

# Thorngate Benefice Newsletter

# November



The next issue of The Newsletter will cover December 2022 and January 2023  
The deadline for the double-issue is 15<sup>th</sup> November

This edition has been sponsored by Greenview Residential Care Home – thank you



## Foodbank Collection Point now in Lockerley Church

For many years now we have invited contributions for the Romsey Foodbank at our Harvest Festival services and have met with a generous response. However, it is obvious that help is badly needed all the year round so there is a box at the back of the church and we hope that people will get into the habit of bringing a donation (non-perishable) with them every time they go to church.

## West Tytherley Village Shop Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 26th November 2-5pm**

To be held undercover by the village shop, the fayre is designed to bring all the joy of Christmas, with minimum hassle whilst supporting local suppliers and your community shop.

Enjoy the tastes and smells of Christmas with freshly made mulled wine, hot chocolate, mince pies and hot dogs whilst you enjoy Christmas shopping with us.

You can pre-order everything you need for your Christmas table with convenient delivery in West Tytherley. Tastings of some food and wine will be on offer.

Explore our range of card, wrap and perfect gifts for families and friends. We will be running a special customised hamper service on the day and partnering with some other local suppliers to sell gifts not normally available in the shop eg flowers, garlands and jewellery.

We look forward to seeing you

Please join us for our

**CHRISTMAS FAIR TRADE FAYRE**  
at Cyclops Cottage, Lockerley Green,  
SO51 0JN

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>  
November**

**10am – 1pm**  
and then between  
**5pm – 7.30pm**

You can browse and choose some Christmas cards, decorations, wrapping paper, Advent calendars and candles, gifts, stocking fillers, scarves, bamboo socks, jewellery, unusual and eco-friendly gifts, delicious chocolates, home-made jams, jellies, chutneys and mincemeat and much more without having to brave the crowds or fight for a parking space. There will also be raffles.

If you would like to help in anyway, or contribute a draw prize please let Andy or Liz 340993 know.

## Christmas Fayre

*To raise funds for  
Lockerley and East  
Dean Memorial Hall*

**Sat 3 December  
10am-2pm**

Lockerley & East Dean  
Memorial Hall

Adults entry £1

You will find: craft & local business stalls; delicious refreshments; teddy tombola; and, of course, have your chance to visit Father Christmas in his Grotto.

## Lockerley Oilbuying Group

If you use heating oil then you might like to check out the entry on the Website page at [www.lockerley.org.uk/index.php/oil-group](http://www.lockerley.org.uk/index.php/oil-group). It provides all the info you might need. You may have wondered why you think that you are a participant but never seem to receive the emails. Do check the junk or spam box on your email server and, if necessary, mark email from [oilbuying@lockerley.org.uk](mailto:oilbuying@lockerley.org.uk) as not junk.

# 200 Club

The 200 Club prizes were selected by an independent person.

The winners are:-

Max Herbertson £25  
Heather Bowyer £25  
Mark Chambers £20  
Vera Humphries £20

**STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2023?  
Lockerley Church of England Primary School  
OPEN MORNING ~ 9.30am to 10.30am  
Wednesday 23 November**

Presentation by the Assistant Headteacher at 9.30am followed by individual tours of the school by our Year 6 children.

Please call the office to book your place.  
01794 340485

If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1 September 2023, they can start school in September 2023.

For more information go

to [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions)

Applications open for Hampshire residents on 1 Nov 2022

## Did You Know Fish Can Sing?

Little Fishes is a singing and music making group for all babies and pre-school children and their carers. It meets at Lockerley village hall every Monday Morning in term time from 9.30am until 10.15am.

Lockerley church supports the group and local singing teacher Annie Tatnall leads the sessions. The cost is £3 per family, you only pay when you come and you don't need to pre-book. It's very informal and a friendly group that has a lot of fun. Do give it a try!

For further details

email [annietatnall@hotmail.com](mailto:annietatnall@hotmail.com) or phone Sally Masters 01794 340215



### ACORN PRE-SCHOOL LOCKERLEY

We have been running since 1984 and we are situated behind the village hall next to the school. We pride ourselves on providing care for children in Lockerley and surrounding villages in a safe, secure and caring environment. Children are able to come and join us from age 2 up until school age. We accept the government 2-year-old funding as well as the 3-4 year-old funding or self-funded. We are open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

#### We HAVE SPACES AVAILABLE NOW

If your child would like to come and play, learn and explore with us please get in touch to come and meet us. Email- [acornpreschool@hotmail.com](mailto:acornpreschool@hotmail.com)  
Phone- -01794 342441

Or look us up on Facebook to get an insight to what we do and how we learn and have fun.

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*The decision (by the Church Commissioners) whether to join the Thorngate Churches with the Blackwater Churches (Sherfield English and Wellow) has been delayed until the New Year.*

## Useful 'New' stamps Information!

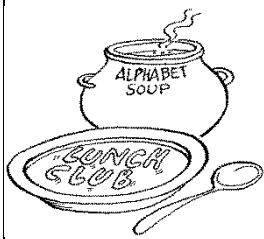
The Royal Mail is adding barcodes to all our regular 'everyday' stamps. The new stamps will continue to feature the profile of our head of state, current stamps will continue to carry Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II, but this will eventually change to His Majesty King Charles III. The barcodes system will enable the introduction of new services by connecting physical stamps to the digital world through the Royal Mail app.

Non-barcoded stamps can be exchanged for the new version through the 'Stamp Swap Out' scheme. You have until 31 January 2023. To swap out your stamps simply complete one of our Stamp Swap Out forms and send it to the Royal Mail with your non-barcoded stamps. **Please note:** special stamps with picture on and Christmas Stamps without a barcode will continue to be valid and don't need to be swapped out.

#### How to get a 'Stamp Swap Out' form.

Swap out up to £200 worth of non-barcoded stamps by printing out and completing the stamp swap form that can be found via the following location:  
[www.royalmail.com/sending/barcoded-stamps](http://www.royalmail.com/sending/barcoded-stamps)

If you don't have access to the internet, you can obtain a 'Stamp Swap Out' form from the Customer Service Point at your local Royal Mail Delivery Office, **not Sub Post Offices**. Alternatively call the Customer Experience Team on 03457 740740 (Calls to 03 numbers cost no more than a national rate call to a 01 or 02 number from your phone).



## VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB

### Lockerley Memorial Hall

Meet up with your neighbours and other local people (from Lockerley, East and West Dean, East & West Tytherley) once a month for some company over a great value, home-cooked meal. Just £5 for a 2 course lunch with a soft drink or glass of wine.

#### Next lunch clubs

Sunday 20 November 12noon

Friday 16 December 12noon  
Lockerley Memorial Hall

**Please let us know if you are coming.**

Diana Ayles 340236  
or Liz Holton 340993

### Thorngate Village Care Group

Our local support network of volunteers ready to help, all DBS checked, insured and ready, willing and able to help in so many ways – essential shopping, prescriptions, friendly phone calls.

*The Care Group is affiliated to the Good Neighbours Network and covers Lockerley, East Dean, East and West Tytherley and the Hampshire residents of West Dean*

**REQUESTS FOR HELP contact any Co-ordinator**

<b>Diana</b>	<b>07974980138</b>
<b>Fiona</b>	<b>341098</b>
<b>Julie</b>	<b>340850</b>
<b>Liz</b>	<b>340993</b>
<b>Peggy</b>	<b>340084</b>

### British Red Cross *Registered Charity Number: 220949*

Fundraising shop at rear of North Baddesley Village Hall SO52 9DT

We are now open: Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm  
Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month 10am to 1pm  
Telephone number – 02380 735089

#### Bargains each week

We accept good quality ladies, men's and children's clothes (not babies), household and curtains and Bric-a-Brac. Unwanted Birthday and Christmas gifts are gratefully received.

We cannot accept large items of furniture (space restrictions) nor shoes, cushions, duvets and CDs.

Wool always wanted (no cones) for our many projects

### Greetings from Lockerley Baptist Church

We meet each Sunday at 10.30am for morning worship. Anyone is welcome to join us for this, which is followed by a mug of tea or coffee and biscuits.

If you would like any further information or help please phone Brian or Marion on 01794 340695

### Welcome folder copies (for those new to the area) may be obtained from:

Lockerley : Bob Stileman 01794 340452      East Dean: Nicky Bell 341228  
East Tytherley: Rob Scoones 341269      West Tytherley: Julie Neilson 340850

All contributions for future editions of The Newsletter should be sent to [newsletter@lockerley.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@lockerley.org.uk) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.

### DIARY OF EVENTS

Visit the website [www.lockerley.org.uk](http://www.lockerley.org.uk) and [www.easttytherleyvillage.com](http://www.easttytherleyvillage.com) for up to date diary and news entries.

**QR Code for Thorngate Benefice Facebook Group**





St Winfrid's, East Dean



St Peter's, East Tytherley



St John's, Lockerley



St Peter's, West Tytherley

### The Thorngate Churches

Churches were beautifully decorated for Harvest Celebrations – I hope that you managed to see them! Lots of food was taken to Romsey Foodbank – thank you.

“Remember you are mortal.” It is said that, when a successful Roman general was welcomed back to Rome in a triumphal victory parade, he would always have a slave sitting just behind him and whispering those words in his ear – to make sure he didn't get too carried away by the adulation of the crowds. But it is not just Roman generals who seem to have difficulty remembering their mortality – we all do, most of the time. There is a lot of remembering going on. In November we have All Souls Services (when we particularly remember those who have died recently) and Remembrance Sunday. The fragility of life hasn't changed. Covid and Ukraine all serve to emphasise that. The need to remember we are mortal is just as urgent as it ever was, for death could be waiting round the next corner. But that is not a prospect to worry about for those who are Christians, because Jesus has defeated death and promises resurrection to those who trust and follow him. Such people are ready for death, and life.

In **Advent** (starts 27<sup>th</sup> November with a Service of Light in several churches across the Deanery) I hope that you will find, and make, time, to look forward, prepare and wait. Next month our magazines and newsletters will be full of details for Advent and Christmas events and services.

Your Vicar, James

Facebook page and access to Services: [www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateChurches/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateChurches/)

Monday to Saturday: 9am Online Morning Prayer and 9pm Online Night Prayer

	30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6 <sup>th</sup> November	13 <sup>th</sup> November	20 <sup>th</sup> November	27 <sup>th</sup> November
East Dean	1030am All Saints Service at East Dean 6pm All Souls' Service at Lockerley	1030am (BCP) Matins	-	9am (BCP) Communion	8am (BCP) Communion
East Tytherley		-	-	1030am Eucharist	-
Lockerley		8am (BCP) Communion 1030am Celebration	1030am Eucharist 2.30pm Memorial 3pm Remembrance	1030am Celebration	1030am Eucharist 6pm Service of Light
Sherfield English		11am Eucharist	1045am Remembrance	11am Family Service	11am Morning Prayer
Wellow		9.15am Eucharist	1045am Remembrance	9.15am Eucharist	8.15am (BCP) Communion 9.15am (BCP) Mattins
West Tytherley		9am Eucharist	10am Communion (BCP) and 1045am Remembrance at Memorial	9am (BCP) Matins	9am (BCP) Communion

Notes: BCP – Traditional services from the Book of Common Prayer, all other services are Modern Language from Common Worship  
There are 20 minute mid-week Communion Services every Wednesday in Lockerley at 9am

#### Church Contacts:

**Vicar:** Rev James Pitkin, The Vicarage, Romsey Road, Lockerley SO51 0JF  
Tel: 01794-340635 e-mail [jamespitkin@priest.com](mailto:jamespitkin@priest.com)  
**Associate Priest:** Rev Nick Flood 01794-323731  
**Associate Priest:** Rev Joanna Percival [joanna.percival@btinternet.com](mailto:joanna.percival@btinternet.com)  
**Reader:** John Niblett 01794-340587

#### Churchwardens:

<b>Lockerley</b> Robert Wallace 07766318975	<b>East Dean</b> Nicky Bell 01794-341228 Diana Ayles 01794-340236
<b>West Tytherley</b> Fiona Collier 01794-341098 Paul Stewart 01794-340008	<b>East Tytherley</b> Rob Scoones 01794-341269 Val Austin 01794-301580

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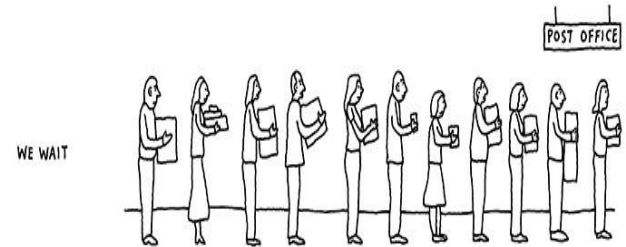
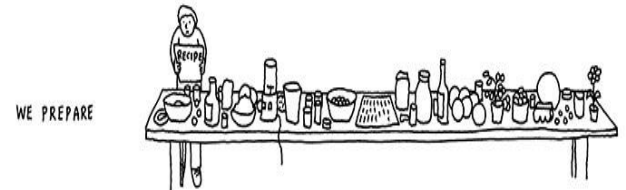
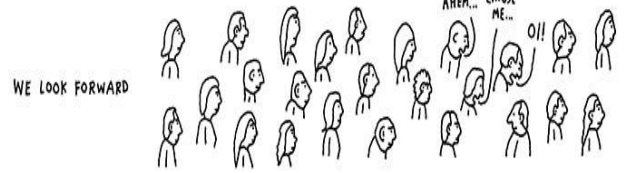
The Vicar  
(contact details on the left)

Or

email newsletter@lockerley.org.uk

**By 12 Noon Latest**  
**15<sup>th</sup> November**

## ADVENT



Dave Walker Cartoon at [Cartoonchurch.com](http://Cartoonchurch.com)