we would normally have. Donations are welcome to be sent to support Syrian refugees – who quite possibly will not even receive a mug of soup that day. The one day we will not be doing this is the **26th March – Mothering Sunday** – when Simnel Cake will be available along with the normal Sunday refreshments. Mothering Sunday is the one day in the Lent season when we are allowed a break from fasting and penance! So, the dates will be **5th, 12th, 19th March, 2nd and 9th April** for '**A mug of Soup and Roll**'!

Do look out for the Palm Sunday and Easter Day services for April. It is always lovely to have a crowd participating!

With love to all

Ann

DING DONG!

The small committee that has been striving to implement tower bells at Christ Church has decided that the project should be laid to rest until such a time comes when fresh opportunities for raising funds to install the bells comes to pass. We are disappointed that the funds haven't been forthcoming as all the bells had been sought, sponsored and stored. Plans had been drawn up for the installation and all the permissions received. However, we can freeze the plans as they

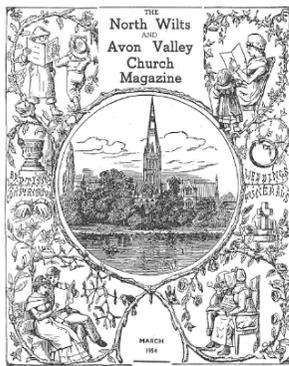
would be reusable if the project could be resurrected in the future. The bells were reserved at a small cost so the bells had not been paid for and can now be released for purchase by others. However, the costs of the plans and storage of the bells has been incurred and so we are using the individual donations to the project, that were not set aside for the purchase of bells, to offset these costs. If there is a surplus I will let you know what the PCC proposes to do with it so that donators may comment, if they wish.

We thank all who supported the project and hope that the project may continue at a future date.

In the meantime, we have a Handbell group that meets in Christ Church. Not quite the same thing, I know, as tower bells! But fun all the same and we are hoping to expand the group to include children as well as purchase a set of handbells in recognition of the 175th Anniversary of Christ Church and the 100-year anniversary of World War 1 (which the Tower Bells were to commemorate). So, watch this space for more news about the Handbell team plans for the community.

Do get in touch if you wish to discuss, join in the activity or have any queries. *Ann 01249 817926*

A SHORT ARTICLE FROM THE PAST



Derry Hill APCM, March 1942...

The Vicar again nominated Mr. E. James as his churchwarden and Mr. W. Tyson was re-elected churchwarden by the parishioners. All the members of the Parochial Church Council were re-elected and Mr. H. Short was elected subject to his consent to bring the number up to ten. All the sidesmen were re-elected. The number on the Electoral Roll was 218 persons. The Vicar in his report made appreciative reference to the work of the various office-holders and church

workers. The effect of the war calling up the younger members for the services was felt more than in the previous year. The treasurer's report showed a balance of £43. 3s. The Churchyard Fund had a balance of £32. 8s., the Choir Fund £13. 0s. 4d.

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