



# The Grapevine

THE NEWSLETTER OF HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE AND LOXLEY PARISHES

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## Christmas Highlights from Loxley Primary School

This year's Christmas festivities began with a special trip to Coventry Cathedral for our Collective Worship Ambassadors to take part in the annual Diocesan Christingle celebrations. During the service, we were especially proud of two of our eldest pupils who confidently led the congregation in Christmas prayer. On 11 December the whole school gave a fantastic performance of *The Magical Christmas Jigsaw*, our modern retelling of the traditional nativity story. Rev'd Neville Beamer commented that he had never seen St Nicholas Church so packed, with many of the audience lingering at the end to chat about how much they had enjoyed the children's enthusiastic performance. On 16 December, Mrs Barrick took her Loxley Choir to Warwick Hospital to sing to the staff and patients in an effort to help raise further funds for the SWFT charity. As always, the children represented Loxley with pride and we received much lovely feedback from the general public about their exemplary behaviour and joyful singing. Term ended with the sharing of photographs and video messages from the pupils in our international link school in Ghana,



thanking the Loxley children for the thoughtful prayers and stationery they had gifted to them for Christmas. Staff are now busy developing a pen pal buddy system between the children in the two schools, which we hope to have up and running in the New Year. This will enable the children from both schools to learn from each other's lives and will prove to be a very enriching experience for both school communities. Follow our progress on the Loxley School website : [www.loxleyprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.loxleyprimaryschool.co.uk)

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## Skittles Night in Hampton Lucy

Many thanks to everyone who attended and helped out at the annual and now traditional Hampton Lucy Skittles and Fish and Chips Night on Saturday, 16 November. Over seventy people took part and a great time was had by all! Jason Cunnington acted as referee and scorer (you can just spot him in the top right hand of the photo) and the competition was hard fought, especially among the youngsters, with the winners shown here! The event raised £418 which will go towards the upkeep and maintenance of Hampton Lucy Village Hall.

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Rev'd Dr Andy Larkin

# Parish Letter

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Dear Friends,

On Monday, 3 February at 7.30pm, the Bishop of Warwick will license me as your new Vicar. The service will be held at St Peter ad Vincula's Church, Hampton Lucy. Presented in modern English, the liturgy is timeless, powerful and rich in symbolism. Do come and be part of the beginning of this new chapter.

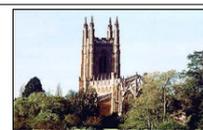
Later in February, on Wednesday 26, we enter into the season of Lent and begin to look forward towards Easter. Lent offers us a chance to pause, to reflect, and to hold a mirror to ourselves as we seek God in prayer. Most of the year, as Christians, we are outward-looking, serving our communities, caring for the vulnerable, and worshipping God. From Ash Wednesday our rhythm and focus change. We consider who we are and how we measure up to the standards Jesus set and taught. We come to Holy Week sobered and chastened, knowing that none of us has earned God's love and so able to grasp a little more of the profound eternal truth that God values us solely for who we are. With this as our foundation we will be bruised by the raw dark brutality of the crucifixion before coming to the explosion of light and joy that is Easter Sunday. Friends, this is a road to be walked together, to be experienced and savoured; a time when God shapes and re-orientates our hearts, that we might touch His also. I am looking forward to sharing it with you.

Wishing you peace and fire,  
Rev'd Dr Andy Larkin (*Soon to be your Vicar.*)



## News from the Parishes

*A complete list of church services, including those at Barford, Wasperton and Sherbourne, is displayed on the notice board in your church.*



### Stop press:

Andy has just heard that the family's move to Barford will be delayed as the work in the Rectory is not yet complete; the good news is that he will begin his ministry in the Benefice on the morning of 4 February but will continue to live in Wootton Wawen for the time being. **Andy's Licensing Service will be on Monday, 3 February, in St Peter's Church, Hampton Lucy, at 7.30pm** with refreshments in the school hall afterwards. All are warmly invited to welcome our new Priest-in-Charge.

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### Help required!

St Peter's PCC, Hampton Lucy, is in need of a new book-keeper and we are looking for someone who is prepared to spend a few hours each month keeping track of our finances. This is a vital role for our church and community. You do not need to be a financial wizard or a church attender; weekly banking is taken care of but we need someone who will be able to present a report four times a year to our Parochial Church Council. Support is available. For more information please contact Elaine at [rajkowskielaine@gmail.com](mailto:rajkowskielaine@gmail.com) or call 01789 842251

ER

### Quiet Days at Charlecote Vicarage

Are you looking for some space to be still? Then why not consider a quiet day or afternoon at Charlecote Quiet Garden, based at the Vicarage in Charlecote? Rev'd Rachel Saum will be leaving Charlecote at the end of March, so if you'd like to make the most of this resource within our community then now is your time to do so.

**Tuesday, 4 February, 10.00am to 4.00pm: *Speak Lord, your servant is listening.***

We are often very good at talking to God but not so good at listening. During this day we will speak less and listen more, allowing God's still small voice to speak to us through Scripture, the natural world and our own creativity. If you are currently seeking God's direction this might be the day for you. *Suggested donation £20, including lunch*

**Saturdays, February 8 and 22, 2.00 to 5.00pm: *Come away and rest a while.***

Unstructured afternoons when you can sit by the fire with a good book, wander in the garden or just rest. *Suggested donation £10, including tea & cake.*

**Quiet Day @ Charlecote Quiet Garden: Saturday, 14 March, 10.00am to 4.00pm:**

***Wilderness Prayer - A Quiet Day for Lent***

If we are honest, we all experience wilderness times in life and faith. Usually we long to escape them but in retrospect can see they were times of blessing and growth. On this day we will follow the examples of Elijah, Moses and Jesus thirsting for relief, relationship and reassurance. If you currently feel like you're lost in the wilderness, this day might be particularly for you. *Suggested donation £20.*

For more information and to book a place visit [www.charlecotequietgarden.org](http://www.charlecotequietgarden.org) or contact Revd Rachel Saum on 07815 793625. Might be worth noting too, that this will be the last chance to be part of a quiet day at Charlecote Quiet Garden!

Rev'd RS

## Wellesbourne & District Lions Club



Well here we are in February already. I know that Christmas has long gone and we are all back into our normal routines but I would like to say a huge thank you, on behalf of the Lions, to all of you for giving so generously to our Santa's float collections. I would also like to say thank you to all of the teams of collectors that joined us. This year we had two floats covering twenty-two different rounds over three weeks and it was quite a challenge trying to include all of the new houses that have been built in our area. We were largely very lucky with the weather, bar a few very heavy downpours and some very wet Santa suits!! We are really pleased to announce that over £5,000 was collected. All of the different organisations that helped us to collect will take a share of the money raised.

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## Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

At our Christmas Party held at Charlecote on 4 December, our newly-elected President Jane Whyatt welcomed members and guests, before declaring Kath Clarke to be the winner of the monthly competition for 2019. She was presented with the cup and a plant. Runners-up were Helen Sill and Carol Pagett. After a lovely supper provided by the committee, we were entertained by Steve Allen who, using illustrations and well-known songs, took us through the 19<sup>th</sup> Century - the audience singing along to the familiar numbers. On 11 December, thirteen members attended Denman Collage for Christmas lunch. It was an enjoyable and memorable day and after a glass or two of wine everyone chatted away merrily! The minibus journey home was a very quiet time for some and a chance to snooze! Dr. Dean Howes, a lecturer at Warwick University, gave a very interesting and informative talk at our January meeting in Hampton Lucy. As a psychologist, he is especially interested in *Mindfulness and Wellbeing*; in a nutshell being rooted in the present moment and a state not always easily achieved. He used some illusionary aids which encouraged discussion and finished by leading everyone in a few moments of meditation which left participants feeling relaxed and calm. The *Guess the Weight of the President's Handbag* competition was won by Ann Jeens. The next meeting will be at Hampton Lucy Village Hall on 5 February when our speaker, Jane Neary, will talk about *Therapy Dogs Nationwide*. The competition will be *Pet Photo*.



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## News from Charlecote Park

**Winter walks:** Whether you visit to walk your dog or come for a potter round the parkland, just collect 8 stamps on your Winter Walkers' loyalty card and a free bacon or sausage bap in the Orangery is yours (there's a veggie option if you prefer). Please note that this is part of our breakfast menu so your bap can be claimed until midday, Monday-Friday, and all cards must be redeemed on or before Tuesday 3 March.

**Afternoon teas:** There's still time to book a delicious afternoon tea in the Orangery, just the thing to cheer you up if it feels like winter is dragging its heels. There's a delicious savoury and sweet selection and you can add fizz if you want to make it really special. Please check the information on the Orangery page of our website and book at least 24 hours in advance.

**The house:** re-opens 15 February after the winter deep-clean and this year sees the installation of an efficient new central heating system throughout the house. This will enable us to protect everything from the mould that plagues the house and to reduce the use of fossil fuels. Do come along and see how we're progressing, and perhaps buy a raffle ticket to help us raise the funds we need for this project.

**Half term:** Nature adventurers are welcome this half term. Get your wellies on and explore the parkland with our new trail taking place between 15 and 23 February. £3 per trail, includes a small prize at the end. Normal admission prices apply if you're not yet a National Trust member. Under 5s are free. More information on the *Families Page* of the website.

**Car park and visitor welcome centre:** We expected to have heard from Stratford District Council just before Christmas on the go-ahead for construction work to begin. However, this has now been delayed (again) - we'll let you know when we have more information. In the meantime, please bear with us while we patch the potholes.

MG

## Dene Valley U3A

**Dene Valley U3A** will host a presentation by Andy Jenkins on the activities of the Dogs for Good Charity which trains dogs to support people with disabilities in either a personal or family capacity. Dogs are also trained to work alongside personal handlers to work in schools, hospitals and in social care settings. Come along and find out more about what this great charity is doing! The presentation will take place at St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, on Tues, 11 February starting at 2.30pm. Non-members are welcome to attend at a nominal charge of £2 which includes refreshments. If you would like to know more about U3A and possibly even consider joining our organisation, please visit our website at <http://www.denevalleyu3a.btck.co.uk> or go to our Facebook page.

JH

### Our correspondents this month:

EB - Emma Barrick; HD - Hilary Dunkerton; MG - Mary Gleave; JH - John Hargis; HH - Helen Hoggarth;  
HL - Helen Leeson; LM - Lisa Maloney; ER - Elaine Rajkowski; Rev'd RS - Rev'd Rachel Saum;  
AS - Andy Stokes; PT - Pat Twitty; AJW - Jeremy Whyman

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## Charlecote Chit-Chat

Please join us for a light lunch - soup, bread, tea and coffee - on Friday, 21 February (and every third Friday of the month thereafter) at Charlecote Village Hall, from 12 noon to 2.00 pm. This new free-admission venture will be run by community volunteers for the community. Please come and join us, help us, and give us ideas. For further details contact Katriona Collins on 01789 842257 or Jill Wilson on 01789 842236.



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## Carers4Carers

**Friday, 28 January, 10.30am to 12 noon: Carers4Carers January meeting** at Kinton Village Hall. Please join us for coffee, biscuits. Lisa Barnett, our assistant co-ordinator and also a speech and language therapist, will be continuing her talk and answering questions on the swallowing difficulties experienced by people with neurological conditions and the frail elderly. Please let us know in advance if you would like us to look after your loved one in our Companionship Group. For more details, including help with transport, please phone Gillian on 01926 640203 or 07947 893504.

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## The Carice Singers in Hampton Lucy



No apologies for reminding you about the concert in **St Peter ad Vincula's Church, Hampton Lucy on Saturday, 14 March**, by the internationally-renowned choir, *The Carice Singers*. The programme will include songs of springtime by Elgar, Sibelius, Delius, Ireland and Vaughan Williams and two beautiful Finnish compositions which will probably be new to you. The choir is named *Carice* after Elgar's daughter. Founded, directed and conducted by George Parris, twelve young professional musicians, sopranos, altos, tenors and bass, blend beautiful voices into an exquisite sound. George was born and brought up in nearby Oxhill and retains a great affection for the area. Having recorded their first CD entitled *Warlock - Choral Music* (\*) in the Church of St Peter ad Vincula in 2013, the choir still regularly perform in this area and now refer to it as *Cariceland!* This concert is aimed at promoting St Peter's as community venue and proceeds will go towards repairs and development of this beautiful building. Early reservation is recommended as ticket numbers are limited to 180 and *Carice* concerts are almost always a sell-out. Tickets are £15 per person including a glass of wine at the interval. For contact details and to buy tickets, please see the poster opposite. (\* Naxos copyright)

AJW

## Important - Editor's note:

I will be away from 5 to 20 February. If you have any announcements, notices, or reports which need to appear in the March 2020 edition of *The Grapevine* it is essential that they reach me by Saturday, 1 February, at the very latest. I'll do my best to publish all that I receive and will ensure that church notices are printed as usual but items that miss that deadline, such as coverage of Rev'd Andy's Licensing Service, will probably have to be deferred to the April issue. (Sorry Rev'd Andy!) Normal service will resume for April. My apologies and many thanks for your understanding.

AJW

## Time to Retire

In June 2020 I shall have edited *The Grapevine* for twelve years and compiled 120 issues. I'm very conscious that our newsletter needs reinvigorating and it is time for me to step back and let other(s) take over. I believe that *The Grapevine* is a useful resource for our villages and do hope that someone will step in as Editor, or maybe adopt the Barford format with several Co-editors working together. I will be happy to work with my successor(s) for a while if asked to do so. I've thoroughly enjoyed producing the newsletter each month and have made this decision very reluctantly but feel that the time is right to hand over. Issue no. 220 will therefore be my last. Do get in touch if you would like to chat about it. My contact details are on page 3.

AJW

# THE CARICE SINGERS

GEORGE PARRIS

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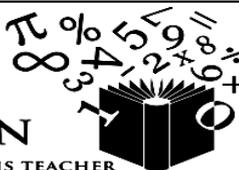
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The Loxley website:  
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**Hampton Lucy  
 'The Lucy Lads'**  
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 on Thursday, 6 February  
 All Lads' at Heart will be most welcome.

**Hampton Lucy  
 'The Lucy Ladies'**  
 will meet at 10.30am in The Boars Head,  
 on Tuesday, 11 February  
 All Ladies welcome



## How about joining us?

We would be delighted to welcome new members from the local area: Wellesbourne, Kinton, Lighthorne, Ettington, Barford and all the surrounding villages. Why not come along as a guest to one of our club meetings, where we discuss our plans and have a drink with friends. If you like what you see and hear, we would be delighted to have you join us as a new member.

We meet at the Connie,  
 Church Street, Wellesbourne  
 8.00pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday  
 of every month.

If you prefer to speak to someone first,  
 or would like more information

then please call: **Lion Nikki Loveridge**  
 01789 841073



## Charlecote Chit-Chat

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## Church Services

### February

#### 2 Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

9.30 am	Charlecote	Morning Worship	(CW)
9.30 am	Loxley	Holy Communion	(BCP)
6.00 pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	(CW)

#### 3 (Monday)

7.30 pm	Hampton Lucy	Licensing Service of the Rev'd Andy Larkin as Priest-in-Charge	
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#### 9 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent

9.30 am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service	(CW)
11.00 am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	(CW)
11.00 am	Loxley	Matins	(BCP)
6.00 pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	(BCP)

#### 16 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

9.30 am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	(BCP)
9.30 am	Hampton Lucy	Come & Worship	(CW)
11.00 am	Loxley	Family Service	

#### 23 Sunday next before Lent

9.30 am	Charlecote	Matins	(BCP)
11.00 am	Loxley	Holy Communion	(CW)
6.00 pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	(BCP)

#### 26 Ash Wednesday

7.30 pm	Barford	Ash Wednesday Communion with Imposition of Ashes	(CW)
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- Sat 1 **Copy deadline for the March edition of *The Grapevine*.**
- Mon 3 **Licensing Service, Rev'd Andy Larkin, St Peter's Hampton Lucy, 7.30pm**
- Wed 5 **Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI, Hampton Lucy VH, page 3.**
- Thur 6 **Lucy Lads, The Boars Head, 11.30am, Notice Board.**
- 7 & 8 **SHN Charity Fayre, Townsend Hall, Shipston, Notice Board.**
- Tues 11 **Lucy Ladies, The Boars Head, 10.30am, Notice Board.**
- Tues 11 **Dene Valley U3A, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, page 3.**
- Thur 13 **Hampton Lucy Youth Club, Village Hall, 6.00pm to 8.00pm.**
- Sat 15 **Charlecote Park House Reopens, page 3.**
- 15 to 23 **New Charlecote Park Nature Trail, page 3.**
- Thur 27 **Hampton Lucy Youth Club, Village Hall, 6.00pm to 8.00pm.**
- Fri 21 **Carers4Carers, Kineton Village Hall, 10.30am to 12 noon, page 4.**
- Fri 21 **Charlecote Chit-Chat, Charlecote Village Hall, 12 to 2.00pm, page 4.**

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