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A MESSAGE FROM LUCY AYLEN

Hello everyone! It's good to be back in Wiltshire and breathe the fresh air again. Thank you so much for welcoming me back, it's good to see your faces and hear about your 2013.

As many of you know I have been away for a year, working with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Australia. My main role is helping to run training schools, facilitate lectures, mentor students to go deeper in their relationship with God and lead missions trips where the students are given opportunities to practically apply their faith. The mission trips are on a medical ship in Papua New Guinea which delivers free healthcare to remote villages. As well as staffing training schools, I also enjoy teaching occasional lectures on communications and like in most jobs, I do a lot of admin and am currently registering students for our upcoming training schools this year.

I would love to continue with YWAM for another two years but I am a self-funded, full-time volunteer so I need the help of my local community to keep going out and helping. I mainly need financial support so if you are interested in partnering with me, please do get in touch. I would also appreciate your prayers!

You can shoot me an email at: lcmaylen@gmail.com or call me on 01249 814632 for a chat.

See you soon!

Lucy ☺



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Christmas is but a fading memory and I guess we are looking forward to the harbingers of Spring, daffodils and buds breaking forth with renewal of Mother Earth. But wait it's still February, yes it's



an in-between month, but what can we look forward to apart from March at the end of it? In the village we have our first Panto for many a year, a brilliant start. Then of course we have Valentine's Day with all its giggles and nudge-nudge. With a bit of luck we shall have some Village Defibrillator awareness training this month too.

Of course if you are at school you might be looking forward to the mid-term break!

A quick Google shows that with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust you can be visiting the 'Wildlife of New Zealand' (Near Calne) and going to a talk on the 'Re-introduction of the Great Bustard' in February. There's plenty to do even at this time of the year. Whatever you get up to I hope you enjoy it.

Ed

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There are a few copies of the 2014 **Derry Hill and Studley Calendar** still available, at a knock down price of £2.50. A snip!

The calendar features all the brave teddies and friends that took part in *GO TEDDY GO* at the fete in July, as well as Dolls Houses and local photos.

Give Goff Lias a ring to secure a copy - 01249 822157

OPEN GARDENS AND FLOWER FESTIVAL

28th & 29th June 2014 in Christchurch Derry Hill

This year we are commemorating 100 years of World War 1, and for the Open gardens & Flower festival we would like to gather as much local history as we can to include it within the festival itself.

Did you have any family members that fought in the war? Do you have any medals, uniforms or pictures that we can display in the Church to help pay tribute to those brave soldiers who fought for King and country?

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CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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

Unusually the Parish Council met in January.

This was to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Terms of Reference.

As both this Parish and Calne town Council are proposing to work together on a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) it is important for both councils to agree the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Steering Group, which is to do most of the work. Calne Town Council's Strategic Planning Group had already met to discuss and formulate the TOR. Our meeting was to examine this document and see if we agreed with it. At the meeting we had invited Alan Hill, a much-respected Town and Wiltshire councillor, as well as the Town Clerk Linda Roberts and a Senior Planning official from Wiltshire Councillor. Our Wiltshire Councillor, Christine Crisp also attended - she normally attends all our meetings.

We spent about an hour and a half discussing the constitution of the Steering Group, including which types of institutions and bodies should be represented on it. We have asked Calne Town Council to consider changing it to what we feel will represent the whole area; rural and urban, best. We hope they will agree!

Other matters in the document concerning responsibilities and finance were also discussed. We hope to fully ratify the document at our next meeting.

The Parish Council meets again on **3rd February** at the **Lansdowne Hall. 7.30pm**

These are my unofficial jottings from the meeting, which I hope you find informative.

A full list of Councillors and minutes of previous meetings are available on the web site, <http://www.calnewwithout.org>

Richard Aylen, Parish Councillor

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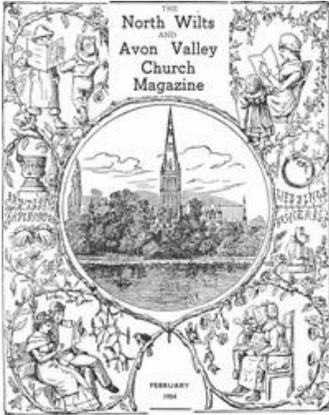
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ARTICLE FROM THE PAST



...for Derry Hill, February 1954.....

Every spring, in my Canadian days, I used to take my car on a certain Monday morning, and travel to the far end of my parish, there to stay for most of the week, visiting and sleeping at out-of-the-way places. On my return, the Rectory would have had its spring-cleaning – even my study – for I would have sorted out all the unnecessary papers and junk of the past year, before I left. It became a standing joke with us – I was out of the way, and my lady wife had a free hand. But how refreshing and encouraging after the upheaval! How sweet-smelling after the stuffiness of winter! We need to do the same with our lives, you know. Let Christ be out housekeeper. Give Him a free hand to clean out all the stuffiness. Co-operate with Him by setting aside Lent this year as the time when your own heart will have its necessary clean-out. Oh yes! It will mean an upheaval, a shaking out of habits, but you'll enjoy Easter all the more for it. The Lenten programme will be available on the church notice board during the month. Meanwhile, get ready to be ruthless with your own cobwebs.

With a thicker magazine to distribute each month, our faithful distributors, to whom I offer most grateful thanks for their labours, will not need to be so apologetic when asking for your 4s. annual subscription.

A Rota of duty for the Altar Guild will be found on the porch notice board. Those desirous of providing flowers for the altar on any special Sunday, should contact the lady on duty (except during Lent, March 7th to April 11th, when no flowers are placed on the altar.)

There are several sick persons in the parish, some of long duration. Please do not leave them to be remembered in your prayers only in church on Sundays.

I am very happy to announce that Mrs. L. Beint has kindly consented to become our new secretary of the P.C.C.

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Our Christmas celebrations continued with a lunch at The Dumb Post on the **18th December**, which was attended by 16 members - the lunch was excellent and we were very well looked after by the staff. Oscar, the parrot, kept everyone entertained! Certainly a place to visit again.

On Friday the **21st December**, Tina and Adrian hosted a Cocktail Party,



which was well attended – lashings of mulled wine, followed by a quiz to keep everyone on their toes. This was won by Hazel, who was obviously very much on her toes! Our grateful thanks to Tina and Adrian for hosting a wonderful evening.

After Christmas and New Year we resumed our activities with a Knitting Evening on **January 8th**, at Andrea's home, where we welcomed in the New Year (again!) but also managed some knitting and a lot of nattering! Unfortunately some members were unable to come, which was a great shame, because they won't be getting Champagne next time!!

Our next meeting will be a Members Evening on **Wednesday 26th February** when we will be cooking, preparing and eating a dinner – just for us. The newly installed kitchen in The Village Hall is so impressive that the idea was born and everyone is looking forward to it. Don't forget to get your glad rags on, girls, and make it a very special evening.

If you are interested in coming to a meeting, please phone Sally on 01249 817945 or Tina on 01249 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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The caller will then be given the opening code to the nearest box and the defibrillator kit can be accessed.

The kit comprises of the defibrillator itself plus other equipment such as gloves, snips, towel and resuscitation mask. Everything is packed in a hi-viz bag that can be just pulled out and taken to the patient

We are very grateful to Duane Clark who in the weeks over the festive period braved the dreadful weather and installed the cabinet in the telephone box. Both boxes have an electrical feed, which means that they are heated in the cold weather and are lit internally when the cabinet door is opened.



The next part of our project is to get another box installed on the Methodist Chapel, for the good folk of Studley, as well as ensuring we have enough funds for spares and servicing. We are also going to run awareness sessions for people who are interested in knowing how the defibrillators work. The first session is 13th of February 7.30pm at the Lansdowne Hall. Please contact Emma or Paula listed below if you want to come to this free session.

Also if you have any fund raising ideas or wish to contribute please get in touch.

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prayers led by Deirdre, including prayers for the speedy recovery of both Rev Ann and Judy's husbands and for Joyce's daughter in law.

Deirdre thanked members for all their efforts in making the Christmas Fayre a success.

Robyn gave the treasurers report, listing all our outgoings for that last year, which included several donations to Mothers Union projects.

All the officers were willing to stand for another year and this was proposed and approved by the other members, leaving Deirdre as leading member, Robyn as treasurer and Nan as secretary.

The programme for 2014 was circulated and approved; this will include some MU speakers from within the diocese, quiet afternoon and a session of handicrafts.

Also an outing to Lydiard Millicent and other activities will reflect the ideas and aspirations of the Mothers Union movement.

The next meeting, during which we will prepare for the "Celebration of Marriage" service in Church on Feb 16th, will be on Feb 5th at 2:30 in the Church.

Visitors and prospective members are always welcome. Information from Deirdre on 01249 822157

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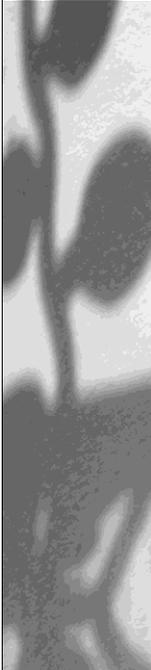
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2 Feb.	8.00am	Bremhill	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Foxham	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Derry Hill	Mattins
	4.00pm	Derry Hill	Praise@4 – Getting Married
	4.00pm	Bremhill	Evensong
9 Feb.	9.30am	Foxham	Family Service
	11am	Derry Hill	Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	Bremhill	Holy Communion (CW)
16 Feb.	8.00am	Derry Hill	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Foxham	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Derry Hill	Family Service-Love & Marriage
	4.00pm	Bremhill	Evensong
23 Feb.	9.30am	Bremhill	Family Service
	11.00am	Derry Hill	Holy Communion (CW)
	6.00pm	Foxham	Evensong

ADVANCE NOTICE OF MARCH SERVICES

2nd March 11am	Mattins
2nd March 4pm	Praise@4 – Getting Ready for Lent!
5 March 7.30pm	Holy Communion (Ash Wednesday)
9th March 11am	Family Communion (CW)
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With all this wet weather it is very difficult to get on the ground. But you can now prune many shrubs and climbers. You can prune late flowering Clematis, these are referred to as group 3 Clematis. In sheltered parts they may be producing shoots. They can be rather brittle, so be careful when pruning and pulling away the old growth. Apart from this they are the easiest of all Clematis to prune.

Cut the growth down to 23-45cm (9-18 inches) from the ground, cutting each stem back to a healthy bud. After pruning feed the plant with plenty of mulch. Clematis like their heads in the sun but their roots shaded.

Keep an eye on all your Geranium and Pelargonium that are in the green house, they can now be potted into small pots. Don't over water plants in the greenhouse as this can cause the plant to rot and leaves to go yellow. Next month is March so hopefully it is getting near to Spring and things in the garden should be beginning to come to life. Happy gardening!

Stephen Starr, Bowood Gardener.

CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid week 2014 is from the **11th - 17th May**. We are looking for someone to help us organise the collection for this year with a view to taking over from us next year as we will be stepping back from organising this event. This collection is well supported in Derry Hill and Studley and sends about £1,000 each year to Christian Aid. If you would like to help please contact us on 01249 822157. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you. Goff and Deirdre Lias

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Once in a while the club gets a mention in one of the woodworking magazines and we were therefore delighted when Philippa Miller, one of the club members had a half page write up and photo of her magnificent bench in Furniture and Cabinet Making Magazine which is perhaps the most prestigious U.K. publications.

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Vice cheeks, the big one is iroko and the smaller end vices black American walnut

Dog holes are designed to take Veritas prairie dogs and pups, a hold down and a planning stop. All wedges are of black walnut. Finish Liberon finishing oil

For the less technically minded, it is so beautifully made and finished it would be comfortable at home as a very smart coffee table.

It took a long time to make as during the making Philippa moved house and carried out some very serious and lengthy renovations to her cottage in Cherhill.

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REVEREND ANN WRITES

Dear All

Many thanks indeed for your kindness and prayers regarding Dave's operation. As always, high-risk operations concentrate the mind on the future and what it may hold. Such risks can bring deep reflection on life already spent, both blessings and tragedies, as well as on what the future beyond this earth holds. Our lives come into sharp focus.

It was therefore with interest that whilst Dave was in the Cardio-thoracic Critical Care Unit in the John Radcliffe he overheard the following snippet of conversation between a patient and nurse: 'What have you had for lunch?'. 'Fish and Chips' came the reply. And the nurse replies 'Ah...they serve fish in this holy place'.

I had not really thought of the Critical Care Unit as being a Holy Place until this comment reached my ears.

Hospital, and in particular the Critical Care Unit, do hold immense influence over people's lives. Patients and families hold their breath waiting for news that will affect the rest of their lives – news that brings joy, sadness, hope, despair – to name just a few emotions. We stand on a tightrope between death and life with our loved ones, too frightened to think of the possible outcomes.

Add to this the vast number of religious encounters that people experience as they teeter on the edge between life and death. It is indeed a holy place. A holy place where people meet with their God. People of all faiths, and none, come together; it is not a mosque, a church or a synagogue but a hospital ward where a shared encounter takes place.

In the silence of the waiting room families talk to other families. They experience, as strangers, the trauma each is going through as they wait for news of their loved one to be off the critical list and back in their arms. There is no sense of race, religion, age, class – all divisions are swept away in the common hope of a loved one being brought back from the brink of death and healed. Someone will offer a stranger a bed for the night so that they can be near their loved one rather than leave them facing a 50 mile plus journey each way.

Yes, the Critical Care Unit in a hospital is a truly holy place as compassion and helplessness interact in hope for the healing of loved ones being



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treated. Strangers become as close as brothers and sisters for a short while in a world where life is held by a thread. The human need for each other is laid bare. In our need we look to each other for comfort and hope in shared experience and, yes people occasionally suffer tragic loss.

Thank God, for technology, for science and healthcare professionals who work tirelessly and under such stress to give the patient and their family the result they pray so hard for. Thank God for coming amongst all who wait, offering them sustenance for the journey, carrying them through the disappointments but also rejoicing in celebration with them when loved ones are restored. Thank God for revealing his love for us through each other in both difficult and joyful times. Thank God for unconditional love – agape.

Reverend Ann

PARISH REGISTERS – ALL AT CHRIST CHURCH

We congratulate on their marriage
James Richard Stainer and ~Sophie Elizabeth Atkins
who were married on the 21st December 2013

We remember:

19th December 2013 – Leisa Redford
19th .December 2013 – Mary Logelain
10th January 2014 – Jean Mary Harrison
May they rest in God’s peace

LENT LUNCHES

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday – **5th March 2014!** A series of Lent Lunches will be held in **Christ Church, Derry Hill** each **Saturday** from **12.30pm – 2 pm**. All are welcome. Please pop in at any time during lunchtime for a warm welcome. We will decide on the charity to receive our donations at the first meeting, so do come along and have a say!

The dates are (all Saturdays) from **12.30pm – 2pm:**

8th March	15th March	22nd March
29th March	5th April	23th April



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DERRY HILL BOOK CLUB

January Book of the month

'Wolf Hall' by Hilary Mantel chosen by Christine Acford

Set in the court of Henry VIII between the 1520's to 1540's

is the story of Thomas Cromwell, who rises above his station to become the king's right hand man.

Cromwell was the son of a blacksmith, who, according to Mantel, beat him mercilessly. So much so that he ran away to the continent where he learnt how to make money and exercise power.

Cromwell enters government service as an advisor to Cardinal Worsley, Henry's Lord Chancellor. Worsley fails to obtain an annulment and is promptly dismissed. After his death, Cromwell becomes a minister to the king and

becomes increasingly indispensable, overseeing the break with Rome and the dissolution of the monasteries.

Mantel writes the novel in the present tense and is written from Cromwell's point of view. We all know what is going to happen but the characters in the plot do not and this adds to the tension. Cromwell is an astute observer and he sees things from a monetary point of view- he knows everyone's worth.

'Wolf Hall ' is a gripping book. Mantel portrays that period of history in such a way that one is totally absorbed in the moment.



CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Please bring your boxes into church for Mothering Sunday on **Sunday 30th March**. Thank you for your support. Please contact Sarah Hooper on **01249 658285** if you are unable to bring your box to church for Mothering Sunday or have any queries.

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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

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

A new Pop, Soul and Gospel choir (PSG) is starting in Derry Hill. The first session is on **Tues 4th February** at Derry Hill school hall from 8pm until 9:30pm.

It's £4 per session normally but once a month we'll have a live band to sing along to and that will cost £5 a session.

We're looking for men and women, 16 years and over who enjoy singing to come along and have some fun!

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PRAISE@4

We hope too that many of you will come in March when we will be thinking about Lent and what it means for our spiritual journey.

We are always looking for musicians, vocal and instrumentalists to enhance the music, so please do get in contact with Mary Aylen if you are interested. You don't have to be a concert pianist!

Contact: maryaylen@aol.com or ring 01249 814632.



LENT COURSE

Lent begins on the 5th March and we will begin our Lent Study Group that week. If you are interested in taking part we will be studying 'Parables and Possessions' for 6 weeks. Everyone is encouraged to have a say. All that is discussed is in confidence in the group. If you would just like to observe then you are equally welcome. Please let Reverend Ann know if you are interested – 01249 817926. This course is free and can be downloaded from the internet. It is produced by Churches Together. www.ctbi.org.uk/lent

Arrangements and venues will be organised when the participants and their availability is known.

APPLE AND HAZELNUT STREUSEL CAKE

Serves 8

Preheat oven at 180°C/350°F/GM4

For the cake mix

100g Hazelnuts
125g Margerine, or unsalted butter if you want a richer cake
125g Muscovado sugar
2 Eggs, beaten
225g Self-raising flour
1 tsp Baking Powder
1 tsp Ground mixed spice
500g Eating apples (Braeburn or Cox's) Prepared weight. Peeled, cored & diced.

You'll need a 23cm cake tin, greased & lined.

Roast the Hazelnuts for the cake & the topping in the oven for about 5 minutes...keep a watch as they burn to oblivion very easily! When they get a bit golden take them out & chop into small pieces, leave to cool.

Cream the butter & sugar together, gradually add the beaten eggs. Mix well. Sift the flour, baking powder & mixed spice together. Add them to the wet mixture & mix lightly. Add the apple, chopped hazelnuts & the milk & mix until thoroughly combined. Spoon the mix into the cake tin & spread level. Scatter the Streusel topping mix over the top.

Pop in the oven on the middle shelf for 50 mins. Check after 40 mins as sometimes it can cook quicker. It's great with just apple but adding pears is equally yummy. Also some sultanas and pecans can make it extra delish!

Ok, so it's 2014, lots of you will be well into the new diet and keep fit regime...well done all of you! Those of us that are still craving comfort food I've given you a yummy cake recipe that has plenty of fruit (so you can include it in your 5 a day plan) but also that's warm & spicy & can keep those winter blues at bay a little longer.

It can be eaten warm with cream, ice-cream, left over brandy butter or can be left to cool, cut and enjoyed with a cuppa as soon as you've dropped the angels at the school gate. Enjoy!

From the Secret Chef

3 tbsn Full fat milk (can also use semi skimmed)

For the Streusel topping

40g Hazelnuts
40g Plain Flour
25g Dark brown sugar
25g Unsalted Butter
Or when you get used to the recipe it's basically a handful of each!

SHROVE TUESDAY – PANCAKE FEAST!

At Christ Church, Derry Hill you are invited to a family Pancake Feast. We were astounded at the popularity of this last year! Due to its popularity there will be lots more pancakes this year. Choose between a sweet or a savour filling!

Who can flip a pancake the highest, I wonder?? Come and have fun from **3.30pm – 5pm on Shrove Tuesday – 4th March! Tickets: £1.00 for two pancakes.**

An event for the whole family as we remember that on Shrove Tuesday the luxuries from the larder are eaten up in preparation for Lent and fasting in readiness for Easter.

VALENTINE'S DAY

February is the month for celebrating love and so in Christ Church we shall do just that! On **Sunday** at Praise@4 on the **2nd February (4pm)** we will be looking at what it means to be married in church rather than a registry office. We will also be able to tell couples what we can offer in the way of help and support as they get married. Do come along and meet us and have a chat. We would love to see you whether you are planning on getting married or not!

On the **16th February at 11am** we will celebrate 'love and marriage' in the Family Service. We will be celebrating God's love for us and the love he gives to people for one another. If you have married recently or long ago please do come along as we will recall the marriage vows that are made. The Mothers' Union, which is the local church's group for supporting marriage and families, will be our hosts!

And as we go to press....

BLOUNTS COURT STUDLEY

Bowood Estates (or to be more correct The Trustees of the Bowood Reversioners Trust) are putting a proposal forward to re-develop the Blounts Court site. If you are unfamiliar with where that is, it's the parcel of land between the A4 and the Vastern Sawmills on the Studley side of the A4.

There is to be a Public Exhibition of the proposals at the **Lansdowne Hall 4pm – 7pm Wednesday 5th February**. Ed



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BELLS AT CHRIST CHURCH!

I am delighted to say that the Structural Survey of Christ Church's tower has concluded that it IS strong enough to take a peel of 8 bells – as long as the heaviest bell is no more than 7 cwt.

Ken Webb the Tower Captain at Bremhill and Hilmarton is delighted too. He has installed a set of bells previously and has the knowledge and passion to see this project through for Derry Hill, if we want him to!



The PCC has agreed to the project but is unable to finance it from existing church funds. The project will cost in the region of £100,000 - £120,000 but Ken is confident he will be able to raise around 90% of this from grants. He has already managed to reserve some of the bells as they have been made available from another church – much more economic than having new ones cast.

There has been lots of verbal enthusiasm for the project. There is also enthusiasm to commemorate the 100 years since World War One began, 75 years since World War Two began and to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the building of Christ Church in 2015. I also feel that we could retrospectively celebrate the Queen's Jubilee by dedicating a bell to the achievement of her 60 years on the throne.

The bells would be rung for services and could be silenced for practices. The bell tower would be used for training newcomers too of all ages but, if we want to keep our youngsters on the ground probably no younger than 10 or 11 years is suggested!

Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a set of bells dedicated to our community which could be heard to celebrate events along with other towers nationally and locally.

Let me know what you think. I would be delighted to know if we can count on your support for this project. Reverend Ann.

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